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# DECEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

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~~Maddy Butcher  
Best Horse Practices 2019 Summit

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Equestrian Trails Inc. (ETI) Corral 36 Invites Members and Friends

# *Annual Holiday Party & Dinner*



*An evening of friends & holiday cheer!*

Thursday  
December 5  
2019



## **Twisted Oak Tavern & Brewery**

30105 Agoura Road ~ Agoura Hills

**7:00 PM**

\$40 by Nov. 21 / \$45 after Nov. 21

Appetizers & Holiday Dinner

No-Host Bar - Silent Auction - Holiday Cheer!

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## **LAST CALL FOR YOUR OPINION**

### **West Village at Calabasas Proposed Development**

# **HOW DO WE GET THESE DEVELOPERS TO CREATE OUR DESPERATELY NEEDED MULTI-USE TRAILHEAD PARKING FOR HORSE RIGS, HIKERS, CYCLISTS, AND SCHOOL BUSES?**

**LOCATION:** The East side of Las Virgenes Road @ Agoura Road, where the story poles are located. This is our last chance to get off-street parking for the multitude of connecting trails within the City of Calabasas.

**Write a letter to the City of Calabasas Mayor, David Shapiro,**  
100 Civic Center Way, Calabasas, CA 91302 - **Email: [dshapiro@cityofcalabasaas.com](mailto:dshapiro@cityofcalabasaas.com)**

**And** Get in-touch with The Calabasas Coalition, [www.thecalabasascoalition.org](http://www.thecalabasascoalition.org) 🐾

## **HORSES FOR CLEAN WATER**

### **Fall into Place, By Alayne Blicke**

Over the past twenty plus years, I've made a career of teaching best management practices (BMPs) for land managers. Last month, I was able to attend the Best Horse Practices Summit, which aimed to “[bring] together the best of equine research and sound horsemanship.” This innovative, groundbreaking event was set against the stunning backdrop of fall colors in the backcountry of Maine.

As a presenter at this event, I joined a lineup of impressively credentialed speakers. I used my time to provide hope and insight for choosing ways to manage horses that create healthy spaces for our horses, our neighborhoods, the ecosystem, and ourselves.

Those of us who live out West can't afford to stand by and watch California burn, assuming this will only happen to California. What's happening there is a result of several factors, many of which can and will be repeated in other parts of the world—particularly in the arid American West. We each have a responsibility to ourselves and our animals to learn and do what we can to reduce our risks.

Horses for Clean Water can help. We have a simple yet concise class on this topic, and a new online module will be available in early spring 2020. I am also available as a speaker to present on Firewise for Horse Owners, and the Horses for Clean Water website has [free Firewise resource materials](#) available in English and Spanish.

Just as fall is the time to prepare for an easier winter, it is also an excellent time to invest in our own learning and improve our ability to better care for our horses and properties. We have a great lineup of classes and workshops in the near future, and I look forward to being a resource for you. See you down the trail!

## **Online Courses with Alayne ~**

### **Horses and Land Management**

Want something horsey to do in the middle of a long, dark winter? How about an online course to help you get rid of mud, discover options for managing manure, and learn ways to reduce chemical use! Start now to make winter less muddy and the coming summer more chore-efficient with productive pastures and fewer flies.



## Courses are updated regularly—join us again for a review!

Learn the basics of managing horses on your property, including what to do with the 50 pounds of manure a horse produces each day; how to reduce mud, dust and flies; and managing pastures. These live, virtual programs are fun and informative, with TONS of photo examples and ideas. This low-tech class is easy for anyone! We simply provide you with a slide show PDF to download. On the night of the program, you call in (audio only) and the program is narrated live, coordinated with your slide show. Presentations are also recorded and available at later dates.

Enrollment is limited to keep the group small and give participants opportunities to ask questions—and feel free to ask questions prior to the class as well!

Classes will cover:

- **Mud, Paddocks and Horses**  
*Monday, January 6, 6-7 p.m. PST*
- **Got Horses? Got Manure!**  
*Monday, January 13, 6-7 p.m. PST*
- **Managing Horses and Pasture**  
*Monday, January 20, 6-7 p.m. PST*
- **Natural Solutions: Outdoor Wash Racks, Trail Courses, Non-Toxic Pest Control & More!**  
*Tuesday, January 28, 6-7 p.m. PST*

Cost for series: **\$49 EARLY REGISTRATION BY 12/31/19** (\$79 LATE REGISTRATION)

Classes are designed to be one hour, but I am happy to go longer if there are questions. Invoiced at \$90/hour. [Contact Alayne](#) for more information or to arrange a private course.

Register [here](#).

**Revive your paddock footing.** Good footing in your paddocks will keep your horses more comfortable and help with mud and manure management. Consider adding hogfuel (chipped wood), gravel (1/2 - 5/8" crushed rock), and/or coarse washed sand to sacrifice areas, paddocks, walkways, and high traffic areas. Ordering these materials before the weather turns means better availability—and it'll be easier for delivery trucks to navigate your paddocks before they get soggy mid-winter. 🐾

*More with Alayne about **MUD** next page.*

***"I would encourage everyone to put the Best Horse Practices Summit on their radar for 2020."***

*~~Alayne Blicke*

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# IS MUD ALWAYS ON YOUR MIND?

By Alayne Blicke, [alayne@horsesforcleanwater.com](mailto:alayne@horsesforcleanwater.com), January 22, 2016

Footing choices are just one weapon in a horse owner's arsenal of tools to combat and win the battle against mud and dust. To learn how to make sure that your footing investment is money well spent, and lasts you more than a few months, check out our tip sheet: Say Goodbye to Mud and Dust. Better yet, come see in person what others are doing to combat mud; consider attending one of the many upcoming workshops, tours and events listed above (page 5, or go to Alayne's Website) that are offered this spring from Horses for Clean Water and our partners!

Here's a 'reader's choice' list of footing materials, plus some advantages and disadvantages for each:

**MIXED HOGFUEL** (chipped wood from trees, branches, brush, etc. do not use willow, trees with thorns, or palm of any type. This comment provided by Stephanie Abronson, Equestrian Trails, Inc., Corral 36, Stephanie@abronson.com)

**Advantages.** Budget friendly, naturally reduces the smell of urine, can sometimes be acquired for free from tree trimmers.

**Disadvantages.** Not as effective as gravel at keeping an area dry, will break down quicker than other footings and need to be replaced. Needs to be checked for moldy or toxic material when purchasing.

## **CEDAR HOGFUEL**

**Advantages.** Fines become soft and fluffy creating a nice footing. Cedar is less likely than mixed hogfuel to turn to mud, unless it gets mixed with soil or manure. It also repels insects and is a good choice for odor control.

**Disadvantages.** Can become dusty during dry weather, which can irritate respiratory systems of some horses. Initial expense can be twice as much as mixed hogfuel, depending on availability in your area, and it will hold more moisture than larger wood products. Also, it can be slow to thaw during freezes. Fine wood products are not recommended for poorly draining soils.

## **CRUSHED GRAVEL**

**Advantages.** More effective at keeping an area dry than wood products. Lasts a long time - will not need to be replenished as often, if ever. Crushed gravel with fines helps lock the gravel in place, keeping it from migrating. When used in adequate thickness, gravel with fines helps create a barrier between dirt and the gravel footing.

**Disadvantages.** More expensive than wood products. Will not naturally reduce the smell of urine. Fines in gravel can create an impervious surface, trapping urine and moisture. Care needs to be taken to get the correct size, 5/8" or smaller, so that you can pick up manure and the gravel will fall through the manure fork. You may need to slope areas and provide drainage solutions for run-off, depending upon your conditions.

## **PEA GRAVEL**

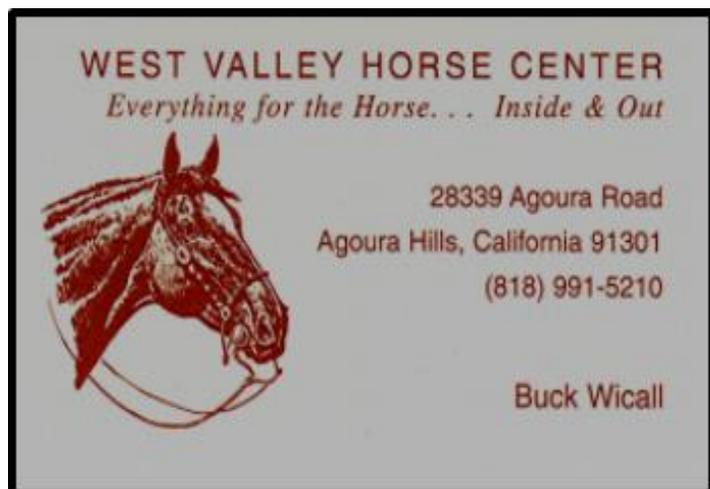
**Advantages.** Provides great drainage, and some horses prefer to lay and roll on these smooth round stones. Will last longer than wood products and not need to be replenished as often.

**Disadvantages.** Footing is not as firm as products with fines; care must be taken to get the correct thickness for a horse's joints if a base product is not used in conjunction with pea gravel. Needs well-draining soil or a base layer of crushed gravel, or geosynthetic material to keep it from mixing with soil and 'sinking.'

## **SAND**

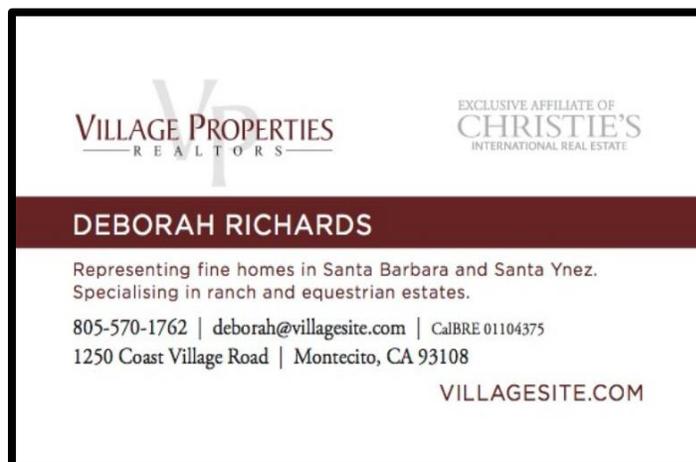
**Advantages.** Provides adequate to good drainage, depending on the type and size of the sand. Generally, horses are more comfortable rolling and lying on sand and soft wood than on gravel products.

**Disadvantages.** A sand-free feeding area needs to be incorporated so that horses don't run the risk of getting sand colic. Sand can get dusty in dry weather, and some types don't drain well. Arena sand, generally made from crushed gravel, is less dusty and drains well compared to other types of sand. Sand that is too deep can cause soft tissue problems and can be difficult to walk on when frozen. 



In all the years that I have interacted with horses I find that they always reflect not only who we are but also how we judge them. If a horse is rank and dangerous in our eyes, he is. We need to give him room. He is telling us something that can bring us together "as one" for that is the way horses are. If you know the entry point of connection his behavior will slowly release and let go. Horses are a reflection of their environment and our emotions. When we interact with them if we see the entry point of connection the horse will relax and want to get to know us better because a horses' greatest need is for companionship. They are looking for a leader they can trust.

~~From Carolyn Resnick's FaceBook page 2017 🐾



## DECEMBER 2019 CALENDAR

Submissions for the ETI Corral 36 Newsletter must be received by the 15th of each month prior to the monthly issue date, i.e. Dec. 15th for the Jan. 2020 issue. Be sure to check On-Line the ETI National Magazine Calendar of Events. Lots of wonderful things to do with your horse. [magazine@etinational.com](mailto:magazine@etinational.com).

**December 3rd - Tuesday – 6:30 pm Corral 36 Board Meeting**

**December 5<sup>TH</sup> - THURSDAY – 6:30 pm Corral 36 HOLIDAY PARTY & FUNDRAISER.**

**Location:** Twisted Oak Tavern, 30105 Agoura Rd, Agoura Hills, CA 91301. TICKETS ON OUR WEBSITE **Join Us!**

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Dec. 22-30 ~ Hanukkah begins at Sundown.

Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> ~ Christmas

Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> ~ Equestfest at Los Angeles Equestrian Center – Equestrian Rose Parade Participants on display for a great show.

**January 7th- Tuesday – 6:30 pm Corral 36 Monthly Meeting – Malibu Creek State Park Admin. Bldg., 1925 Las Virgenes Rd., Calabasas 91302. COME SPEND A LITTLE TIME WITH US. Meet our Corral 36 2020 Board of Directors.**

**Join Us! Everyone Welcome!**

Visit our website ~ [www.eticorral36.com](http://www.eticorral36.com) for more details about Corral 36 events.  
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# **REALLY GOOD READING. . .**

Recommended by Stephanie Abronson

**The Horse: The Epic History of Our Noble Companion by Wendy Williams**

**Evidenced-Based Horsemanship by Dr. Stephen Peters & Martin Black**

**Journey to Softness, In Search of Feel and Connection with the Horse by Mark Rashid**

**The Five Roles of a Master Herder, A Revolutionary Model for Socially Intelligent Leadership, by Linda Kohanov**

**Horse Head, Brain Science & Other Insights by Maddy Butcher with Dr. Steve Peters**

In Maddy Butcher’s book, Horse Head, Brain Science & Other Insights, the chapter on Ownership, Smarts, page 94, “One should have at least a rudimentary education in the nutrition, handling, and wellness, as well as emergency care and procedures. Can you identify colic symptoms? Can you take your horse’s temperature, pulse, and respiration rate? Can you catch and trailer load without fuss? Can you make seasonal and weather-related adjustments to routines as your horse’s needs change? Anything but a confident ‘yes’ to these questions indicates you’re not ready to own a horse.”

“Your responsibilities extend beyond providing food and water,’ ...”Continuing education is important...’.”

“But be wary of using the Internet to style your own education and as a perpetual do-it-yourself resource.”

I would add here that if you own a horse and you live in what we have here in southern California – Suburban/Rural areas backing up into wildlands, you must be able to evacuate your horse(s) on your own. This generally means a pricey investment in a truck and horse trailer. Do not for even one minute believe a car salesman that your SUV or sedan can safely tow any horsetrailer loaded with 2 horses and the feed, supplements, and medication that your animals will need for at least one week. The length of the trailer will determine the length and power of your towing truck! 🐾





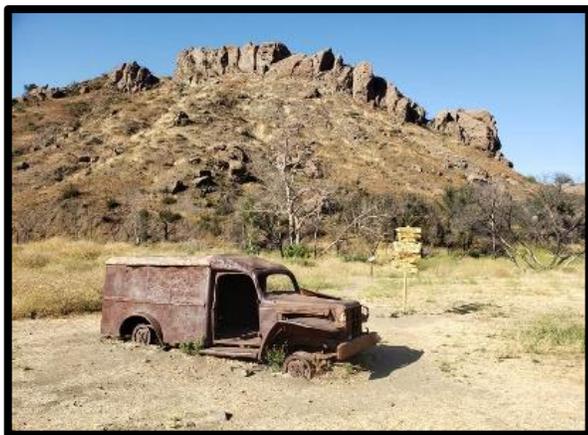
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Malibu Creek State Park  
M\*A\*S\*H t.v. series set after Woolsey Fire Nov. 2018,  
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*Area 6 Representative:* **Positions Open**

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Child's name	Date of Birth
_____	_____
_____	_____



Date \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's signature \_\_\_\_\_

(Parent's signature if under 18)

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