

IRISH RUN FARMS
May 2017 News

A Merry May from Irish Run!!! Cold, rainy, warm, breezy.....it must be Iowa but with all of the bright green grass, it looks like Ireland! I hope you have been able to take advantage of the nice days between the rainy days. Never fear – hot and dry is coming soon ☺

Please give a **hearty Irish Run welcome to Steffi and Luke Schryver and Hler!** Steffi (pronounced *Shteffi*) hails from Germany, where she has been riding Icelandic horses for eight years. Steffi is a German instructor and worked with me at Simpson this past year. Luke is a native of Marshalltown, and works for his family business, which makes products from corn cobs. Creative recyclers! Luke is a first class photographer and marketing mastermind. You may remember Hler, an 11 year old Icelandic dun gelding. He has unforgettable hair! **Welcome!**

The **start to show season** was delayed due to *terrible* weather last weekend, but **Irish Run Riders will be out in force this weekend (May 6-7) for the Fantasy Schooling Show at Maffitt Lake Equestrian Center.** The forecast is for perfect weather, so head out to the show grounds and support your equine friends! The first **D Series show** will be **May 20-21 at Valley Park.** Let your instructor know if you would like to ride.

The **Irish Run Pony Club Riding Center** has a busy May planned. Mark your calendars for:

May 4 (Thursday) at 5:30 p.m. – Bits, tack, saddle and bridle parts

May 11 (Tuesday) at 5:30 p.m. – Show Preparation

May 13 (Saturday) at 10:00 a.m. – Mounted meeting; *Please RSVP*

May 18 (Saturday) at 5:30 p.m. – Open study session

Pony Club is a great opportunity for all. Members learn horse management and improve their riding skills. Pony Clubbers get a free membership to Moingona Hunt. Please let Melinda know if you would like to participate.

The **Kathleen Beckham Clinic has been rescheduled for May, 11, 12 and 13 at Wildwood Hills Ranch in St. Charles.** Several Irish Run riders are participating. Please see Sue if you would like to watch!

A couple of my **Icelandic horses will be vacationing at Irish Run** this summer. Let me know if you would like to learn to ride an Icelandic – it is FUN, FUN, FUN!!!

Sadly, we wish a fond farewell to our beloved Charlie, who is now happily grazing at his new home in St. Charles. Charlie was unable to continue his work in the lesson program

due to some hock problems. We are thrilled that he has found a new “job” as a trail horse and wonderful home with a devoted owner.

Just a few friendly reminders:

Please **turn off the lights in the barn and arena** if you are the last to leave.

Watch for a recycling can near the central lawn and please recycle cans and bottles.

Thank you all for your positive attitudes which make the barn such a pleasant place to be. I look forward to seeing you all soon!

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