



# American Cream News



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## A Special Occasion and A Special Invitation

Mr. Clair Rierson will have the pleasure of having a ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday, July 11th at the Ellsworth Equestrian Building in Iowa Falls, IA.

Clair's generosity to the Ellsworth College Foundation is being recognized by placing his grandfather's name on the outside entrance of the equine arena and a plaque placed on the inside with info about his grandfather, a photo of CT and the beautiful Cream.

I want to make sure all ACDHA members and families are invited to the celebratory event.

Gwen R. Groen, Director  
Ellsworth College Foundation  
1100 College Ave.  
Iowa Falls, IA 50126

## *Several Cream Events for Summer and Plans for Annual Meeting*

### Your President's Letter

For many, Summer starts with Memorial Day and for others it starts on June 21st with the Summer Solstice, but no matter which date you chose it is going to be a busy and exciting summer. Spring has already been busy with the birth of several new foals and unfortunately the loss of a couple of foals and horses, but this is the cycle of life and many horse breeders are very much aware of these good and bad cycles.

One ACDH event has already taken place and you can read about it in the Newsletter, ACDHA was well represented by Maggie Lupkes and Goldie, her ACD and Barbara Knox Homrighaus, who spoke about the colorful life of Erick Christian, DVM, a visionary and pioneer of the American Creams that practiced in early Hamilton County. But don't despair there are a couple more events happening in Iowa concerning the American Cream Draft Horses and their founders, read all about it in the Newsletter. I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank Barbara Knox Homrighaus, who has graciously volunteered a lot of time and talent to help make these events happen and she has been a great ambassador for the ACDHA. Also, for Wendell and Maggie Lupkes, who make sure there is always a "cream" presence" at these events. The next events are listed in the Newsletter and will be written up in the next Newsletter.

Also included in the Newsletter is the opportunity to order ACDHA apparel and show off your support for the American Cream Drafts and the Association, there are several different designs and styles to choose. And remember it is that time of year to pay your dues for your annual membership of our Association. Kerrie Beckett, our secretary has also included several important reminders of reports that are due to help us keep track of breeding, births and deaths. This information is needed ASAP for 2022 so we can compile our year-end reports and track our numbers.

There is also an updated article full of information from Ken and Anne Murray, our 2023 Annual Meeting Hosts about the upcoming meeting in Texas! Anne and Ken have included all the information necessary for you to make your plans and reservations for the meeting. There is a bit of a change up this year, the Annual Meeting will be on Thursday, October the 12th, please note this in your calendar, (normally the meeting is on Friday but due to last-minute changes and costs, we went with Thursday).

Please remember that this Association is completely run by volunteers, there is no paid staff, it is done for the love of the Breed and to see it maintained. If you are interested in serving on the Board, you will need to be a fully paid member and write up a letter of intent so that your name can be on the ballot this fall. There are two positions up for reelection so if interested please email your letter of intent to Sue Engel, Newsletter Editor, so it can be included in next edition.

Please enjoy our Newsletter, we are so lucky to have Sue Engel and her passion not only for our breed but for letting everyone else know about them. If you have any ideas, events or information that you would like to share with us please email me at [Belledavis59@gmail.com](mailto:Belledavis59@gmail.com) or Sue Engel at [sulynnengel@yahoo.com](mailto:sulynnengel@yahoo.com).



DISCOVER HOW THESE IOWANS IMPACTED  
THE 1920s AND 1930s EARLY DEVELOPMENT OF THE AMERICAN CREAM

**Saturday, June 10**

JEWELL MUSEUM, 2 PM

**Jewell Veteranarian Dr. Erick Christian**

by Barbara Knox Homrighaus and Nancy Eich Kayser

**Saturday, July 8**

ELLSWORTH LIBRARY & MUSEUM, 2 PM

**Ellsworth Farmers John and Jessie Lakin Yancy**

by Barbara Knox Homrighaus

**Saturday, July 15**

RADCLIFFE DAYS, in the Park, 2 PM

**Lyon Township Farmers Charlie and Hattie Hildal Knox**

by Barbara Knox Homrighaus

*Developed in Iowa, the American Cream is  
the only draft horse breed native to the United States*

*National American Cream Draft Horse Day is declared July 11*

*American Cream Draft Horse Association*

**NEW T-SHIRTS and SWEATSHIRTS for ACDHA!**

PLEASE NOTE – Shirts are ALL PRE-ORDER and MUST be paid in full prior to them being made, and thus, before you can pick-up at the 2023 Annual Meeting and/or being shipped. Please follow the directions on the Order Form and add any additional notes as necessary. If you have questions, please contact Kerrie and we will help you as best we can! (Payments can currently be made via PayPal or check.)

**ACDHA APPAREL ORDER FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Do you want your order to be shipped? \_\_\_\_\_  
(We will contact you with your shipping cost)



Please check the corresponding boxes in the chart below for which apparel, material color, and design you would like.

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Special Instruction \_\_\_\_\_

2023 ACDHA Membership Dues

Member's Name and Address:  
 Number of Voting Members:  
 Amount: \$  
 Number of Associate Members:  
 Amount: \$  
 Number of Junior Members:  
 Amount: \$  
 Check #  
 Amount Enclosed  
 Update e-mail address for ACDHA records

Voting Member: \$50.00  
 Associate Member: \$25.00  
 Junior Member: \$5.00  
 Make check out and mail to:  
 ACDHA  
 226 Schellinger Rd  
 Poland Spring, ME 04274

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 Memberships expire on June 15th of the current calendar year. If not received before the next meeting you may lose your membership and all the benefits that come with it.

## 2023 Meeting Information and Agenda

Wednesday, October 11th: Arrive at DFW (Dallas-Fort Worth Airport) Ride the Trinity Railway Express (TRE) to Grapevine Main Station, or get a ride to Comfort Inn, 301 Capitol St., Grapevine, TX The hotel has a shuttle you can call to pick you up before 6pm

Reservation link to our hotel:

Comfort Inn Grapevine Near DFW Airport  
301 Capitol Street, Grapevine, TX, 76051, US  
(817) 329-9300

<https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/ed93e1?groupId=ED93E1&ratePlan=undefined&checkInDate=2023-10-11&checkOutDate=2023-10-13&ratePlanCode=BQDCEX>

Executive Board PreMeeting at Comfort Inn, 301 Capitol St., Grapevine, TX Thursday, October 12th: 9:30 am Annual Meeting Gather at the conference room at the hotel. Accommodations will be tight in that room so please, no pets.

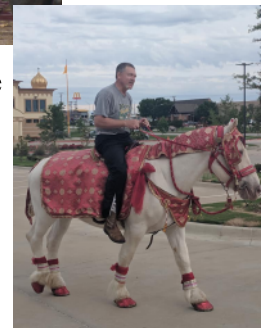
Evening—on your own to explore the sites of Historical Grapevine TX see Grapevine shuttle and map for sites and wineries, shops and dining

Friday, October 13th: Meet at the farm, Workhorse Ranch, 706 County Road 4599, Boyd, TX by noon for a late lunch, see and play with the creams.

IF YOU ARE STAYING AN EXTRA DAY--- Saturday, October 14th: See the sites in historic Ft. Worth ...the TRE will get you to downtown but the Northside Stockyards are still 4 miles north of the TRE Ft. Worth Station. You could ride share the 4 miles or check public bus service, again use Google Maps to plan your trip. In the FW Stockyards there is a daily “cattle drive” re-enacted twice daily at 11:30 and 4 pm, as well as many western shops, various dining options and historic sites recalling the Chisholm Trail, ranching heritage and cowboy way of life.

<https://www.fortworth.com/the-herd/> Among other things in the Stockyards is a John Wayne Museum.

On Saturday in Grapevine there is a gathering at the local pioneer living history farm (Nash Farm, owned by the city) called “Fall into Nash” which we will most likely put our ACDs on display for the



This Years meeting Hosts: Anne and Ken Murray owners and operators of Workhorse Ranch and Old Tyme Carriage Company

## Creams at Jewell, IA

June 10, 2023

by Wendell Lupkes

It was an overcast Saturday, with just a few sprinkles as Maggie and Goldie started down the parade route. They were following the banner announcing that National American Cream Draft Horse Day was coming on July 11th. I walked along the parade route talking with Cathy Jensen, who grew up about 2 miles from the parade route. She told me her father had last been in the Jewell parade with his team of American Creams nearly fifty years ago. She stopped along the way to talk with familiar residents, a county supervisor, and the curator of the local museum, where Barbara Knox Homrighaus later would speak on Erick Christian, an early 1900's veterinarian who played an important role in the early days of the cream horses. Maggie and Goldie were greeted warmly by the folks along the parade route. Maggie said the most difficult part was keeping Goldie out of the bag of candy Barb's sister and niece had to throw out while they carried the American Cream Day banner in front of Goldie. Clair Rierson was there to support us, and Renee Lupkes was there with her camera.

In the afternoon, we and a number of Jewell residents gathered at the Jewell History Museum to listen to Barbara Knox Homrighaus speak about the early history of what was to become the American Cream Draft Horse. It was a very well-researched exploration of Dr. Erick Christian, who may or may not have been educated as a veterinarian, but declared himself one and practiced the profession most of his life. She detailed how he and Harry "Hat" Lakin had bred Old Granny to various draft stallions, used the cream-colored offspring to develop and improve these unique horses. After several successful breedings, one of the offspring was acquired by Charles Knox, her grandfather. His stallion was called Big Buck on the Knox farm, but was later called Knox 1st in the early registry.

We look forward to more detailed information on the early cream breeders from Barbara on July 8th, and at the National American Cream Day event July 11th, which will be at the Ellsworth Equine Area, to be renamed for C.T. Rierson.

*Continuation of this story on Page 8*



Explore the joy and amazement of America's only native draft horse.

**CELEBRATE**

**NATIONAL  
AMERICAN CREAM  
DRAFT HORSE  
DAY**

**July 11<sup>th</sup>**

To be a part of promoting and preserving the Cream Draft  
visit [ACDHA.ORG](http://ACDHA.ORG) or contact our secretary at: [Kerrie.Beckett@yahoo.com](mailto:Kerrie.Beckett@yahoo.com)  
American Cream Draft Horse Association



***Please join us in welcoming***

**Full Members**

Tiffany and Steve Matherne  
McNary, LA

Dawna Dalosto  
Aostin, WA

**Associate Members**

None to report at this printing

***Important Bits and Pieces from our Secretary***

**Important:**

ACDHA is moving in the direction of going electronic. If you prefer to have your mail sent via USPS mail, YOU must notify us!! Thank you!

**Website NOTICE:**

For Sale Ads are free for members on the website. Contact Kerrie Beckett, secretary to place an ad. Please note, ads will run for 3 months. Owners of ad will need to notify Kerrie if they want the ad to stay up longer than 3-months, make changes, etc., otherwise it will be removed (no notification).

Please transfer your horses once they are sold, that is how we keep track of them!

As stated in our by-laws, please remember to submit registration papers on deceased horses for record, they will be returned to you after it is recorded in the system.

Do you have any new contact information? Please let me know so I can update it!

Please note – Full member dues are \$50/yr as voted by membership at the 2022 Annual Meeting, Associate member dues \$25/yr. Dues should be paid by 15 June to remain a member in good standing. Contact Kerrie if you need assistance to determine if you are current!

Have you submitted your stallion reports or foaling reports? If not, please do so, they are still helpful to maintain our records and statistics.

Stallion owners... DNA is required to be on file for stallions (this is not new). Please make sure your stallion has his DNA on file with the ACDHA if you are breeding him.

Remember to always hug your Creams and enjoy their love and beauty! We are so lucky to have them in our lives and be their stewards!

# The First of Iowa's American Cream Draft Horse Days 2023



Maggie Lupkes

Today Goldie and I cruised Main for the Jewell Jubilee Parade in Jewell, IA. After lunch, we made sure to stop by the Jewell History Museum and Historical Society to hear Barbara Knox Homrighaus speak about the colorful life of Erick Christian, DVM - a visionary and pioneer of the American Creams that practiced in early Hamilton Co.



Barbara Knox Homrighaus

Thank you Jodi Knox and Hannah Bengtson for showcasing the ACDHA banner





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Kentucky Horse Park's Mounted Police teamed up with Louisville Metro Police Department, Kent County Sheriff's Office, and Lexington Police Department, to patrol ***Kentucky Derby 149!*** We're grateful for this amazing team of officers that not only protects the park and it's guests daily, but is always ready to help at other major events across the commonwealth.

The Creamed colored horse is none other than B & B's Don Ivan Junior, 2014 Gelding #765, owned by Belle Davis and on loan to the Kentucky Horse Park. He is well trained and joined the police department's mounted patrol and loves his job.

