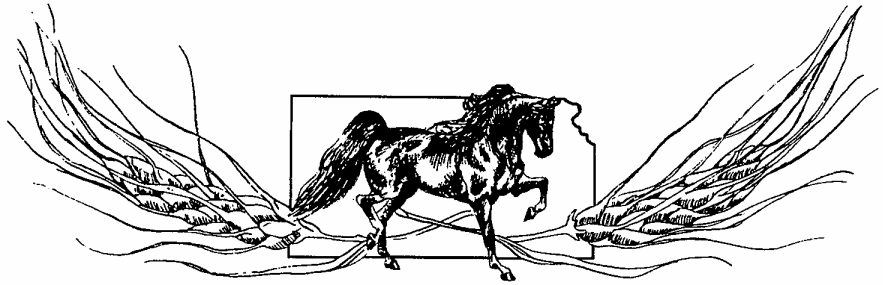


# The WHEAT STATEMENT



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## Wheat State Show

The 37th Wheat State Regional Morgan Horse Show is now history. This was our first time at the Kansas State Fairgrounds, and it worked really well for the show. The main ring was spacious, the footing good, and the covered exercise arena was great.

As Ellen Berry noted in her article about Wheat State last year, our show is really an annual reunion of our Morgan family and that was certainly illustrated at this show. There were lots of children there whose parents showed at Wheat State when they were small. Three generation families were there in abundance. John and Georgie Green's 50th Wedding Anniversary was celebrated in conjunction with our ice cream social. Many of us remember helping them celebrate their 25th Anniversary at Wheat State! Dick Brown, half of our fabulous announcer pair, was asked to mention Brianna Berg's birthday as she was lined up in one of her classes. Dick, of course, did it up big and sang Happy Birthday to her, with her mother Stephanie, a former jr. exhibitor at Wheat State, and her grandmother, another long time Wheat State exhibitor proudly watching as Brianna collected the first place ribbon in the class. It was great seeing John Kindlesparger there, who I believe showed at the very first Wheat State Show. Denise Stice came with several family members and had fun seeing so many of her friends. Wheat State is truly a family affair.

Paul Banzet did a super job of managing the show. Since it was our first year there, he had many challenges, many of them unforeseen and he handled everything so well. Thanks to those who volunteered so much time so that the show could be held.

The venue for next year's show has not yet been decided. The decision will depend on several factors, including costs, amount of stabling, etc. Stay tuned!

*For show results, go to [www.gaitkeeper.com](http://www.gaitkeeper.com)*

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### Blast from the Past

30 Years ago, The June 1977 Wheat Statement reported that:

- ♦ A Youth Club had been formed, called The Mini-Wheats.
- ♦ The May meeting had been held at the Chilocco Indian School in Oklahoma with a cookout, horse show and trail ride.
- ♦ Rod and Winona Myers reported three new additions to their herd: the yearling colt, Funquest Amo, Funquest Fancy Lee and a new filly by Funquest Reino.

## JULY MEETING

Saturday, July 14, at the Banzet's. Horse soccer demonstration by Cindy Mullen at 3:30 (Paul & Barb say come earlier if you'd like to ride). The usual potluck dinner will be at 6:30 followed by the meeting. Bring a covered dish and your own service. See you there!

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



July 14, 2007

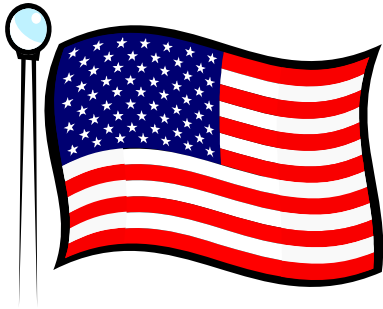
**WHEAT STATE MORGAN HORSE ASSN REGULAR MEETING**  
Paul & Barbara Banzet, 8930 E 11th St S Mulvane, KS 67110

August 2-6, 2007

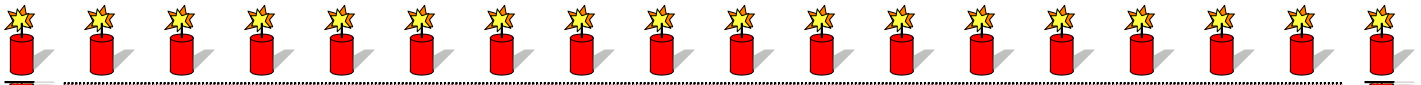
**TULSA SUMMER CLASSIC**  
Tulsa, OK Contact: Kelly McFaul 316-722-4013

October 6-13, 2007

**GRAND NATIONAL & WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MORGAN HORSE SHOW**  
Oklahoma City, OK Contact: Peggy Hatfield 316-755-0395



Happy (belated) Fourth of July!



## 2007 Wheat State Morgan Horse Association Officers

Cindy Mullen ..... President  
Bill Podlena ..... 1st Vice-President  
Ron Connell ..... 2nd Vice-President  
Ellen Berry ..... Secretary  
Joan Kennedy ..... Treasurer

## Board of Directors

Paul Banzet  
Carolyn Fleming  
Jerry Hatfield  
Winona Myers  
Cheryl Phillippi

Wheat State Morgan Horse Association monthly meetings are generally held the second Saturday of each month. Time and place are published in this newsletter.

The Wheat Statement is the official monthly newsletter of the Wheat State Morgan Horse Association. Classified ads are free to Wheat State members.

To submit news or place an ad, contact:

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Valley Center, KS 67147  
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no later than the 23rd of each month.

## Member News

### From Elberta Honstein, Roy-El Morgan Farm, Espanola, New Mexico

Just a note from Roy-El Morgans to let you know we are still here and loving every moment with our Morgans. We had two outstanding foals this year: Roy-El's SPARTA (a chestnut colt) by Roy-El's Grandslam (son of Eethree Supreme) out of Roy-El's Countess; and Roy-El's LABELLA (a bay filly) by Roy-El's Grand Opening (son of Grandiose) out of Roy-El's Perfection. These photos were taken at three weeks. We will be looking forward to watching these youngsters develop into World Champions! Our casa is your casa!



*Roy-El's LaBella*



*Roy-El's Sparta*

### Karrie Brashear

Wheat State member Karrie Brashear, senior in animal science at Kansas State, was on staff at the Pony Club Camp held at Moon River Ranch near Ponca City, OK June 14-17.

This was Karrie's fourth year as one of two instructors at the camp, where she taught some 20 Pony Club campers--ages 12 to 18--in all aspects of Pony Club and horsemanship, including dressage, gymnastics, course jumping and cross country. There was also be fun stuff like games on horseback and trail riding.

Karrie's 20-year-old Morgan mare, Fergie (UVM Gates x Montbelle Ginger) attended the camp as well; she was ridden by a 12-year-old girl, a Division 2 camper. Fergie was purchased some years ago from Roger and Ellen Berry at EMB Morgans.

### Peggy & Jerry Hatfield—Fortune Morgans

We lost one of our Brown Falcon daughters last week. Funquest Silhouette died peacefully at the age of 33. We purchased her from Funquest Farms as a 3 year old and she has been with us ever since. She had fourteen nice foals for us, including Fortunes Maestro (4th Level Dressage World Champion) Fortunes Encore, Fortunes Portrait (foundation mare for the Dallas family's Big D Farm), Fortunes Vanity Fair (WC Three Year Old Western Pleasure). We miss our Silhouette!

The good news:

All the 2007 foals are here at Fortune Morgans. They are as follows:  
Chestnut Filly (Funquest Antigo x Fortunes Tiger Lily)  
Black Colt (Fortunes King Cobra x Fortunes Crystal)  
Chestnut Colt (Funquest Antigo x Fortunes Meadowlark)  
Brown Colt (Funquest Roadmaster x Funquest Juliette)



*Funquest Silhouette  
1974—2007*

**Editor's Note: This was to be included in the June Wheat Statement, which I failed to get out. The patriotic theme, though, lends itself to the recent 4th of July Holiday. And....it's always a pleasure to read Ellen's articles, no matter when.**

## The Heart of a Buffalo Soldier

by Ellen Berry

Recently, Roger was visiting with one of our farriers (no, you can never have too many farriers) when he discovered that Barrie Tompkins has an alter ego.

Barrie spent most of his life in Kentucky. He is a third generation farrier, as his family has been in the thoroughbred racing industry for years. In 1992, the Kentucky Horse Park wanted someone to portray a Buffalo Soldier for a presentation by a traveling historian--who was from Kansas--and as Barrie happened to be black and was employed by the Park as a farrier, he filled the bill.

Barrie admits he hadn't really thought about the black man's impact on the West, but was intrigued by the idea that there were black cowboys and cavalry men. In watching westerns on television as a boy, he'd never seen a black man portrayed in these roles. Barrie threw himself into the project, becoming obsessed with everything about the Buffalo Soldiers, which were cavalry units composed of black men (although always led by a white officer) and first mustered in September, 1866. Their nickname was given them by the Cheyenne Indians, more out of respect for their fierce fighting abilities than for the resemblance of their hair to a buffalo's curly fur, as is often stated. He learned the numerous commands necessary for cavalry maneuvers, and the proper appointments for attire and tack. His expertise was utilized in a couple of TNT made-for-TV movies, one of which was "The Buffalo Soldiers".

In the mid-1990's, Barrie came West himself (I believe a woman was involved--see "traveling historian" above) and settled in the small town of Nicodemus in Graham county, a town that had been established by black settlers from Kentucky in the 1800's. In 1995, he founded the Nicodemus Buffalo Soldier Association, and the group continues to participate in re-enactments, competitions, parades and ceremonies as a troop from the 10th US Cavalry. The soldiers are from all over the state, and they are particularly proud of their authenticity--they are period correct in everything from eyeglasses to playing cards.

On Memorial Day, Roger and I attended the ceremony at the cemetery near Geneseo, in Rice county, and Barrie's group was taking part in the services. The men and their horses arrived from Fort Larned where they had been encamped over the weekend. I have to admit that I'm guilty of primarily thinking of veterans as those individuals who served from World War II to the present. Having the Buffalo Soldiers in attendance was a sobering reminder that there was not always peace on the prairie. The outfit looked very smart as they demonstrated simple maneuvers during the ceremony. At the conclusion, as the troop was riding away, they sang a mournful response song...very moving.

The Nicodemus Buffalo Soldier Association website is at [http://www.coax.net/people/lwf/NIC\\_NBSA.HTM](http://www.coax.net/people/lwf/NIC_NBSA.HTM) Barrie Tompkins and his re-enactment group have traveled and appeared all over the nation. They will be attending and competing in the 2007 National Cavalry Competition at Fort Riley, September 20-24.



## 2007 WHEAT STATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Farm Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Website \_\_\_\_\_

Services (lessons, training, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

### MEMBERSHIP RATES

FAMILY (two votes) \$30

INDIVIDUAL (one vote) \$15

YOUTH (16 & under, no vote) \$ 5

\_\_\_\_\_ Horse listings @ 50¢ ea. \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Internet Only)

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Check here if you wish to receive this letter via e-mail instead of snail mail.  
(Newsletter will be in pdf format, you need Adobe Reader to open the file. This is a free download from Adobe.com)



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