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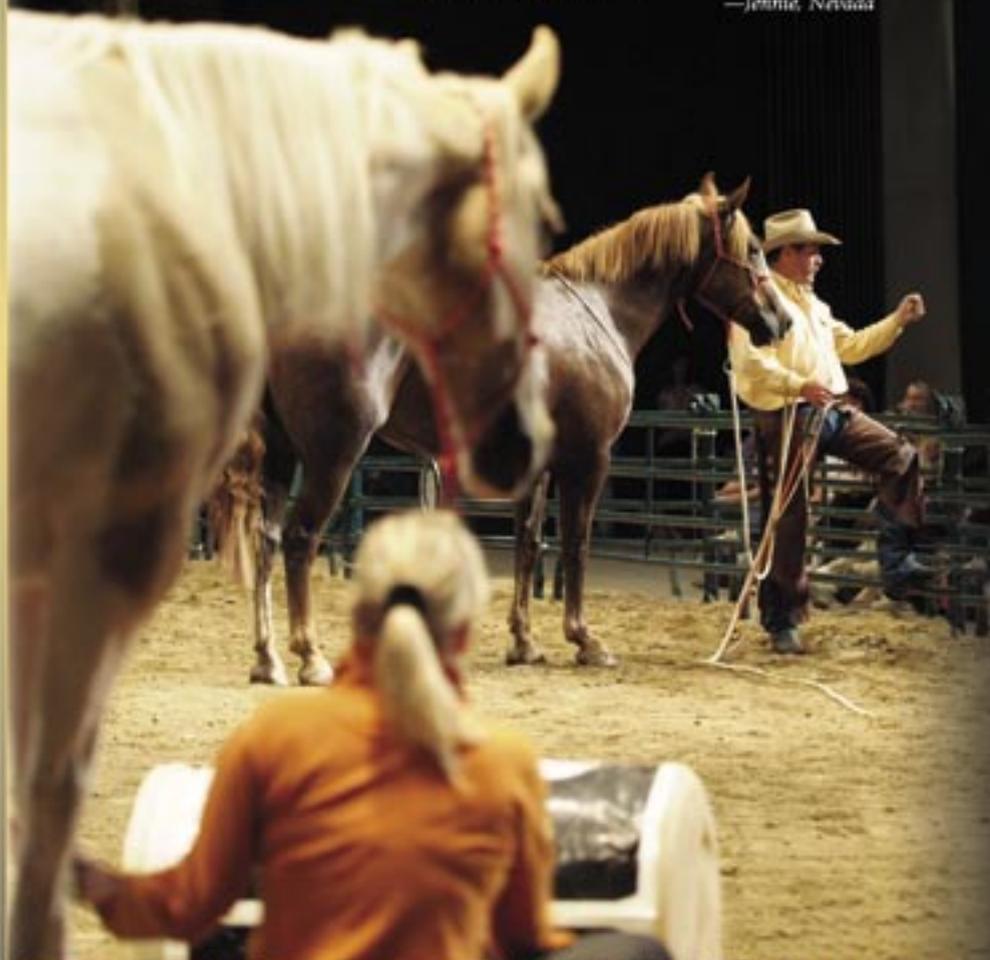
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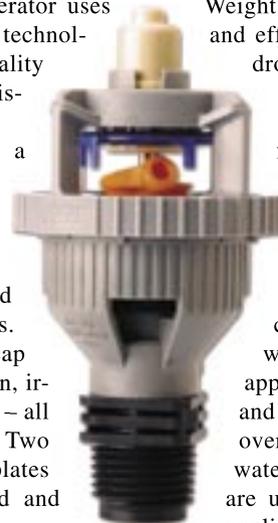
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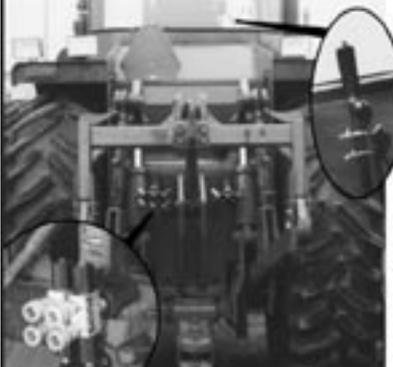
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"Dad was in the garden every free moment", says daughter, Mariam. "He raised everything he could think of. He even tried raising tobacco once but found it killed his tomatoes, so he stopped that. Mom spent all summer canning or freezing one thing or another. We kids weren't too much help. But we did manage to show up when the food was ready to eat".

### TOM DOYLE, SR. SHOWS HIS PROLIFIC BLACKBERRIES

Tom became well known nationally as the "plastic man" and "blackberry man" after 1959 when he developed a method of using black plastic to cover a garden and planted through small holes. Because the plastic was used for up to 30 years, he called it "Gardening without Cultivation" and marketed his special formulated plastic sheets under that name. He also wrote a gardening book that has been printed in 13 editions.

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Curious about how many berries he was getting from each plant, Tom planted one blackberry plant in a corner of his property, away from all the other berries. No one was allowed to pick berries from this plant except Tom. That way he thought he could get an exact measurement. So every day during growing season he would take his measuring bucket, pick the ripe berries, and write the amount in a book. But he made one mistake. He had planted the berries close to a road that was heavily traveled by walkers. One day he noticed kids walking by eating some of the blackberries. "Well, at least they're sweet enough that I don't have to give them sugar to go with them", he said. "And I have no idea how many were eaten before I could count them!" At the end of the season he had logged over 20 gallons of berries from the one plant.

### TOM DOYLE WITH FIRST PLANT VERIFIED TO YIELD OVER 20 GALLONS OF BLACKBERRIES

There are many different types of blackberries. All of them have a two-year cane or vining process. The first year the vine-like stem of the berry plant just grows and develops, and the next year it will bloom and produce blackberries. After a cane finishes bearing it dies, so we recommend to all of our Doyle customers that the cane be cut 90 days after bear-

ing or in spring, so that nitrogen will be recovered and stored in the roots for the next spring.

There are two categories of blackberries. Varieties with thorns are called "erect" because they have a stiffer cane that grows upright but still needs support for best results. The thornless types are called "trailing" and have a more vine-like habit that needs support on a post, fence or trellis. Most blackberry plants yield more when the canes are tipped or trimmed but NOT the Doyle's Thornless Blackberry. Ordinary berry plants will produce an optimum of about 50 to 75 linear feet of laterals or branches during a good season. These canes then produce small groups of one to five berries all



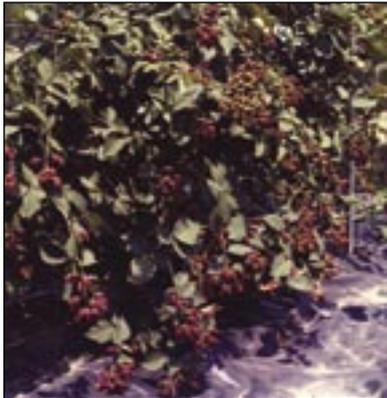
along the vine.

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The Doyle, by contrast, will produce 250 to 300 linear feet of laterals, with large bunches of berries every two to eight inches for the entire length. Looking very much like grapes, several bunches should have nearly 100 berries. This large amount of fruit is not the product of one long vine, but many shorter laterals or canes. Typically there are four to seven main canes on each mature Doyle plant, which can grow up to 40 feet long.

About ten years ago Dad signed an

agreement with Severtson Farms allowing them to grow and sell the Doyle Thornless Blackberry®. After much success, however, Severtsons have decided it's time for them to retire from the farm. And the timing couldn't have been more perfect.



"It seems we've lived with these blackberries all our lives" said one of Tom's sons. "So I guess it's time for us to keep Dad's plants going. Dad loved his blackberries and would talk for hours about them to anyone who would listen. It was his dream that every state would be growing his blackberries and he accomplished that a few years ago. He also has plants growing in Canada and Bermuda.

"It's come full circle", said the Doyle's. "We are now the only legal company selling the Doyle Thornless Blackberry®. We began shipping in the late spring of 2003 and are now in full production. We are also working on a new cookbook with recipes for everything blackberry. It's outrageously tasty to just go out in the morning and pick fresh blackberries for your favorite recipes, or just to put on your cereal.



For more information about Thomas E. Doyle, Sr. and his amazing blackberries, log on to [www.fruitsandberries.com](http://www.fruitsandberries.com), write to: Doyle's Thornless Blackberries, Inc, 1600 Bedford Road, Washington, IN 47501 or call 812-254-2654. ☎

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The McGregor brothers took to the plow themselves and began growing wheat in 1901. They began raising cattle, in addition to sheep, on their range eight years later. They incorporated their ranch as McGregor Land and Livestock Company in 1905. At the McGregor ranch, headquartered at Hooper, today we raise cows and calves on scabland pastures and wheat on the adjacent hills near the confluence of the Palouse and Snake Rivers.

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On behalf of my colleagues in each of the rural communities we serve, we the people of The McGregor Company are mighty proud of our neighbors who produce the foodstuffs that feed people around the country and the world.

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- Digging out bogged down towers
- Erecting and repairing corner units that have collapsed while trying to climb out of trenches
- General wear and tear to machinery from crossing trenches

Rutting problems have been around for years and have spawned many possible solutions. Many of these ideas have accomplished some amount of improvement, but often end up creating more problems or simply poor results. That is until now.

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Then technology improved again. Tires went tubeless. Iron weights were made in slabs by the manufacturers to provide

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**K**urt Standley has been the owner of Standley & Company for over 45 years. The company is in the business of helping farmers, “From cow to crop,” find answers to their manure equipment and management. Tie that in with Farmore of Idaho, an irrigation equipment installation company, and you have a team effort whose intent is to keep wastewater from manure moving out and healthy crops abounding.

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“I like the challenge, dealing with dairy odor and phosphorous and nutrient management,” said Troy Hartzel, of Farmore of Idaho. “If farmers can keep dairy waste in an aerobic state, there’s less odor. That’s where we can help them.”

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## The Appaloosa Museum

The story of the Appaloosa Museum and that of the Appaloosa Horse Club is comparable to siblings growing up in the same family. While they have many experiences in



common and even share physical characteristics, there are distinctive features to both. Like the Horse Club, the Museum had its birth in the basement of the home of George and Iola Hatley in Moscow, Idaho in the early 1940's. Claiming one corner of what was to become the early office of the registry, a collection of Appaloosa horse related artifacts and archival material began to grow. These items chronicled the critical involvement of the horse in both Native American and Western American history.

When the ApHC had grown beyond the confines of the Hatley home it moved to larger quarters on First Street in Moscow in 1958. The growing collection of Museum items could then be displayed on more wall and floor space. Three years later and growing like a teenager the Club moved to a storefront location in downtown Moscow on Jackson Avenue. Following its older sibling the Museum moved with the Club.

The Museum now had space prominently located in one of the storefront windows of the reception area of the Club. The initial space, which had seemed so large, compared to the basement corner, over time, filled both walls and the floor to overflowing. Fortunately for the Museum the ApHC was experiencing a similar phenomenon. So, in the late 60's plans were discussed, commitments were made and ultimately a new ApHC building was built at its present Idaho/Washington state line location in 1974.



Included in the new building was a distinct and separate, but attached, "Museum Wing" of about 1850 square feet of space. This new space seemed enormous at the time. The move also marked the transition of the Museum from "younger" sibling to becoming an adult. The Museum became incorporated as an IRS 501 (c) (3) corporation in 1975.

By the early 1990's it was evident that once again we had outgrown our home. An active and major fund raising program was begun and with the help of literally hundreds of loyal Museum patrons and members, funds and ma-

terials were gathered and construction on the Museum addition was begun in 1997. This marked the first large scale construction project by the Museum. The Museum made the leap into the cyber age in the late 1990's and now has a beautiful website, [www.appaloosamuseum.org](http://www.appaloosamuseum.org), where web visitors can explore Appaloosa history, view many of our exhibits, and shop in our internet gift shop. In 2006, the Museum added on yet again by fencing in a one acre pasture behind the Museum and Horse Club where two colorful Appaloosas



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We hope to "see" you at either our real or "virtual" museum in the near future.

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The Private Treaty Horse Sale has become a very large part of the Expo. Owners with horses for sale bring them to the Expo, and anyone interested in buying is able to deal with the horse's owner face to face. No other involvement is necessary, and – best of all—no commissions to pay. Sale horses are previewed in the Northwest Dodge Arena each day. There are stallions on display, and they are also shown all three days in the Northwest Dodge Arena in the Stallions on Parade.

The Round Pen Challenge is always an interesting event, with three clinicians exhibiting their skills in starting young horses. A test ride in a round pen is available to all who want to experience what it's like to ride a well-trained horse. There are also many youth activities available for the kids, as well as educational seminars and symposiums put on by the College of Southern Idaho all three days.

A Ranch Rodeo will be held in the outdoor rodeo arena on Saturday, and on Sunday there will be an Extreme Cowboy Race in the Esther Simplot Eventing Arena. In addition to all of these great events, we will offer over 100 vendors – so shopping will be great! Silent auction items are on display all three days and on Saturday evening the Expo will offer a Scholarship Auction and Freestyle Reining.

If you like, love or are passionate about horses, this is the place for you! The Expo is open Friday, 12:00 to 9:00; Saturday, 9:00 to 9:00; and Sunday, 9:00 to 5:00. For more information, please visit: [www.idahohorsecouncil.com](http://www.idahohorsecouncil.com)

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**Friday, April 27, 2007** - At 7:30 a.m., the day starts off with a mandatory preview of the sale horses, allowing potential buyers another chance to select their favorites. At 12:00 p.m., the sale begins, starting with Geldings and possibly the Yearling Stallions. Then at 6:00 p.m., join the membership and guests at the Crowne Plaza for a delicious banquet. The Annual Meeting of the Clydesdale Breeders of the U.S.A. rounds out the evening with Association reports & awards. Following our Annual Meeting will be an auction with the proceeds going to the World Clydesdale Show.

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## A Short But Imaginative History Of Bonnie Shields, The Tennessee Mule Artist

**M**y art career started with a black and a green crayon on my grandma's kitchen wall. Fortunately for me, a four year old can't reach up too high and the thing being basically out of the adult's eye, I survived execution. Besides, my grandma LOVED me. I took the whole thing to mean I must be a real R-TEEST. There are those that will argue it was the high point of my career, but I refuse to believe that.

Anyway, my heart wasn't so much into art as it was horses and cowboys so my artistic adventures tended to follow suit. Unfortunately, my parents had the audacity to NOT live in the West, creating instant hardship in my young life. You see, in truth I grew up in Southern Indiana (Corydon) instead of Cody, Wyoming, so my perception of the west and cowboys was influenced by my weekly infusions of B Westerns at the Dream Theatre. (Cost-25 for entry and popcorn). In retrospect, it wound up serving me well as it set my imagination free at an early age. Reality and Fantasy. Never could tell the difference.

Some of my earliest successes in the art world came from pen and ink assignments of family and friends. And, once again, the opportunity to simply kill me over such things passed and I forged on.

In the 60's, I had a regular cartoon feature in a national Charolais magazine, along with many, many forgettable commercial assignments. Nothing to take seriously. I held down a few legitimate jobs and started a family with my first husband. Then in the late 60's fate stepped in. I met the MULE!

Finally, a MATCH! The mules fascinated me both as a horse-man and as an artist. They were NOT long-eared horses. Little did we both know that a career was born in the hills of middle Tennessee.

I began drawing mules and learning all I could about them and the wonderful people that loved them. Showing my wares at local art shows and country fairs, it became obvious that everyone had an opinion of the mule, whether they knew anything about them or not. There is an empathy between us humans and this creature that goes deep. My sympathetic and realistic renderings of the mule and the life they implore began to garner attention all over the South as I traveled the mall shows and art fairs. When the Tennessee state legislature could stand it no more, they drew up a bill naming me the "Official" Tennessee Mule Artist in April of 1977.

Now, you'd think I'd be so grateful, I'd never leave home, wouldn't you? Wrong. I immediately married a guy from California and moved lock, stock (a mule, horse, cat, two dogs and a kid) to Bishop, CA. Then, in 1980 we moved again. This time to the wilds of Northern Idaho where I still thrive to this day.

Life up here is most interesting and sometimes challenging and it has been the perfect impetus for my funnybone to stretch to it's limits. Add some mules and some fellow cartoonists and you have lots of grins and adventures to pull from. One of my better opportunities has come by being a Leanin Tree artist since 1982. Bet you've seen my work for years and just never knew it.

I'm also on the Board of the American Donkey and Mule Society and am a founding member of the Cowboy Cartoonists International.

My association with the mule and the people who love them

has been so rewarding. Then, to fall into a pack of like-minded and totally goofy cartoonists was like icing on my cake. Both associations have been so rewarding, I will never be able to repay any of them, but I try everyday.

Currently, I am involved in the production of the "Jasper" series of children's books written by the famous mule trainer, Meredith Hodges. She lets me illustrate them. Meredith has a regular program on RFD-TV and it sometimes shows me, too, talking about the mules. We both agree that mules require a healthy sense of humor and the ability to be humbled sometimes. We think it all keeps us real and we know it keeps us happy.

Well, I guess this is all what you'd call history now. The "serious art career" remains elusive, but I know I've fallen into something far better. Oh, I can paint and draw with the big boys if I choose, but Lordy, they are boring! I know I've found my place in the "art world". Yes, you are being addressed by the world's leading half-ass artist, and proud of it.

Hope you enjoy my work, wherever you find it. Just remember, watch where you step. You might get some on you, but don't worry. It's all good stuff and it'll make you grow.

I can be found on that infernal new machine at: [www.bonnieshields.com](http://www.bonnieshields.com) [www.cowboycartoonists.com](http://www.cowboycartoonists.com) and on [www.LuckyThreeRanch.com](http://www.LuckyThreeRanch.com) Meantime, like my hero mule, Leroy, always said: "Keep your traces tight." 🐾



## THE NMDA MINIATURE DONKEY Gelding Incentive Program

The NMDA Board of Directors are happy to report that the Gelding Incentive Program is a success – no longer a trial Program, but a permanent part of NMDA's offerings to the Miniature Donkey community. Your tax-deductible donations, along with NMDA's original \$5,000 backing is allowing us all to make a very real difference in the genetic heritage of Miniature Donkeys.

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NMDA Gelding Incentive Program Requirements:

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Inquiries, donations and applications for rebates may be directed to the NMDA Central Office: 315-336-0154; 315-339-4414 (FAX); nmdaasset@aol.com; 6450 Dewey Rd., Rome, New York 13440. www.nmdaasset.com

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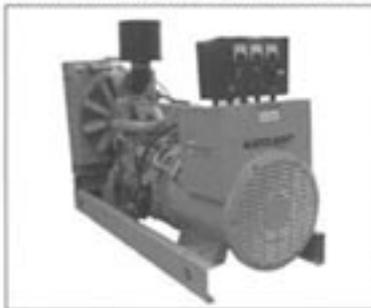
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ting veterinary medicine since the 1940's and compounded his product one dose at a time, as there was a need for it.

After a tour of duty with the U.S. Army, I joined my classmate. Dr. Max Mekus in a general veterinary practice in Mt. Ayr, Iowa. Shortly after starting practice. Dr. Mekus introduced me to the mixture that his Uncle Dr. Graham had compounded and I was impressed with all the success that local cattlemen were having using the product. Many were repeat customers stopping by the clinic asking for one or more doses of our calf claimer, as they called it.

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# alpaca - llama

## How to Begin Your Alpaca Business Successfully

Raising alpacas is a growing industry. It's easy to see why. The animals are gentle in nature, require minimal land, and can provide an exciting business opportunity. Educate yourself and take advantage of the many alpaca resources available.

Alpacas are beautiful, intelligent, and docile animals. Cousin to the llama, adult alpacas are smaller and stand about 36 inches at the withers; they weigh between 150 and 200 pounds.

Originally from South America, the United States first commercially imported alpacas in 1984, and today there are more than 100,000 registered in the United States and Canada. Once an Incan civilization treasure, alpacas provided clothing and transportation.

Although almost physically identical, the two types of alpacas are distinguished by their fiber. The Huacaya (wa-Ki'-ah), the more common, has a fluffy, extremely fine coat. The Suri (surrey), the rarer, has fiber that is very silky and resembles pencil-locks.



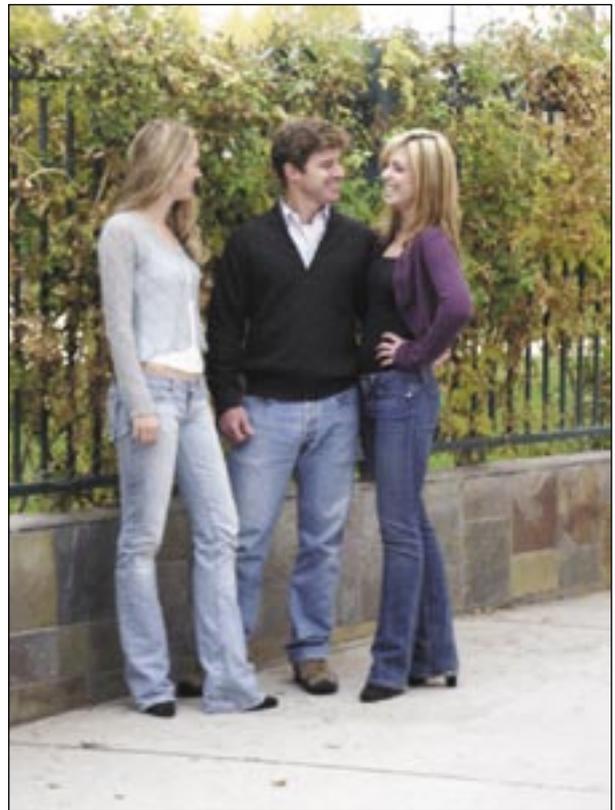
Shorn every twelve to eighteen months, they produce a luxurious fiber. Alpacas produce a luxurious, soft fiber that is as warm as wool at 1/3 the weight. It is a specialty fiber, being both rare and extremely fine. Pure alpaca fiber is hypo-allergenic. Additional alpaca performance characteristics include: stretch, strength, wicking properties and odor reduction. It comes in 22 natural colors.

Alpacas do not have horns, hooves, claws, incisors or upper teeth. Alert and curious, they are social animals that seek companionship. They communicate most commonly by humming. Neck posturing, ear and tail positioning, and head tilt are other

communication methods.

The average lifespan of an alpaca is 20 years, with a gestation period of 11.5 months. Female alpacas normally give birth, without assistance, in the daylight hours. Single births are typical, but twins are possible. The most recent figure notes that 1 in 2000 is a twin.

Begin your successful alpaca farm operation by educating yourself. Gather as much information, from as many resources, as possible.



First visit alpaca farms in your area. Local breeders will gladly answer all your questions and share helpful information about their start-up experience. To find an alpaca farm near you, visit [www.alpacainfo.com](http://www.alpacainfo.com) and click on the "Farm and Ranch Locator" link. You can also order a Farm and Ranch Guide by clicking the "Request Information" link.

The Farm and Ranch Guide is a must for potential new breeders. This handy reference book includes the fascinating history of alpacas and alpaca fiber and the financial aspects of the alpaca business. You will begin to understand what the alpaca community is all about; alpaca breeders are a unique,



dedicated group. They have made alpacas a major part of their lives. Some owners raise alpacas for companionship. Others use alpacas as a 4-H animal that teaches their children compassion and responsibility. Fiber artists and enthusiasts often raise alpaca for the multiple end-products - intricate sweaters, scarves, hats, mittens, to name a few. Whatever the personal reason, alpacas undeniably are pleasurable and can bring the potential for a rewarding lifestyle and business opportunity.

Another great way to learn about alpacas and the alpaca industry is to attend AOBA certified shows and events. These shows are national, regional, and local.

The biggest alpaca event of the year is the AOBA National Conference, showcasing over 1,000 alpacas. It will be held in Louisville, Kentucky on May 18, 19 and 20, 2007 at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center. Admission is FREE and open to the public. The National Conference is the largest AOBA certified halter and fleece show. Breeders and guests witness the inner-workings of a billion-dollar industry and learning never ends. Education seminars range from alpaca care to marketing techniques. Artisans compete with hand-crafted items. And, there is no better place to buy, sell, and learn about alpacas, apparel, and a variety of alpaca-related materials.

There are also several regional and local shows and events.

To find a complete list of events, visit [www.alpacainfo.com](http://www.alpacainfo.com) and click on "Calendar of Events".

Once you have visited a local farm, read the Farm and Ranch Guide, attended a few alpaca shows, it's time to fully immerse yourself among the thousands of others who love and raise alpacas. Join the Alpaca Owners and Breeders Association (AOBA). Be amongst the warmest and welcoming community of more than 4,000 with members in all 50 states, including Alaska and Hawaii.

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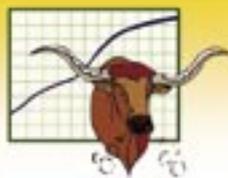


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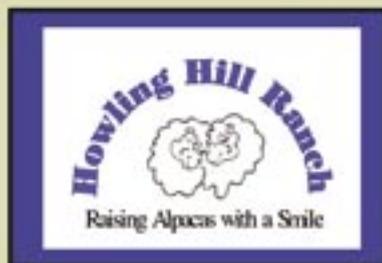
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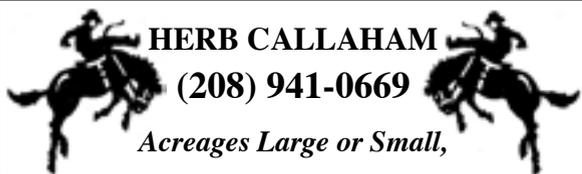
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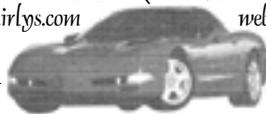
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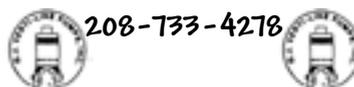
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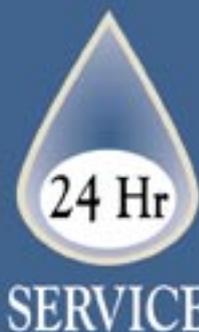


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