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🌿 The Future of Meadow Wood Farms: Growing Stronger Together

Meadow Wood Farms stands at an important moment in its story. Like any long-established community, we face challenges—some familiar, some new, and some that test our patience and our sense of connection. But the future of Meadow Wood Farms isn't defined by the obstacles in front of us. It's defined by how we choose to meet them, and more importantly, how we choose to meet *each other*.

One of the most significant challenges before us is the current state of our deed restrictions. Reviving them is not a simple task. It will require work, dedication, financial commitment, and—perhaps most importantly—compromise. But it *is* achievable. Communities all over the country have faced similar crossroads, and those that succeeded did so by leaning into collaboration rather than division. If we approach this process with patience, transparency, and a shared understanding of what's at stake, we can restore the structure that protects the character and integrity of Meadow Wood Farms.

Neighborhoods thrive when neighbors trust one another, communicate openly, and work toward shared goals. When we lose that connection—whether through misunderstandings, gossip, or simple distance—our sense of community weakens. But when we choose collaboration over conflict, transparency over rumor, and kindness over division, we create the kind of neighborhood people are proud to call home.

We have so many strengths to build on: a beautiful environment, a unique rural character, and residents who care deeply about preserving what makes this place special. When we come together—at meetings, events, volunteer efforts, or even simple conversations across a fence line—we reinforce the foundation that keeps our community strong.

The challenges we face are real, but they are not bigger than us. They are opportunities to reconnect, to listen, and to shape the next chapter of Meadow Wood Farms with intention and respect. By supporting one another, sharing accurate information, and focusing on solutions rather than divisions, we can ensure that our neighborhood remains welcoming, vibrant, and resilient.

The future is bright when we build it together. And Meadow Wood Farms has everything it needs to grow stronger—one neighbor, one conversation, and one shared effort at a time.

Gena DeCamella

Upcoming Meetings (subject to change)

Executive Board Meeting

May 5th - 7pm

General Association

May 12th - 7pm

Meetings will be held at Friendship Park under the Pavilion.

Minutes are posted on the website after all Board and Association meetings:
www.mwfpoa.com

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*Thank
You*

The private residents who administer the Meadow Wood Farms Face Book Page have recently updated the header on that webpage. It now clearly reflects that that website is an independent community group and is not affiliated with Meadow Wood Farms POA. This update is greatly appreciated and should help clarify for both the newer residents and future residents moving in that it is a separate entity.

Officers of MWFPOA

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MWFPOA

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Meadow Wood Farms and Meadow Wood
Farms POA has ONE official website:**

www.mwfpoa.com

What is available on our website?

- ◆ Newsletter in Full Color
- ◆ Meeting Minutes
- ◆ Advertisers
 - They support our association, so please support them!
- ◆ Board Member Contact Info
- ◆ Committee Member Contact Info
 - Become a Member for full-access which includes*
- ◆ Neighborhood Directory - with Names, addresses, and contact information of your neighbors
- ◆ Neighbor to Neighbor - A list of Agents & Contractors that are tried and tested by you Neighbors - eliminate some guesswork

***** Starting June 2026, the Newsletter will only be available to members - both the printed and online versions.**



Mark Cooper will be manning the grill with Hot Dogs and Chili Dogs to kick off Memorial Day Weekend -Come join us at Friendship Park Saturday May 23rd from Noon to 2:00. Donations of side dishes or desserts are welcomed. More importantly bring yourself, meet and visit with friends and neighbors.



IF YOU HAVE NOT YET REGISTERED AS A MEMBER/ USER ON OUR WEBSITE YOU ARE MISSING OUT! IT'S EASY, JUST CLICK ON REGISTER NOW AND IF YOU ARE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR PASSWORD.

ASSOCIATION INFORMATION



PLEASE STEP UP TO THE PLATE - WE NEED NEW BOARD MEMBERS TO SERVE!

It is hard to believe that it is again time to elect a new board for Meadow Wood Farms for the June 2026 through May 2027 term. The General Association Meeting on Tuesday May 12th 7pm at Friendship Park will meet to elect a new board. The POA had been blessed with the current POA board members, some who have served multiple years, sometimes in different positions, but always giving of themselves to our community. Both the president and secretary positions are being vacated and no one has volunteered to serve in these positions. Our current president, Gena DeCamella, is stepping down after serving as president for 2 years, secretary for 2 years, and being responsible for the newsletter for 4 years. Our current secretary, Karen Reade, is also stepping down after serving 3 years as treasurer and 5 years as secretary.

A HUGE thank you to all who have served on the Meadow Wood Farms POA Board, past, present and future. Your time, service and commitment to the community is appreciated.

PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING FOR ANY OF THE BOARD POSITIONS OR COMMITTEES BY CONTACTING THE CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS PRIOR TO THE MAY 12TH MEETING. THANK YOU!



Community Matters

Calendar of Activities — May 2026

All events will be held at Friendship Park unless otherwise stated

- ◆ **Games - Rummikub** - May 1st 7pm
- ◆ **Cards - Hand & Foot** - May 2nd 7pm
- ◆ **Executive Board Meeting** - May 5th 7pm
- ◆ **Playing Cards** - May 6th 7pm
- ◆ **Games -Yahtzee** - May 7th 11am
- ◆ **Games - UNO Attack-** May 9th 7pm
- ◆ **Ladies Luncheon** - May 12th - Not In MWF
- ◆ **Food Truck** - May 12th 4:30pm - 7pm
- ◆ **General Association Meeting** - May 12th 7pm
- ◆ **Games - Left-Right-Center** - May 13th 7pm
- ◆ **Cards - Hand & Foot** - May 15th
- ◆ **Playing Cards** - May 20th 7pm
- ◆ **Bingo** - May 21st 7pm
- ◆ **Trivia** - May 22nd 7pm
- ◆ **Hot Dog Grill** - May 23rd 12pm—2pm
- ◆ **Games - Rummikub** - May 23rd 7pm
- ◆ **Games - Left-Right-Center** – May 27th 7pm
- ◆ **Equestrian Meeting** - May 28th 7pm
- ◆ **Games - UNO Attack** - May 30th 7pm



MWF Neighborhood Communication

eMail: To join the Meadow Wood Farms email blasts and conversation, send a note to Meadowwoodfarms1@aol.com and ask the site master to add your email address. Please respect the rules... no politics, or religion, or any attachments or offensive material. This service is offered by a private member of the association. It is extremely useful, and we are grateful to them

Neighborhood Facebook Groups

Ask to join our private resident hosted Facebook Groups:

- ◆ Meadow Wood Farms
- ◆ Meadow Wood Farms Equestrian Club
- ◆ Meadow Wood Farms Garden Exchange
- ◆ MWF Ladies Luncheon
- ◆ Meadow Wood Farms “Playing Games” Group

If you would like to schedule an event in Friendship Park, please contact and coordinate with our Secretary,
Karen Reade at secretary@mwfpoa.com

Do you know of a Meadow Wood Farms neighbor in need? The Meadow Wood Farms Angels is a group of anonymous volunteers who are ready to help with those small, one-time projects that our neighbors cannot do by themselves by reason of age, illness, disability, or lack of funds.

To submit a request for assistance, email: MWFAngels@gmail.com or call Jim Bain (352) 615-2572. The Angels will contact you and obtain additional information in order to evaluate the request.



A view of life as I close in on my 76th birthday, my body's remaining years are a finite resource to be managed rather than spent on things that have no meaning. A few days ago, in a conversation, my brother shared one of the sad truths of aging, he has outlived all of his friends.

Viewed life this way, life becomes less about casual spending and more about careful management. We often think of time as something to spend freely, on work, entertainment, and distractions. This hides a serious truth, the years our bodies have left are not renewable. When people recognize that their remaining years are limited, their priorities often shift. Activities that fill your time with mindless distractions, trivial conflicts, and unnecessary obligations, begin to feel less worthwhile. Instead, people seek lasting value in education, physical health, and enduring friendships.

Your health becomes the key to managing the remaining years. The quality of those years depends on how your body has been treated over time. Sleep, nutrition, exercise, and stress management are not simply lifestyle choices, but plans for protecting the usefulness of the time we have. When a person cares for their body and mind, they may give themselves a chance to live longer with strength and independence.

Managing life also means deciding where attention and energy are directed. Attention shapes how time is spent, and what we focus on often becomes a large part of our lives. When attention is given to meaningful goals, relationships, or personal growth, those parts of life expand. But if attention is constantly pulled away by distractions, years can pass with little to show for them.

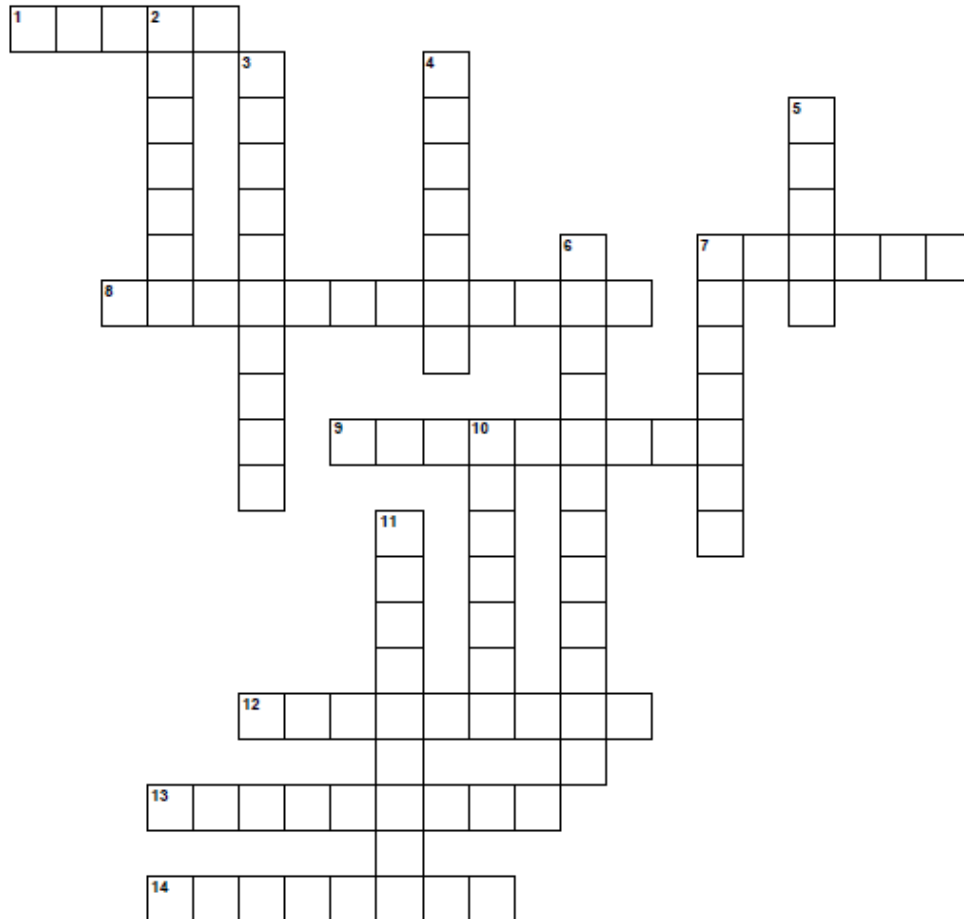
Managing life does not mean eliminating enjoyment or spontaneity. A resource well managed is not one that is hoarded endlessly, but one that is used wisely. Moments of rest, laughter, exploration, and curiosity are not wasted when they contribute to a life that feels rich and fully lived. The difference lies in choosing how to spend time rather than letting it slip away without notice.

Realizing that our time is limited changes how we see life. Instead of simply letting time pass, we begin to treat it more carefully, making choices more thoughtfully and focusing on what matters most. This includes recognizing the importance of long-term friends, and time may have affected those friendships. When life is viewed as a resource to be managed, the question is no longer how much time remains, but how wisely it will be used. Every day you have a choice either to be angry or happy.

Choose wisely

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Horse Breeds



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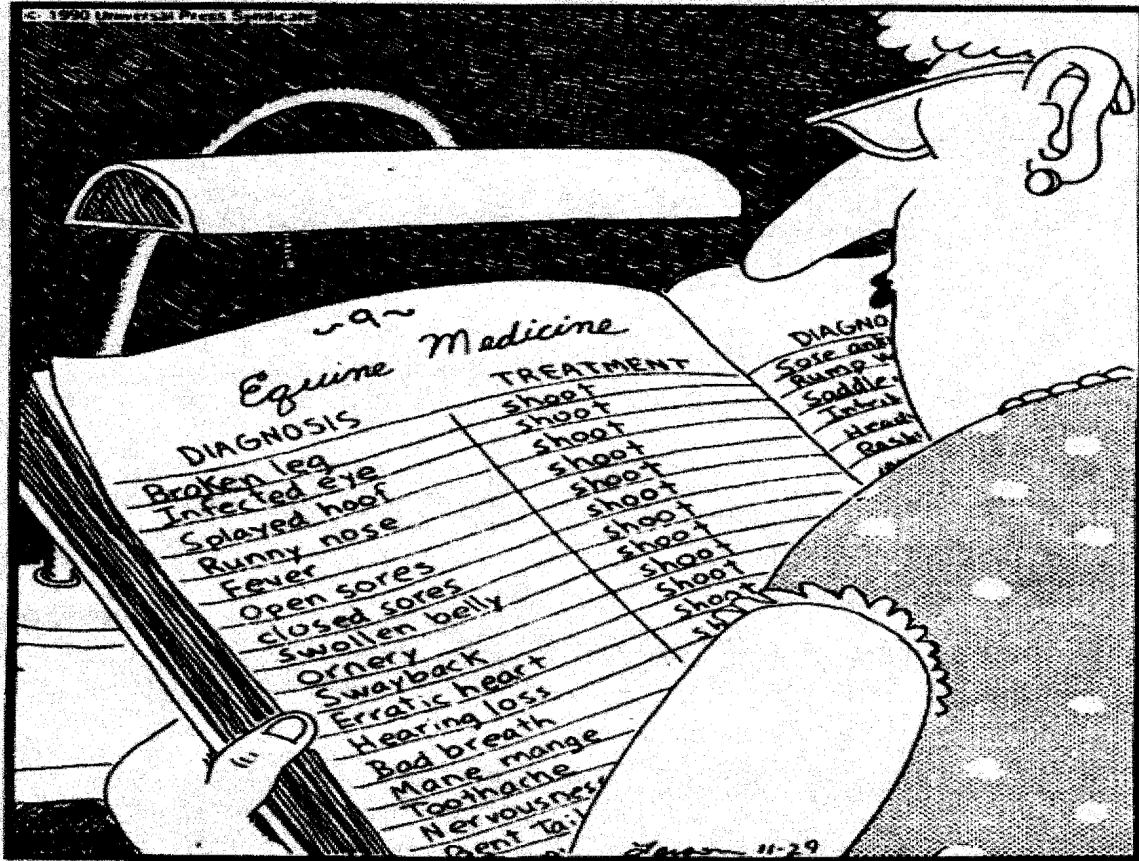
- [1] Characteristics of the western stock horse and the colors of a pinto.
- [7] Figure, a bay colt born in 1789, was the first of this breed
- [8] The national horse breed of Ireland which developed primarily for farm use.
- [9] Leopard complex spotting
- [12] This breed first originated in medieval times, with the first documented present-day one being foundation stallion 249 folie, born in 1874
- [13] The smallest horse breed
- [14] The most rare horse breed, endangered breed

Down

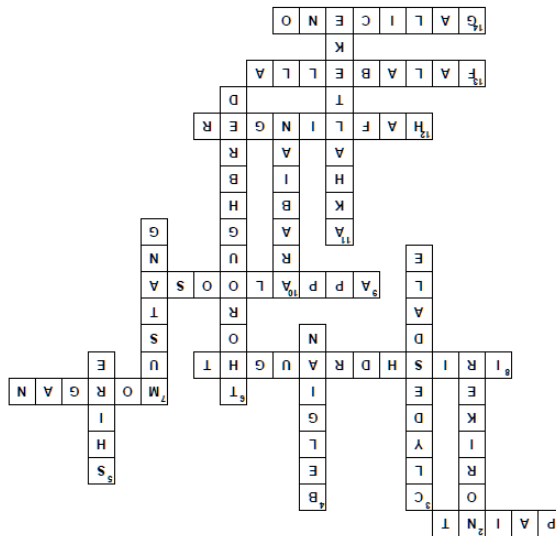
- [2] Mountain draft horse that originates out of the Austrian alps
- [3] Scottish draft horse
- [4] A massive draft horse that measures between 16.2 and 17 hands tall.
- [5] This gentle giant has an enormous capacity for pulling weight
- [6] Fastest horse breed
- [7] The descendants of Iberian or Spanish horses that were brought to north, central, and south america during the colonial era
- [10] The most expensive breed
- [11] World's oldest breed

THE FAR SIDE

Submitted By
Pat Van Nostrand



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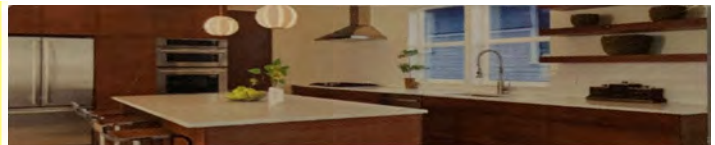


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