

# TRAILBOSS

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## Ride For Kids; Kicks Off 2003 Trail Ride Season

The first annual Ride For Kids hosted by the Tri-County Cerebral Palsy Support Group of Southwest Missouri, will be held this month, March 28th – 30th at the Ponderosa Trails Resort and Campground near Pineville, Missouri.

As preparations are fully underway for the event, area trail riders still have time to get their pledge sheets in for the event, and to make plans to attend.

The campgrounds will open 6:00 P.M. Thursday, March 27th for those who wish to arrive early and get their favorite camping spot.

In addition to the organized ride on Saturday March 29th riders may ride on their own on Friday and Sunday. There will be a Karoke dance on Friday evening and a live band on Saturday evening.

Ponderosa offers full accommodations for visitors which include electric hook-ups, showers, and a great cook shack with all meals available for those who do not wish to cook.

Security for the event will be provided by the Missouri Governors Mounted Guard, and naturally rider safety plays a major role in the planning for this great trail ride event.

Admission for the event is \$10.00 per person and can be obtained in advance



pledges. If you would like a pledge sheet, contact Harriet Miller at 417-358-9059. There is still time to obtain pledges and help a great organization to raise money for the CP Kids.

This entire Issue could not possibly contain the many great events planned at this ride, but as you all well know, many great memories of past events are the ones that come into play through normal activity and fellowship when trail riders get together in this capacity.

We'll be posting our favorite photos from the event at Trail Boss.Net in the photo

column to the left of our main page, so plan to be on hand and be in one of them.

Trail Boss/Mount N' Trail, has enjoyed working with the CP Center in years past at the Annual All Mule Show-De-O held in Carthage, Missouri, and we applaud the efforts of this great group to expand their fundraising efforts to include the trail riding community.

Consider this your personal invitation to join us at the Ride For Kids first annual trail ride and we look forward to meeting all of you at the Ponderosa to kick off the 2003 trail ride season.

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The Trail Rider's Favorite  
Country Music Station



# Bill Threatens Trail Closings; What Is H.R. 652?

Peggy Thompson

H.R. 652, the National Forest Ecosystem Protection Act, was introduced by Rep. Robert Andrews (D-NJ).

- 1) Eliminate all commercial grazing on National Forests
- 2) Eliminate all recreation (except primitive recreation ie. hiking) in areas adjacent to Wilderness Areas
- 3) Require the Forest Service to prepare an Environmental Assessment
  - a) for study for wilderness suitability for all primitive lands extending from existing designated Wilderness Areas
  - b) to discuss ecological advantage of closing all "unimproved roads" in the study area
- 4) Authorize appropriations to:
  - a) spend \$5 million to purchase private property within designated Wilderness Areas in the West
  - b) spend \$100 million to purchase private property within primitive areas extending from existing designated Wilderness areas in the East
- 5) Close all unimproved, unmapped, and non-system roads in primitive areas extending from existing designated Wilderness areas.
- 6) A list of all the areas affected by the bill appear below

**WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT:**

Write to both of the two Committees to whom the bill has been referred and ask them to take no action on the bill (this kills the bill).

House Committee on Agriculture  
 Chairman Bob Goodlatte  
 1301 Longworth H.O.B.  
 Washington, D.C. 20515  
 (202) 225-2171  
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House Committee on Resources  
 Chairman Richard Pombo  
 1324 Longworth House Office Building  
 Washington, D. C. 20515-6201  
 (202) 225-2761  
 http://resourcescommittee.house.gov

For further reference contact: John Stewart  
 Director, Environmental Affairs, UFWDA,  
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 Recreation Access and Conservation Editor,

**A fundamental law of public land access is:  
 Increased habitat designation for threatened and endangered species is directly proportional to loss of access to public lands**

*Having trouble finding your way around out on the trail?*



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## Shared User Notice

Cliff Walker

**Bicentennial Park, Neosho, Missouri, April 12th, 2003**

Hello Dave and Equestrian friends,

I just thought I'd give you a heads-up on the annual Bluff Riders Mountain Bike event at Bicentennial Park. We are expecting over 100 entrants for the Sunday, April 13th bicycle race, plus dozens who will "Pre-Ride" the course on Saturday the 12th.

This event draws competitors from throughout the Four-State area and beyond. In addition, several area bicyclist will be practicing there over the weeks proceeding. Also wanted to say that we appreciate the work you do and the courtesy you all show us when we encounter you on the trails.

Have a great season....Cliff

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## It's Hoedown Time!



Join us at the Second Annual Horsin' Around Hoedown hosted by Horsin' Around Magazine, at Ponderosa Resort, Pineville, Mo. on April 5th, 2003.

Camp, Ride, and Dance to the Music of **Barb Wire** all for \$25.00 (under 16 free).

All proceeds go the Shriners Hospital. Come on down and meet Marsha and the gang from Heartland Horsin' Around. We'll see you there!

For more information on the this event call: (479)-451-8398 or visit Horsin' Around on the web at: [WWW.HORSINAROUNDMAG.COM](http://WWW.HORSINAROUNDMAG.COM)

## Spring Equine Clinic

March 22, 2003

Double Diamond Ranch  
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Paste Worming Available  
Teeth Floating with sedation ----- \$27.00  
Prestige V (Rhino-Flu-EWT) ----- \$20.00  
Strangles ----- \$12.50  
West Nile ----- \$12.50  
Other Vaccines Available

Any Three Combo Above ----- \$45.00

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John Harper, DVM  
Kim Emory \* Chas Emory \* Farriers

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Products \* Main Street Feed \* Mike's Distributing \*  
Emory Horseshoeing

For more information call: 417-235-4088 or 417-325-7181

## Welcome Aboard Hoofbeat!

Dave Talley

TRAILBOSS.NET now has a link exchange with the online equestrian publication, Hoofbeat. Hoofbeat is offered as a reader service of the Brownfield Network's farm and ranch report.

From training tips to horse health care, Hoofbeat keeps the equestrian enthusiast informed about virtually all aspects of horse ownership and offers tips in many equestrian disciplines as well. They provide links to many breed registries and organizations as well.

Visit them at: <http://www.brownfieldnetwork.com>.

Presently there are several great articles in-depth and pertinent to the foaling process and it's that time of year folks.

Our sincere thanks to the Brownfield Network and Hoofbeat in particular for providing such information of value to the equestrian community and we look forward to a wonderful association with them in years to come.



Join us on....

## The Road Apple Express

The Trail Rider's Online Chat



Just click on the Road Apple Express icon toward the bottom left corner of our main page at [trailboss.net](http://trailboss.net), each Thursday evening at 8:00 P.M.

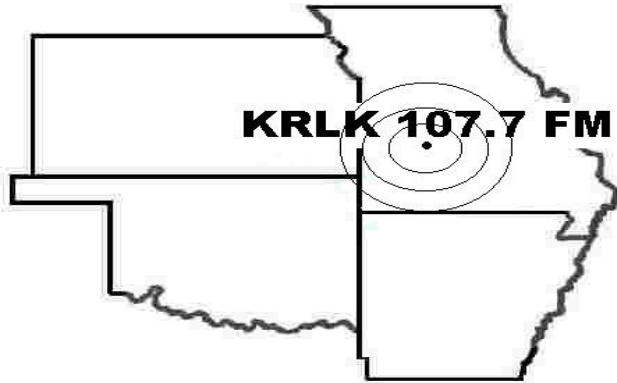
Each week area trail riders get together in this trail rider's exclusive chat room to plan their next trail ride outing, discuss issues, and very often, just to find out what's going on in the lives of their other trail riding friends.

You can log in with your email address, your name, or even come in unidentified if you choose. It is always informal, and you're always welcome.

You may use the chat room at any time day or night, to visit as much and as often wish in addition. You can invite several friends in for a visit, and there is no charge what so ever. One online chat room visit can save the expense of several long distance phone calls, so help yourself, and be sure to stop by each Thursday for our weekly chat.

## KRLK 107.7 FM The Lake

By: Dave Talley



On my first visit to the Stockton Lake vicinity at Hawker Point equestrian trail years ago, I tuned in to, and fell in love with, the programming of the Country Music Radio station KRLK, 107.7 in Stockton Missouri.

The station plays Country Music Hits from a time warp ranging from today's George Strait/Garth Brooks era all the way back to Jimmy Rogers and Hank Williams.

I've published a couple of articles about the station's programming during the past three years, and trail rider's visiting the area have often commented that I was right on when I bragged this unique radio station up in times past.

Well guess what folks? A friend of mine recently approached me with the news that he had heard one of my records on the radio. Immediately, I asked which station he was listening to because although many of my records are played by the independent radio stations, the larger and more corporate manipulated stations get their programming pre-recorded from huge media outlet sources that only offer artists who are signed to major record label contracts. He heard me on The Lake.

Now I don't know why KRLK is suddenly reaching our listening area. Perhaps they have boosted their output power or maybe it's just our good fortune that the air waves are just naturally letting their signal come through. But what ever the reason, I am delighted that they come in loud and clear.

In my opinion, both as a Country Music fan and as an old-time Country music artist, some of what is called Country Music today couldn't be farther from it. KRLK offers the best of modern day Country and does a wonderful job of filling the gaps with classic hits from years past. Johnny Horton, Conway, Merle, Mel Tillis, The Statler Brothers, and the list goes on and on. You can bet your boots, my radio will stay tuned to 107.7 FM.

### Check Out The Horse Show!

Be sure to listen in for the Horse Show Minutes which air on KRLK each day at 9:48 and at 4:48 Monday through Friday, and then catch the Horse Show Hour at 11:00 AM each Saturday.

One more reason why we consider 107.7 FM to be the trail rider's Country Music Radio here in the Heartland.

## The Last March of Freedom

By: Dave Talley (Editor)

I sit here today, this sixth day of March, 2003 believing fully well that this may be the very last month of March in which we will know life in America as a marginally free society.

The world stage is set for war while our President parrots his war rhetoric that demonizes Iraq and thus promotes war as America's only option; and while a great host of either cowardly or equally corrupt Congressmen and Representatives from both political parties allow him to do so.

Americans need to ask themselves questions about the strange coincidences that lead to this horrible scenario of war and global dominance that the world is now faced with:

Why was the election of George W. Bush of such timely importance to those in high office, that vote counting in the Florida election was literally halted by the Supreme Court in order to place him in the Oval Office?

Why was the appointment of John Ashcroft as Attorney General so important that the election was rigged to allow his defeat at the polls by a dead Governor in the State of Missouri? Was that really a laughing matter?

How did the mid-term general elections provide a Republican landslide victory to give the Executive Branch full and free reign over Congress and therefore the nation, in spite of its open and blatant disregard for the well being of America during the two previous years?

How is it that the controlled news media will devote millions of dollars in prime time radio and television broadcast exposing the incumbent President Clinton, and his illicit affair with an intern, and then a few years later won't dare to raise questions about the current President's involvement in the attack on America and other grave acts of treason? (*Visit WWW.TRAILBOSS.NET, Click on Bush photo, top/left*)

Why are we going to war with Iraq, who obviously has no weapons of mass destruction, nor has never launched an attack on America, and yet support and uphold Israel who is understandably hated throughout the world, does have weapons of mass destruction, and has leveled numerous lethal attacks against the United States and other countries in years past, as well as selling our own defense secrets to Russia?

Who is going to pay the trillions of dollars of tax debt from the 9/11 attack, the Homeland Security Act, and the cost of the Iraqi war, with American jobs leaving this nation as America's number one export, and while millions of Mexican immigrants are allowed to come in and drain the economy even more during these trying times?

Is there a plan in Washington, to save America or is the plan to place us under the jurisdiction of the New World Order? A One World Government by which we fear that this month marks the last March of Freedom in America or anywhere else in the world; as we go to war, a failed Democracy, the enemy of freedom; and no more the champion thereof. If it isn't too late to turn back now America, how long will we have?