

UPPER CUMBERLAND HORSEBACK RIDERS CLUB

Jacquess still trotting along in horse group
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UPPER CUMBERLAND – At 80 years old, Vestle Jaquess can no longer ride horses, but that doesn't stop him from being one of the most active members of one of the oldest horse groups in the area.



One of the original 41 charter members of the Upper Cumberland Horseback Riders Club – a local non-profit group that joins together riders for various activities.

(Photo: Charter member and former president of the Upper Cumberland Horseback Riders Club Vestle Jaquess points out some of the club's former presidents along the wall of the group's clubhouse. Jaquess has been involved with the club since its inception in 1959. Herald-Citizen Photo/Liz Engle)

Jaquess was there when the group started in 1959, when those original members paid their first dues of \$1. He was elected to the original board of directors in 1962 and served as president five times – in 1976-78 and from 1986-87.

“I've been an officer or director of some kind since it was organized,” Jaquess said. “We used to have the first ride (of the year) at my place the first Sunday in April. It's been my life.”

The purpose of the club way back when was to promote family- type social events for people who enjoyed horseback riding - - and according to Jaquess' successors, Buddy Bartlett (president in 1983 and from 2002-2003) and current president Lyndon Marcom - - that philosophy has not changed.

“This is a family-oriented club,” Marcom said. “Our goal right now is to get our younger people involved in riding. But there's other things that interfere with it. With horse riding - - you either like it or you don't. There's a lot of hard work and time involved.”

The group holds several social events throughout the year, including group rides every other Sunday starting in the spring and running through the fall.

Those rides have taken place at local farms, Standing Stone State Park, Big South Fork and Red Oak Ridge in Celina. But, Marcom said, it seems the group has been running out of places to go.

“The reason I joined the club is to find out where to go when I got into trail riding, he said. “But there’s a lot of trails we used to ride that have closed – they are renting it for hunting or farms sold and developed into subdivisions.”

Besides that fact, the rides have remained a strong part of the group, in addition to other club activities, including a supper in the fall and spring and a horse show in May, which Macom says is open for anybody.

And the UCHRC, in general, is open for anyone to join.

“We have all kinds of horses,” Marcom said. “Quarterhorses, ponies – Buddy rides mules – whatever they’re wanting to ride.

“You can walk or drive through something and look at it, then get on a horse and it looks completely different.”

For more information about the group, contact Marcom at 931-738-2522 or Bartlett at 526-1598.

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Members of the UCWHA are, from left, Vestel Jaquess, Jerry Swallows, Heidi McWilliams, Roy Fox, Fay Monk, Mary Ralph (Jared) Maddux, Jimmy Sherrell, Don Robinson and Tom Williford.

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NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD SELECETED FOR UPPER CUMBERLAND WALKING HORSE ASSOCIATION

COOKEVILLE: The Upper Cumberland Walking Horse Association recently met to elect the executive board for 2007. Elected were Jerry Swallows, President; Jimmy Sherrell, Vice President; Lesa Davidson, Secretary; Tom Williford, Treasurer; Tom Willis, Past President; Roy Fox, Director; Vestal Jaquess, Director; Sandy Kennedy, Director; Mary Ralph Maddux, Director; Faye Monk, Director, Don Robinson, and Pat Stout, Director.

UCWHA was organized in 1971 to promote the Tennessee Walking Horse through many facets including horse show, scholarships, youth activities, regional futurity and a high point award program. To fund these programs the organization sponsors a silent auction during the Upper Cumberland Walking Horse show. This year's event will be held April 7 at Hyder-Burks Ag. Pavilion.

Members are encouraged to donate items or help the committee gather items at McWilliams Reality. Those interested in donating a stud fee can contact Jerry Swallows at (931) 858-5500 or Jimmy Sherrell at (931) 858-0645. Meetings are held monthly on the second Thursday at Ryan's Steak House in Cookeville at 7 p.m. visit the organization's Web Site at: <http://www.ucwha.com>.

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HORSE ENTHUSIASTS HONORED WITH AWARDS

The Upper Cumberland Walking Horse Association recently held its annual High Point Awards and Banquet in Cookeville. Food, fun and fellowship were the orders of the evening.

President Martha Willis presided as over 100 members and guests were treated to a prime rib dinner. Introductions were made of 1971 charter members, who were special guests.

They included Col. Landin and Judy Boring, Lee and Ann Black, Vestle and Wilma Jaquess, Gary and Janice Brewington, R.P. (Chick) and Dottie Wright, **Mary Ralph Maddux** and Geraldine Conner.

The speaker for the evening was Jim Welch, a member of the local chapter and newly-elected president of the Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders' and Exhibitors' Association.

Vestle Jaquess was given the President's Award for his many years of service to the organization. Sandy Kennedy of the High Point committee presented etched glass High Point Awards and Reserve Ribbons in 27 divisions.

Thirty-two different members won awards, as follows:

Weanlings: Gen's Precious Garnet, Mrs. Horace Pennington; Reserve: Class Act, Ella Kline; Yearlings: Nantucket Princess, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Tetrault; Reserve-tie: Push It Sister, Dr. Tom Willis, Gold's Precious Opal, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Pennington; 2-Year-Old Open: Command's Wild Card, Mr. and Mrs. Quenton Fox; Reserve: Pocketful of Danger, Buchanon and Love; 2-Year-Old Amateur: He Walks on Water, Kline Farms;

3-Year-Old Open: Silver Generator, Troy York; Reserve: Delite's Mr. Generator, Bean and Swafford; 3-Year-Old Amateur: Pusher's Dixie Delite, Larry Criswell; 4-Year-Old Open: In the Spotlight, Roy Fox; Reserve: Ebony's Nacho Gambler, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Pennington;

4-Year-Old Amateur: Preside's Super Flash, Larry Criswell; Reserve: In the Spotlight, Roy Fox; Amateur Specialty: tie between Shaker's Precious Jasper, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Pennington, and Dark Spirit's Favorite, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Tudor; Reserve: Irrational, Mr. and Mrs. Jim McWilliams;

Amateur: Rose's Midnite Run, Ruth Tudor; Reserve: Pistol's Pleasant Annie, Kathy Owen;

Ladies' Amateur: Ultra's Spiderman, Natosha Stidham; Reserve: tie between Command Lady in Red, Kathy Owen, Dark Spirits' Favorite, Ruth Tudor;

15.2: tie between W J C, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Moore, and On the Money, Kathy Owen; Reserve: Walking with Rythm, Betty Marcom Family; Aged Mares and Geldings: Push Over's Magic Lady, Jean Brock; Reserve: Shaker's Precious Jewel, Horace Pennington; Show Pleasure: Elegance Pride, Kathy Owen;

Reserve: Tie between Delite Energizer, Natosha Stidham, and Beam's High and Low, Sandy Kennedy; Country Pleasure: Go Boy's Carbon Queen, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bowman; Reserve: Blaze of Elegance, Clint Kennedy; Lite Shod Specialty: Royal's Gold Seal, Dr. Tom Willis;

Reserve: Higher Ways, Forress Hudelston; Lite Shod Amateur: Blaze of Elegance, Clint Kennedy; Lite Shod 2- and 3-Year-Old: Generator's Black Momba, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Deal; Western Pleasure: Royal's Gold Seal, Dr. Tom Willis; Reserve: Buckstich, Martha Williford; Plantation Pleasure Speciality: Society Cut, Randall Phillips; Reserve: Generator's Show Bum, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Moore;

Plantation Pleasure Three Gait: Eb's Super Image, Sue Robbnett, Reserve: Society Cut, Randall Phillips; Plantation Pleasure 2- and 3-Year-Old: Errin's Design, Barry Moore; Reserve: Tigger, Ruth Tudor; Plantation Pleasure Amateur: G Q, Heidi McWilliams; Reserve: Generator's Show Bum, Debra Moore;

Walking Horse Stake: Roses' Midnite Run, Ruth Tudor; Reserve: tie between Irrational, Mr. and Mrs. Jim McWilliams, and W J C, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Moore;

Sportsmanship Award, Martha Williford.

High Point Youth Awards were given in November. Winners included: Youth 11 and under: Levi Holt, Captain's Last Chance; Youth 17 and under: Bill Love, Major's Clean Sweep;

Walking Pony: Brandon Stout, One Brassy Dude; Plantation Pleasure: Desiree Collier, G.Q.; Lite Shod Pleasure: Clint Kennedy, Blaze of Elegance; Youth Sportsmanship: Clint Kennedy.

An auction team made up of Jim McWilliams, Tony Kennedy and Gary Brewington conducted a successful auction, raising over \$1,800.

Wayne Nabors won a statue in a drawing for those who purchased auction items. Money raised in the auction will help finance the group's projects.

In 1999, the UCWHA assisted with the Upper Cumberland Horse Show and Silent Auction; produced and sold horse show calendars; added reserve winners to High Point Awards; awarded two \$500 scholarships; sent four youths to Horse Camp at MTSU; sponsored a class in the Upper Cumberland Horseback Riders Spring "Fun" Show; sponsored a class in the TWHBEA Versatility Championship Show; changed the association's name; sponsored the fall "Fun" Show and Supper; sponsored Putnam County's 4-H horse judging team as they competed in divisional tournaments in Alabama; sent money to the Kathy Wolaver Lee Fund, the High Point Youth Award program, and the High Point Adult award program.

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UPPER CUMBERLAND WALKING HORSE ASSOCIATION HISTORY

A group of interested horse people met in March of 1971 at the Ramada Inn in Cookeville Tennessee, to make plans to organize the club. At our first meeting we had only about 10-12 people present. They included: Bill Gill, Morrison Lowe, Jimmy Wallace, R. P. Wright, Fredrick Smith, Vestel Jaquess, Ordon Sevier, Lee Black, Ann Black, Pervin Lollar, and Roger Manning. There possibly could have been more that have escaped memory.

At this meeting, Bill Gill and Morrison Lowe agreed to send cards to interested horse people to encourage them to attend the next meeting. It was decided at this time to name the club Upper Cumberland Walking Horse Breeders' Association. At the meeting the following officers were elected: Jimmy Wallace (Sparta, TN), President; Fredrick Smith (Albany, KY), Vice President; Ann Black (Sparta, TN), Secretary; James Jaquess (Cookeville, TN), Treasurer. The officers of the association were given the responsibility of selecting seven members to the board of directors, who would write by-laws and develop plans for the club.

The next meeting was April 8, 1971, at the Ramada Inn. Clyde Roberson with a movie presented a program, *From the Cradle to the Crown*. A set of by-laws was accepted and a newly appointed board of directors were introduced; Roger Manning, Claude Hyder, Ross Stone, Morrison Lowe, Ordon Sevier, R. P. Wright, and Dr. John Malone. It was decided at this time that members joining the club from April 8 to May 6 would be considered charter members. Others would pay dues for \$3 per year for each member. Nearly 50 people attended this meeting. The charter members are:

Ann Black	Claude Hyder	D. T. McCall
Lee Black	Jimmy D. Hoover	Sam Owen
Bob Bottoms	Susan Hunter	Manuel Office
Linda Bottoms	Harold Heady	Clyde Robinson
Elmore Brock	O. K. Hege	Gene Rodgers
Charles E. Brown	Vestel Jaquess	Festus Robbins
Gary Brewington	Wilma Jaquess	Ordon Sevier
Clayton Brown	Bobby Johnson	Bryson Smith
Sam Beatty	Morrison Lowe	Fredrick Smtih
Willie Betty	Allie Belle Lollar	Herman Smith
Frelland Barber	Parvin Lollar	Josie Smith
James E. Cupps	Chen Lawson	Ross Stone
Jerry W. Cope	Roger Manning	Mrs. Ross Stone
Thomas Eaton	Mrs. Roger Manning	Ray Turner
Frank England	Sid Maddux	J. Grodon Wallace, Jr.
Williams L. Gill	L. M. Murphy, Jr.	J. E. Walling
David E. Gatlax	Donald Martin	Billy Webb
		R. P. Wright

Velma Agnes Grimsley Flatt Obt.

COOKEVILLE -- Funeral services for **Velma Agnes Grimsley Flatt**, 78, will be held Saturday, Nov. 24, at 11 a.m. at Summerfield Methodist Church.

Burial will be in Smith Chapel Cemetery.

Family will receive friends today, Friday, Nov. 23, from 5-9 p.m. at Cookeville Funeral Home and Saturday, Nov. 24, from 10 a.m. until time of services at the church.

Mrs. Flatt died Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2007, at her residence after an extended illness.

She was born Dec. 12, 1928, to the late Morrison Lee and Ova Leah Whiteaker Grimsley.

Mrs. Flatt was a Tennessee Tech alumnus and a school teacher for 30 years in Putnam County at Poplar Grove, Algood and Park View Schools. She was active in many clubs and organizations and a member of Summerfield Methodist Church for 47 years. She was a member of Alpha Delta Kappa Teacher's Sorority, Putnam County Retired Teacher's Association, Cumberland Art Society, Home Demonstration Club, Putnam County Senior Citizens, **Upper Cumberland Horseback Riders' Association** and Gideons International Auxiliary.

Her family includes her husband of 54 years, Hollie B. Flatt; a daughter, Sharon Flatt Barnard of Cookeville; a son, Victor Byers Flatt of Houston, Texas; a sister, Dorothy Jones of Cookeville; and four grandchildren, Holly Leigh Barnard of Nashville, Vaughn Noel III and Grayson Lee Barnard, both of Knoxville, and Oscar Victor Deppen Ertman of Washington D.C.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Flatt was preceded in death by two sisters, Mamie Hunt of Lewisburg and Norma Sue Short of Birmingham, Ala.; four sisters, Opal Bohannon, Joyce Flatt, Dimple Shelton, all of Cookeville and Pinkie Flatt of Nashville; and three brothers and a sister-in-law, Wesley Flatt, Paul and Mary Jo Flatt, all of Cookeville, and Bob Jones of Mission Viejo, Calif.; and three special lifelong friends, Thelma Robbins, Willene Burgess and Vestle Jacques; and two neighbors, Elsie Holt and Pat Cronk.

Pallbearers will be Vaughn Noel III, Dr. Vaughn N. Jr. and Grayson Lee Barnard, Morrie, Gene and Keith Short, Larry Flatt and Jason Sonn. Bro. Tommy Harris will officiate the services.

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Zelon Phillips Obt.

COOKEVILLE -- Funeral services for **Zelon Phillips**, 97, of the Post Oak Community of Cookeville, will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 19, at Whitson Funeral Home. Burial will be in Phillips Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 4-8 p.m. on Saturday, April 18, at the funeral home.

Mr. Phillips died Thursday, April 16, 2009, in Masters Health Care Center in Algood.

He was born Feb. 13, 1912, to the late Byrd and Arvie Wilmoth Phillips.

Mr. Phillips was a farmer and lived all his working life on the same farm in the Post Oak Community. He was the oldest member of Post Oak Presbyterian Church. Mr. Phillips **was a charter member of the**

Upper Cumberland Horseback Riders Club. He enjoyed playing the banjo as well as the "running" of his beagles.

His family includes a sister, Cordie Linder of Smithtown, N.Y.; four nieces, Doris Ernst of Dayton, Ohio, Becky Volz of Beavercreek, Ohio, Barbara Kearns of Smithtown and Bennie Carol Mason of Cookeville; a sister-in-law, Vergie Phillips; and numerous other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Conley and James Austin Phillips.

Pallbearers will be Brandon Mason, Thomas F. Ernst II, Alton Freeman, Jarvis Matheney, Rellon Phillips and Albert Ramsey.

Honorary pallbearers will be Earl Mason and Carrel Warren.

Rev. Wesley Henry will officiate at the services.

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HORSE SHOW

Great family fun for young and old. Horse lovers will have an opportunity this weekend to participate in a favorite activity. This Show is to raise funds for the fight against childhood blindness.

The Cookeville Evening Lions Club and the Upper Cumberland Walking Horse Association are sponsoring the Horse Show on Saturday, The main fund-raiser of the Lion Club supports Operation KidSight, and effort to ensure children ages one to six are screened and analyze by ophthalmologists. "We have screened more than 6,000 kinds and 5% have problems their parents didn't know about.

We have contributed over \$1000,000.00 through Cookeville to the Tennessee Lions Eye Center at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital. The Lions Club generally raises \$8,000 to \$15,000 each year. That's the way they support those children. This Horse Show will feature 30 classes.

Classes are determined by a variety of factors including the age of the horse and whether the horse trainer or the horse owner is riding the horse.

We hope to have more than 300 horses there and 3,000 to 5,000 spectators.

Last few years we had tremendous shows. The parking lot was covered. People really enjoyed it.

A variety of people participate in the competition, horse enthusiasts will have the opportunity to participate in a Silent Auction for the USWHA. The Association uses the funds to provide college scholarships, help send youth members to the annual Juvenile Equestrian Camp at MTSU and sponsor 4-H Horse Judging teams, plus other worthy organizations.

Not only can one watch a great show, but you can also have the opportunity to buy horse-related and other items, during the first half of the show.

Thickets for the horse show are \$4.00 in advance or \$5.00 at the gate. For more info call (931) 979-3305.

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