

► This past September, Vermont Governor Jim Douglas proclaimed September to be “**Morgan Horse Month**” in Vermont, celebrating the famous breed that is also Vermont’s State Animal. “I am glad to proclaim a month in honor of this magnificent animal, especially on the centennial anniversary of the founding of the **American Morgan Horse Association**,” Douglas said.

“The Association and the **National Museum of the Morgan Horse** will be hosting several parties to celebrate the centennial, including receptions at the Morgan Grand National & World Championship Horse Show in Oklahoma City and at the National Museum of the Morgan Horse,” said Julie Broadway, AMHA Executive Director. “We hope everyone will join the staff and Board of Directors on Friday, November 6, 2009 in Shelburne for this wonderful occasion.”

► From October 1 through November 6, 2009, the **National Museum of the Morgan Horse** in Shelburne, Vt., will have a temporary exhibit by **Brett Simison**. Brett is a Vermont-based photographer who shoots a mixture of editorial, commercial, and advertising events and fine art. The work featured in this exhibit documents the daily activities at the **University of Vermont Morgan Horse Farm** in Weybridge. The Museum is located at 122 Bostwick Road in Shelburne, VT 05482; and can be reached by phone at 802-985-8665.

► **Kathy Gutting** of Charlotte, Vt., recently lost her 30-year-old gelding,



Kathy Gutting with Three C Avenger.

HOWARD SCHATZBERG

Three C Avenger (Shaker’s Shoofly x Moonlight Sonata). This duo won the 1991 and 1992 World Amateur Park Saddle Championship titles.

► The **American Morgan Horse Institute (AMHI)** and the **Kentucky Horse Park (KHP)** shared an historic milestone when ground was broken for the **Morgan Horse Pavilion** at the Kentucky Horse Park on August 28, 2009.

Slated for a grand opening in advance of the much heralded September 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games (WEG), the Morgan Horse Pavilion will showcase the Morgan horse, whose heritage traces back to Vermont in the 1700s.

“Building a Pavilion to showcase the Morgan Horse at the Kentucky Horse Park has been a long held vision of the Morgan community,” said **Robert Morgan**, President of the AMHI, who co-hosted the groundbreaking event along with Bill Cooke, Director of the International Museum of the Horse. “The Morgan Horse Pavilion at Kentucky Horse Park will complement the National Museum of the Morgan Horse in Shelburne, Vt. The Morgan horse will now be showcased both in the state of its origin as well as at the heartbeat of the equestrian world at the KHP.”

Members of the **AMHI Morgan Horse Pavilion Committee**, as well as other members of the Morgan community, traveled to the groundbreaking event from throughout the country to demonstrate their support. Committee Chair **Elaine Galatz**, from

Las Vegas, was interviewed and featured by local television and print media. She was joined by Committee Members **Susan Fu** from the Lexington area, **Jack Gatewood** from Michigan, **Frances Pugh** from North Carolina, and **Jill Smith** from California.

“The Pavilion will not only provide a venue to showcase the Morgan horse, but will also feature an Equine Education Center, which will include video conference facilities that can be made available to broader communities,” noted Galatz.

The Pavilion was designed by **Yum Kee Fu**, a world recognized Kentucky-based architect. The design incorporates such green

aspects as geothermal heating and cooling, capture and recycling of rainwater for water features, solar panels, and natural air exchange. Interactive exhibits and an immersive theater are also planned.

“We are delighted to welcome the Morgan Horse Pavilion to the Kentucky Horse Park, and look forward to its Grand Opening in 2010,” said John Nicholson, Executive Director of the Kentucky Horse Park.

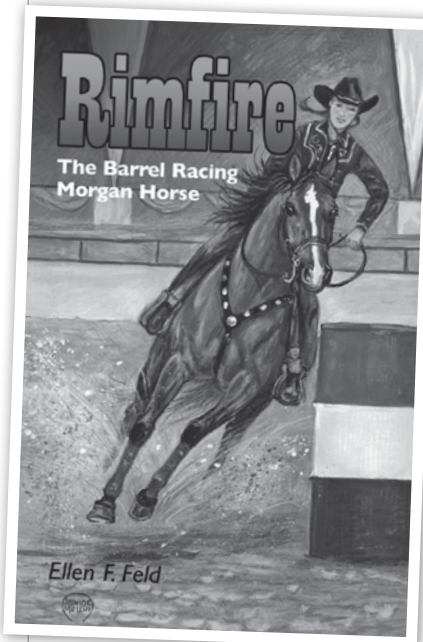
► **Ellen Feld’s** award-winning horse series continues with the publishing of *Rimfire: The Barrel Racing Morgan Horse*. “*Rimfire* brings the exciting world of barrel racing to life in a fun and delightful way,” said Martha Josey, AQHA, WPRA, NBHA World Champion and Olympic Medalist. “A great book for our youth and a valuable reminder that quitters never win and winners never quit.”

The Morgan Horse series was twice the winner of the prestigious “Children’s Choice” award, co-sponsored by the International Reading Association and the Children’s Book Council, and inspiration for the Breyer Animal Creations “Blackjack” model and book set. It has been repeatedly praised for presenting real life situations where young adults struggle to make the right decisions. Feld’s Morgan horse books teach youngsters about the consequences of their actions while entertaining them with an action-packed story. The sixth book in the series, *Rimfire: The Barrel Racing Morgan Horse* continues this successful strategy and takes readers into the fast-paced world of barrel racing.

Author Ellen F. Feld, whose books have also won several national parenting awards, is a regular writer for numerous horse magazines, both regional and national in scope. *Rimfire* is her seventh book. Famed equine artist **Jeanne Mellin Herrick** beautifully illustrates this book. Along with a detailed cover, Mrs. Herrick has created eight original drawings to accompany the text.

Rimfire is available for \$9.95 through Baker & Taylor, Follett Library Resources; Amazon.com; The American Morgan Horse Association, www.morganhorse.com, 802-985-4944; and the publisher at www.willowbendpublishing.com.

► The **Seventh Annual Mid-Atlantic Breeders Sale** will be held December



Rimfire: The Barrel Racing Morgan Horse is the sixth book in Ellen Feld’s award winning book series.

11-12, at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg. Check out the sale’s website for announcements, as well as help in finding hotel rooms and obtaining a bidder registration form. As consignments are received, they will be posted on the website, www.morganauction.com.

New this year there will be a live telephone feed of the auction available to Morgan owners who may be interested in hearing the real-time sale as it proceeds. To hear the auction you can call 712-432-8773. You will be asked for a code. Enter the word “Morgan” using your keypad (6-6-7-4-2-6).

If you have any questions about consigning Morgans to this sale, give David Lantz a call at 717-949-6882. For information on the tack portion of the sale, contact David Glick at 717-768-8860.

► **Pat Dills** of **Chestnut Pride Morgans** in Indiana, Pa., was recently inducted into the **Indiana County** (her home county) **Sports Hall of Fame**. The induction ceremony was held this past May. Pat is one of a handful of women that have had this honor bestowed upon them and the first to be recognized in the field of equestrian sport. The vast majority of reasoning for her induction was her showing of Paramount’s Perfection starting in 1981 until his retirement ceremony at the Mid-A in 1989. It was Perky’s ability and Pat’s talent in showing him that created a show career that

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