

Howdy All

Included is the Weekly Pile of Information for the week of December 14, 2014, Extension's Equine related educational information & announcements for Rockingham & Guilford Counties. To have something included in the Weekly Pile, please follow these simple guidelines.

- **Information included needs to be educational in nature &/or directly related to Rockingham or Guilford Counties.**
- **provided information is a resource to the citizens of Rockingham/Guilford Counties.**
 - **provided information does not require extra time or effort to be listed.**
 - **Listings for Swap Shop will not list pricing details.**
 - **Please E-mail information to me by Wednesday each Week.**
 - **Please keep ads or events as short as possible – with NO FORMATTING, NO unnecessary Capitalization's and NO ATTACHED DOCUMENTS.**
(If sent in that way, it may not be included)
 - **Please include contact information - Phone, Email and alike.**
 - **PLEASE PUT WEEKLY PILE IN SUBJECT LINE when you send into me.**
- **The Weekly Pile is not for listings for Commercial type properties or products.**

If I forgot to include anything in this email it was probably an oversight on my part, but please let me know!

If you have a question or ideas that you would like covered in the Weekly Pile, please let me know and I will try to include. As Always, I would like to hear your comments about the Weekly Pile or the Extension Horse Program in Rockingham or Guilford Counties!

I NEED YOUR FEEDBACK & IDEAS!

Included in The Pile this Week:

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- 2. Please Help Me! – Weekly Pile Year End Survey**
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1. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year...Happy Holidays

Its here, the time for the lights, candles, eggnog, reindeer, carols and FOOD (And for me anyway, it's too much of the food) Yes Christmas is upon us.

I know that I have so many Blessings to be Thankful for, My God & Country, My Family & Friends, a Place to Lay My Head, Something to eat when hungry and fortunate to have employment.

My Prayer for you this Holiday Season, is that even if you are perhaps spending the Holidays physically alone, is that You Are Not Alone, (it's your choice) or if you are perhaps with your Family and Friends, no matter your situation is that you choose to SHARE WITH OTHERS Your Gifts, Your Smile/Laughter, Your Heart, Your Time and May this season bring you closer to others, those less fortunate, and to those that you treasure in your heart.

It is the ingredients of Love, Joy & Peace that make a recipe for a Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year.

Wishing You a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!

Ben

2. Please Help Me! – Weekly Pile Year End Survey

Its hard to believe that we are counting down the days of 2014 and to the beginning of 2015 (WoW). For me, the end of the year means it is time that I must do what I really do not like to do, and that is **REPORTS**.....

Each week it takes hours to compose the Weekly Pile and I need to be able to show or justify:

- impacts, as a result of those reading the Weekly Pile
- the need for the Weekly Pile to be written.

So, to do this, I **WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!**

Please help me by clicking on the link below and completing the short survey.

(Please Complete before Monday, December 29th)

(The question about How much money or have you increased profit/saved from information you have learned from the Weekly Pile, is a really important question in this justification!)

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1zneyYzY7rXnTDPnNY4L4P4MNRfz8C2jGBhA2UkoMufE/viewform?usp=send_form

Thanks For Your Help!

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3. 2015 Extension Horse Management Short Courses

Guilford County Agricultural Center

3309 Burlington Road

Greensboro, NC 27405

7pm-9pm

Monday, January 26 - Saddle Fitting - How to Buy & Fit a Saddle –Dover Saddlery – Raleigh Store

Monday, February 2 - The Ageing Trail Rider - Equipment on the Trail –

Sara Joe Durham & Georgianne Sims

Monday, February 9 - Horse Health & Horse Care –Dr Anthony Blikslager, Professor, Surgery & Gastroenterology Dept of Clinical Sciences CVM - NCSU

Monday, February 16 - Ask A Vet – Attendees determine subjects covered by questions that are asked – Carolina Equine Veterinarian Group

Monday, February 23 - Southern States Reidsville Service – Topics soon to be released - (Dinner will be

Served)

Monday, March 2 – Hauling Ag -Weights & Tags –Farm Bureau, DOT/Highway Patrol

Monday, March 9 - Davis Feed & Seed - Topics soon to be released –
(Dinner will be Served)

Monday, March 16 - Loading Horses, Trailing, Ground Manners – Demonstration - Brock Griffith

Horse Management Committee –

Randy Boles, Sara Jo Durham, Steva Allgood, Rita Nott, and Georgianne Sims

- Registration Fee: \$30 for entire series or \$5.00 per session.

- Registration Fee will be waived for 4-H members presenting an official current 4-H Program Membership ID Card.

For additional information, call Ben Chase, Rockingham & Guilford County Extension Livestock Agent, North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service at 1-800-666-3625, 342-8235 or Email- ben_chase@ncsu.edu.

In case of inclement weather, please call 1-800-666-3625 or 342-8235 for a recorded message.

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4. You Asked: I remember in the past you had an article regarding equine insurance. Can you post that article again along with some equine insurance companies. I would like to price shop to see if I am paying too much.

Below are a few companies that I am aware of, this is by no means a comprehensive or inclusive list

Companies offering Horse Insurance

Lucinda & Butch Human at Star H Insurance 877-827-4480 336-940-5455
starh@yadtel.net PO Box 2315 Advance, NC 27006

<http://www.starhinsurance.com/web/>

Harry Rakestraw - Rakestraw Insurance in Madison - 427-5181 or 800-849-4678
(<http://www.rakestrawinsurance.com/>)

EQUINE INSURANCE CENTER, P.O. Box 129 Liberty, NC 27298

336-622-1770 Toll Free: 888-335-3338

<http://www.equineinsurancecenter.com/>

**Markel Insurance Company, 4600 Cox Road Glen Allen, Virginia
23060**

horseinsurance@markelcorp.com

(800) 842-5017 (8:30AM - 5PM EST)

<http://www.horseinsurance.com/Pages/Home.aspx>

**Starnes Insurance Agency, PO Box 770 Summerton, South Carolina
29148-0770(803) 478-8450,**

800-835-0448

<http://www.starnesequineinsurance.com/>

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5 HORSE INSURANCE – WHO NEEDS IT!

Included By Request

It probably isn't necessary for every horse owner to insure their horse. If you buy a new Mercedes for \$75,000, total it on the way home and have the resources to go out and buy another one, then don't waste your money insuring your car. Likewise, if you can afford to replace your horse if he dies tonight then you probably don't need to worry about insuring him. However, if replacing your horse could create a financial pinch on your checkbook, then perhaps you should consider insuring him.

If you decide that insurance on your horse is a good idea, how much do you insure him for and what kinds of coverage do you need? First, let's talk about the value of your horse. The premise of insurance is to "bring you back to where you were financially, before the loss of your horse" meaning that it is not replacement cost, or the price someone is willing to pay to buy him from you, but what you have invested in the horse that makes up the value of your horse when it comes to mortality insurance. Insurance is not to win you a profit, just to cover your investment.

If you just purchased the horse, the value is an easy calculation – it's the purchase price. That is what you have invested in the horse. (Don't forget to keep the sales receipt and/or a copy of the check for proof of purchase in the event of a loss.)

If you have owned the horse for a little while, or a long time, you can determine the increased value over the original purchase price by adding a percentage of the training fees (typically 50% to account for the training portion, etc in your monthly fee), show records, earnings, breeding record if it is a stallion, etc. Do realize that you do not have to insure your horse for its full purchase price or full value if you are comfortable insuring him for a portion of your investment. Some people insure for what they need to get back to start over in the event they lose their horse. People tend to do this to keep the premium down on the insurance and/or be able to afford Major Medical coverage as well.

On top of the Full Mortality (life insurance) on your horse, you should consider Major Medical insurance (health insurance). Upwards of 90% of the claims we see in our office are Major Medical claims, and not mortality claims. Horses tend to get sick or hurt more than they die. Whether it's your best friend in the back yard, or your expensive show horse living at the trainer, major medical can make a difference in how you handle a lameness, accident, or sickness situation.

Colic is a good example of how medical bills can add up quickly. For example, your horse colics, your vet says you have to take him to a vet facility immediately for possible surgery. A colic surgery can cost anywhere from \$7,000 – \$12,000 or more depending on what is wrong, what they have to do, and how serious the condition. If you have Full Mortality insurance on your horse, you are obligated to do what the vet requires in order to preserve the life of your horse, in order to have the mortality claim paid in the event your horse dies from the illness. Major Medical coverage is reimbursement coverage, and will reimburse you for a portion of your expenses. It sure is comforting to know that you have financial back up if you are hit with a situation such as colic, or major injury and you love your horse, and will do what it takes to help him.

This article was submitted by Lucinda Human, Star H Equine Insurance, 1-877-827-4480

Also check out NC Horse Lawyers Blog - <https://nchorselawyer.wordpress.com/tag/north-carolina-equine-insurance/>

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6. Own a Horse? How About a Horse App!

Paul Westfall, NC Cooperative Extension Agent, Granville County

No, I'm not talking about horse apples. Horse apps! With the proliferation of electronic devices that will make and receive calls, send text messages, surf the internet, and run apps, it is only natural that there is are plenty of apps available to install on a phone, tablet, or pad that in some way pertain to horses. Many of those apps are even useful as tools to help manage one's horses. Most of those cite the advantage of having your equine records in your pocket and always available.

There are a whole lot of those apps in the app stores that are games, wallpaper, or other mostly useless stuff, but there are also some likely gems when it comes to managing a stable and keeping financial records, keeping vet records, learning dressage, reining, or pleasure patterns, planning trail rides, training horses, or training a hippology or horse bowl team. Any one of these needs might make an app on a phone or tablet worthwhile.

I will put the disclaimer in here: I am not endorsing any specific apps for use with a horse, stable, or veterinary service. With that said, there are some apps out there that are from .edu sources that should be trustworthy.

Some of these apps might be useful in keeping feeding records, breeding records, registration papers, financial records, veterinary records, or other important information about your horse. There are apps that will estimate a horse's weight, though there are some measurements that have to be taken to make this one work. There are apps that show that anatomy and physiology of the entire horse, and apps that only show the parts of a horse's hoof. There are plenty of "how to" apps also. Of course, there are lots of equine game apps to help pass the time between classes at shows.

When choosing an equine app for your highly sophisticated communications device, be sure to do a little research. Before downloading and installing any app on your phone or tablet, be sure to check out any reviews, see when the last update was made, or even if the app is still available. If it hasn't been updated in a couple of years, it may not be one to use. If the reviews are poor, it may not be very useful. Talk with friends and folks in the horse business to see if there might be any particular app that they like and how it is best used. Adventurous folks might try a new app and write a review to share with other horse owners. Most of these apps cost between \$1.00 and \$10.00. That's a lot less than buying a software package for the home computer, but folks should try to find some information that will help them make an informed decision.

I don't know if there is a linear relationship or correlation between owning a horse and also owning an Apple product, but a lot of the equine apps are only available for Apple gear. I did see several reviews of apps that said Android versions were planned or would be released soon. Hopefully, the best apps are available to anyone.

The University of Minnesota has a couple of apps that Apple users may be interested in. One is a "Hay Price Calculator" app that converts the per-bale price to a price per ton for a better price comparison. The other is called

“Healthy Horse” and is a body weight estimator that folks can use to see if their horse is over or under weight, or is at the ideal weight for that type of horse. Adjustments to the feeding program can then be made to have horses gain or lose weight, or maintain the current weight. These can be found at <http://z.umn.edu/ituneshorsehay> (\$0.99) and <http://z.umn.edu/itunesHealthyHorse> (\$1.99).

Have fun deciding which equine app or apps will be most useful. Now I’m wondering how to best wrap one of these to put under the tree this holiday season!

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7. What to Look for in a Horse Boarding Facility

Follow up from article from November 30 WP.

This was developed by Extension Educator Donna Coffin. Reviewed by Associate Professor James Weber, University of Maine Cooperative Extension

These guidelines refer to horses, but are also applicable to ponies, donkeys, mules, and other equidae. They are offered as the basis for constructive discussion and reasonable solutions.

Many times horse owners are unable to care for their horses at their own homes and need to board their animals at a boarding facility or stable. Not all stables are the same. The purpose of this fact sheet is to review some items that you should consider when selecting a facility to be sure that it suits your needs and financial situation.

All facilities are not created equal

Stables offer a variety of levels of service to their customers ranging from “full service” to “minimal service.” You need to find out specifically how the stable defines its level of service and what is included in its boarding fee. Some stables offer additional services at additional fees. Every stable is different in what it provides. Be sure you understand what the facility is providing and what you as the horse owner will be required to provide.

Boarding facilities use lease agreements to outline the specific services that they are willing to provide to their customers. Lease agreements will also address what happens if you do not pay your boarding fee on time. The lease is the legal document that defines the boarding facility’s responsibilities and your responsibilities as the horse owner.

Plan to visit the stable over a weekend and meet some of the people already boarding their horses at the facility. How long have they been boarding there? What do they like most about the facility? What would they change about the facility?

Does the stable cater to both youth and adults or is it either youth only or adult only? Does the stable cater to a specific style of rider, such as English, Western, Hunter, Trail, Racing, Eventing, or Showing? Are stallions on the premises, and if so, are they well secured? Are geldings separated from mares? Does the facility provide stalls that will accommodate both mares and foals?

Be sure you understand what the facility is providing and what you as the horse owner will be required to provide.

Things to consider when choosing a stable

Stalls

Ask about the size, cleaning schedule, and air quality of indoor stalls.

Size

How big are the regular stalls? A typical size is 12 X 12 feet, though ponies and small horses can be boarded in smaller stalls.

How big are the foaling stalls? The typical size for a foaling stall is 12 X 16 feet.

How big are the tie stalls? The typical size for a tie stall is 5 X 12 feet.

Stall management

Who cleans the stalls: the horse owner or facility staff?

How often are they cleaned? Are they cleaned once a day, twice a day, or more?

Are shavings/sawdust included with the boarding fee? Is there a standard amount of bedding that the facility uses?

Stall environment

Is hay or feed stored above the stalls, which can cause an excess of dust?

Is the stall near an indoor arena, which can also be a confined, dusty environment?

Pasture access

There are several arrangements for pasture access—or there might not be pasture access at all.

Do the horses spend all their time in the pasture? If so, the pasture must have some kind of shelter, which may be a three-sided shelter or occasional stalls.

Do the horses spend most of their time in stalls, with daily turn-out into a paddock? In this case, there will be either individual paddocks or multi-horse paddocks.

Are the horses kept in stalls only, i.e. in total confinement with no pasture? If this is the case, the stable may or may not exercise the horses for the owner.

Enclosures

You will need to know what the fences are made of and how large the enclosures are. For more information on fencing suitability, see *Guidelines for Horsekeeping in Maine* (University of Maine Cooperative Extension bulletin #1011).

Fences

Are fences in good repair?

How many horse escapes have occurred in the past month?

What are the fences made of? Possibilities include board (wooden or composite), woven wire, or high tensile (smooth) wire; or there might be an electric fence (smooth wire, poly wire, or poly web).

Does the facility use barbed wire fencing? This is NOT a recommended fence material for horses.

Does the facility use temporary plastic twine fencing? If so, is it used as dividers for the pasture or as the perimeter fence?

Size of enclosures

How large are the paddocks?

How large are the pastures?

Feed

Find out what the stable feeds the horses, how often they feed, and how they determine rations and costs. For more information on horse feeding practices, especially in relation to pasture conditions, see *Pasture and Hay for Horses* (University of Maine Cooperative Extension bulletin #1006).

Feed type

Is the feed hay only? What type of hay?

Is it hay and grain?

Do horses have access to salt?

Feeding policies

Is feed included in the fee for boarding?

How much feed is allotted to each horse?

How many times a day does the stable feed?

If the horse requires more than the stable's "normal ration" of feed, is there an extra charge?

Water System

Find out how the facility provides water for the horses, both in the stalls and out in the pastures.

In stalls

Does the stable use automatic waterers in the stalls?

Do they use buckets? How often are they filled?

In pastures

Does the stable have automatic waterers in the pastures?

Do they use buckets or a water trough? How often are they filled?

Does the facility use a spring or pond for water? Horses should not get their water from a spring or pond unless there is a special area that has been developed by the Natural Resource Conservation Service so the animals don't pollute the water.

However, even if the water itself is protected, horses with access to open water sources could become infected by the larval stages of a water-borne fluke that acts as a carrier for Potomac horse fever.

Winter water

Does the stable provide access to warm drinking water in the winter to reduce the incidence of impaction colic?

Health care

You will want to know how the stable arranges for routine and emergency health care, and how they keep the stable free from disease.

Disease prevention

Does the facility quarantine new arrivals?

Do they require vaccinations or tests before a new horse can be brought into the facility, and if so, for which diseases?

Does the facility check to see if customers have updated their horses' vaccinations with booster shots?

Diseases a facility may require tests/vaccinations for:

Equine infectious anemia*

Tetanus

Rabies

Equine influenza

Equine herpes virus**

Strangles

Potomac horse fever

Encephalitis—eastern, western, and/or Venezuelan

West Nile virus

***This disease is diagnosed with the Coggins test.**

****The “rhino” shot offers some protection from this virus.**

Deworming

Who does the deworming?

What products does the facility provide?

How often does the facility deworm?

Routine and emergency veterinary care

Is there an item in the lease about how the facility will handle emergency care?

Can the customer choose the veterinarian?

Will the stable manager make arrangements for routine checkups and shot clinics?

Farrier service

Does the stable use one farrier exclusively?

Who makes arrangements for the farrier?

Will the stable attend to the customer’s horse when the farrier comes?

Security and insurance

Find out the stable’s policies on keeping your horses and other property safe, and what provisions they make in case something should go wrong.

Security

Who checks on the horses? Is it the facility owner, the manager, or an employee?

How often do they check on the horses? Are the horses checked once a day, twice, or more?

Is there a secure area for tack storage?

Is there a video monitoring system?

Are there streetlights around the barns?

Are there specified opening and closing times for the facility that customers need to follow?

Does the facility have a fire-detection system or sprinklers?

Insurance

What kind of insurance do customers have to carry? The stable might require customers to have one or a combination of the following: accident, liability, loss of use, and/or mortality insurance.

Does the stable carry any insurance on customers’ horses?

What kind(s) of insurance does the stable have on its facilities?

Other amenities

There are many other services that a stable might provide.

Riding trails

Are the trails on public or private land?

Arena

Is the arena outdoors or indoors? If it is outdoors, is it open or covered?

Are there jumps?

What type of footing is there in the arena? Possibilities might include sand, clay, sawdust, or rubber chips.

Hot walker

Does the facility have a hot walker?

Wash rack

Is the wash rack outdoors or indoors?

Training

Does the facility provide any training for horses?

Do they offer lessons for riders?

Winter care

Does the facility provide winter blanketing?

Horse-related events

Does the facility offer any events?

Do they provide trailering to an event? Is there a trailering fee?

For more information

Swinker, Ann, Patricia M. Comerford, Marjorie R. Margentino, Nancy M. Kadwill, Lynn F. Kime, and Jayson K. Harper. "Boarding Horses." Agriculture Alternatives. College Park, PA: Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences, 2004. <http://agalternatives.aers.psu.edu/Publications/horses.pdf> (accessed June 21, 2007).

This article can be found at: <http://umaine.edu/publications/1012e/>

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8. Join Piedmont Horseman's Association

Are you looking for a local open horse show association that is friendly and offers a variety of classes for all ages? Look no further...Piedmont Horseman's Association has been around for 43 years and still going strong! Whether you show halter, showmanship, English, Western Pleasure or Working Western; PHA has classes for you! Piedmont Horseman's Association helps create a wholesome, family atmosphere in the great sport of Horse Showing; and for each member to exhibit his or her horse or pony in a sportsmanlike manner. There are many benefits of being a member of PHA; reduced entry fee at sanctioned shows, accumulate points for year-end awards, and much more!

We hope you will become part of the PHA family!!

You can find all the details such as membership forms on the web site: <http://www.phasince1971.com/index.htm>

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9. Youth Interested in poultry - Rockingham County 4-H Poultry Club

Are you a youth who is interested in poultry or learning more about them? Well Rockingham County 4-H has the club for you! Rockin' Roost 4-H Poultry Club is a new club that is very active and meets monthly at Pennwood Farm in Reidsville. You do not have to have your own chickens to participate. You will get to learn about chickens with hands on activities, learn where your food comes from and compete in fairs with chickens. Participate in community service efforts, learn about your community and represent the club at different events. This is a very ACTIVE club that wants you to join in on the fun!! You can contact the 4-H office for more info at 342-8230 or contact the 4-H club leader, Anna Micciulla at 280-3529.

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10. Recordkeeping for Horse Breeding Activities

<http://www.extension.org/pages/29351/recordkeeping-for-horse-breeding-activities#.VJNCu9LF991>

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11. Do-over Dressage and Combined Test

Save the date February 14 &15, 2015

Do-over Dressage and Combined Test

Ride your test, talk to the judge, ride it again, keep your highest score.

Please email for more information: cthacker@girlscoutsp2p.org

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12. HAY DIRECTORY

Please Note; Hay Supplies are **LOW**, some of you I know really need hay. If you have hay to sell, please let me know. Please make sure that you do a hay inventory NOW to make sure you will have enough for the winter!

A Hay Directory is maintained by the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service for the Rockingham County and Guilford County area. This directory is intended as a service to both hay **producers and buyers in the area. If you are in need of hay or would like to be added (or removed) from this list please call me at 1-800-666-3625 or 342-8235 and let me know your name, address & phone #, type of hay, number of bales, (square or round bales) and weight per bale.**

MANAGE YOUR PASTURES!

If you have hay to sell, please let me know & I will put you on the list!

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13. Swap Shop

- Fiore Farms - Lesson Gift Certificate Stocking Stuffers available
Open for Farm Toures Wednesdays-Mondays
Horse Training available
- **For Sale – Winter Company Up-Right Piano - \$475 OBO 336-623-1783– Excellent Condition!**
- **For Sale – Petite size Fur Coat (Cape) \$100 OBO 336-623-1783– Excellent Condition!**
- **For Sale – New (off Brand) Life Proof Case for a Galaxy S3 – (Still in wrapping) - \$8 If interested call 336-623-1783**

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14. Take A Load Off

I need your clean Jokes, so please send em to me! -

Farm kid joins the Marines...
& writes a letter home.

Dear Ma and Pa,

I am well. Hope y'all are. Tell Brother Walt and Brother Elmer the Marine Corps beats workin for old man Minch by a mile. Tell them to join up quick fore all of the places are filled.

I was restless at first cause you get to stay in bed till nearly 6 a.m. But I am gettin so I like to sleep late. Tell Walt and Elmer all you do fore breakfast is smooth your cot, and shine some thangs. No hogs to slop, feed to pitch, mash to mix, wood to split, fire to lay. Practically nothin.

Men gots to shave but it's not so bad, there's warm water.

Breakfast is strong on trimmins like fruit juice, cereal, eggs, bacon, etc., but kind of weak on chops, taters, ham, steak, fried eggplant, pie and other regular food, but tell Walt and Elmer you can always sit by them two citi boys that live on coffee. Their food, plus yours, holds you til noon when you get fed again. It's no wonder these citi boys can't walk much.

We go on 'route marches,' which the platoon sergeant says are long walks to harden us. If he thinks so, it's not my place to tell him different. A 'route march' is about as far as to our mailbox at home. Then the citi guys get sore feet and we all ride back in trucks.

The sergeant is like a school teacher. He nags a lot. The Captain is like the school board. Majors and Colonels just ride around and frown. They don't bother you none.

This next will kill Walt and Elmer with laughin. I keep gettin medals for shootin. I don't know why. The bulls-eye is near as big as a chipmunk head and don't move none, and it ain't shootin at you like the Higgett boys at home. All you got to do is lie there all comfy and hit it. You don't even load your own bullits. They come in box's.

Then we have what they call hand-to-hand combat trainin. You get to wrestle with them citi boys. I have to be real careful though, they break REAL EASY. It ain't like fightin with that ole bull at home. I'm bout the best they got in this cept for that Tug

Jordan from over in Silver Lake . I only beat him once. He joined up the same time as me, but I'm only 5'6' and 130 pounds and he's 6'8' and near 300 pounds dry.

Be sure to tell Walt and Elmer to hurry and join before other fellers get onto this setup and come stamped in.

Your lovin daughter,
Alice

I still need more help with the jokes!

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I always want to know what you think of the Weekly Pile, good or bad,
Especially if it has had ANY IMPACT on you. Let me hear from you!

I NEED YOUR IDEAS FOR ARTICLES

In FUTURE Newsletters!

I WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!!!!

Please remember our Troops who are serving our Country (and there families) those who have come home with wounds and the families that paid the ultimate sacrifice.

HAVE A GREAT SAFE

WEEKEND A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS



Thanks

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