

# FALL 2020



## PROFILE

The Bleu Barn is located in Maryville, Missouri and is owned by C.J. Holthaus. Holthaus raises American Quarter Horses & Appaloosas and grew up on a small cow-calf operation in Northwest Missouri riding race bred stock. The Bleu Barn is a private 8 stall facility with indoor which acts as the off-campus home base for Northwest Missouri State University's Horsemen's Association.

Holthaus judged extensively as a 4H equestrian during her youth representing the state of Missouri at Buckskin Worlds, American Quarter Horse Youth Association (AQHYA) Worlds, and Eastern Nationals where her team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> – the highest ranked judging team up until that time to have ever come from the state of Missouri.

Holthaus is a full time instructor of Language, Literature, & Writing with Northwest Missouri State University who merely moonlights with horses. Prior to taking up her current position at Northwest she taught 9-12 at South Nodaway in Barnard, Missouri and at Albany R-III. She is a career certified 7-12 ELA teacher and also holds a K-12 cross categorical special education certificate as well as licensure in speech, theatre, and debate.

Holthaus enjoys spending time with her family, reading, and riding; she enjoys talking pedigrees. She's also an amateur permaculturalist.

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## WORK TO RIDE OPPORTUNITIES

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

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#### **\$15/task**

You can earn \$15 off your ride by helping out around the barn. This takes the \$60 lesson and after Cj donates ½ price fees to the club and you have \$30 to pay, you can ride with your 1 task and \$15 cash. Every lesson with Cj she keeps \$10 to pay for horse care and donates \$5 back to the club as one of your fundraisers.

#### **Flexible Sign Up**

You can work once, you can work once a week, etc. Just make sure you follow through when you claim a spot and if something comes up, trade someone so the horses don't get left high and dry. We use a three strikes rule – things come up, sometimes we forget, but if I have to call and remind you that third time its next calendar year before you can sign up again.

### WHAT HELP IS NEEDED?

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#### **A.M. & P.M. Stall Cleaners**

C.J. needs to be there for you to check in – when you complete is up to you. This task is per completion – it should take you 60-80 minutes to pick out the 8 indoor stalls, sacrifice lot, and sweep the alleyway. This needs to be done at 6:15 a.m. and again at 7:15 p.m. each day. If it takes you longer, that's ok it's just not extra pay.

#### **Lopers & Lungers**

C.J. must be present in the barn for this task. Lunger will lunge 6 horses for 15 minutes each. Any level of rider - must be able to safely put on wraps and handle all horses in the barn & wear helmet full time. Loper will Jog/Lope 3 horses that need the work each for 20 minutes on the timer. Intermediate and up riders with good confidence and control; all horses will be broke and C.J. will have ridden them but fresh horses sometimes need a stickier seat. May include 30 day horses trying to transition in to advanced rider lessons and horses needing conditioning from other levels of the program. Must wear helmet at all times.

#### **Capital Improvements Project**

September 12: Sacrifice Lot 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. @ \$10/hour. Come 1 or all. On the hour only.

October 3: Centaur Fencing & Painting Project 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. @ \$10/hour. Come 1 or all. On the hour only.

### HOW DO I SIGN UP?

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#### **Let's talk about it!**

There will be a calendar first come first served. We cannot pay cash difference if you get ahead but are glad to put it toward extra lessons!