

Public Benefit for the Graves Family

Hosted by the NWA Riding Club and Willow Springs Arena

Presented by Aaron 'Mule' Thornbrugh

A benefit will be held for the Tom and Vickie Graves family at the Willow Springs Arena in Prairie Grove. Tom and Vickie started and headed the Hiwasse Riding Club for 3 years and later the NWA Riding Club. The Graves continue to be the back bone of the club. They have been generous with their time and given much of them selves to the benefit of the club, asking nothing in return other than to see the kids smiling and having fun with their horses. Vickie was recently diagnosed with a brain tumor which is likely cancerous. Not long after the diagnosis, the family home caught fire and was a total loss. In view of this family's outstanding contributions to the community, the NWA Riding Club will host the following event in their honor. This event is open to the public. Please come and show your support for this dear family who have given so much to the NWA equestrian community over the years.

Date: January 31, 2009

Where: Willow Springs Arena

5053 Walker Road, Prairie Grove, Arkansas 72753

(Larry and BeAnn Walker's place)

Tickets: \$5.00 at the door, children 8 and under free

Contact: Terrie Gayer terrie@amrogers.net or Laurie Harris raindorphorses@pgtc.com

Program: Effective Horsemanship by [Mule Thornbrugh](#)

10am Solving Trailer Loading Issues (demonstration with volunteer)

11am Special Problem (demonstration with 1 or 2 volunteers as time permits)

11:45 – 12:30 Q&A - Lunch, pie auction and prize drawing

12:30 Stockmanship as a Beneficial Tool for Horsemen

(3 volunteers on horseback will sort and load a calf into a trailer using low stress methods)



\$1.00 donations will be accepted and entered into a **prize drawing** for a Gun Cabinet and Exercise bike (more prizes coming in)

Pie Auction - Ladies bring your pies and see whose pie brings the most!

Concession stand will be open and run by the **NWA Riding Club**. All proceeds from this event benefit the Graves family.

Donations of clothing, blankets, linens, household items, food, etc. will be accepted at the event. Please bag such donations neatly. For a list of sizes please go to www.aponi.us/graves (not yet online, will be by 1-23-09)

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE GRAVES FAMILY