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- **Healthy Economy;** encourage economic development that creates family wage jobs, cut management waste in all depts, eliminate regulation and red tape stifling economic growth and job creation.
- **Healthy Forests;** To create forest restoration jobs that reduce the threat of catastrophic wildfire by thinning forest and removing debris
- **Healthy Community;** by finding solutions to permanently fund Josephine County law enforcement without raising taxes and address the crime, drug, and homeless problems with opportunities from a growing local job market.



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Saturday, May 7th
10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Jubilee Park

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Selma resident Bill Wagner questions the commissioner candidates about land rights Friday, April 21 at the Josephine County Building in Cave Junction.

The Farrier's Corner:

by Ray and Michelle Smith

What do you do with a loose shoe?

There you are, two hours into a mountain trail ride, and a shoe starts clanking. From where you and your horse sit, there is not a farrier in sight. What do you do? Do you know how to remove a shoe by yourself in an emergency? If you don't, you need to learn.

If the shoe catches on something, it could easily tear off, taking chunks of hoof wall with it. If it is a clipped shoe, it may twist sideways embedding the clip in the sole of the foot. To deal with this situation, you only need a few tools and a little basic knowledge.

Obviously, the best tools for doing farrier work are farrier's tools. If you can, you should carry the following with you: a clinch cutter, a driving hammer and a pair of pull-offs. Pull-offs are similar in appearance to nippers, but have blunt jaws. A "spare tire" boot and a rasp may also be included in the package. The rasp doesn't have to be top of the line, just functional.

If you do not have access to or can't afford farrier's tools, here is your next best option: a pair of pliers or vice grips, a hammer and a rasp. Finally, pack a heavy duty roll of duct tape.

Grasp the affected foot and hold it like a farrier, between your knees for a front or on your thigh for a hind. Like a farrier, you will need both hands to work your tools. Being a responsible horse owner, you have worked with your horse's feet and the animal will be cooperative and compliant.

Cutting or filing off the clinches makes shoe removal easier and reduces chances of hoof damage during pulling. Place your clinch cutter below the clinches on the hoof wall. Carefully tap on the cutter with your hammer to drive the cutter up under the clinch. Some clinches may already be pulled up; this should loosen and pry up the rest. If you don't have a clinch cutter, use the rasp to file the clinches off. Some suggest substituting a stout flathead screwdriver for a clinch cutter. Due to the likelihood of a puncture wound to the horse and/or you, we do not recommend this method.

Next, place your pull-offs, pliers or vice grips between the shoe and hoof at the heel on the loose side. Clamp on and pull the shoe away from you with a steady downward motion. Angle your pull-off tools inward toward the toe while pulling. Prying outward increases the chance of hoof damage. Don't jerk the shoe violently or twist the fetlock. If you are strong enough to pry one-handed, secure the hoof with your other hand. Gradually work around the shoe, first prying one side then the other until the shoe comes off.

Some shoes will come off easily; others

will require more elbow grease. You may find that a few nails are still tight. In these areas, repeatedly pry the shoe up and gently tap it back down. Eventually you should see the nail head start to protrude. As soon as you can grasp the nail head with pliers or pull-offs, gently pull it out. Steady firm force should pull them. Never jerk or rip violently at nails.

If you couldn't loosen the clinches, you can still pull the shoe. It will take a little extra strength and leverage. A few bits of hoof may be lost, but this is preferable to the shoe being torn off on rocks or embedded in the sole.

Once the shoe is off, you may notice small nail shaft fragments or clinches remaining in the hoof. Don't panic, this happens. They are not going to work up in the foot or lame the horse. They are still in the same place that your farrier drove them. If you can pull them with pliers, do so. If you can't, rasp them off or bend the lifted clinches flush with the hoof wall. Protruding nails, especially on the inner side of the hoof wall, can cut the opposite leg if contacted.

No matter how badly the shoe is twisted, do not throw it away. Your farrier can straighten and reset it – assuming there is sufficient hoof for nailing.

If your horse cannot walk out comfortably barefoot, you will need the spare tire boot. There are several brands of boots for light riding and/or protective use. They don't have to be the most expensive, they just have to fit. If you don't have a boot, break out the duct tape! Wrap the hoof in several layers, avoiding the hair. You won't win the Tevis endurance race on duct tape, but it will get you to the trailer.

Having read this, you may be asking, "Well, how loose does that shoe have to be before I go through this pull-off deal?" That's a judgment call. If the shoe is literally rattling around, twisted or severely sprung (bent) at the heel – it probably needs to come off. If it is only slightly loose and not sprung or twisted, you may be able to make it home with a snug duct tape wrap.

It is said that luck favors the prepared. You may never have to deal with a loose shoe on your own. However, if you do, both you and your horse will fare better if you have the tools and knowledge to handle the situation.

Mother's Day Champagne Brunch

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