



Ray Ainsworth of Mississippi works with Tru on the second day of a three-day horse clinic Tuesday in rural Pardeeville. **NOAH VERNAU, DAILY REGISTER PHOTOS**

GOOD HORSE SENSE

Mississippi man shares language of horses

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PARDEEVILLE — People know Ray Ainsworth as “the man horses talk to.”

Don’t call him a “horse whisperer,” or anything that suggests horses understand English.

Don’t call him a “trainer,” either, as the Flora, Mississippi, native visiting Pardeeville through today believes anyone can train a student to sit in a desk. Teachers educate students so they thrive outside a classroom.

For Ainsworth, horses have their own language, and it’s up to you to learn it.

“There’s as many words in the horse’s language as there are in the English language, and you don’t have to know them all,” said Ainsworth, who has led a horse clinic on Claudia Sampson’s farm since Monday.



Ray Ainsworth of Mississippi has been working with Tru at a clinic in rural Pardeeville this week to improve the horse’s behavior..

“If you learn one word a week, 52 by the end of the year, you can carry on a pretty good conversation.”

Sampson and Shirley Hoel of Central Wisconsin Save the Animals Group, an equine rescue and rehabilitation service, arranged for Ainsworth to bring his clinic to rural Pardeeville, where he has helped owners deal with a number of issues.

Each horse has its own, unique personality, Ainsworth said, and the solution begins and ends in

speaking their language.

Ainsworth so far this week has worked with horses that kick, bite, are “too spoiled” or won’t stand for farriers. The three-day clinic — No-Nonsense Horsemanship — mostly benefits rescue horses that CWSTAG will later adopt out, but Ainsworth works with anybody who needs help.

“This is everything from won’t stand to spooky to just a bad attitude and will try to kill you,” Ainsworth explained

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For more information about Ray Ainsworth, visit rayainsworth.com.

of his week’s subjects, one of which stood up and tried to paw at him Monday.

“He’s calm now,” Ainsworth said of the horse Tuesday. “In that situation, I had to get her respect before her trust.”

The little details

A “conversation” with a horse is about body language, said Ainsworth, who started riding horses when he was 6 years old and has hosted clinics across the U.S. for about 30 years.

The first thing he teaches an owner is to stiffen his or her body — that gets the horse’s attention. If you want horses to go to their left, look in their left eye.

The same principle applies on the saddle, Ainsworth said, where, simply put, the key is to stiffen your body and look where you want your horse to go.

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Opiates hit people from walks of life

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People of every social and economic class can feel the grip of addiction. While progress is being made, there is no obvious detection of what may fall into its depths.

Law enforcement and health leaders from Juneau, Sauk and Columbia counties expressed a number of substance issues hurting communities. Alcohol continues to be a persistent problem in crime and people’s health. Marijuana has grown as it’s become more popular nationally and the stigma around it has changed with its legalization in four states and the District of Columbia for recreational use and states allow medical marijuana. Methamphetamine



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