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UPDATE ON BARN FIRE AT THREE CHIMNEYS FARM

As was reported last night, a broodmare barn at Robert N. Clay's Three Chimneys Farm was struck by lightning and caught fire the night of Sunday, July 24. There were no fatalities, horse or human.

Two horses were in the barn when the fire started. Night Watchman Billy Kutchman and Assistant Broodmare Manager Jennifer DeLaittre ventured into the burning barn and rescued the two horses. Both horses and humans made it out of the barn safely.

One mare was taken to a veterinary clinic as a precaution to be checked out and is doing well and eating well this morning. The other mare is resting comfortably at Three Chimneys.

“Thank you to Jennifer de Laittre and Billy Kutchman for their life-risking, heroic effort in saving the two mares in the Spinster Barn and to several other grooms who rounded up the horses in a nearby pasture to keep them out of harm's way,” said Three Chimneys President Case Clay. “We were so, so lucky no lives were lost, horse or human. I can't stop thinking about Billy and Jennifer. They are heroes in my book.”

The fire at the broodmare division was at the Spinster Barn.