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Thomas Clapper, the-review.com  
Rick Foster cleans the sole and frog of a horse hoof prior to trimming.

## Local farrier has serviced horses in need for 26 years

By THOMAS CLAPPER  
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Lifetime Carroll County Farmer Rick Foster has been shoeing and trimming horse hooves as a farrier since 1992.

"I've done this for around 26 years and I still feel like I haven't done a perfect shoe," said Foster. "That is how critical I am of my own work."

Foster attended Wolverine Farrier School in Clare, Michigan for its three month program where he learned the tools of the trade. At the school, Foster explained that he and other students practiced on cadaver horse legs that were donated to the school.

"We weren't just given the tools and set loose, there was extensive book-work involved before we even got to practice for ourselves," said Foster.

Foster visits trade shows whenever he can find time and recently attended the



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