



The Apple Tree

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Run For the Roses

A big thank you to Phil Brinson and staff and MVTH event chairman Jamie Mayfield for the great time riders, guests and families had cheering on our own program horses as they raced for the roses at Buckner Brewery. The pre-derby gala had ladies prancing down the runway in glamorous derby hats, everyone competing for tickets to toss in the buckets for their pony to advance to a big win in the derby. The games were challenging but oh so much fun as the young and young at heart competed on a level playing field to grab the prize for the fleetest horse. This fund raiser was for the ponies that deserve the best care possible. Thanks Jamie and Phil for a very good time.

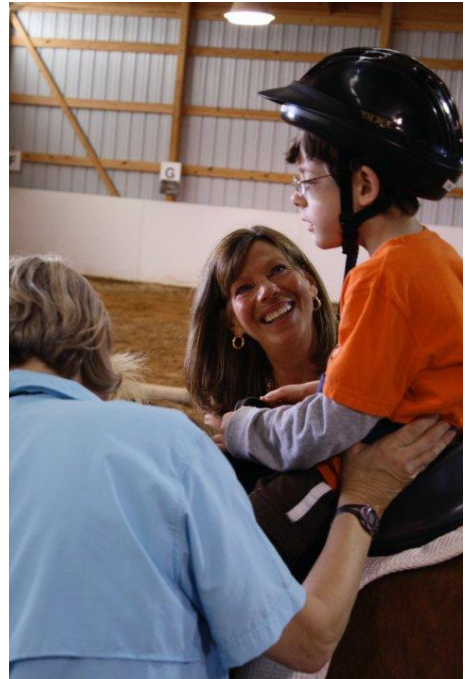


Ride a Painted Pony

Thursday and Saturday riders were treated to art lessons by Miss Grayson and Miss Leah when the horse of the day became the horse of many colors in the land of MVTH. Riders decorated their mounts in various shades of the rainbows with not only paint but shaving cream as well. I have heard some of the volunteers were quite colorful before the lessons were finished. It's always something different at Mississippi Valley.

VIPs at MVRH

That's code for a very important visitor came to volunteer at the barn. JoAnn Emerson dropped in on her way from Perryville to Jackson to say hello and before you could say "Giddy up" she had pulled off her jacket, borrowed Miss Betsy's boots and found a dusty horse to brush. Rep. Emerson loves horses. Her husband was the guy responsible for saving the herd of wild horses at Eminence, Mo. Out of the corner of her eye, Miss JoAnn was watching the lesson and before you know it, she asked if she could side walk and she was having a ball. In fact, her aide had to remind her that she was due in Jackson to speak in 15 minutes. We were so happy Miss JoAnn could forget how busy she was for a couple of hours and get dirty at Mississippi Valley. But I just wonder what the good folks in Jackson thought when she walked in smelling like a horse? You're a good sport, Ms. Emerson.



Spotlight on Horses



Name: Nibbles

Breed: miniature horse (too large) pony (too small)

Color: brown/white paint (the white in the mid section makes her look chubby, but she's just fluffy)

Age: senior

Sex: mare

Specialty: confidence builder, small riders, grooming, ground skills, love.

Spotlight on Riders

Dave, a grownup and one of our newer riders must have had a moment of madness when he decided to take up riding again after so many years. Somehow he convinced his wife to bring him to MVTH where he developed a "relationship" with Cookie a big black quarter horse who is usually seen in the show ring where she can stop traffic and where she can stop on a dime. Once we got Dave in a man-sized Western saddle he and Cookie got this ESP thing going and Dave and Cookie have become a real team. Dave left his wheel chair, has gotten used to the lift and the new saddle and the giant Cookie and is doing serpentines and barrels like a pro. He says he just thinks stop and Cookie stops. Cookie and Dave make volunteering fun. The Cookie and Dave show is on Tuesday nights with Ms. Betsy.

Spotlight on Volunteers

Congratulations to Sydney Stein who graduated second in her class from Jackson High School and is headed to Missouri University in the fall. We will miss you Syd but thank you for all the wonderful help you have given to us over the last years. Good luck to you. (We expect a discount when you become a vet!)



Darla Mangles--another star volunteer and student at Southeast Missouri State University named Agriculture Student of the Year. Who would not expect that? Darla is a third generation Mangles famous for breeding and showing Belgian and Haflinger Horses. We are so happy that you make time for us, Darla. Ace and Lad are two of the famous Darla horses. We love them.

(You may have seen their handsome faces on the Thanksgiving Card. Also they were the winners of the Run for the Roses at Buckner Brewing.)

Cape County Cowboy Church Spring 2010 Horse Challenge

CCCC Horse Challenge was not hampered by rain this year. The two day educational festival was well attended. Crowds were treated to round ring yearling training demonstrations, farrier demonstrations, fantastic food, arts and crafts booths, clothing booths and our favorite designer Judy Watson's booth (Freelance Design USA) who donated a portion of her sales to MVTH. Judy was in Lexington at the Rolex, International show but Colleen Kimmel put together a lovely booth and a nice gift for us. Thanks to Colleen and Judy.

Memorial Day Trail Ride to Benefit Mississippi Valley Therapeutic Horsemanship

The Annual Trail Ride sponsored by the Cape County Cowboy Church followed by the Memorial Day Zion Methodist Annual Church Dinner was a huge success. 57 riders checked in and



left with thunder rumbling in the distance. My compliments to Marilyn Kneir, organizer of the ride from CCCC. She was also in charge of the committee for NORAINONRIDERS. It poured buckets within a 1000 yard radius of riders but only misted them, cooling as they made the ten mile trek. Good job Marilyn! I was told she is so good at prayer direction that she prayed a hole in the rain last year that kept her parking place dry! I suspect she could be hired for special events like weddings and picnics. All joking aside, everyone had so much fun. The proceeds from the ride go to MVTH and we do thank all those who worked to make it happen. To all the folks at Zion Methodist Church in Gordonville,

you were lovely and gracious hosts and good cooks. Darla Mangles and her family, volunteers at MVTH were there working hard all day (having lots of fun too and members of Zion) made us feel welcome. Thank you.

At Mississippi Valley, each and every little nail that holds this program together has value, one with the other, we need each other.

All Aboard



Union Pacific Railroad provided a once in a lifetime treat for friends and family of MVTH riders on a beautiful day in May with a train ride aboard a first class passenger and observation car built in the 1950's. All aboard with host/engineer Mike and friends as we sped along the rails through southeast Missouri for their Safety Day. We felt very special getting to enjoy VIP status on the beautiful Feather River passenger car with two engines, one to go north and one to go south. Thanks Union Pacific.

*For want of a nail the shoe was lost.
For want of a shoe the horse was lost.
For want of a horse the rider was lost.
For want of a rider the battle was lost.
For want of a battle the kingdom was lost.
And all for the want of a horseshoe nail.*

Barn Wish List:
Fly Spray
New Brushes
Hoof Picks
Disinfecting Wipes
Gatorade
Water Bottles

To volunteer at Mississippi Valley Therapeutic Horsemanship please call the barn phone, 573-788-2100

To make a monetary donation please mail to: PO Box 154 Jackson, MO 63755

If you have news for the newsletter, please email to riki@erlbachergear.com

If you would like to have a fund raiser, please call the barn phone and leave a detailed message. 573-788-2100

We welcome visitors to MVTH, especially during lessons. Tours can be arranged by calling the barn number. Our viewing facilities are indoors, heated and air-conditioned. Meeting rooms are available.

This is the first edition of MVTH's electronic newsletter. Please feel free to forward this newsletter to anyone you might feel is interested. If you know someone who would like a hard copy of this newsletter, print it off and mail it to them!! If you receive this newsletter and you do not wish to be on the list, we apologize for any inconvenience it has caused. Please respond to the email and ask that we do not send you future editions.

Thank you for your continued support of the Mississippi Valley Therapeutic Horsemanship!!