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PRESENTS

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Greetings from Giuseppe. Well, we are almost there. Daylight Savings Time starts on the 14th and spring is here on the 20th so it's time to think about riding outdoors (Heehaw! Heehaw! Heehaw!) and pulling manes, cleaning tack, shedding coats, polishing boots, etc. etc. etc. Hooray! (Heehaw! Heehaw! Heehaw!)

Our omnibus is out, as is ESDCTA's. Our first outside show is April 25th, which will be here before we know it. We're planning US Pony Club activities for later in March, so there is a lot happening.

Our adult equestrian of the month is Carolina Nelson. Carolina rode Kye for the Michael Page Clinic and came off. But, she got back on and continued and had a great clinic. Way to go, Carolina!

Our junior equestrian is Jill McNellis. Jill rode Rajah in our schooling show and popped off of Rajah at a fence. He said no and she was leaning forward and kept on going. But, Jill got up, dusted herself off and re-mounted and had a clean round. It's always about the effort and not giving up. Good job, Jill!

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Our best wishes for a very happy birthday go out to Colleen Colletti (7), Cat Futterman (7), Kari O'Brien (7), Ashley Kapuscinski (12), Olivia McHugh (21), Natalie Wyszynski (23), Whitney (25), Rayo (29), Dominique Edgerly (31).

## EARLY SPRING CALENDAR

- 3/13 Oxbow Movie Night
- 3/14 Diane Ward Clinic
- 3/27 JORC Begins
- 3/21 Pony Club Clinic
- 3/28 Pony Club Rating
- 4/4 Michael Page Clinic
- 4/11 "Fix-A-Test" Clinic
- 4/25 Dressage Show, Combined Test & Beginner Horse Show

## CALLING ALL SPONSORS

Please review our many sponsorships and support our 2010 season. The Oxbow Raiders 4-H Club is a non-profit organization so all donations are tax deductible. If you work for a company that has a matching gift program, please keep us in mind. Last year, Ron Carolan and David Futterman took advantage of the programs their companies offered. We really appreciate it!

## JUNIOR OXBOW RIDING CLUB

Our spring session for our Junior Oxbow Riding Club begins on March 27th. If you have a horse crazy kid between the ages of 4 and 7, this program is for them. They come in the morning, learn to groom, tack-up and have a riding lesson. Afterwards, they learn to untack and work on some aspect of horse management. The hours are from 9:30 am to 11:30 am.

### **“Fix – A – Test”**

We will be offering a “Fix-A-Test” on April 11th. It gives the rider a chance to practice a dressage test, receive feedback from the judge and then re-ride the test. Since we have new eventing tests this year, come out and get comfortable with the new patterns. Sign-up sheet is in the upper barn.

### **OXBOW DRESSAGE SHOW & COMBINED TEST**

It’s hard to believe that our first outside show is April 25th. We’ll include dressage classes from Intro. Level on up and our combined tests will include Beginner through Intermediate. We will be also offering the first of our NJHSA/NJPHA Jumper Show series.

Remember that all our dressage shows, combined tests and horse trials count towards the ESDCTA year-end awards so join the ESDCTA so your scores will count! Please get entries in on time. The closing date is April 15th!

### **MICHAEL PAGE CLINIC**

We had some new faces join our jumping group on February 14th. Julie Albertini on Whitney and Carolina Nelson riding Kye joined our regulars: Jenny Dix with Jinxie, Leela Koncelik aboard Misty, Lynne Rockstroh astride Journey and our friends Barbara Nabors piloting Evie and Jessica Petrillo mounted on Sterling.

It’s always fun watching the jumping in the indoor because it’s so “up close and personal”. The riders worked on the basics of “heels down”, “eyes up”, keeping the horse “forward” and “straight”. Michael will be back on Easter, April 4th. Our April date conflicted with another clinic so Michael said he’d work on Easter if there was interest. Barbara commented that since it was in the morning, the riders had time to go to Easter dinner afterwards. So, come out and ride or audit!

### **OXBOW SCHOOLING SHOW**

We had our first schooling show of the 2010 season on February 21st. It was a great way to beat the winter blues. A big thank you to Dave Koncelik & Lynne Rockstroh for judging, and to Dave for creating the jump courses.

We ran two classes of dressage equitation: Introductory (Walk & Trot) and Training Level (Walk, Trot & Canter). The results are:

### **LEADLINE – WALK**

1st Peri Zimbalist & Macaroni  
2nd Victoria McHugh & Nicky  
3rd Melanie Harrigan & Pepper  
4th Elina Hero & Kye

### **LEADLINE – WALK/TROT**

1st Elina Hero & Kye  
2nd Peri Zimbalist & Macaroni  
3rd Melanie Harrigan & Pepper  
4th Victoria McHugh & Nicky

### **LEADLINE – WALK/TROT/XR**

1st Peri Zimbalist & Macaroni  
2nd Elina Hero & Kye  
3rd Victoria McHugh & Nicky  
4th Melanie Harrigan & Pepper

### **INTRODUCTORY DRESSAGE**

1st Mahala Hobbs & Willie  
2nd Kristen Douma & Nicky  
3rd Jill McNellis & Rajah  
4th Lovisa Brinson & Pepper

### **TRAINING DRESSAGE**

1st Mahala Hobbs & Willie  
2nd Sophie King & Luke  
3rd Nicole Carolan & Diablo  
3rd Cat Futterman & Oreo  
4th Katie Cantine & Macaroni  
4th Jenny Dix & Lulu  
5th Lovisa Brinson & Pepper  
5th Darby Callahan & Starbeam  
6th Brianna Branch & Coco  
6th Brianna Zimmerman & Creek

### **CLEAR ROUND JUMPING**

Brianna Branch & Coco (Beginner)  
Lovisa Brinson & Pepper  
Kristen Douma & Nicky  
Mahala Hobbs & Willie  
Doris Snyder & Nicky

## **CLEAR ROUND JUMPING / CONTINUED**

Brianna Branch & Coco (Elementary)

Katie Cantine & Macaroni

Nicole Carolan & Diablo

Kristen Douma & Nicky

Mahala Hobbs & Willie

Sophie King & Luke

Jill McNellis & Rajah

Nicole Carolan & Diablo (Pre-Starter)

Jenny Dix & Jinxie

Cat Futterman & Oreo

Lynne Rockstroh & Journey

Nicole Carolan & Diablo (Starter)

Jenny Dix & Jinxie

Lynne Rockstroh & Journey (Training)

## **EASTER BUNNY NEEDS HELP**

Easter is early this year! Come out and help the Easter bunny hide the eggs. Our 4-H club will be holding their annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 3rd. The more advanced members will go out mounted, so the eggs are hidden in the trees and we also have a group that goes out on foot so those have to be on the ground. So, if you're around on the 3rd see Lynne and help the Easter bunny hide the eggs!

## **OXBOW ANNUAL DINNER**

The weather cooperated by ending the blizzard early on Saturday morning so we could hold our annual dinner the evening of February 27th. We gathered together at the Samaritan Lodge in Hardyston to enjoy great food, wonderful camaraderie and the excitement of our members' successes.

The Oxbow Raiders 4-H Club installed the 2009-10 officers and initiated new members: Sarah Abassy, Noelle DeVries, Lexi Greenbaum, Elina Hero, Kaleigh Howard, Lana Kalapodakis, Caroline Kelly, Sophie King, Victoria McHugh, Kari O'Brien, Anna Santy, Nina Santy, Olivia Wynn and Peri Zimbalist.

President Mahala Hobbs, along with the other officers, gave out the "Giuseppe Awards". It was fun to see what they came up with for all the different members.

Our adults were awarded the "Giuseppe Ribbon" and a pin for their baseball caps for their volunteering efforts for the past year. Agnes Douma, Denise

Koncelik, Alix Peveler and Janis Vascimini won the volunteer raffle (\$50 Oxbow Gift Certificate). Marnie Stetson won the 50/50 (\$120)..

## **THE OXBOW RAIDERS 4-H CLUB AWARDS**

**Teen Leaders:** Leela Koncelik

**Junior Leaders:** Brianna Branch, Katie Cantine, Sophie King, Jill McNellis, Brianna Zimmerman

**Attendance:** Cat Futterman, Leela Koncelik, Jill McNellis, Danielle Mego

**Club Presentations:** Julia Cautela, Colby Cohen, Cat Futterman Cary Holley, Alexis Youells

**Bronze Medal, County Presentation:** Jill McNellis

**Silver Medal, County Presentation:** Katie Cantine, Mahala Hobbs

**Bronze Medal, State Presentations:** Mahala Hobbs

**Bronze Medal, Best Project Book:** Katie Cantine, Cat Futterman

**Bronze Medal, Best Story:** Katie Cantine, Cat Futterman, Nicole Vascimini, Brianna Zimmerman

**Participation:** Brianna Branch, Julia Cautela, Kristen Douma, Cat Futterman, Mahala Hobbs, Jill McNellis, Danielle Mego, Brianna Zimmerman

**Fund Raising:** Kristen Douma

**Citizenship:** Leela Koncelik, Nicole Vascimini

**Leadership:** Mahala Hobbs (Silver)

**Prep Members:** Melanie Harrigan, Sophie Le Roy, Alexis Youells

**Prep Member Graduating:** Danielle Mego

**1st Year Pin:** Julia Cautela, Leela Koncelik, Brianna Zimmerman

**2nd Year Pin:** Kristen Douma, Cat Futterman, Jill McNellis, Nicole Vascimini

**3rd Year Pin:** Brianna Branch, Katie Cantine

**6th Year Pin:** Jessica Kapuscinski

**7th Year Pin:** Mahala Hobbs

**Beginner Horsemanship Badge:** Sarah Abassy, Noelle DeVries, Lexi Greenbaum, Elina Hero, Kaleigh Howard, Lana Kalapodakis, Caroline Kelly, Sophie King, Victoria McHugh, Kari O'Brien, Anna Santy, Nina Santy, Olivia Wynn, Peri Zimbalist

**Intermediate Horsemanship Badge:** Cat Futterman, Sophie King, Nicole Vascimini

**Advanced Horsemanship Badge:** Mahala Hobbs

**Top Ten:**

- 1st – Mahala Hobbs (505)
- 2nd – Cat Futterman (400)
- 3rd – Jill McNellis (375)
- 4th – Brianna Branch (372)
- 5th – Kristen Douma (370)
- 6th – Danielle Mego (355)
- 7th – Leela Koncelik (353)
- 8th – Brianna Zimmerman (350)
- 9th – Nicole Vascimini (325)
- 10th – Julia Cautela (295)

**Project Achievement:** Cat Futterman, Jill McNellis

**4-H'er of the Year:** Mahala Hobbs

**THE OXBOW RIDING CLUB AWARDS**

**Attendance:** Cat Futterman

**Top Ten in Stable Management:**

- 1st Cat Futterman (4.91)
- 2nd Julia Cautela (4.88)
- 3rd Nicole Vascimini (4.87)
- 4th Katie Cantine (4.82)
- 4th Danielle Mego (4.82)
- 5th Leela Koncelik (4.80)
- 6th Cary Holley (4.65)
- 7th Brianna Branch (4.57)
- 8th Colby Cohen (4.56)
- 8th Brianna Zimmerman (4.56)
- 9th Melanie Harrigan (4.46)
- 10th Sophie LeRoy (4.40)

**Top Ten in Horse Care:**

- 1st Leela Koncelik (5.0)
- 2nd Katie Cantine (4.91)
- 2nd Cat Futterman (4.91)
- 3rd Nicole Vascimini (4.88)
- 4th Melanie Harrigan (4.87)
- 5th Brianna Branch (4.86)
- 6th Sophie Le Roy (4.83)
- 7th Danielle Mego (4.81) x
- 8th Cary Holley (4.76)
- 9th Julia Cautela (4.69)
- 10th Brianna Zimmerman (4.67)

**Top Ten in Tack Care:**

- 1st Leela Koncelik (5.00)

- 2nd Cat Futterman (4.89)
- 3rd Nicole Vascimini (4.88)
- 4th Danielle Mego (4.87)
- 5th Katie Cantine (4.82)
- 6th Julia Cautela (4.81)
- 7th Sophie Le Roy (4.79)
- 8th Brianna Zimmerman (4.72)
- 9th Brianna Branch (4.67)
- 10th Melanie Harrigan (4.64)

**Most Effort:** Leela Koncelik, Danielle Mego, Nicole Vascimini

**Most Improvement:** Katie Cantine, Cat Futterman, Nicole Vascimini

**Progress in Stable Management:** Brianna Branch (2), Katie Cantine (2), Julia Cautela (1), Colby Cohen (1), Cat Futterman (1), Melanie Harrigan (1), Mahala Hobbs (4), Leela Koncelik (1), Sophie LeRoy (1), Danielle Mego (1), Nicole Vascimini (1), Brianna Zimmerman (1)

**Progress in Horse Care:** Brianna Branch (2), Katie Cantine (1), Julia Cautela (1), Cat Futterman (1), Melanie Harrigan (1), Mahala Hobbs (4), Leela Koncelik (1), Sophie Le Roy (1), Danielle Mego (2), Nicole Vascimini (1), Brianna Zimmerman (1)

**Progress in Horsemanship:** Katie Cantine (3), Julia Cautela (1), Kristen Douma (1), Cat Futterman (2), Mahala Hobbs (5), Jill McNellis (1), Brianna Zimmerman (1)

**New Member:** Sophie King

**Team Work:** Nicole Vascimini, Brianna Zimmerman

**Sportsmanship:** Cat Futterman

**Stable Management:** Brianna Branch (Bronze), Cat Futterman (Bronze), Mahala Hobbs (Gold), Nicole Vascimini (Bronze)

**Leadership:** Brianna Branch, Katie Cantine

**D-1 Level:** Julia Cautela, Colby Cohen, Caroline Kelly, Sophie King

**D-2 Level:** Katie Cantine, Kristen Douma, Catherine Futterman, Leela Koncelik, Danielle Mego, Jill McNellis, Nicole Vascimini

**C-1 Level:** Mahala Hobbs

### **Top Ten:**

- 1st Cat Futterman (570)
- 2nd Leela Koncelik (810)
- 3rd Danielle Mego (645)
- 4th Katie Cantine (575)
- 5th Jill McNellis (565)
- 6th Nicole Vascimini (525)
- 7th Kristen Douma (520)
- 8th Brianna Zimmerman (500)
- 9th Sophie Le Roy (460)
- 10th Mahala Hobbs (455)

### **Volunteers:**

Kevin Arthur, Kathy Barrand, Mallory Boswell, Johanna Brinson, John Buck, Darby Callahan, Shelli Cantine, Kira Carolan, Madalina Costras, Jenny Dix, Agnes Douma, Melissa Engel, Diane Engler, Jo-Ann Florida, Toni Irwin, Ashley Kapuscinski, Denise Koncelik, Ann Kearney, Rosemarie Marcus, Lara Mazzari, Debra McNellis, PJ Mego, Lisa Merrill, Shaye Moon, Barbara Nabors, Carolina Nelson, Keith Nelson, Nancy Nelson, Alix Peveler, Ciro Rockstroh, John Salerno, Doris Snyder, Kimberly Speaker, Mike Steinberg,

### **Presentation/Showmanship:**

- Champion: Cat Futterman (93.8)
- Reserve: Katie Cantine (91.3)
- 3rd – Nicole Vascimini (90.5)
- 4th – Nicole Carolan (90.2)
- 5th – Brianna Zimmerman (89.7)
- 6th – Sophie King (85.0)
- 6th – Leela Koncelik (85.0)
- 7th – Danielle Mego (84.0)

65% Ribbons (Dressage): Kevin Arthur (66.5%), Kathy Barrand & Rayo (68%), Nicole Carolan & Nicky (69%), Jenny Dix & Henrietta (72%), Jenny Dix & Jinxie (68%), Alix Peveler & Misty (66%), Marnie Stetson & Star (73%)

### **Introductory Dressage:**

- Champion: Nicole Carolan & Nicky (65.5)
- Reserve: Marnie Stetson & Star (65.0)
- 3rd – Nicole Carolan & Diablo (63.8)
- 4th – Kevin Arthur & Jenna (62.3)
- 5th – Lisa Merrill & Bello (59.8)
- 6th – Carolina Nelson & Kye (54.0)

### **Training Dressage (Starter, T-1 & T-2):**

- Champion: Kathy Barrand & Rayo (62.9)
- Reserve: Jenny Dix & Jinxie (62.6)
- 3rd – Barbara Nabors & Evie (56.7)
- 4th – Mallory Boswell & Rayo (55.6)
- 5th – Lynne Rockstroh & Kody (53.9)

### **Training Dressage (T-3 & T-4):**

- Champion: Alix Peveler & Misty (62.0)
- Reserve: Barbara Nabors & Evie (57.96)
- 3rd – Alix Peveler & Indy (57.0)

### **Dressage Medals**

- Gold – Nicole Carolan & Nicky (65.5)
- Silver – Marnie Stetson & Star (65.0)
- Bronze – Kathy Barrand & Rayo (62.9)

35% Ribbons (Eventing): Jenny Dix & Henrietta (33.0), Cat Futterman & Oreo (31.0), Carolina Nelson & Kye (34.0), Marnie Stetson & Star (31.0), Nicole Vascimini & Macaroni (33.0)

### **Beginner/Elementary Eventing:**

- Champion: Jenny Dix & Henrietta (36.8)
- Reserve: Carolina Nelson & Kye (38.0)
- 3rd – Danielle Mego & Oreo (39.3)
- 4th – Shaye Moon & Whitney (41.5)

### **Pre-Starter/Starter Eventing:**

- Champion: Cat Futterman & Oreo (36.2)
- Reserve: Jenny Dix & Jinxie (39.2)
- 3rd – Katie Cantine & Molly (42.7)
- 4th – Nicole Carolan & Nicky (46.5)
- 5th – Leela Koncelik & Luke (48.7)
- 6th – Alix Peveler & Indy (79.0)
- 7th – Nicole Carolan & Diablo (83.6)

### **Volunteer of the Year:** Darby Callahan

### **Adult Equestrian of the Year:** Mallory Boswell

### **Junior Equestrian of the Year:** Nicole Carolan

## **TOP TEN: 4-H STORIES**

Giuseppe, here. We have some terrific 4-H stories and wanted to share them with everyone. We're starting off with the stories that made "Best Story". Here's Cat Futterman's story about Chester.

I have been riding Chester for a long time now and looking back, I realize how much he has helped me, not just in riding but in other things, too.

I remember, in the beginning, I would fall off at least twice every time I rode him. He would do the same thing, take off, then turn and duck his shoulder. Sometimes, I would ask him to trot and off he went. Other times he would just do it randomly. He never did it when I thought he would, ice falling off the roof, no problem, Wilbur cantering by, whatever. If there's one big thing I remember, it was always dreading getting back on knowing the same thing may very well happen again in two minutes.

I rode him all year and over that period of time he developed a very good halt. Whenever I didn't have a lesson and just rode, that's all I would do, walk and halt. Then, on one of those freezing nights, it dawned on me that: 1) he always acted up in the same spot and 2) if I kept my outside hand higher it was harder for him to act up. So, I circled at C for two months until I got the hang of it.

I become more confident and it was more fun to ride Chester. I still fell but only about once a lesson. Then we started jumping and the same thing happened all over again, but this time it was easier. Chester had given me confidence from the beginning that I could work through it. He slowly got better and I did my first show on him. He almost ran out twice in the dressage test and I fell in the jumping. I didn't care. We did our first show.

Winter came again and I worked on his canter and jumping. Once he wouldn't canter so Tara chased me with a lunge whip and that little pony barely

trotted. He only spooked with me once and that was when Sophia Cantine ran out off the wood, yelling, "Bee!!!" and waving her arms. Even then all he did was jump sideways. I knew then that there were a lot of great things about that little pony.

I fell many times and we had good months and bad months, but we worked through it and my confidence level got higher and higher. But, just when things were going great, off I went.

The show season came and I did another show. The dressage was better, but we trotted up to every jump, trotted after every jump, but walked over every jump.

I fell less and less and I realized that the little Shetland pony had made me believe in myself and taught me probably the most important lesson in the world. He taught me how to face problems and not avoid them. I will always remember the little pony that taught me one of the most important things in my life, Chester.

Catherine Futterman

## **OXBOW RAIDERS 4-H CLUB**

This month we continued to work on presentations. Good luck to all our members who are giving county presentations on March 19th. Club presentations will be given throughout April and May.

Everyone had a great time at the dinner. We will be doing our Easter food drive again this year. Please bring food items in on March 27th. Our annual Easter egg hunt will be on April 3rd.

The annual dues are now due. They are \$35.

Cat Futterman  
Reporter