

Giuseppe's Gazette April 2020

Greetings from Giuseppe! We're finally into April, so happy Spring! It'll be nice to have the warmer weather in the midst of this very depressing pandemic. Our staff is taking very good care of us and we equines and canines and felines are unaware that there is anything wrong with the human world.

We haven't closed the barn to our clients and we are practicing safe distancing. Our kids, **Megan Calkin**, **Capri Tanis** and **Kimmie Coscia** have been able to come and help take care of us.

Barbara Nabors is not happy about working from home. She complains the font is too small on her laptop, but she is enjoying coming over and riding during the week. Her babies, Evie and Loki are keeping her going.

Connie Pearson was taking a weekly lesson, but she asked if she couldn't come twice a week. Connie teaches special needs kids and to do that remotely is very challenging. The riding time helps her to de-stress. We know what you mean! We are rarely stressed! (Heehaw! Heehaw! Heehaw!)

The Oxbow Riding Club (aka the Saturday Program) is continuing, albeit with fewer kids. **Charmaine Fazio** called Tara and asked her what she was planning. Tara asked Charmaine what she should do. Charmaine thought it was a good idea to continue since the kids are outside for a lot of the program and they need a break from being inside all week. So, although we had a smaller group, the girls were able to ride and play with the horses and me! (Heehaw! Heehaw! Heehaw!)

We have cancelled our April show and our clinics. **Laura Butti** from Silver Rock Stables, Orangeburg, NY wants Tara to give a clinic on the rider's position and effectiveness of the aids. They have a very similar approach. So, Laura and Tara talked the other day and when this entire pandemic is cleared up Laura has nine riders wanting to come and work on their riding. We will keep you posted.

So stay positive and practice what the health care practitioners are asking us to do and stay healthy for us! When this is all over we are going to need a lot of treats!!! (Heehaw! Heehaw! Heehaw!)

April Birthdays

Happy Birthday Greetings go out to Poco (6), Philippa Bowles (10), Sugar (13), Kathy Barrand (18), Lisa Merrill (22), Lara Bowles (25), Bryanna Dickinson (25), and Crimson (27).

April Anniversaries

Our very best wishes go out to Darby Callahan (1999), Ann Kearney (1999), Jacky Thorward (2011), Kayla Torster (2019), Rachel Zenhausern (1999).

Spring Calendar

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Sponsors

We want to thank **Nancy Just** for being the first to give us a sponsorship for our program book. We appreciate your support and ask all our members to look at the different categories and if you can, please give us an ad or a sponsorship.

Oxbow Show

It was a bit nippy out but we held our "Hairy Horse Dressage Show" on March 1st in the indoor with the horses behaving and the riders riding well. **Pat Piccillo** judged and **Philippa Bowles** scribed.

It was fun to see such good rides. Our riders, *Megan Calkin, Nancy Just, Robin Shore, Valentina Stigler* and *Capri Tanis* all had scores above 60%. The results:

Eventing Tests

1st Megan Calkin & Sugar [BN-A] (68.000)

2nd Nancy Just & Kye [BN-A] (63.600)

3rd Barbara Nabors & Evie [P-A] (56.700)

USDF Intro A

1st Valentina Stigler & Sunny (69.300)

2nd Robin Shore & Freedom (66.50)

USDF Intro B

1st Megan Calkin & Sugar (69.300)

2nd Valentina Stigler & Sunny (69.000)

3rd Robin Shore & Freedom (65.000)

4th Colleen Colletti & London Fog (60.600)

USDF Intro C

1st Sarah Stinneford & London Fog (69.500)

2nd Nancy Just & Kye (67.000)

3rd Heather Bath & Fergie (66.500)

4th Capri Tanis & Luke (61.000)

USEF Training Level

1st Samantha Butti & Shoot Out [T-2] (69.100)

2nd Samantha Butti & Shoot Out [T-1] (65.300)

Fix-A-Test

Robin Shore & Freedom [I-B] (1st test 65.000), 2nd test (65.300).

Even More amazing facts about horses

1. The average horse's heart weighs approximately 9 or 10 pounds.
2. The record for the longest jump over water is held by a horse named Something who jumped 27 feet, 6 and $\frac{3}{4}$ inches on April 25, 1975 in Johannesburg, South Africa. He was ridden by Andre Ferreira.
3. The record for the highest jump made by a horse is held by a horse named Huaso who jumped 8 feet, 1 and $\frac{1}{4}$ inches on February 5, 1949 in Vina del Mar, Chile. He was ridden by Captain Alberto Larraguibel.
4. Scientists believe that the first known ancestor of the horse lived about 50 million years ago. This prehistoric horse is called Eohippus and had four padded toes on the front legs and three padded toes on the back legs.
5. Horses with typical anatomy are "obligate nasal breathers" which means they must breathe through their nostrils and cannot breathe through their mouths.
6. Horses can drink at least 25 gallons of water a day.
7. It takes 9-12 months to re-grow an entire horse hoof.
8. Horses with pink skin can get a sunburn.
9. A zebroid is a cross between a zebra and any other member of the family Equidae (which, besides zebras includes donkeys, ponies and horses). A "zonky" is a cross between a zebra and a pony. A "zorse" is a cross between a zebra and a horse.
10. You can tell if a horse is cold by feeling behind its ears. If that area is cold, so is the horse.
11. Horses have 16 muscles in each ear, allowing them to rotate their ears 180 degrees.
12. If a horse has a red ribbon on its tail, it kicks.
13. Horses are social animals and will get lonely if kept alone, and they will mourn the passing of a companion.

Check your i.q.
(IMAGINATION QUOTIENT)

Interpret the following and exercise your brain.

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ANSWERS

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| 1. Sand Box | 2. Man overboard | 3. I understand | 4. Long Underwear |
| 5. Cross roads | 6. Tricycle | 7. Split Level | 8. Neon light |
| 9. Life after Death | 10. Backward Glance | 11. Paradise | 12. Mind over Matter |
| 13. Circles under the eyes | 14. He's beside himself | 15. Scrambled eggs | 16. DOWNTOWN |
| 17. Side Kick | 18. High Chair | 19. 3 Degrees below zero | 20. Touchdown |
| 21. 6 Feet Underground | 22. Reading between the lines | | |

Oxbow Raiders 4-H Club

We are practicing social distancing so we are not meeting at this time. I encourage everyone to work on their public presentations so that we can present them when we get the go ahead.

Stay healthy!

Kimie Coscia
Reporter

4-H Schedule

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Quotes of the Month

“To overcome fear is the greatest adventure of the mind of man.”

- Ernest Holmes

“Courage is the most important of all the virtues because without courage, you can’t practice any other virtue consistently.”

- Maya Angelou

“Courage is the first of human qualities because it guarantees all others.”

- Winston Churchill

