



From the Barn

4-H Therapeutic Riding Program of Carroll County

Oct 10, 2007

News of Note

Happy Birthday



Happy October birthday to **Matt H, Molly, Bill M, Nicki, Tori, Keely, Parker, Jim, Mary M, Amy & Susan W!**



Great First Month

Despite weather changes from hot (riding with the fans on) to gloomy and wet, the first month of lessons went very, very smoothly! It's always grand to again see familiar faces and to make new friends. Welcome **Hannah** and **Kristen**, first time riders!

Welcome to all our new volunteers and thank you to each of our returning veterans. It is an honor to work with everyone and to see the dedication and caring you bring to the barn each week.

Thank you to everyone for your support and caution as we have all learned the safest and best way into the barn via the new driveway. And a special thank you to everyone who has helped with the horses - scratches, scrapes, heat, and itches have kept it interesting.

A few more **horse leaders are needed** on Monday night for the second hour so if you have (another) hour to spare, please let Peggie or Miss Mary know.

Pictures from lessons are on



Webshots, "Lessons Fall 2007".



International Winners

Congratulations (and welcome home), **Syd** and **Erin**! They have spent the past 2 weeks in China competing at the Special Olympics World Games 2007 with the other 548 members of Team USA. Despite a typhoon and delayed events, Erin and Syd represented the USA, Maryland, and TRP with grand results.

Erin, a Weds. rider, competed in the Equestrian Competition. As one of 8 equestrian athletes on Team USA, she won Bronze in Working Trail, Silver in Relay, and 4th in Equitation.



As one of the 10 USA Cycling competitors, **Syd** (a Mon. rider) won Gold in the 15Km, Silver in the 25Km, Gold in the 40Km.

Pictures from their competition are also on our Webshots site. (Danny is from Harford County and the other rider from Maryland.) Syd and Erin, we can't wait to hear all about your trip and your adventure!!

Halloween - Spooky Season



Always one of our favorite times of the year!!!

All riders and volunteers are encouraged to celebrate with the horses by wearing your costume to lessons the week of Oct. 29. There's a sign up sheet if you'd like to bring a decorated pumpkin, too.



Painting and dressing the horses is always an adventure and takes Nancy and Miss Mary many hours the first night. Touching up and dressing takes a while every night and **extra hands are needed**. Please let the instructors know that you can come early to help.

Best Buddies



Best Buddies is a non profit organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of people with intellectual disabilities by providing opportunities for one-to-one friendships. The Citizens Program is for adults and matches people for friendships based on gender, location, age and interest.

Best Buddies is looking for volunteers and for adults with disabilities who are interested in making new friends. Visit their website:

www.bestbuddiesmaryland.org

One of the Best Buddies programs is **e-Buddies**, an online pen pal program where people with disabilities are matched up to a Buddy from another state to correspond via e-mail. Check this program at

<http://www.ebuddies.org/>

New Resource



The **Get Connected Family Resource Center** is a free service for Carroll County families for learning, navigating, and managing systems of care as they become empowered advocates for their children.

Families whose child (ages 0-25) may have mental health issues, behavioral problems, developmental disabilities can call the Center and our Family Navigators will help you find the resources you need.

Families that have children with multiple disabilities are encouraged to contact our center for help locating appropriate resources. Services are available for families whose disabled child is in transition between child and adult service providers.

The Center is open Monday through Saturday in the Carroll Nonprofit Building in Westminster. 410-871-0008

<http://getconnectedcc.org/>

TRP Basics

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