

The ETP Curry-er

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Equestrian Therapy Program at Fassett Farm

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From the Director

As I sit typing this article for our newsletter, I find it hard to believe we are coming to the end of another summer. It is always remarkable how much we anticipate summer arriving and how quickly it draws to a close. I hope that your summer has been memorable.

We have been very busy, as usual, with many projects. As many of you will notice, we have given the Thompson Arena a facelift. We replaced some of the kickboards and gave them a fresh coat of paint. It really brightened things up! Kudos to *Tim Wolf*, our intern, *Rachael Roberts*, *Nancy and John Kuck*, *Cindy Whited*, *Sarah Potts*, *Felicia Tuman* and *Errin Dohm* for their countless hours of preparing, replacing, cleaning and painting. Your hard work is so greatly appreciated.

For those of you who have not been to the farm lately, we have two new additions to our ETP herd. Our first is Emma who is a Gypsy Vanner. Emma comes to us from Belle Center, Ohio on loan from her family, the Searsons. She has had a career in the show ring, and has had one foal. Our other new face is Hannah. She comes to us all the way from Jacksonville, Florida and is on loan to us as well. Her family, *Peg and Carter Funk*, former residents of Lima, felt that Hannah would be an asset to our Program. She is a Hannoverian Thoroughbred cross and has enjoyed a career as a dressage horse. Welcome, Emma and Hannah!

Our Fun Show, which was held on Saturday, August 13, 2011, was a wonderful day. Our ETP riders, after many weeks of hard work, were able to show their riding skills to friends and family. Fun was definitely had by all: riders, volunteers and yes, even staff members showed up to compete in Dressage classes and Barrel Racing. Tip of the helmet to *Sarah Potts*, *Felicia Tuman*, and *Errin Dohm* for their organization of the show and to committee members for their help. Also, thank you to *Gael Bourquin* who judged the dressage, *Tim Wolff* for being our official timer, *Sue Gilliland* and *Bev Thompson* for scoring, *Janie Wagner* for gate keeping, *Kathy Hatcher* for scribing, *Carol and Kendra Webster* for making our horses sparkle, *Jan Schiffer* and *Danny Godfrey* for being the official photographers, *Stephanie Fess* for announcing and *Shorty* for the use of his electric timer. A big thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who made this day such fun. The food was fantastic and we appreciate everyone taking the time to make such a delicious meal.

We are looking forward to our next major fundraiser, the Ride-A-Thon. This will be held Saturday, October 15, 2011. Please see the enclosed flyer and mark your calendars. The money raised at the Ride-A-Thon keeps our riders riding! It helps to defray costs and keep our riders' fees low. Any and all help would be greatly appreciated.

See you at the farm!

Michele Andrews-Sabol
Executive Director



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From the President's Pen

I hope this issue finds all of you enjoying cooler weather. It's been over 90 degrees for the last 3 weeks! I think fall will soon be in the air.

On Saturday, the 14th of May, we held a Dedication Ceremony for the new building plus Prayer and Blessing of our Horses, Volunteers, Staff, Riders and all those involved in the Equestrian Therapy Program.

I want to give a big *thank you* to *Father David Ross, Felicia Tuman, and Jan Schiffer* for helping me with the Prayers and Blessing. Each did a wonderful job to make our day a memorable one. *Father Ross* ended our Ceremony by singing *Amazing Grace* and many joined in singing along; what a beautiful way to end our day! I asked *Jan Schiffer* to share some thoughts about our special day. She summed it up much better than I could. So thanks, Jan, for your years of service and your willingness to share.

"As I reflect upon the recent dedication of the new building and the blessing of the horses, I am awe-struck, once again, at the diversity of those who attended the event, as well as, the prayers that were offered from various faiths. It comes as no surprise to me that riders, past and present, the Co-Founders, volunteers, Board members, staff members, those who built the building and numerous friends of the program, were there to offer their support, their good wishes, their prayers, as well as to share their hopes and dreams for what this new building might mean to those who come through the door in the coming years. What a lovely expression of community coming together for the single purpose of celebrating a new season in the life of this amazing Program. All who attended shared a mutual smile of contentment. It occurred to me that all in attendance were blessed, not just the horses, as we took time to consider what our great God has provided and what He has planned for the future of the Equestrian Therapy Program at Fassett Farm."

My Thanks go out to all who make this Program so successful! My prayer is that God will bless each one of you in special ways.

Jeannette L. Wood

Ensuring our Future

In the last issue of our newsletter, we talked about continuous giving to the Equestrian Therapy Program through estate planning. One of the most vital sources of income for today's charities are gifts in wills. Donating part or all of your estate to charity will not only benefit the charity, but could reduce the amount of estate taxes your heirs will have to pay. First, you need to make sure you have an attorney who is proficient in estate planning and wills. You need to decide how much money you would like to leave; then you need to decide the type of bequest you would like to make: outright, or specific, residuary or contingency. An outright bequest states a specific dollar amount, or a percentage of your estate to be donated. An outright bequest is generally made when the donation amount is small and you don't want to place specific restrictions on how the charity will use the money. Specific requests indicate the specific purpose you want the money used for. Residuary bequests are donations of the assets that remain a part of your estate after all other terms of your will are satisfied. Contingency bequests name the charity as the beneficiary in the event that your heirs don't survive you. When planning your estate you could also consider leaving a bequest on part or all of your retirement account. Please consider leaving a bequest in your will to The Equestrian Therapy Program and help ensure our continuing success.

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Did You Know?

In 1995, ETP served a total of 95 riders and now we serve over 85 riders per week!

Donations In Honor

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Lee Lare's 90th Birthday

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Bill & Jean Power's 60th Anniversary

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Sue Gilliland, Ann Fassett, Bev Thompson

"Malta"

Ann Fassett, Bev Thompson, Sue Gilliland, Michele Sabol

"Whiz"

Sue Gilliland, Bev Thompson, Michele Sabol

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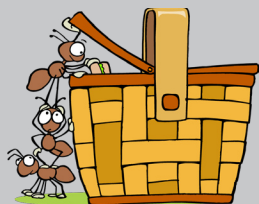
ETP Hosts Deployment Picnic

We would like to thank the members of the *St. Marys National Guard, A Company of the 137th Infantry Brigade Combat Team*, and their families, for their dedication and service. Their deployment picnic was hosted by the Equestrian Therapy Program at Fassett Farm.

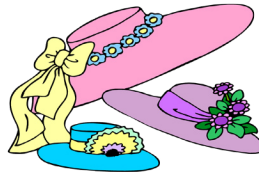
As part of our new programming, we will be offering the “*Horses for Heroes*” program, providing equine therapies and activities for injured veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. That prompted us to offer our farm as the host site for their picnic. It was our honor to have these troops and their families, who came from as far away as Cleveland, to attend. Everyone loved the farm and said it was the best deployment picnic they’ve had.

The famous *Black Horse Troop Color Guard* from *Culver Military Academy*, in Culver, Ind., drove 150 miles to honor these troops, do formations on horseback and present the colors to *Capt. Dave Swisher*. A special thank you goes to *Mark Waller*, Head of Horsemanship, and the young riders for making the long trip over and back. Thank you, *Tava Ridenour*, for bringing your mini horses to entertain the children and our own *Connie Graham* for putting *Grassby* through his paces.

These soldiers will be separated from their families while serving our country on a 13-month deployment to Afghanistan. It was our honor to have them and their families at Fassett Farm, and we pray for their safe return.



Derby Day!



Our first Kentucky Derby Party fundraiser was a rousing success. We thank our hard working committee for making it a reality. Party planners extraordinaire, *Kristen Windau, Maria Sanko* and *Peggy Baker* were ably assisted by *Pat Huber, Nancy Hoerner, Connie Graham, Jeannette Wood, Bev Thompson* and *Michele Sabol*, to make it happen. Help from our wonderful volunteers and staff made the job so much easier: *Nancy Kuck, Bobbi Sims, Cindy Whited Errin Dohm, Beth Stoodt, Rachel Roberts, Tim Wolff* and *Sarah Potts*.

A very special thanks go to *Vince Koza*, the perfect MC/Auctioneer, with an assist from Pat; our new board member, *Don Fischer*, and *Rob* (Voice Activated) for their help and awesome entertainment; *Holly Geaman* and *Brett Shingledecker* for judging the Hat Contest; *Roger Bice* for the delicious desserts and yummy sliders; *Jennie Rees* for all of the Derby memorabilia; *Troy Breidenbaugh* for the beautiful banners of all of our horses; *Mike Baker* for his projection tv; *Keeneland* for the gift basket; *White Cottage Rentals* for the tent, table and chairs; *The Milano Cafe, Vino Bellissimo* and *Cappies*.

Blankets of roses to all of the donors who helped us raise \$12,000 for the Program. It was a great day!

Whiz

1977-2011

It is with sadness that we report to you that our dear Whiz is no longer with us. Whiz was 34 years young at the time of his passing. To the very end he was a wonderful therapy horse. He was involved in the Ground School class in the Spring of this year. Fassett Farm and the Equestrian Therapy Program were home to him for over 22 years and he was an active participant for the majority of that time. He was often the first horse ridden by those beginning the pro-



gram because of his gentle, easygoing nature. He was a favorite and in 2001, he was our ETP Horse of the Year. Many of you side-walked, led or rode him at one time. We were lucky to have him and his presence will be missed. We will have a collage of pictures available for you to enjoy and remember our years with Whiz. Please feel free to stop by the office and share a memory or a picture.



GOLDEN HORSESHOES



To *Harry Shutt and The Kewpee* for once again donating the T-shirts given to each of our riders throughout the year.

To *Robert Brown's Flower Shoppe* for donating the carnations for our Volunteer Appreciation Week.

To *The Dan King Memorial Fund* which donated part of the proceeds from their annual Poker Run to the Program.

To *Steve Brown and Justin Burnett* for painting, welding & rebuilding the manure spreader.

To *Tim Wolff* for painting our pasture signs.

To *Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Schmidt* of Stillmeadow Farms for donating the new boom sprayer for the wash rack.

To *Steve and Brenda Wilder* for donating four new saddle racks

To *Charly and Betsi Dahan* for their donation of 12 new chairs for the conference room.

To *Felicia Tuman* for donating two kitchen stools for the conference room.

To the *Baartol Company* for delivering and installing our new flag pole.

To *Pat Huber* for donating the American flag which was flown over the US Capitol.

To the *Proctor & Gamble volunteers* for mulching our trails and setting our fence posts on their community work day.

To *Nancy, Sarah, Michele, Tim, Brent, Felicia, and Errin* for putting up the new fencing.

To *Turf Concepts* for donating the topsoil for Felicia's new community garden.

To *Bob Schneider* for conducting the saddle fitting clinic and repairing our saddles.

To *Mary Dienstberger* for donating money to purchase a new saddle.

To *Matt Rommick* and his son's baseball team for all their work in sprucing up the farm.

To *Lana Fuerst, Jeanne-Anne Adams and Lila Whyman* for organizing the Poker Run, ably assisted by *Connie Graham, Nancy Hoerner, Tim Wolff, J. R. Dienstberger, Nancy Kuck, Laura Axe, Barb Reichard, and our staff.*

To *David Roeder* for donating furniture to sell to fund the Poker Run.

To *Chuck Schramm* for donating two plastic buckets.

To *Ted Hipsher* for donating two boot scrapers.

To *Troy Breidenbach* for donating the magnetic sign for our new truck.

To *White Cottage* for their donation of an auger.

To *Watch TV* for donating cable boxes for the Derby Day.

To *Bob Shackelford* for updating our volunteer wall.

To *Nancy Kuck and Bobbi Sims* for updating and replenishing our first aid kits.

To *Jan Schiffer* for all the picture-taking and errand-running.

Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International - PATH

The PATH International Board of Trustees and Staff are proud to announce that NARHA is now officially the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International. The association tagline is : Ensuring excellence and changing lives through equine-assisted activities and therapies. The new association web address is www.pathintl.org. The name change will open doors to a myriad of inclusive possibilities and matches the growth of the Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies (EAAT) industry.

Our New Truck!

ETP recently received a great gift from *Tom Ahl*, a 2008 Dodge pickup truck! Everyone at the farm will breathe easier knowing we now have a reliable vehicle at our disposal to get our horses to the veterinary hospital when needed. The truck has come in very handy for chores around the farm and errands. We are so thrilled and truly appreciate the generosity of the *Tom Ahl family*. We can honestly say, he *knocked our socks off!*



Michele Sabol, ETP Director and Tom Ahl

Errin Dohm, New PATH Certified Instructor



Congratulations to, Errin Dohm, on becoming our latest PATH (Professional Association for Therapeutic Horsemanship International) certified instructor. Errin attended a workshop and certification at Fieldstone Farms in Chagrin, Ohio on August 18th – 21st. She had to demonstrate her riding skills and teach a class. We are so proud and excited to have another certified instructor. Congratulations, Errin, and thank you to Sarah Potts, for her time in helping Errin train for her certification.

Volunteer Corner

I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do. ~Edward Everett Hale

2011 VOLUNTEER PARTY

BY: SARAH POTTS



What do 56 people volunteering for an organization for 5, 10, 15, 20 plus years mean? What impact do they have? Who gives 2, 4, 6, or 8 months of their time to the improvement of someone else's life? At this year's volunteer party, the Program honored 5, 10, 15 and Lifetime volunteers with a pin, indicating the number of years served. The Equestrian Therapy Program's success and continued service to the community is built upon the shoulders of these 56 individuals and many others. The volunteers of the Equestrian Therapy Program give hope, friendship, trust, confidence, knowledge, strength, and opportunity to every participant. They assist them in learning to communicate, complete a sequence of steps independently, learn appropriate behaviors in order to better fit in society, and make walking day to day possible. The volunteers of ETP provided 1930 hours of equine assisted activities, (off horse and riding) in 2010. Our volunteers, over the past 28 years, have helped approximately 1043 riders.

A volunteer having served for five years, on average, gave two months of 40 hour days in service to another. A 10 year volunteer would have given approximately five months, 15 year-six months, and 20 plus years eight or more months serving others. These individuals bring a variety of skills, qualities, time and talent making the Program a success. Their dedication and impact on the lives of others deserves to be honored. The members of the ETP family in order of 5 years to lifetime of service are:

5 Year

Michele Powelson
Paula Thompson
Kelli Saine
Jean and Tom Koppen-
hofer
Bob Shackelford
Sharon Reel
Brenda and Steve Wilder
Doug Rummel
Diane Ansley
Lana Fuerst
Cheri Davis
Karen Rinehart
Tiffani Wurst
Brad Bowman
Michelle Kies

5 Year

Cathy Wehri
Bobbi Sims
Jennifer Slechter
Loretta Thiery
Tim Wolf
Gina Rutter
Jennifer McCune
Jan Schiffer
Bev Aska
Leslie Hixenbaugh
Erika Damaske

10 Year

Connie Graham
Joyce Pugh
Joy Kantner
Kathy Horn
Kathryn Broering
Christy Ott
Jessica Schwieterman
Sue Gilliland
Linda Young
Alissa Schulte
Jill Wurst
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15 Year

Kathy Hatcher
Jenny Saintignon
Jaymee Donavon
Sylvia Spieles
Lila Whyman
Mary Ann Kromer
Nancy Hoerner
Barb Reichard
Mary Lou Paxton

Life Time

Ann Fassett
Bev Thompson
Nancy Sullivan
Jeannette Wood
Estella Hilgert
Barb Imber



Many other volunteers were recognized at the party for their outstanding dedication. They were presented with a framed photo of a special moment at the Farm. I can not conclude this article without mentioning our Newsletter Editor and friend, Kathryn Broering, who has been responsible for our newsletter for the past 13 years. She has been honored with a brick paver. To all of our volunteers who give at any level, we honor you and thank you for your valuable time.

DON'T FORGET!



It's that time of year again! Ray's and Chief's will be having their receipts that say 'Community Cash' at the top, which we save to get cash back for ETP. The Community Cash program runs from after Labor Day until Memorial Day (during the school year). So, remember to save your grocery receipts for ETP! You can save them up and just drop them off at the farm office.

Please remember if you have any changes to your email, cell phone or address keep us updated so that we can keep *you* updated!



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Return Service Requested

Calendar of Events

Fall Schedule 2011

Fall Classes Start: Monday, September 12th through Saturday, November 12th

Monday –	9:00 10:00, 11:00 5:00, 6:00	Horses Heroes (Building 2) Children (Auglaize School) Independent Referral Youth
Tuesday -	9:30 10:30 1:30 - 4:30	Adult (10:30 to 11:00 Exercise) Adults (10:00 to 10:30 Exercise) Hippo Children & Therapist (30 minute sessions)
Wednesday-	6:00, 7:00	Adults
Thursday-	8:15 – 9:45 10:30 5:00, 6:00	Hippo Children & Therapist Children (Marimor) Children (SRMC Pedi-Rehab)
Saturday-	9:30, 10:30 9:30-10:00 10:15-10:45 11:00-11:30	Independent Referrals (Youth) Semi Private (Building 2) Semi Private (Building 2) Semi Private (Building 2)



Volunteer Orientation/Training Saturday, September 10th, 9:00AM – 11:00AM
Volunteer Team Training Saturday, September 10th 12:00PM – 3:00 PM

****Ride-a-thon - October 15th, 2011**
8:00AM Set-up, 9:00 – 12:00 Riding, 9:00 – 1:00 Tent Sale,
1:00 – 2:00 Benefit Auction

This is our major fundraiser for the year. We will ride, eat and raise money for the Program.
Fun for everyone! Riders please get your packets and sign-up to ride before October 15th.
Please contact Sarah to sign up!