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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Elizabeth Lampert, MHJA President



Happy Summer! It is hard to believe that 2015 is half way done, and yet there is still so much left to be done. Horse show season is well under way now, and I'm sure everyone is excited to continue competing, or get off to the first show if you haven't already gotten a few spring shows under your girth.

The Urban Family did an amazing job with the Mid States Spring horse show, and the Barb Ahrens Memorial Prix was an absolutely beautiful tribute to the woman we all love. It was a really special moment to gather everyone out in the ring for the "Family" photo at the end of the prix, and so amazing to share that moment with Barb's family. Many of our members went on to Maffitt Lake for two weeks, but it was great to see so many members at the MHJA show in May as well. I look forward to listening to all the thoughts and suggestions that you may want to share about your experience at Carriage House for our show, and continue to welcome any feedback you all may have about any of our MHJA recognized horse shows.

Graduation season is upon us, and I'm finding myself gawking at all the announcements that are rapidly arriving, "Where has the time gone?", "No WAY is she/he old enough to be graduating from High School!", "You are a Dr. now?" or "I swear you just got your drivers license last year!" As each of these thoughts go through my head, I remind myself that these "kids" I have watched grow up are going to be the leaders of the future. Each of these young men and women will someday hold the positions of my

peers, whether it be in veterinary medicine, attorneys at law, home maker, pediatrician, cancer researcher, baker, teacher, horse trainer, politician, astronaut...You name it, they are our future.

As I reflect on Graduation, I think of how exciting things will be as these young men and women grow into their future shoes. However, I also wonder if I've done all I can to educate my students to the best of my ability. I am always telling parents and kids that the horses are so much more than just an animal. Horses teach us life long lessons such as responsibility, commitment, dedication, first love, heartbreak, humility, sportsmanship, teamwork, patience, determination and so much more. As a professional in our sport, I am really only the guide to what the horses are teaching, and I believe in order to be the best teacher, I really have to be the best student to the horses lessons. I searched through some Graduation commencement quotes, and I think these sum up my thoughts perfectly. "The aim of education is the knowledge, not of facts, but of values."! William S. Burroughs

To our future leaders, please hold dear the values that your parents, trainers, horses, and teachers have given you. Not everyone can win the blue ribbon, and your self worth isn't judged by the number of ribbons you win, but by the effort you put forth to succeed each day. "Remember, half the doctors in this country graduated in the bottom half of their class."! Al McGuire

Ultimately, "Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter, and those who matter don't mind."! Dr. Seuss

My hope for all of you, graduating or not, is that you are practicing the things you want to improve, enjoying the things you love, and celebrating the goals you are reaching. Good luck this summer!

From the Editors

SPRING IS HERE??



Heather Parish
interim editor



Betsy Kieffer
associate editor

The 2015 show season is under way! Congratulations to the Class of 2015! This issue features this year's graduates, of all ages. We thought it would be fun to share what these young ladies will be doing and where they are heading as they embark on their next adventures. A wonderful time was had at The MHJA Show, and we have lots of pictures to prove it! Thank you to everyone that attended and sent in photos. We had a little bit of rain, but mostly sunshine and smiles for the week. Please visit our website at www.mhja6.org and be sure to like us on Facebook. We welcome ideas for content, articles, flashback photos, and advertising.

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MHJA Recognized Shows

Show Managers were asked to respond with their planned dates by 11/16/2014. Note the changes in dates for the Mid States Spring Horse Show, the Minnesota State Fair, Otter Creek and the Harvest Show.

Mid States Spring | April 29- May 3 | A rated | Mason City, IA | Patrice Urban purbs1@aol.com

Maffitt Lake Spring Gathering I | May 6-10 | AA rated | Cumming, IA | Libby Hott 515 306-1140

MHJA Horse Show at Carriage House | May 14-17 | Patty Humphries 952 442-5321 Back on the Schedule!

Mid States Summerfest | June 3-7 | A rated | Mason City, IA | Patrice Urban purbs1@aol.com

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Alpine Farms Preview | July 8-12 | A rated | Long Lake, MN | Lonnie Underhill 763 473-1361

Alpine Farms Equestrian Fest | July 15-19 | A rated | Long Lake, MN | Lonnie Underhill 763 473-1361

Two Rivers Summer Fest I | Cumming, IA | July 29-Aug. 2 | Libby Hott 515 981-1699

Two Rivers Summer Fest II | Cumming, IA | Aug. 5-9 | Libby Hott 515 981-1699

Minnesota State Fair | Aug. 26-28 | A rated | St. Paul, MN | Patty Humphries 952 442-5321

Otter Creek Classic | Sept. 2-6 | A rated | Wheeler, WI | Lena Werner 715 658-1602

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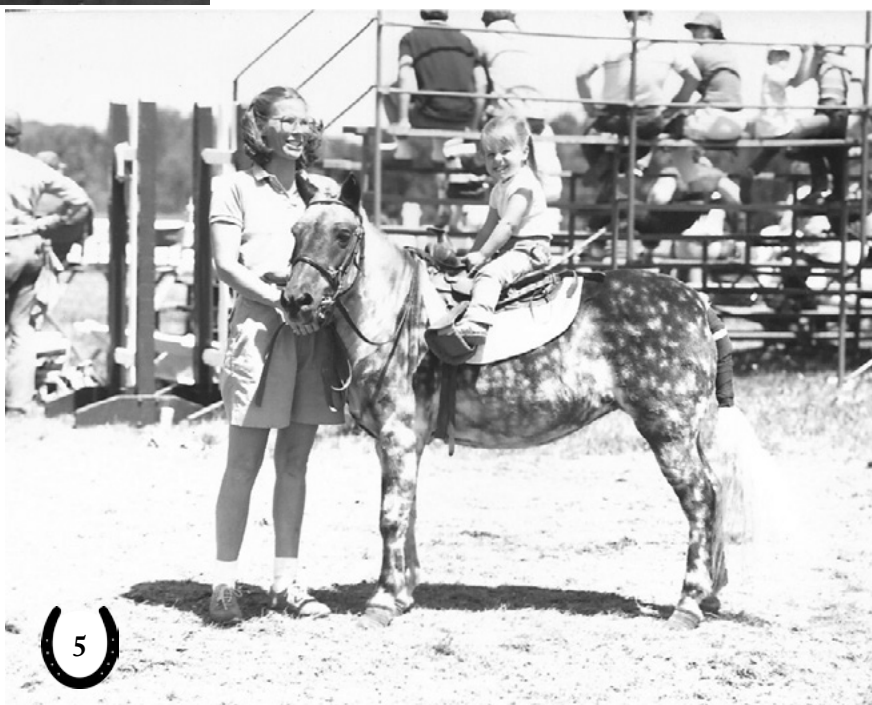
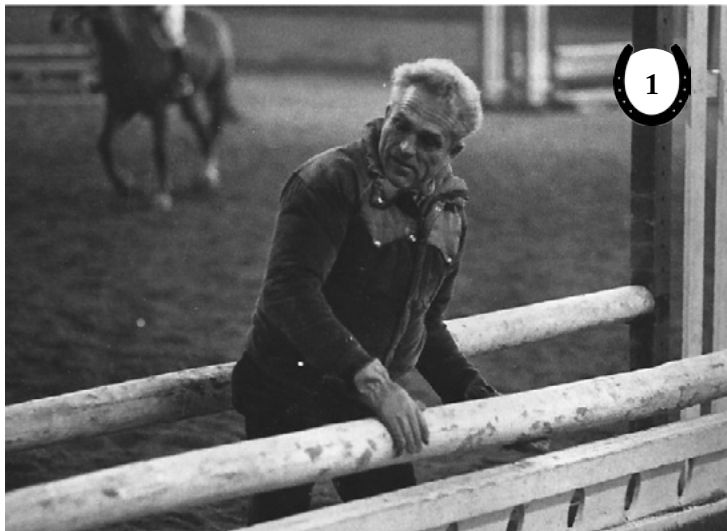
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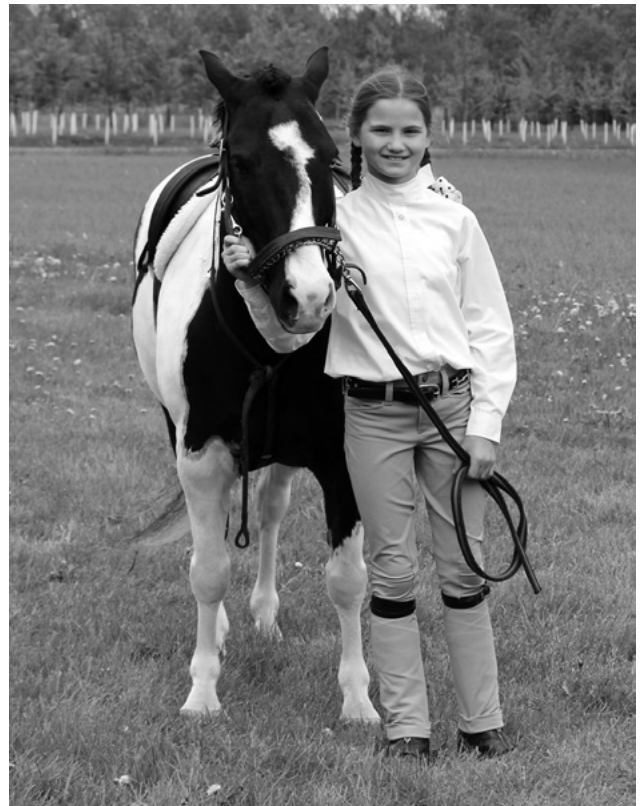
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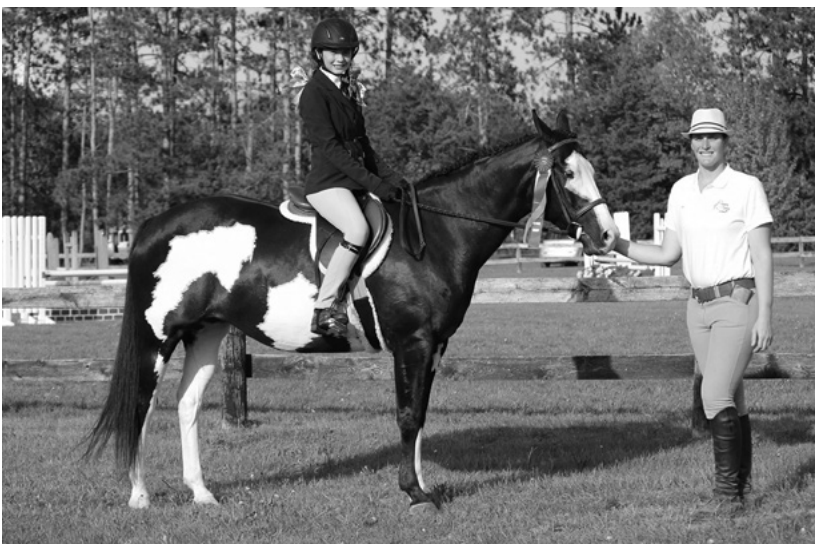
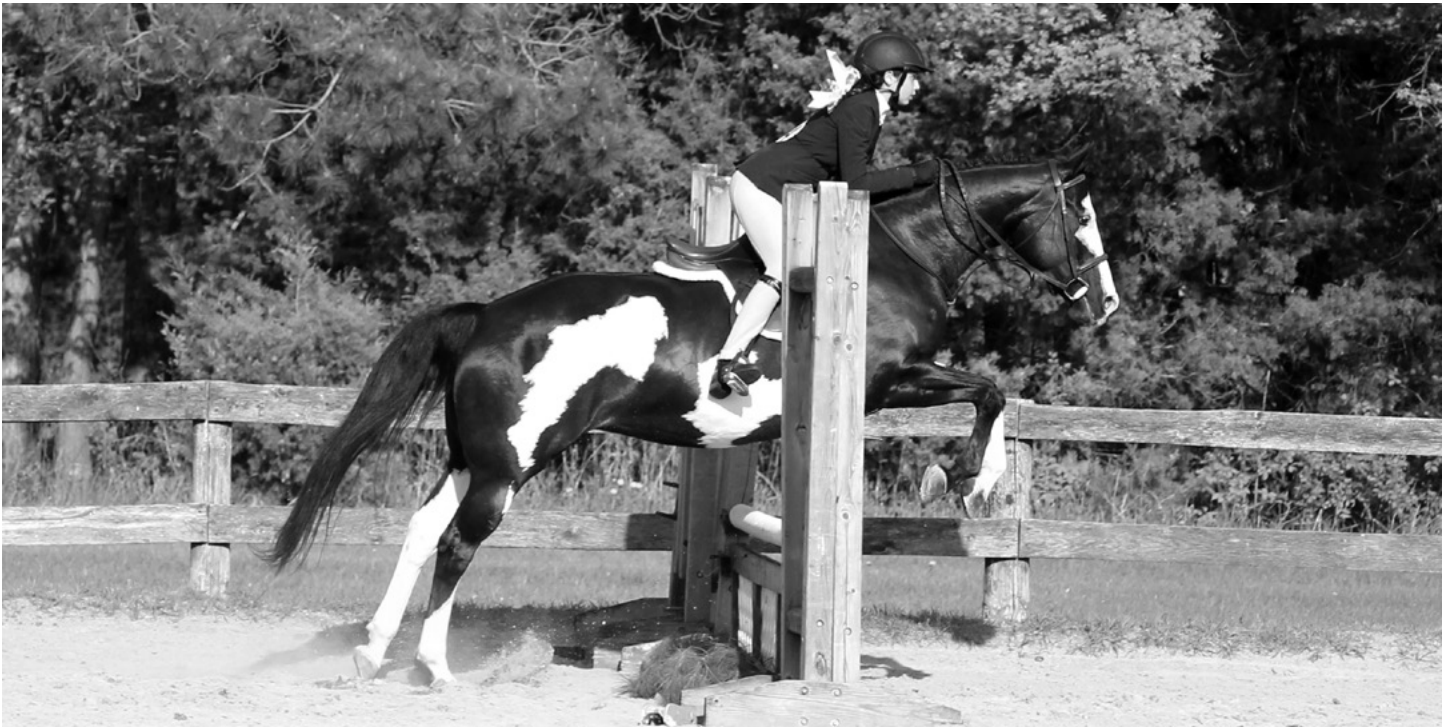
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Meet the Class of 2015



Amanda Hauser (left)

This coming fall I will be attending Colgate University in New York. I'll be studying either biology or neuroscience with a possible Spanish minor and after college I want to go to medical school. I'm going to continue riding on the equestrian team as well as bring Parida (Bella) starting second semester.



Richelle Fermanich (right)

"Hi all! This spring I am graduating from Hamline University in St. Paul with a B.A in Marketing and a Psychology Minor. It's been a fun 4 years that went by too quickly! I was fortunate enough to be able to stay in the twin cities area and continue to ride horses. I am currently just finishing up an internship working in social media and will spend most of my summer searching for a full-time position. I'm hoping to work in marketing, advertising, public relations, or social media. When I'm not job searching I plan to be at the lake and continue to help Audrey keep her horse in shape. I'm excited for this new chapter to begin!"



Laura Critchett

After 8 years of college, I am happy to be moving home! I finished my undergraduate studies at the University of Minnesota Crookston in 2011, and now after an additional 4 years of school, I have graduated from veterinary school at the University of Missouri. Although I didn't "track" in a particular species during school, I focused a majority of my electives and free time on equine medicine, cultivating interests in ambulatory/preventative medicine, reproduction, and lameness. Since graduation in May, I have made the trek back north, and am very excited to be starting a 1 year internship with Stillwater Equine in June. I still own Rolly ("Gold Option") who waited patiently for me in Minnesota, and continues to babysit me as I try to regain 1/10th of the leg I had before I moved south. We are very happy to still call Spring Meadow home with Heather Parish and Mary Jo Cody, and I am very excited to be back and become active again in the MHJA community!

"She was unstoppable, not because she did not have failures or doubts, but because she continued on despite them." – Beau Taplin





Courtney Hieb

Hello MHJA members! My name is Courtney Hieb and I am a Spring 2015 graduate from St. Cloud State University. I received my Bachelor's Degree in Marketing and am starting a Marketing Internship with Vital Images in Minnetonka.

I am excited to begin my marketing career and spend much of my time outside of work riding at Spring Meadow!



Samantha Seiler

I will be attending George Washington University in Washington D.C. next year, where I will major in international relations and French. I hope to one day work in embassies or in another international/political career. Though I will be selling my horse R'Mani this summer, I can't wait to participate on the GWU equestrian team during the school year.



Kami Marcussen

Kami Marcussen will be taking a year off from school and working for Kim and Andy Barone as a working student. She will also continue to ride and show her horses in the junior jumpers this summer.

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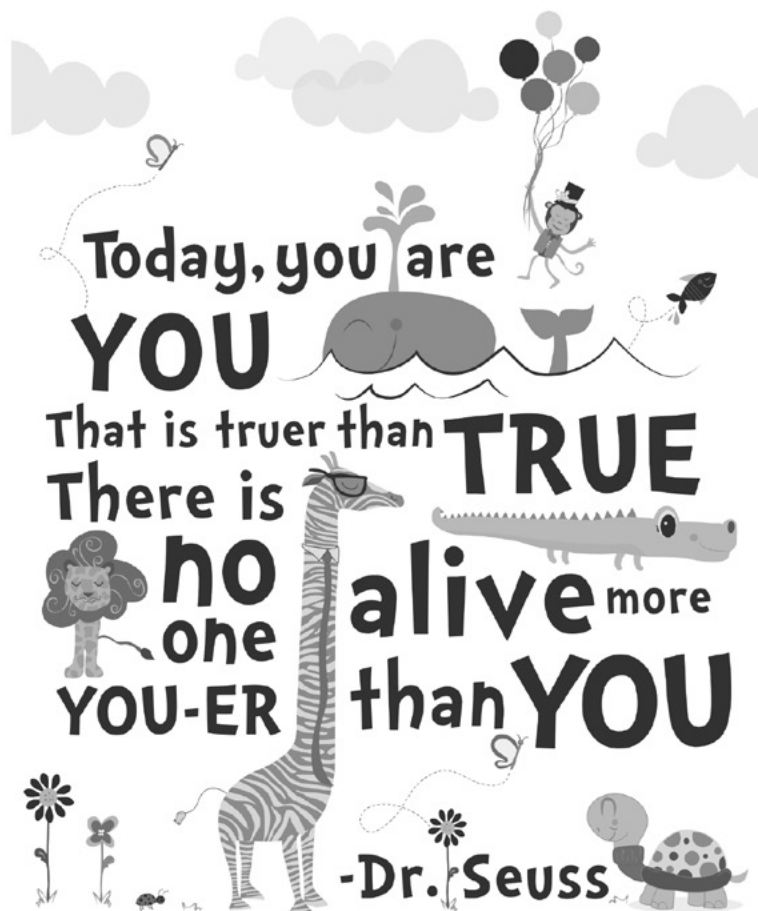
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Anna Cook

Hello, my name is Anna Cook and I will be attending University of South Carolina this fall. I am majoring in biochemistry and molecular biology. I plan on joining their equestrian team or finding a horse in the area to lease so I can continue riding in college. This summer, I am leasing one of Sara Hogan's horses, Alaric, and will be showing in hunters. I look forward to a great summer showing and an exciting fall as I move down south.





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~ Mom, Dad and Zoe



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Answers from page 9



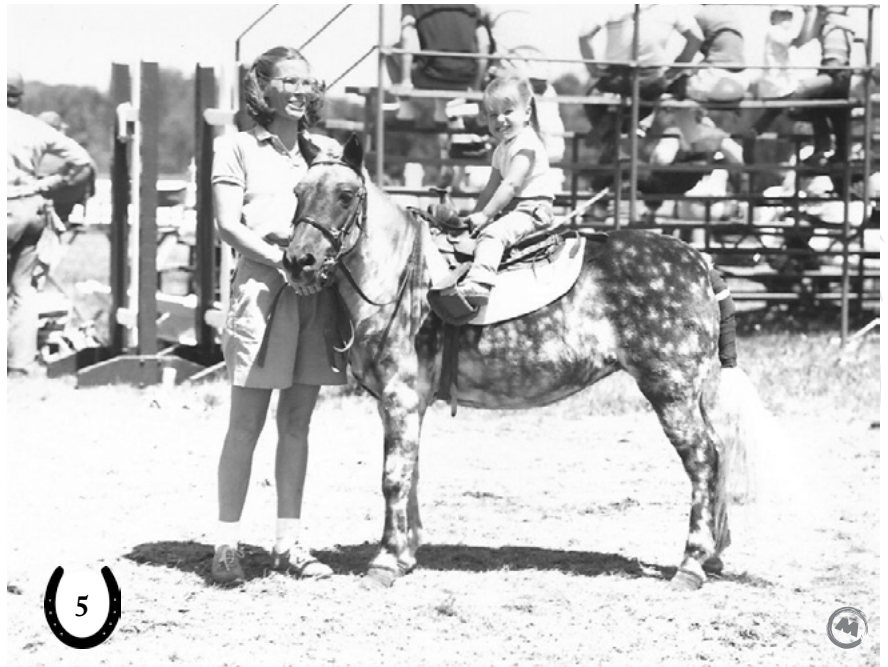
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girls had struggles and successes, and everyone came home happy. The Barb Ahrens memorial prix was a really special tribute, and the special touches that the Urban Family put together were noticed by all. There is no question that Barb had a hand in the weather for us, as I have NEVER been to Mason City spring and enjoyed 86 degree weather! It was amazing! We followed up Mason City with the MHJA show at Carriage House. It was fun to get Becca and Conner up and running in the A/O division, and great to have the team all in action either showing or trying horses.

We want to congratulate Anna Paton on her lease of "My Mini Cooper", and wish them tons of fun as they grow together this summer. We are also happy to see "Minion" go to

Ellie and Evalynn Cattoor for the summer, and can't wait to hear about the antics of the girls and their pony. We were sad to say goodbye to Emily and Julia Sagstetter, and we wish them the very best of luck in their new adventures with horses. We will be anxiously waiting to hear updates from all the kids and ponies this summer.

This summer is going to fly by with the schedule shaping up how it is. Between horse shows, summer camps, family vacations, and lessons at home, we are going to have to work hard to make enough time to play. I believe we can make it happen! Good luck to everyone this summer!

Dandelion Farm

You know it's horse show season when I find myself penning this written account from a hotel room! Though it's only May, there are so many exciting things happening at

Dandelion Farm I don't know where to begin...

We would first like to extend a most heartfelt welcome to some new faces that have joined the Dandelion Farm team recently. Angela Mahoney and her lovely mare "Zinnia" will be competing in the adult division, as well as the 3'3" pre-greens. Meegan Snyder and Gretchen Jelinek are especially thrilled to have her on board, since they believe an additional rider in their lessons may divert Ashley's attention away from their shenanigans. We'll see about that...

We also gained several new four-legged residents, all of which are lovely. Abbey and Sydney Hamann added "Will 'O Wisp" and "Get Smart" to their string. Abbey made her jumper debut on "Winnie" in Maffit Lake, and won her first class! Syd and "Smarty" have had great lessons at home, and look forward to making their first show appearance later this summer. Thank you Kim Barone and Tracy Grandstrand for such amazing horses!! Additionally, Morgan Sabes brought home the adorable "Swagger" from Maffit Lake—look out for this pair in the jumper and equitation rings!

In between horse shopping, hard lessons, and tennis matches (our new barn "bonding" activity), we also horse showed quite a bit this spring. Following two weeks in St. Louis, we headed to Maffit Lake for both weeks of the May show. Braving torrential downpours, we donned our wellies and weathered the storm. All horses and riders were unfazed by the less-than-ideal conditions, and had a great two weeks. Congratulations to John Puckett, Carter Puckett,

Arbor Hill

School is almost out, the rain has FINALLY come, and the flowers are trying to bloom, I guess it must be Spring! With all these changes, it is safe to say that many other things stay the same. Life around the farm has been pretty normal lately, and we are all gearing up for the horse show season to get into full swing this summer.

We got our show season underway with Mason City spring, and it was an incredible weekend for so many reasons. We made our horse show debut with Mimi and Fergie in the Jr hunters, Zoe and Pearl in the medium ponies, and Lindsay and Tango in the low amateur division. Each of the

Anne Nowlan, Abbey Hamann, and Gretchen Erpelding who all won top placings in the Jumper Ring. Gretchen Jelinek and Meegan Snyder each won an adult hunter class, while Chapel Puckett continued her winning streak in the children's. Morgan Sabes earned top placing's among a top group of low hunters on her way to the division tri-color. Our pony riders were superstars, as well, with Peyton Jelinek, Lucia Ament, and Amelia Batson galloping through the mud on their way to short stirrup and children's pony glory.

Kim Puckett, as always, is busy riding and showing her own "Samson," holding down the fort at home and the shows (literally, she can be in 2 places at once), and keeping Ashley's blood pressure at a healthy level. Cesar M., Cesar C. and Ramon would agree we couldn't do it without her!

Finally, as we gear up for the rest of the summer, we want to wish all of our competitors the best of luck for a successful and safe show season. Have fun and wear sunscreen!

Greenwood Stables

Packing up and getting ready for our summer season to begin!!! The Greenwood crew is excited for a fun summer together.

The Salazar's returned home from Florida in mid April and had a nice stretch of time to settle back in and get ready for summer to begin. MN tricked them with some very nice weather upon return, but such is spring in MN.

Sara spent some extra time in Florida, but is now back for the summer as well. She is excited for her first adventure in her new RV as she joins camper land at the shows. She will be accompanied by her new and adorable rescue dog, Winnie, and Randy on occasion too.

Anna Cook graduated from high school and will be starting an internship for the summer (when not at horse shows) before heading off to the University of South Carolina in August. She plans to study

biochemistry and molecular biology. She plans on joining the equestrian team and hopes to find a horse to lease there as well. For this summer, she is leasing Alaric and joins the ADULT amateur ranks.

Julia Lavigne has been busy studying and taking finals. She is taking a trip through school to Columbia during June! Johnny expects to teach her lessons in Spanish when she returns fluent. We will miss her at the horse show, but she and Zia will join us for our July adventures.

Grace Nutting started leasing "All Riled Up ("Riley") late winter and is excited for their partnership in the jumper ring. She also recently acquired a 3 year old OTTB, "Moe", that she plans to bring along and eventually take to school with her.

Tori Christensen spent a month down in Wellington with the Salazar's and got some great experience with Sterling. She is looking forward to showing him and has worked very hard and made a lot of progress. They are looking great!

Caitlin Patterson attended the World Cup in Las Vegas with her Mom and sister. We almost had Johnny believing she really did intend to wear a rhinestone show coat in the ring this summer. She and Smarti are eager for the show season to begin.

Ireen is freshly horseless after the recent sale of her mare, Nikki. She found a great home and is being enjoyed thoroughly. Now Ireen's next chapter in riding can begin...as soon as we find her dream horse. For now, she is getting some rides in on La Rhetto, which she is loving.

The Salazar's have a new horse, Davante. They hope this fancy sweet guy will be a star in the hunter ring.

Isla will often speak of her pony, Cricket, who actually belongs to Jennie Goelz. Cricket is a green pony that Jennie rescued. He truly has a great story. Johnny has him jumping around little courses and doing flawless lead changes. It is very fun to have a pony in the barn. He will come back for more "camp" when we are not at

shows.

Life certainly keeps us all busy. We are eager to head out and horse show. See you all there!

Gypsy Farms

Nick Novak and his band of roving riders are back in action for 2015. In March part of the crew set out for the Lake St Louis Winter Festival shows. Nick and Jake, Sara Reckner and Nigel, along with Erica Dobbs and Giles did a great job and were happy to be back in the ring. Nick also led several outstate clinics and during his absences his students were busy preparing for the spring and summer shows.

Gypsy Farms has also enjoyed the return of Marissa Creviston and Alijandro, along with her new mount, Captain, acquired from Nelson Pessoa. Louise Otten and Barbie have also returned to Minnesota and Louise is finally back in the saddle after her recent back surgery in Florida.

Late April brought 10 horses to Mid States Spring Mason City Show. What wonderful weather for that early in the year! The first time in the ring brought much excitement for both horses and riders. The Jumper Ring had Nick and Jake moving up to 1.25, Tina Chute and Vital returning after a long hiatus, Michael Wildung and Buzz taking home several "blues," while Marissa debuted Captain with two firsts and two seconds, and moving up to the 1.10.

Not to be forgotten, the Hunter Rings experienced the return of Anne Healy and Super Sally with too many wins to mention, along with Nancy Giacchetti and Seuss showing in the Older Adults. Gail Brandt joined in with Jane, having returned to the ring after a long break, and Tracy Grandstrand sent Marcy Lillyblad and R. Alejandro along with us to show in the AO's. Great fun was had by all at this terrific show.

Nick traveled on from Mason City to meet up with Sue and Greg Novak at Maffitt Lake where Sue brought her new mare, Ava, into the Hunter Ring.

This new team did quite well for Ava's first time showing.

As this goes to press, we congratulate Hannah Chute on her graduation from St. Lawrence University in New York. She will be joining us as Gypsy Farms prepares to bring another large contingent to Mason City Summerfest and Summer shows. Nick, Tina, Louise, Marissa and Sara are also planning a great two weeks at Estes Park Hunter Jumper Festival in July.

To all MHJA members...have a safe and exciting show season this year!

Raven Ridge

Summer is coming! After much of the crew returned from Florida, everyone is super excited for the summer show season! Many of us recently returned home after a very successful two weeks at Maffitt Lake Spring! Let's keep the success rolling!

Congratulations to our graduating riders, Kami Marcussen and Shyenne Bryant! Both ladies worked very hard through the winter! While not only finishing out the last year of high school Kami and Shyenne also traveled to Florida and had fun times in the sun at WEF! Kami is now a working student for Kim and plans to show her new jumper Moonshine Bay aka Eeyore! This awesome new pair will be one to look for!

Congrats to Cindy Bulwicz on her new hunter, Dalton! This young cutie sure is graceful! Cyril better watch out for his new little brother!

Paige Junker and her horse Impressions had a hard working winter and are ready to put it to the test! Addie Elliott and her horse Blaye De Vy also worked hard this winter and are excited to progress in the Children's Jumper division! Kathy McCusky and her lovely mare Indigo Girl had a great time at Maffitt Lake Spring and are excited for the up and coming shows! Sharon Golden is reeling in the ribbons upon Dark Chocolate and having a great time with new fun challenging classes! Dream team at the top of their game,

Anne Meyers and her horse Sylvester are rocking the jumper ring. Naomi Kans and her sweetheart of a mare Chloe just keep getting better and better and will definitely be a pair to watch in the hunter ring! Riley Christianson began a partial lease on Grace Leslie's mare, Smoke and Mirrors, and is hoping to compete in the Children's Hunter division! Claire Garduno and her horse Maserati have made great progress over the winter and are excited to take on the show ring! Great big shout out to Kate Leis for the great winter she provided for all horses and riders while Kim and Andy were away at WEF! Thanks Kate!

Many of us are now preparing for Lamplight! Good Luck to all this show season! Let's Go Raven Ridge!

River Bend Stables

Spring is the big birthday time at River Bend! And do we celebrate! Starts off in April with JoAnne Rumble, then Betsy Kieffer, and then we had the big party for Gaylord after the Wednesday night lesson. Kind of the first picnic of the year – chicken, ribs, cole slaw, potato salad, frontier beans. Gaylord was kind of “caked” out, so for desert, Linda Ostberg stopped at the two patisseries by her house in St. Paul. Three different kinds of gluten free goodies that were luscious, butter caramel bars and apple pie squares, rounded out by ice cream from Sarah Bowman. What a feast. Then Linda's is in May with strawberries, dip and gelato.

Jessica and her crew braved the possible weather fiasco that is Mason City Spring and actually enjoyed some of the nicest horse show weather ever; it was absolutely gorgeous. Linda's baby horse Vinny, who now has the show name of Evincible, made his debut, winning every one of the baby green classes. Unfortunately, Linda was not there to watch, as she was in San Diego with the grandchildren. (Hmm, horse show vs. grandchildren. Decisions, decisions.) Audrey Anderson showed Frankie for the first

time, doing very well and having lots of fun. Joan Schulz joined us, and we all won classes and had a great time. Thanks to the Urbans for continuing these shows.

The fences are out in the ring, now if the weather will just cooperate, we may actually get to start riding outside.

Have a great summer and hopefully we will see you at the shows.

Wild Oak Farm

All of us at Wild Oak Farm are enjoying spring, the sunshine and warmer weather! Des Moines was successful and fun, although a bit wet at times. Lily Lenkart jumped her pony, Honeybee, at a horse show for the first time ever!! She was champion! We are all very proud. The next week she moved up to the short stirrup and even though there were a few navigational and energy issues she did quite well. Addy Hounor and her pony Sapphire made her short stirrup debut as well and had a very successful first day and won one class!!! The second day the mud and cold weather got the best of Sapphire but now we all know what we need to work on at home. That is the great thing about going to the horse shows, we learn our strengths as well as our weaknesses. Our adult ladies, Christina, Taylor and platinum Terrie all had great horse shows and a few championships also. Cayman is beginning to figure out he is a hunter for now and had a great couple of weeks. Katie and Rock Star were great as always. Champions both weeks and winners of the Pony a Hunter Classic! Amelia made her Children's Hunter debut on Delia and was champion!! Amelia and Rosales Z did great in the jumpers moving up a division and winning one class. Back at home our beginner riders are working hard. The two for one pony camp has been a huge success. I looking forward to the end of school and the summer horse shows. Best of luck to everyone!!





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