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~~ CANYON ~~
2010 Region 10 Horse of the Year

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2011 Calendar of Events

January 15:

Returning Student Applications Due

February 15:

New Student Applications Due

March 5 (EFMH Theory & HW Practice):

Part I: Volunteer Training (mandatory
for all those working with
students/horses)

March 15:

Scholarship Applications Due

April 15:

Scholarship Awards Sent Out

May 15 (Mounted & unmounted):

Part II: Volunteer Training (mandatory
for all those working with
students/horses)

June 1-6:

Horses of the Goddess Residential
Workshop for Professionals

June 13:

HW Programs Begin: Wilson Arena

June 14:

Power Ponies & Mighty Mustangs
Programs Begin: Wilson Arena

June 23-25:

Women & Horses: Horsemanship
& Creativity Workshop 9-5

July 26:

White Horse Social at the Fair

August 27:

GYMKHANA at Wilson Arena

September 22-24:

Women & Horses Horsemanship &
Creativity Workshop 9-5

October 6:

Indoor Riding Lessons on Thursday
Afternoons Begin at the Fair

October 3:

Discussion Groups Begin on Monday
Afternoons

December 17:

HW Christmas Party Potluck Lunch

doing whatever it takes

On this year's cover is a picture of Canyon, NARHA's Region 10 Horse of the Year - one of our finest equine friends. His greatness is a daily practice; he shows up and does whatever job is asked of him, time and time again. Along the way he changes lives for the better, helping each of his riders find their own moments of greatness through developing solid relationships based on trust and patience.



Gymkhana day 2010 - complete with sleet!

That's what we do at Horse Warriors, year after year. The staff, volunteers, board, and of course the horses, all show up. Whatever issues arise, whatever curve balls get thrown our way, at HW we do whatever it takes to make it right. There are days when the weather is bitter, when the flies are intense, days when family dynamics include meltdowns and hurt feelings, days when the budget seems impossibly thin, days when we are all bone tired and soul weary.

But we reach down into those pockets of greatness that everyone has deep inside, and find just a little more *oomph* than we thought we could muster. We find a spot of humor, or something small to appreciate, or one extra deep breath that helps build patience. We rely on the strong foundations we have built together over the years to get us through the "patchy spots" in any given day.

This year we want to celebrate the greatness in everyone. We want to honor all the "try" that our students, staff, volunteers and horses produce. Thank you all for showing up, doing whatever it takes, and helping us be the great organization we have become!

Gratefully,

**Priscilla Marden, CEIP-ED
Executive Director**

THE SCOPE OF GREATNESS

We asked some of our Horse Warriors and Mighty Mustangs students to define Greatness. Then we asked them to give us an example of a person or organization or idea that exemplified their definition. Lastly, we asked them to share what their own personal greatness was. We are proud to say we have some deeply insightful students, ranging in age from 8-18. During the interview process it was interesting to note that the fastest, clearest answers came from the youngest students. No wonder they are such powerful teachers for their parents!



Claire is a 4th year student, moving up from Mighty Mustangs to Horse Warriors this summer.

CLAIRE: I think greatness isn't just about winning, but being nice to others. It's helping your community by being a good person so it doesn't matter if you win or lose as long as you're being a good community member.

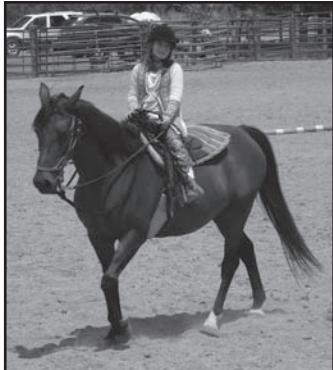
I think organizations like World Vision and The Heifer Project are great because they help the world – you can go online and donate animals and food to people in poorer communities.

What's great about me is being a fun person, a smiley person; I put smiles on people's faces and I'm cheerful and optimistic.

SOPHIE: I think greatness is something that's really good that you appreciate.

Something that I think is great is JJ, my horse, because when you gave her a little tap with your foot she would go.

My greatness is picking up litter around the neighborhood and on the bike path.



Sophie is a 3rd year student currently in Mighty Mustangs.

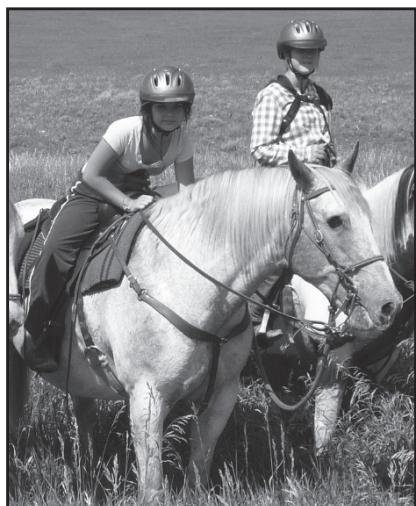
SAM: I think greatness is being able to improve upon yourself every day. It's not just in what you, do but how you act towards everyone you meet.

Someone I feel defines greatness is my speech coach, Mark Houser, because he does an awesome job, helps with everything behind the scenes, and helps other teams and the entire speech community in Wyoming.

My own greatness is being able to “wing it.” I am confident enough in myself to do whatever I want without worrying what others think.



Sam is a 6th year Horse Warriors student majoring in drama at Mesa State College. She has been a Power Ponies mentor for 4 years.



ALEX: I think greatness is going beyond what you have to do because you know it's right.

Hoot means greatness to me because when I ask him to do something, he goes above and beyond.

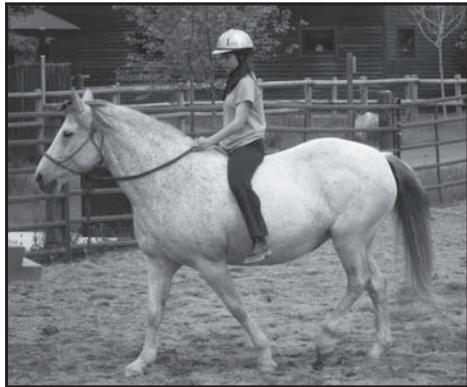
My greatness is my positive energy; when people are sad, I make them feel better; I make them laugh.

Alex is a 4th year Horse Warrior, having gone through Power Ponies, Mighty Mustangs and a year of HW already.

SAMMI: I think greatness is being kind to one another, and helping people through rough times.

Some things that I think are great are the people at Horse Warriors and people at Therapeutic Riding, and the elders at the hospital (nursing home).

My greatness is helping others if they are going through a hard time – I listen and give advice; I take the time to help them out.



Sammi is a 4th year Horse Warriors student who mentors in the Power Ponies programs.



Kateri is a 4th year Horse Warriors student and mentor for the Power Ponies program.

KATERI: I think greatness is being able to respect everyone else, and to give everyone a chance to learn; not just telling them an answer but giving them time to work it out for themselves.

I think people who give someone else a chance to be great, to even let them learn from a mistake sometimes, are great.

My greatness is in being able to sit back, like in HW and not tell someone how to do it. If someone is struggling with an answer I give them time to think it through. Others will have a chance to speak when I give them the space. Working with my Power Ponies student, even though I know the answers to things I can sit back and allow him or her to find the answer – I don't always have to be the one giving it.

CLARA: I think greatness is anything that gets up and does what's expected and above that; it's something that makes people happy and they know they can depend upon this person or animal.

I think my parents meet my definition of greatness because they do a lot for me and make my day a good one.

My greatness is that most people that are my friends can depend upon me – I am very dependable



Clara is also a 4th year student, moving up from Mighty Mustangs to Horse Warriors this summer, too.



A.J. is a 2nd year Mighty Mustangs student and a great teacher for his dad.

A.J.: I think greatness is what you can do best.

I think my friend Evan is great because he does stuff that sometimes I can't even do, and he does it well.

My greatness is in skiing, dirt biking and horseback riding.



BETSY: I think that greatness is having a positive impact on the world around you.

Things I consider great are people in activities that impact other people's lives in a positive way, like Speech and Debate, or Horse Warriors or 4-H.

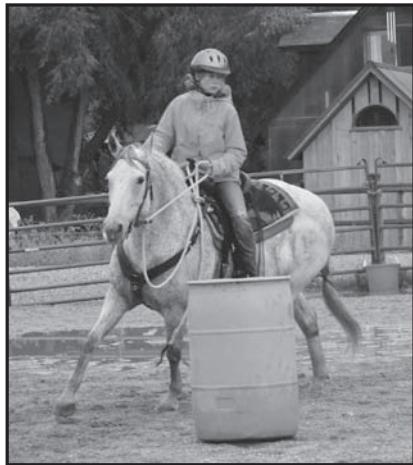
My greatness is my ability to take initiative in situations and be able to keep people going even when they want to quit.

Betsy is an 8th year Horse Warriors student, mentor for Power Ponies and Mighty Mustangs, and a Junior Staffer. She is attending college in the fall, having received numerous full scholarships!

AVERY: I think greatness is being there for someone and having the ability to do something that someone else can't.

I think therapeutic riding programs are great because they help kids with disabilities, and help them ride a horse when they wouldn't be able to in normal lessons.

My greatness is my ability to make friends and talk to people. If they need someone to talk to about a problem I can be there for them. I can relate to a lot of things like family issues or bullying, and I have empathy for people going through that.

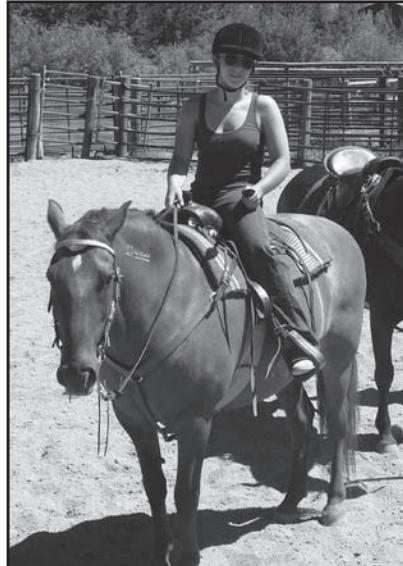


Avery is a 2nd year Horse Warrior and is learning how to become a Power Ponies mentor.

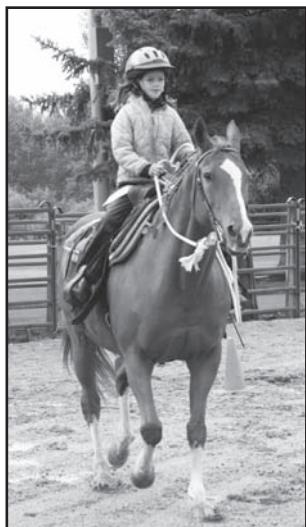
KIRA: I think greatness is consistently doing your best; showing many honorable characteristics; being the best you can be; performing and exceeding expectations.

I think we all have to find greatness for ourselves. It's different for everyone. For me it's setting a goal for yourself and meeting/exceeding that goal; going above and beyond. The difference between good and great is meeting a goal and exceeding it, going beyond what the goal is asking.

My greatness is my ability to be understanding and accepting of someone for what they are; trying my best to understand what they do and why they do things; loving them for who they are; having the patience to wait and see the good in someone; understanding we all come from different backgrounds.



Kira is a 10th year Horse Warriors student who started with us as a Power Ponies student many years ago. She is a mentor for Power Ponies and Mighty Mustangs, and another of our Junior Staffers. She is a Starr Scholarship recipient and a freshman at Michigan State.



LUCY: I think greatness is like this: "pretty good" is that it's OK; "great" is that you love it.

Being with your family is great.

My own greatness is being funny.

Lucy is a 4th year student in Mighty Mustangs. Lucy started as a Power Ponies participant with her mom.

MYLIE: I think that greatness is being really good at something.

An example of greatness is a horse that is very good at riding and is a proper horse (like Graine!).

I am great at basketball and horseback riding.

Mylie is a 2nd year Mighty Mustangs student.



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THE *Greatness* OF FAMILY

HORSE WARRIORS PROGRAMS
ARE FOR FAMILIES, TOO!

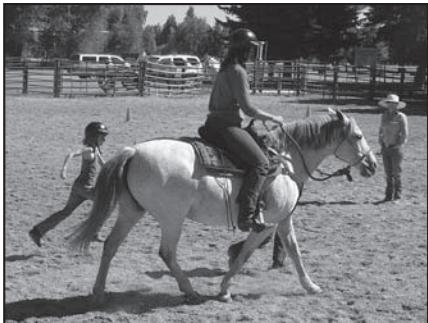
Over the years we have realized the importance of addressing the whole family in our programs. Our goal is to help everyone in our “circle” feel confident about themselves and about how they can interact with others as they go through life. We start with our Power Ponies Parenting Program as our entry level training course. Children and parents learn about relationship building from the very first day. As the lessons progress, more and more challenges are presented so both children and parents develop skills to relate and make healthy, safe decisions.

Parents have as much fun in the Horse Warriors program as their kids. They participate in lessons and compete in the end of the year gymkhana. Though most of the gymkhana games are partner events - parent/child teams - there are some speed events that parents get to show off in as well!

Families can be challenging. Everyone is on a learning curve, even in the best of times. We give them a chance to play together while they are perfecting the skills of patience and sincere listening. We help them find successes in the arena sessions that they can take with them as examples to fall back on at home. It's all about the metaphors!

Some of our families are very non-traditional. Whether grandparents are filling in as parents, whether foster parents have become adoptive parents, whether single parents are filling both roles, Horse Warriors helps them find ways to communicate better and see each other for their best selves. In our school year discussion groups we help students talk about family challenges. We have art days during the winter where parents and kids work on collaborative creative projects. We have a big holiday party with games for kids and parents. We believe everyone should be allowed to play and have fun!

This year we asked our parents to share what has been “GREAT” for their families about being in the Horse Warriors programs. Here’s what they said!



Mylie coaches her mom, Sonya, to try going a little faster on Graine.

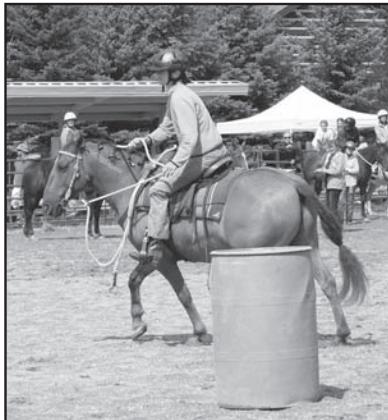
SONYA: It made us being a family a little easier. We figured out some stuff that we now keep in the back of our heads. It was fun all around experience - we carried the lessons home with us and used them on a daily basis.

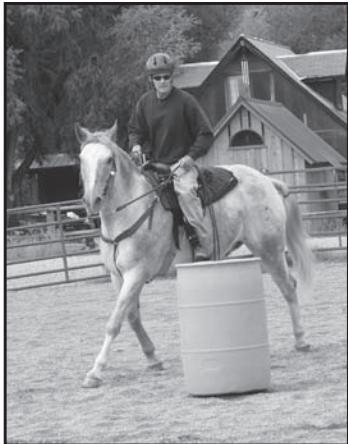
LIZA: It helped a lot with communication, and with respect in terms of sharing. This year there were some great improvements; I got to see my daughter really mature.

Liza takes her daughter's horse, Woody, through the car wash obstacle after being taught by Lucy (daughter) how to do it safely. Below, Anne takes Canyon for a gymkhana run through the barrels.



ANNE: It's OUR activity we do together with the girls. We really let everything go and just "be there," actually being part of the activity – we are intensively there and learning a lot. It builds good communication skills for a lifetime; it creates self-esteem, friendship between children, self-confidence, and brings family together. It teaches everyone how to speak up in front of a group in the community, as well as learning how to ride in a safe, respectful and fun environment. It's special to bring the entire family together around their passion for horses. It also helps the girls become stewards of HW by becoming a mentor.

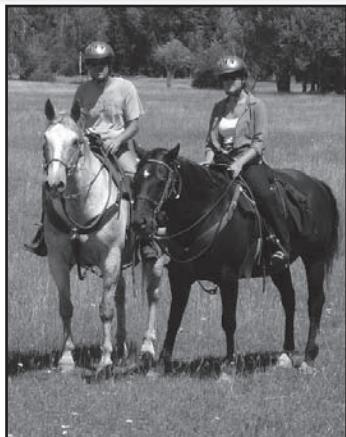




ERIC: Mentoring has been a great part of the program - that's really what sets it apart from other horsemanship schooling. They (my daughters) are learning to become better mentors for the next generation. To be around horses definitely makes us enjoy going to the program – we all like horses – it's a pleasure to go as a family.

Eric and Hoot make a nice turn around the first barrel in the gymkhana.

MARK: One of my favorite parts of HW was spending time with Sam on the family trail ride. It afforded me an opportunity to participate in something my daughter really loves – I have a similar interest but don't have the time to do that myself. In Power Ponies, my son August demonstrated leadership in showing me parts of the horse and saddle. It helped Sam get out and be able to do other things – it ended up being the key that unlocked her ability to reach for other things; it helped her pursue other avenues, helped her get out of her shell.



Mark and Sam enjoy a day out in the wilderness with Woody and Hoot.

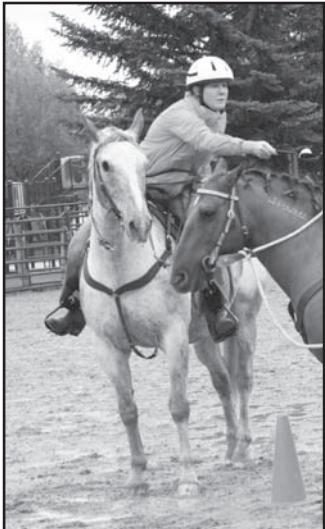


MICHELLE: One of my favorite parts of HW is sharing my love of horses with my daughter. Seeing her learn how to ride a horse, learn how to give and receive praise, and acknowledge when someone else does something good has been great.

Michelle gets compliments from her daughter, Aspen, while Kateri (mentor) lends encouragement.

MICHELE: At Horse Warriors I really like spending a lot more time with my daughter in the parent programs, and having better communication with her.

Michele and Sammi weave a cone pattern in pairs formation.

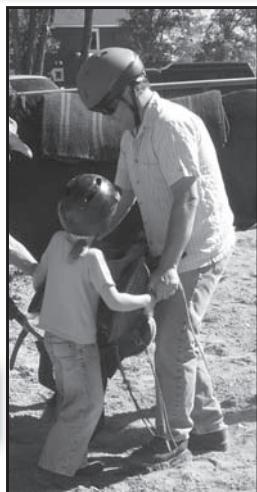


CAROLYN: It's great how my daughter is better about talking to me, better about communicating about her feelings, or an injustice, and sharing what is on her heart or on her mind.

Carolyn reaches out to transfer her rock to a partner in the gymkhana.

CHIP: What I really liked was how neat it was to be in the learning position in the relationship and have my daughter teach me.

Chip and Lily work together as a team to get Woody saddled up for Chip's "riding lesson" from his daughter.





Jessica and Alex work together with Woody in the gymkhana saddling race.

JESSICA: I think the best parts for me are learning to listen, building confidence, and group exercises like the ones we did walking the horse through the cones without touching. Connecting with my daughter and the horse, listening without talking, discovering the confidence that we can do that all are great.

CINDY: (MOM) I like us all being connected. I also like that my daughter didn't give up; she listened to herself instead of listening only to me. She figured it out for herself; she does that in her regular life now. I like the way she didn't give up; the good things in her HW lessons overrode her fears and any persuasion I might have had. I like to see her forming her path even though it's different from mine; she's making decisions that are right for her now.

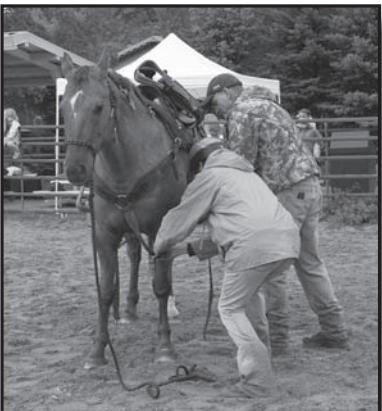


Cindy trots Graine through the barrels in the parent barrel race in the gymkhana.

JIM: (DAD) I liked seeing my daughter confront her fears and work through them. She got less fearful over time – it's a work in progress; it's good for her to experience a challenge, confront it and work through it and come out the other end less fearful and stronger.

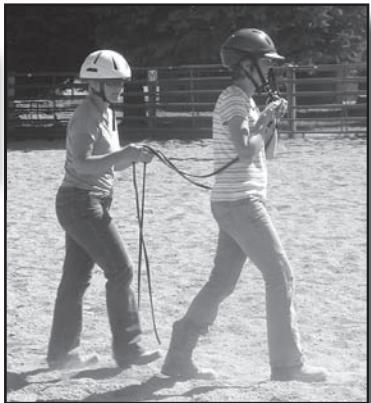
If you are interested in volunteering in our arena programs, our upcoming MANDATORY training sessions are:

**March 5: Theory and Philosophy;
and May 15: Lesson Practice With Horses
(Mounted and Unmounted)**
Please Call to sign up: (307) 733-7464



JEFF: The best part for me is watching not just my child, but all the children over the course of a number of years. To see all these children blossom before your eyes and change from unsure little girls (and boys!) who were just shells of themselves, and to see what they are today is wonderful; all of us have to be so proud of them.

Betsy and Jeff compete in the saddling race at the gymkhana, above. To the right, Betsy and Diane play with what it feels like to be directed by a bit and reins in one of our Family Fun Days sessions.



DIANE: The best part for me is what Betsy brings from HW to the family – she is better at communication, she opens up the dialogue more. Seeing examples from another person's point of view and from a horse's point of view increases tolerance and teaches respect for others; witnessing other families' successes makes me step back and try to improve relationships at home. It brings awareness. It takes nurturing and commitment to want to improve relationships – HW tells us how.

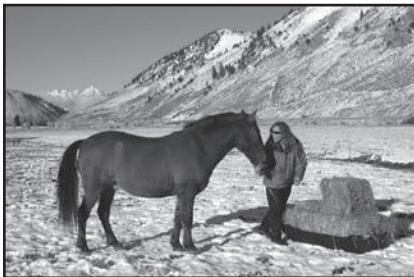


GLENN: The best part for me is what it's done for my granddaughter. It's taught her a lot - helped her to get along with everybody at home. All the events, being a mentor - all of it combined has made her more responsible.

Glenn, one of our "upper level adults," plays a rock passing game for parents with Jeff in the gymkhana.

Volunteers

Oh, How We Love Them!



In addition to our arena volunteers, we have winter feeding volunteers who help us no matter what the weather. The horses have requested special photos of these gallant souls (*mainly because they are in the pictures, too!*) as they are deeply appreciative of being fed regularly with such TLC!



*Special thanks to Rose Caiazzo,
Addy Hutchison (not pictured), and
Sue McKnight for feeding, blanketing
and constant smiles!*

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

• SHELLY SCOTT •



- **Instructor**
- **Coach**
- **Fundraiser**
- **Advocate**
- **Cheerleader**
- **Friend**

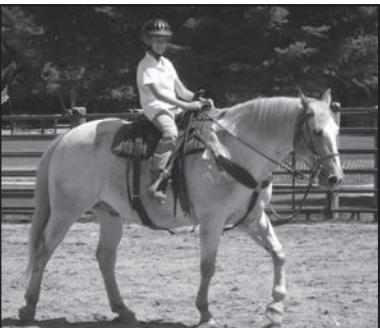
Shelly helped us all summer long, catching horses, grooming, teaching, processing, encouraging kids and parents, and coming up with clever ideas to help us raise money. Rain, sleet, hail and scorching sun - Shelly was there smiling through it all!

She organized a trailer wash that helped students get a real appreciation for how clean we keep OUR trailer! They shoveled and scrubbed and turned all the vehicles into shiny, nearly-new transport systems. She helped coach the girls who showed at the fair this summer, filling them in on the finer points of competition and presentation. Thanks to her help they all showed beautifully! We really appreciated all the time she spent with every program - thanks Shelly!!



HOOT

**2010 Horse Warriors
Horse of the Year**



Hoot is a favorite of all age groups at Horse Warriors. He is solid, dependable and endlessly friendly. We got him as he was scheduled for euthanasia because he was going blind from a squamous cell carcinoma on his right pupil. We removed his cancerous eyeball and he has adapted perfectly to seeing with only one eye. He has a consistently positive attitude and loves arena games and trail rides. He helps riders find their own levels of courage by being a fine example of moving through a disability. His most affectionate nickname is "Hooter P. Cuter."





Allison masters her connection with Hawk and takes him for a liberty walk through the cones without any type of leadrope



Kat and Canyon move together with Kat's energy intention

Leaders at Liberty:

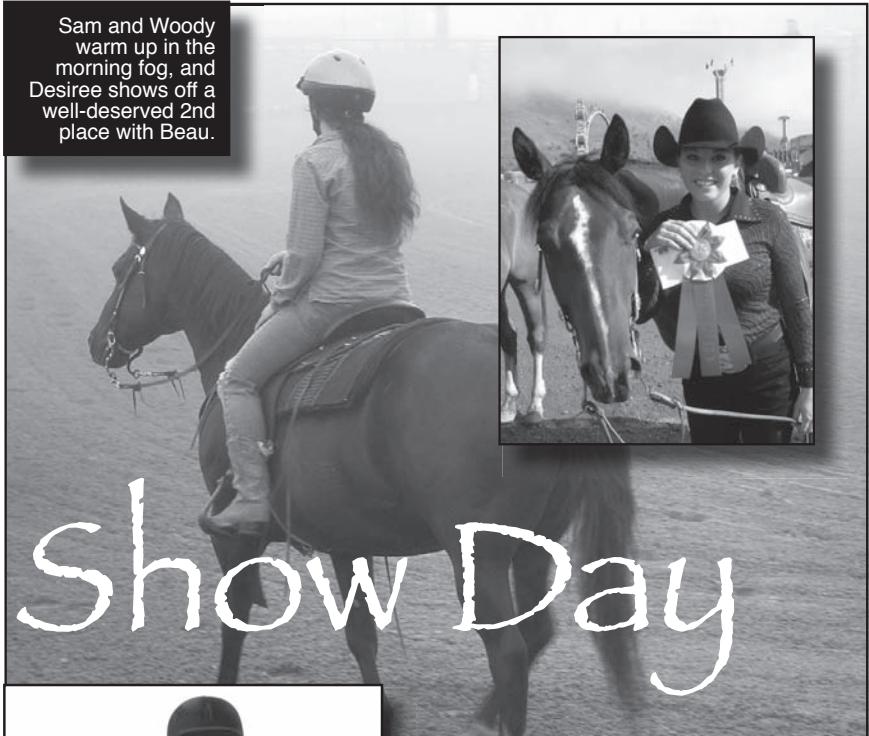
Pilot Workshop with the
Directors of
“Leadership at Play”

In the fall of 2010 the Community Foundation sponsored a Leadership Training workshop with Kat Smithhammer and Allison Bergh, founders of Leadership at Play, a consulting business for developing leaders and teams in various types of organizations.

Our director took the CFJH workshop - it was wonderful! Since it offered many learning exercises which complemented the work we do with the horses at Horse Warriors, we offered Kat and Allison a chance to experience a few of our interactive horse games so they could see how it might enhance self-awareness for their clients. Kat and Allison made great connections with their horses, and we look forward to collaborating with their organization on leadership trainings in the future.

www.leadershipatplay.com

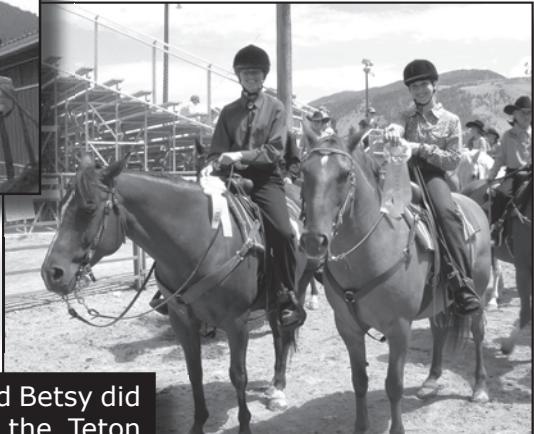
Sam and Woody warm up in the morning fog, and Desiree shows off a well-deserved 2nd place with Beau.



Show Day



Kira proudly displays her blue ribbon and buckle for winning Western Equitation.



Kira, Sam, Desiree and Betsy did wonderfully well at the Teton County Fair Horse Show. Thanks to Desiree, former Horse Warrior and Teton County Rodeo Queen, and Ken Eva, our farrier/dentist and good friend, who helped coach the girls to their many victories!

Hats off to all of the Horse Warriors this year! Some graduated and took a leap out into the world, seeking another level of self-awareness. College is a big step and we are proud of all our many graduated students who have decided to pursue higher education. It's a goal we keep in mind all the time - helping everyone attain the highest level of personal best they possibly can.

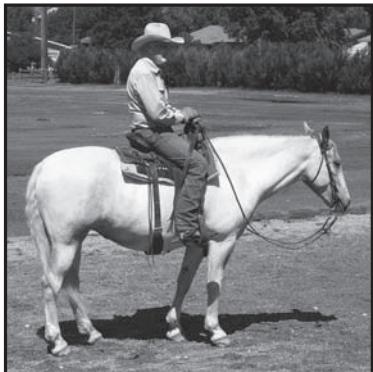
This year Kira went east to Michigan State, and Sam headed south to Mesa State in CO. They are learning a lot about even greater levels of independence and determination. We are happy to have been a big part of building a foundation they can stand on, especially when they share with us how much Horse Warriors helped them get to where they are now.

This summer our upper level riders got a chance to test themselves before heading off to new territories. They spent weeks practicing for the Teton County Fair Open Class Horse Show, helped by former student Desiree Bridges, Shelly Scott, and Ken Eva. Classes

the girls competed in were Trail, Western Pleasure, Ranch Pleasure, Jackpot Reining, Jackpot Pleasure and Western Equitation. They brought home tons of ribbons and a buckle! We're pretty proud of them!



Sam gets pointers from Ken for backing Woody through the "L" in preparation for their competition in the Trail Class.



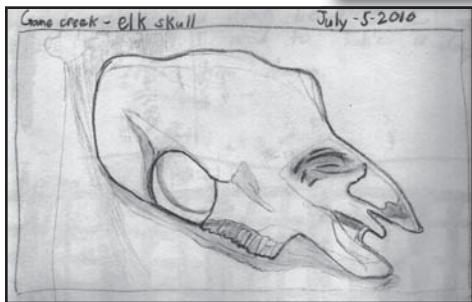
We want to say a special thanks to Ken Eva, not just for the coaching, but for all the help over the years keeping Horse Warriors running smoothly. We couldn't do it without him!!

Ken and Silver wait patiently for all the rest of us to finally "get it," no matter what "it" is!

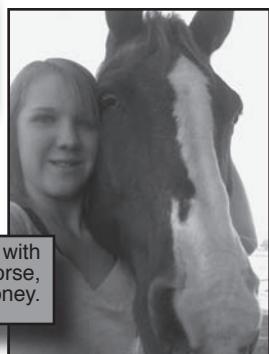
Student in the Spotlight: Kateri VanPatten



Kateri encourages Aspen, her Power Ponies™ student, as she competes independently in the gymkhana.



Trail sketch of
an elk skull,
drawn by
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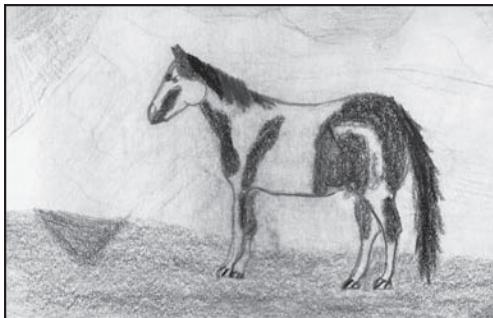


Kateri poses with
her new horse,
Money.

Kateri is a 3rd year Horse Warriors™ student, having started with us in Power Ponies in 2007. She is now an upper level rider and a gifted mentor for the Power Ponies program. Kateri is also an accomplished artist! Kateri now has a horse of her own that she keeps with our herd, and helps us with winter feeding.



Kateri and her grandpa compete in the pairs barrels event, holding a string between them and running the barrel pattern together.



Some of Kateri's Many Talents

Above is a colored pencil drawing of Hawk, the horse Kateri rides most often in the program.

To the right, Kateri shows Aspen how to be so calm around her horse, J.J., that her horse is nearly asleep. Later, Kateri helps Aspen ask for a turn with just a very gentle touch on the reins. Kateri is wonderful at getting her students to trust her as a mentor, showing patience and compassion along with her encouragement.



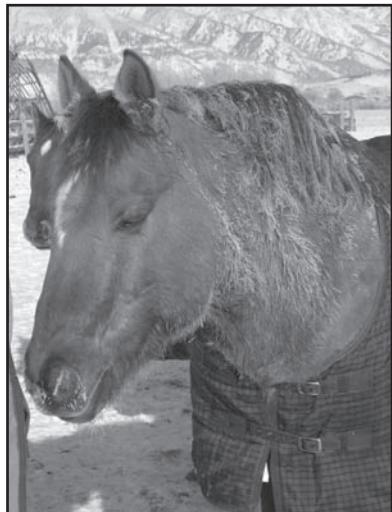
Winter is



Woody waits patiently as the snow falls,
knowing his blanket is on the way.

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Our horses are hardy, and grow long, thick coats each winter. However, there are still times when it is bitterly cold and wet. That's when we blanket them overnight. During the day when it warms up their blankets get too hot, so we take them off each morning. It's a time consuming routine during these cold months. Our older horses really appreciate the extra care - it helps them stay healthy and live long lives. We're glad to offer that back to them as part of our commitment to good stewardship.



Buzz sports a layer of frost in the morning when the temperatures are still below zero.

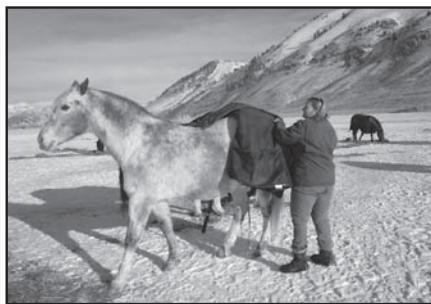
BRRRRR!!! Horse Jammies!!



A very big THANK YOU to Karin Ralph and Robin Siegfried for their donations to our horse blanket project. Thanks to them we now have weatherproof blankets for our horses when the WY winters are too cold for comfort!



Hawk and Hoot enjoy a little warmth while they munch their morning feed.



Sheila takes off Hoot's blanket as the day warms up after breakfast.



Lots of people in our community "Give Us a Lift." We are blessed to have so many generous people in our circle, and want you all to know how much we appreciate your generosity!

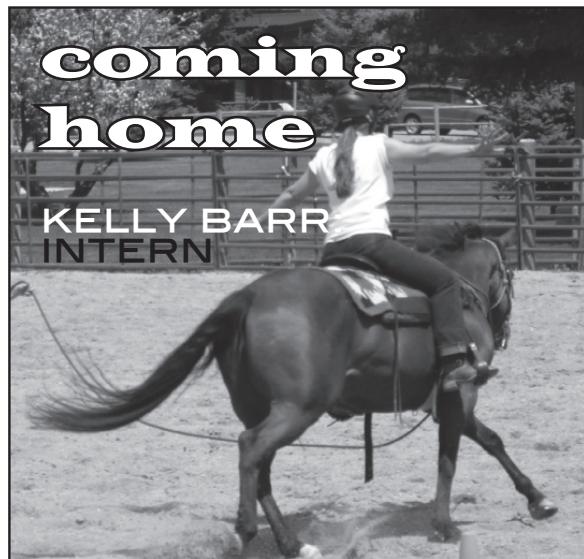
Have you ever been somewhere brand new but felt like you were home? This feeling of familiarity washed over me the first time I met the herd at Rafter J. Looking into the eyes of these majestic creatures, I knew my life was about to change. I knew some dreams were about to come

true. My body felt at home in the pasture, surrounded by the breath and the play of the horses. My heart grew in size that first day, and became more and more full with each week of work at Horse Warriors.

As a little girl I longed for a horse of my own, but when you don't come from a horse family, when you're not born into it, it can be a pretty hard lifestyle to jump into. The horse community is not always easy to access, so I was incredibly grateful to volunteer for Horse Warriors, and then be offered a summer job. Learning how to feed and care for a herd of 13 horses was the most amazing job I have ever had. Being able to walk out into a pasture and be in the center of those graceful, massive, magical animals...there's not a feeling in the world that compares. It felt like my soul took its first inhale after having held its breath in hopes that this moment would someday come.



to be my family away from home.

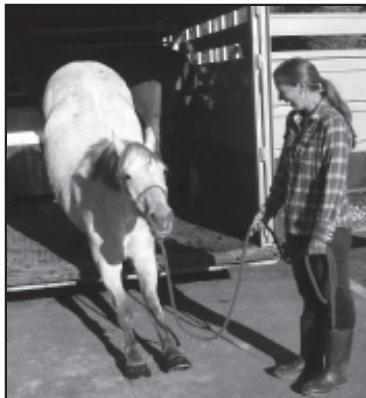


Installed as a volunteer. When I met Priscilla, I felt that I had met her on purpose. I felt like stars were aligning and I felt like she was going to be really special person in my life. That feeling ended up being very true. On weekends I would go to the ranch and feed, as well as groom or help with random chores that needed to be done. I loved this time with Priscilla, and I felt this sense of family among the horses. I had found someone willing to teach me, so in exchange I tried to work as hard and as often as I could. This would come

I never knew just how much could be learned from the horse, once you learn how to listen.

love and appreciation for my new horse family, Priscilla being the heart and soul of it all.

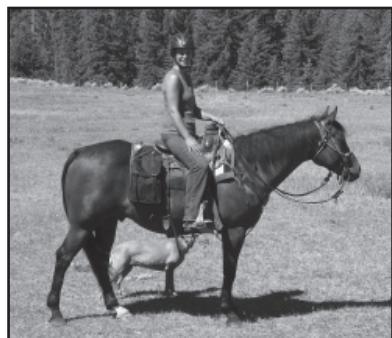
Never in my life had I seen one person work so hard, so meticulously as Priscilla. My horse education started instantly, and I soaked it in and paid attention to every second of it. My early lessons of safety, grooming and tying halter knots and bank-robbing knots graduated to learning to catch, load and unload the trailer, and ride. Patiently and consistently, I was taught how to communicate with horses in a most respectful and kind way. I was even so lucky to learn some doctoring skills, like cleaning wounds and giving vaccinations. It felt like every week I was calling home to share with friends the most exciting lesson of the week. “Today I learned how to ride with spurs!” “This week I brought the horses to the dentist!” “I caught 5 horses this morning!” “I rode 8 different horses bareback today, and I loped one of them!” The lessons were endless and as my knowledge grew so did my



Loving the horses is even easier when you see them with children and young riders. They are intuitive and responsive to the needs of whomever is on their back. They take on the rider both literally and figuratively. Lessons and conversations are created by these horses. I never knew just how much could be learned from the horse, once you learn how to listen. Lessons of empathy, anger, frustration, perseverance, love and patience are just a few of the many lessons these horses teach to their riders. Ropy, with his sensitivity teaches about limits and gentleness. Beau, with his friendly personality and difficulty fitting in with the herd, teaches lessons of herd dynamics and ways that horses communicate with each other. From Hawk, one might learn the importance of confidence and consistency.

Every horse had a lesson to teach, and the beauty of how they taught it is hard to put into words. Never was the lesson taught through fear or danger. It always seemed like the horses were as aware of safety as we were. Seeing a Power Pony trot for the first time showed me just how valuable this program is. When a Mighty Mustang is able to groom and saddle on their own, much more is happening than just those actions. Confidence and independence are blooming and growing in these kids. It is powerful stuff. I wish there were more programs like this in the world. What better way to teach such valuable life skills as self-reliance, assertiveness, and determination than with the strength and influence of a beautiful creature? The horses involved in Horse Warriors are true warriors...serving and working to teach the youth of Jackson. I loved being a part of it.

When I long for the smell and the feel of the herd, I close my eyes tight, and I can feel myself floating through the mountain mist in the early morning at Rafter J. My tall black boots squelch in the moist earth and four halters are slung over my shoulder. Who will I catch today? Beau and Ropy walk toward me, their beautiful heads appearing out of the misty fog first, and as they come closer I can see the tall elegance of their strong legs.



Kelly discusses a journal exercise with a Power Ponies student.

*It is
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Hadn't I dreamed of doing this as a child? And now, not only am I doing it, but I know these horses.

And they know me.

Kelly and Beau (her favorite!) out on the trail. Kelly will return in 2011 for another summer with Horse Warriors.

what do we do next?

JUNIOR STAFFING
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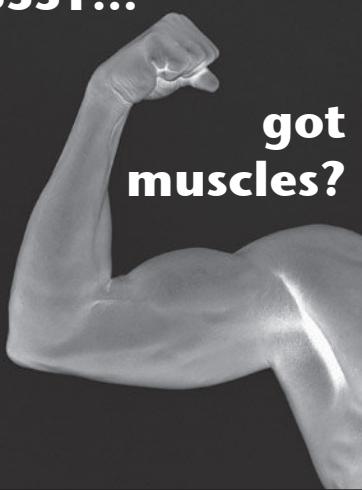


2010 marked another milestone for the Horse Warriors program. This year we created a new position - Junior Staff - for graduate members of the Horse Warriors family. Betsy Palmer and Kira Brazinski are our two brand new staffers. Accomplished instructors already from their many years as mentors for the Power Ponies and Mighty Mustangs programs, they will assist next summer with teaching, horse care, curriculum development and program support. They are both Level 4 riders - the highest level in the Hore Warriors programs. Their horse showing and stable management experience make them great candidates for mentoring our younger, less experienced HW students. We couldn't ask for more knowledgeable, hard-working and dedicated help! Welcome!!

Kira, Priscilla and Betsy at an awards ceremony.

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muscles?



We need help! From time to time we have to haul heavy obstacles and other equipment, as well as clean up pastures. If you're feeling strong and generous with your time, please give us a call so we can schedule you in our Volunteer Corps!

**733-7464
690-6124**

P.S. It's great exercise!

HORSES OF THE GODDESS:

A Training Intensive for Professionals in the field of Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies

Professionals from California, Arizona, Washington, Rhode Island, Colorado and Wyoming showed up to steep themselves in learning at this year's Horses of the Goddess workshop. The course attracted therapists, researchers, educators and corporate leaders for 6 days of immersion in the theory and practice of EAAT. Our focus was on designing and implementing equine facilitated mental health and learning curriculum from a basis in relationship building and horsemanship.



Katy listens to Hoot's non-verbal but very distinctive language before working with the horses at liberty.

Hof G is a collaborative, educational workshop with participants bringing many aspects of the course's success along with them. There is a set curriculum with enough openings that each participant has something unique and significant to offer. The instructors, Martha McNiel and Priscilla Marden, bring a wealth of experience as long-time professionals in the field. Both run successful EFL/EFP programs and are instrumental in furthering the field at the national and international level.

Fun and learning are the core components of Horses of the Goddess. Even though the information is shared at a professional level, the days are casual and collegial, with the horses providing much entertainment and their own level of conversation.

There are about 12 hours of class time per day, including journal processing, creativity exercises, lots of riding and horse work, and many discussions and sharing of perceptions and insights.



Barb, Kelly, Patricia and Mary collaborate on EFP/EFL curriculum design.



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The final day trail ride along the base of the Tetons in Jackson Hole.



Phyllis, a researcher from Washington State, practices a light connection to the horse through riding.



One of the role play groups explores family dynamics through leading without touch.



Art projects help participants learn skills for assisting clients to process experience.

TESTIMONIALS: HORSES OF THE GODDESS

What was your most significant experience in this workshop?:

"Understanding what the role entails as an equine specialist, and what it means to "speak for the horse." I "got it" after the first role play."

"I was very impressed by the high caliber of people that are interested in doing this work and I was extremely impressed with the high regard shown for the horse."

"Building new professional relationships and building awareness and respect for the equines in this work."

"Observing purity and clarity of Priscilla's modeling EFL and Martha's modeling EFP; validation for belief of strong horse skills necessary for this work."

"Experiencing the cohesiveness & sharing of the group. While the instructors provided most of the teaching, others in the group provided significant contributions to the learning process as well."

"Best role play experience ever for learning new awareness."

"Role playing sessions - learning how to balance integrating horses into the sessions and clarifying the role of a therapist; learning to balance all roles."

"Designing and evaluating a "therapy" session as a group."

2011 Horses of the Goddess: **June 1-6**

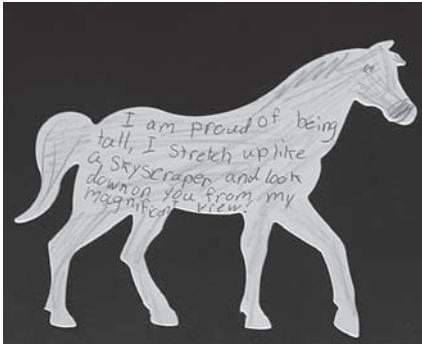
Instructors: **Priscilla Marden, CEIP-ED; TRI;**

Executive Director Horse Warriors, Jackson Hole, WY

Martha McNeil, CEIP-MH; TRI; LMFT;

Executive Director Dreampower Horsemanship, San Martin, CA

Cost: **\$1500** includes bunkhouse lodging with shared bath; dinners 5 nights; all instruction/handouts; snacks; safety equipment/helmets; 9 am - 9 pm daily class time (short break in the afternoon). It is PACKED with information and experience. Please call early - maximum 6 participants. (307) 733-7464; 883-7464



poetry AND ponies

MIGHTY MUSTANGS & POWER PONIES WINTER ART DAYS

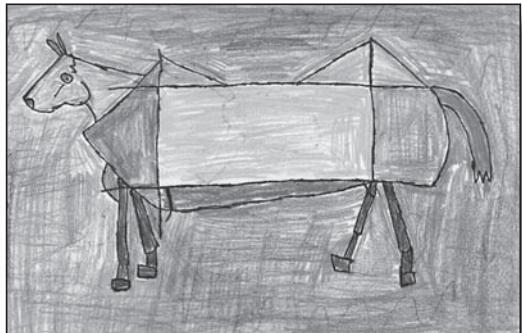
Even in the winter students gather and work together. This year we had bookmaking and mobile projects, and had a chance to share our skills with our riding groups and mentors. Parents collaborated on the bookmaking project, while the mobiles were done with just the mentors. Both projects were lots of fun!!



Clara shares her poetry mobile, reading each of her horses to the group.

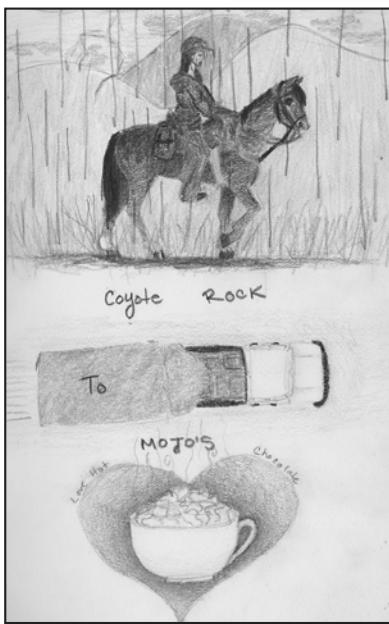


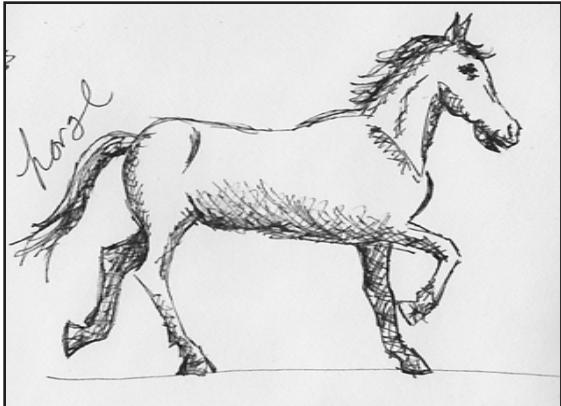
Michele, one of our parents, helps students with their creativity at one of our winter Art Days.



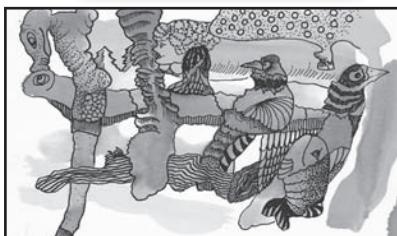
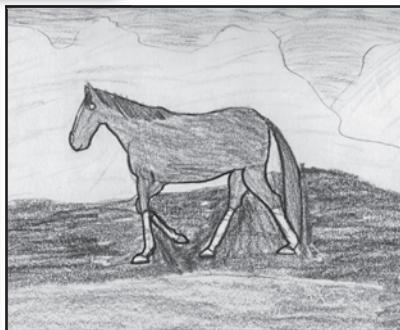
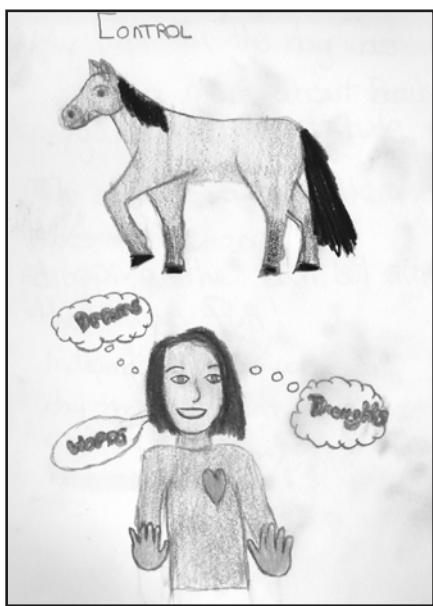
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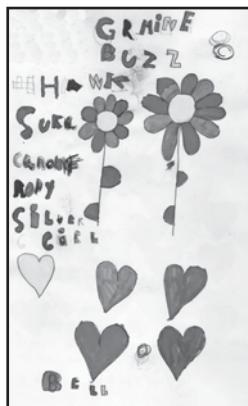
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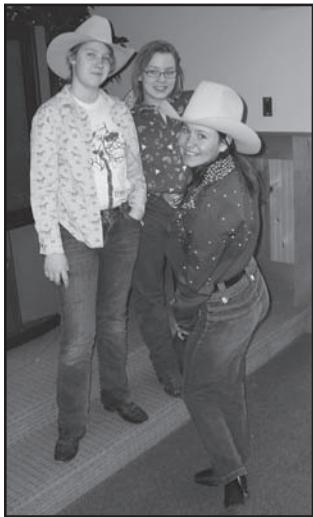
SERVICE WITH A SMILE:

Helping Soroptimist Shine a Light



Sammi, Casee, Kateri and Soroptimist member Pat Donley

Community Service is part of being in Horse Warriors. Each year students donate 30 hours of volunteer time to charities, community events, neighborhoods and individuals. The services can be a student's choice so long as there is no compensation.



The cowgirls pose before their entertainment debut - they were great on the microphone.

This year Kateri, Casee and Sammi chose to help Soroptimist of Jackson Hole serve their annual Senior Dinner at the Senior Center as part of their community service work. The girls decorated the dining room, dressed up in a cowgirl theme and served all the seniors a scrumptious chicken dinner. They were gracious, cheerful and hard working!!



Kateri, Casee and Sammi serve the feast.

HORSE ADOPTION: Love Without the Heavy Lifting

ADOPT A HW HORSE: HOW DOES IT WORK??

You can sponsor your favorite horse for a whole year for any of the following:

- \$300: Hay for the year
- \$200: Grain/Salt/Minerals/horse treats
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- \$360: Shoeing for trail riding season
- \$175: Trimming feet remainder of year
- \$100: Annual Dentals
- \$85: Deworm/Vaccinate yearly cost
- \$300: Vet Care (emergencies/supplies)

Full Sponsorship: \$2000



For full Sponsors we have a **SPONSORS' DAY** where you get to come work with "your" horse and learn to be a Horse Warrior! All of our horses are **SUPER APPRECIATIVE**, and featured in this magazine. Here's a little cheat sheet - see if you can find them:

- HAWK** - our only big splashy paint
- SUKA** - a sorrel mare with a blaze and 4 stockings
- CANYON** - the chubby little darling on the cover
- BEAU** - the bay on the back with the white star
- WOODY** - a black horse sneaking through the car wash
- GRAINE** - a grey mare who has the best spine for bareback
- SILVER** - a curvaceous white beauty asleep while coaching
- BUZZ** - a big, arched neck red dun ridden by Kateri
- HOOT** - our big, strawberry roan horse of the year
- ROPY** - a friendly white public canvas who loves little kids
- SEDONA** - a sorrel with speckles and a star, new this year
- SKIPPY** - a blaze faced roan with white socks and stockings
(hint: ridden by a grandpa!)

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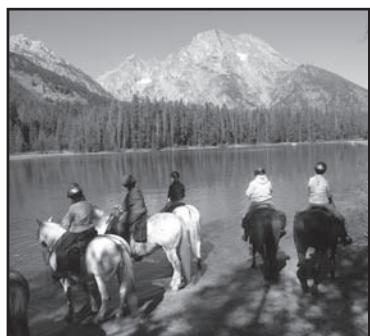
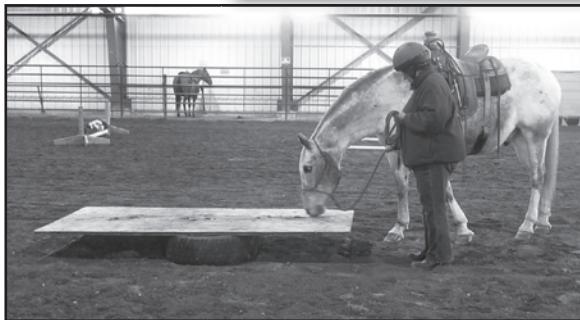
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Women & Horses: A new program for Horse Warriors!!

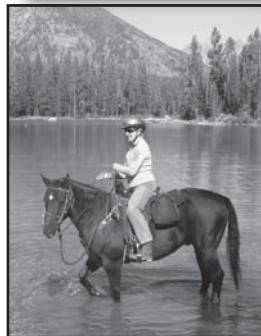
Women love horses! They are gifted at creating relationships from the heart, and nurturing them through challenges. Our new course, Women & Horses, offers fun opportunities to develop a relationship with a horse and with other participants, while at the same time meeting and overcoming personal challenges.

The 3-day immersion in the world of horse language and personal awareness includes lots of games and obstacle courses to help build safe and successful relationships.

Whether you are an experienced horsewoman or have never ridden before, Women & Horses is fun and gratifying. From non-verbal communication to riding bareback to art projects to trail riding to laughing so hard you practically fall off your horse, it's a wonderful way to take a break in the summer.

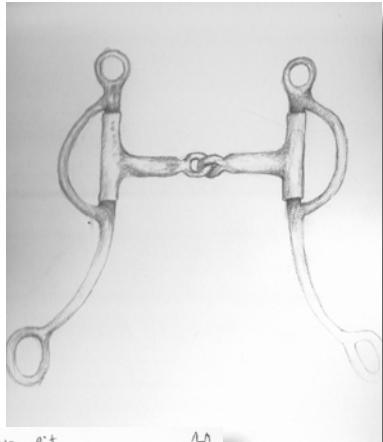
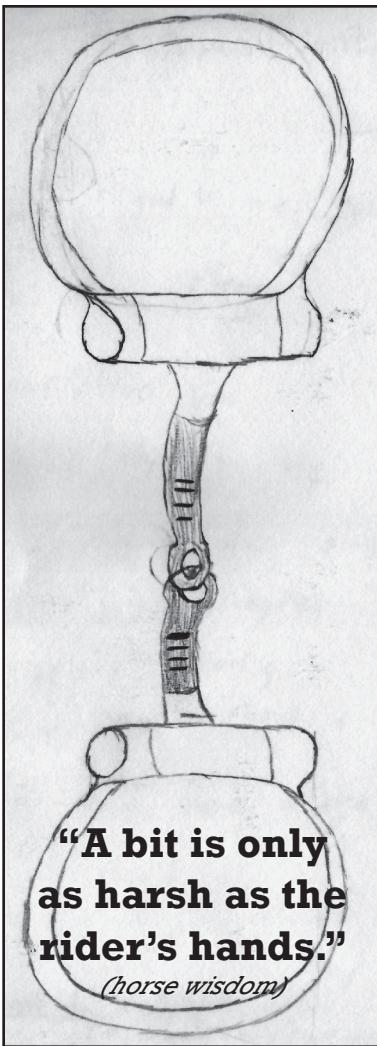


**2011
Dates:**
June 23-25
Sept. 22-24
Cost: \$350
Space is limited to 6 participants per session.
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What I learned from the horse was to be light with its mouth. When I'm sad the horse knows it and when I'm happy it also knows."

- AJ,
Mighty Mustangs



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Welcome Sheila!

Horse Warriors now has some fundraising help! Sheila Mealey is our latest staffer, researching grants, working on increasing our online profile, and helping with the winter discussion groups and horse care. Sheila will be teaching at the arena this summer as well.

Sheila is a certified instructor with ARIA (American Riding

Instructors Association), and she is currently working on her NARHA certification through us us. Her teaching experience includes many years of instructing both English and Western riding, as well as coaching children and adults for the show ring. She has competed in drill teams, rodeo, team penning, and hunter/jumper events. Her lifelong passion for horses has afforded her many interesting and exciting opportunities, such as caring for an Olympic medal horse at an international competition, and helping children with special needs or histories of abuse find new openings in life through their interaction with horses. Sheila says, "There is more to horses and riding than heels down eyes up - we can all learn much more from the horses than merely how to ride!"

Sheila and her buddy, Hawk

Sheila is excited to be part of the Horse Warriors team and we are glad to have her!



HEY, WE'RE NOW ON
FACEBOOK!!!

Check out our new facebook page at Facebook.com/Horsewarriors and "like" us. Check back often for news and updates on our horses and programs. There is always something fun and interesting going on at Horse Warriors. Help spread the word about our programs by sending the link on to your friends who may find it interesting. Thanks for helping our social networking!!

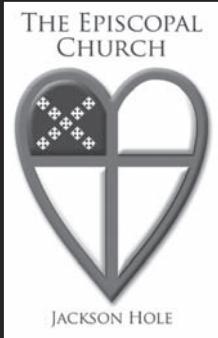


Call Your Friends
and save the date for
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Fundraiser in 2011!

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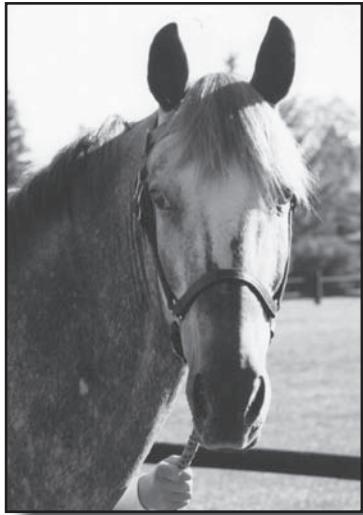
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**Goblins and Werewolves scared
the dollar\$\$ out of a lot of folks to
help raise money for Horse War-
riors! Don't miss it - the 2 days
before Halloween!!**



Thanks for the Space!

The Episcopal Church has graciously donated their beautiful LIBRARY SPACE to us for our Monday afternoon DISCUSSION GROUPS. Discussion groups are a mainstay of the winter season. They help us stay connected during the times we aren't riding. This year the indoor arena was under reconstruction all through our usual after school riding program times. We didn't have our October and November riding lessons, but are still getting to do a lot of drawing and talking together. We really appreciate the use of the church to maintain our long-term relationships!



KANGA

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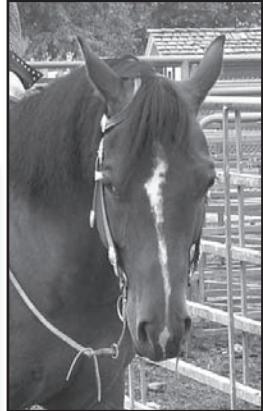
This year we honor the passing of one of the foundation horses for Horse Warriors. Kanga was our best horse for any level rider. He was honest, light, and responsive, and willing to care for everyone who rode or worked with him. We miss him terribly. There will never be a horse to replace him ~ he was the finest one of all. Much love and gratitude to you, Kanga.



SEDONA



WOODY



BEAU

We are very fortunate to have 3 new horses to help fill in the gap. Woody is a rope horse donated by Cathe Stotts. Beau is a reining horse on loan from Gary and Devon DeSpain. Both of them showed with students at the fair this summer and were in the Power Ponies and Mighty Mustangs programs. Sedona is new as of this fall and will work into the program this spring at Horses of the Goddess.