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Indoor Riding Arena progress report



Arena tackroom 'barn' door

Thank you to our donors during our #GivingTuesday campaign and Fall/Winter solicitation mailing. The lumber for the interior walls was purchased and the walls and ceilings are up in the community room, ADA bathroom and tack room. None of this would be possible without the help of many volunteer carpenters who braved the December-February elements: **Mark, Brian, Chuck, Mike C., Jim, Ryan, Noah, Mike S., Dewey, and Lenny**. The wall framing is up in the community room and bathroom, interior door installed for the bathroom, and tack room walls completed – including a really amazing hand-built Dutch door. And we have heat in the community room! Dairyland Energy Solutions has installed an electrical panel, put in outlets and light switches, hung the arena lights, and installed exit signs and outdoor lighting fixtures. Devix Heating and Cooling has installed the HVAC for heating.

Thank you for the donation of time from **Tom and Nick Pointek** (volunteer Joy's husband and son), for coordinating Toby Rott and two crew members of De Luca & Tobin Cable Contractors, Ltd. to string the electrical wiring for the indoor arena lights!

Thank you to Diversified Insulation for adding insulation to the community room and tack room walls and ceilings – a good portion of it was generously donated by owner **Mike Voss**.

Next steps are to add interior wall panels and finishing carpentry work. Please continue to support this project with a gift to our building fund and/or providing materials such as flooring, tile, kitchen cabinets/sink, new ADA compliant grab bars, toilet or sink. Your generosity will mean so much to improve the experience of our riders and we greatly appreciate your gifts.

Chore List!

Horses still need care during the winter months. We currently have about 15 volunteers who come to WCR and help with feeding, filling hay bags, mucking lean-to shelters and stalls, grooming and general ranch work. It's a chance to get fresh air and healthy exercise, learn about our horses and their personalities, meet other volunteers (friends), and improve mental health (nothing like focusing on a horse task and forgetting about life stresses!). There are early morning chores, daytime and evening work for adults and teenagers needing minimal supervision. Send an email to wcrvolunteercoordinator@mail.com or text Jennifer at 414-791-2509 for more information.

WCR Website

Our www.willowcreekranch.org is currently going through some changes. We are going through some different looks and are working on updating pictures and information. Registration information is from a prior year, so please don't print out the forms unless you see 2020 on them. Until the website is completely updated, we are happy to email you the necessary forms for the 2020 season.

New Program Horse

We are excited to welcome new horse Tucker. Tucker is 18 years old and WCR's first paint horse! You will recognize him by his splashes of white on his stomach, hips and up his legs. Tucker is a leased horse from Jennifer's aunt Melissa in Iowa. Tucker was part of Melissa's family for the past 10 years, mostly as a trail horse. He was shown at the Clayton County fair as a 4H project in pleasuring showing and speed games, was a trail horse, and family companion. Tucker was in parades, rodeos, and for several years carried Mary, mother of Jesus, in the Las Posodas re-enactment at St. Mary's school.



2020 Horsemanship Schedule - Registration

We are happy to announce that our 2020 therapeutic riding and horsemanship schedule has been set! Both evening group lessons (Mondays through Wednesdays) and daytime private and independent rider lessons (Tuesdays through Thursdays) are available. Each lesson is 45 therapeutic minutes. Therapeutic minutes are defined as interaction time that serves the purpose of improving the learning and growth of a rider, with horseback riding time a part of those therapeutic minutes. Lessons also may include ground work, grooming or learning about the horse.

Lesson fees are the same as last year. No fee increases! Our participant fees represent only about 30% of what it actually costs to provide each client with the benefits of therapeutic riding. We are grateful for donations and sponsorships that help with most of the other 70% of lessons costs. Additional fundraising will also benefit our programs.

2020 Lesson Schedule

Session 1: 6 weeks, March 23 - May 1

(No class on Monday, May 25, Memorial Day. Make up lesson will be available.)

Session 2: 6 weeks, May 4 - June 12

Session 3: 6 weeks, June 15 - July 24

Session 4: 6 weeks, July 27 – September 4

Ranch Rodeo tentatively set for Saturday, August 8

WCR will be closed September 7 – 11 (Labor Day week/back to school)

Session 5: 6 weeks, September 14 – October 23

Session 6: 6 weeks, October 26 - December 4

(Fall/winter daytime and evening lessons depending on volunteer availability and weather)

- ***If you are interested in receiving a participant packet***, please send an email to wcrvolunteercoordinator@mail.com to request the information. Included in the packet are registration form, letter indicating participant requirements and fee information, WCR safety rules and policies, and other information. (Note: these forms may not be available from our website until March 1.)

How YOU can support WCR

Volunteer! Help us during the off-season to keep our WCR horses in program condition by coming out to brush and groom, help with chores, and prepare for 2020 riding season! Training is provided!

Provide a gift to our building fund or provide materials as we prepare the interior of our community room.

Sponsor a Horse. Horse care continues during the off-season and so do the costs of caring for our horses – hay, grain, vet care, farrier and other healthcare, blanket repair and more. Your gift can go directly to support our wonderful horse partners in providing services to those with special needs.

Give a Horsemanship Program gift. Your gift can 1) help keep the cost of lessons affordable for those families who already have so many expenses 2) pay for learning items to use in lessons or 3) support the needs of the arena/community room building project. Please send your gift to WCR, 7404 Northwest Hwy 83, Mukwonago WI 53149.

**We are able to continue the winter care of our horses and work on the indoor arena
because of generous donors and supporters like you.**

Thank you.

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