

APRIL & MAY 2021



*Our Vision...For every child to experience redemption.
Our Mission...**LOVE** the child, **SAVE** the horse, enable children
and their families to realize the **HOPE** they can have in Jesus Christ*

Our April Fool's Day Scenery!



AND it snowed again on April 21st! Beautiful, right? But it's supposed to be spring! Well, the joke was on us LOL! When we got the warm weather so early in March, I was ecstatic, but my husband kept telling me, there's an "onion snow" coming. I look at him like he's got three heads. Lo and behold it came. For those folks as clueless as I am about the "onion snow," I looked it up on the internet:

"Onion snow" is a regional term used primarily in the state of Pennsylvania, referring colloquially to the final snowfall before the end of the spring season. Some sources indicate that the onion snow typically occurs after the traditional time for planting onions. In most places, onions are planted in late March or early April. Onion snow is defined as a light snow that melts quickly. This regional expression is said to originate from Pennsylvania Dutch culture and language.

And there you have it!

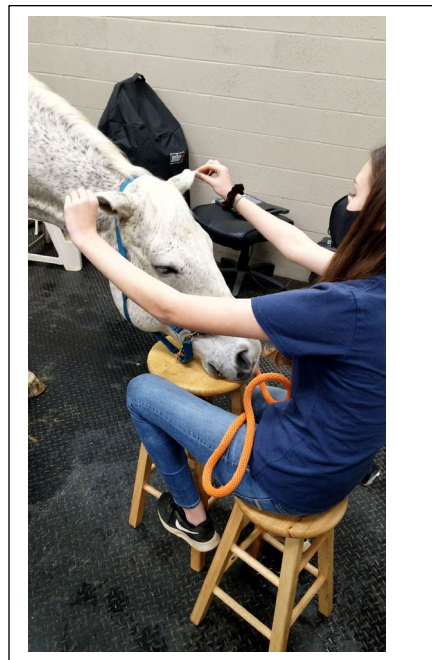


Thank Goodness for Gracie!

I can confidently say that small group of very responsible always amazed at how ladies are. They range from 12 – one of them.

Gracie began volunteering was 12. She and her mom had Knob Fair. To bring ranch we used to bring our big draft kids put handprints on her. brochure, took it home and it got about a year. The brochure re-“spring cleaning.” It was quickly love with horses.

During the first year she “Fun show” fundraiser at Brady’s Run Park. Gracie rode one of our ranch horses, Juliet, in one of the events just for fun. At the end of the day, someone forgot to pick up their prize so we gave it to Gracie. It was 4 free riding lessons with a local instructor, Lauren. Jeannie realized how much Gracie enjoyed riding so her parents agreed to continue the riding lessons. Gracie also began to compete in the Interscholastic Equestrian Association (IEA) shows. If you compete in a show, you have to pay a fee (can be pricey – almost \$200 each time) and ride a horse provided for you. You’ve never met the horse before so you don’t have any idea what this horse knows or how it’s been trained. You don’t know if it has any quirks or special “buttons” or vices. You just get on and go. It can be extremely frustrating but riding a different horse each time does make you a better rider, if you don’t give up. And she never did. Not even when she fell off a horse during a lesson and broke her arm. It was only a few weeks before she drove her mother insane with the incessant request, “Can I PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE go to the barn?!”



our ranch has been blessed with a and mature, young volunteers. I am dependable and faithful these young 18 years old and Gracie Suwalski is

at the ranch four years ago when she stopped by our booth at the Big awareness to the local community horse Pansie to the booth and let Gracie’s mom, Jeannie, picked up a tucked away under other stuff for emerged when Jeannie did some evident that Gracie was madly in

was a volunteer, the ranch hosted a

Gracie has excelled as a rider and has gladly taken on more responsibility at the ranch. By the time he was 14 she was mature and dependable enough that we made her a “lead feeder” which is a supervisor for that feeding shift. She knew what needed to be done and made sure it was done well. Because she is a skilled rider, we ask Gracie to help with the rehab of all injured horses as well as corrective behavior type riding. The steps to bring a horse back to riding health from any kind of injury are methodical and progressive and Gracie takes it seriously and does it very well. From time to time, we have horses that “act up” and need a strong rider to correct their new bad habit. Gracie doesn’t give up easily so she can usually outlast a fussy horse.

Gracie loves being at the ranch. The ranch is her safe haven and it’s a place for her to obtain peace in her life. Even though she has school at home, she has to deal with the same stuff as every other typical teen girl. She’s made some really good friends and looks forward to seeing them every week when she comes. She also likes to do some running when she comes to the ranch. She said she likes running straight up the big hill. Anyone who has even walked part way up this hill will tell you that it “kicks your butt!” I know from experience, because I have trekked up that hill looking for missing horse fly masks (they always manage to get them off!)) your legs will burn and you will be gasping for air mid-way up. Now, I only drive up the hill with our UTV. But Gracie likes running up the hill...ooooohhhh I miss my youth!

Gracie has been in PA cyber schooling since she was little. The fact that she can do that tells me that she is a self-starter. There’s not too many of them around. She also likes to play tennis, golf and swim. She’s pretty good at all three! What a steadfast young lady.

Gracie works at a local pet care facility 2 days a week and pays for all her own horse expenses. Aside from school daily, and work 2 days per week, she has riding/training 2 days a week and youth group 2 days a week a she volunteers at RYYR 1-2 days per week. Because of her commitment to the ranch and her love for Calvin, we let her half lease Calvin so she can ride and train him as well as show him. As you can see in the above photo, they are a winning team! Gracie loves Calvin sooooo much. She even attends his doctor appointments. Two years ago, Calvin broke his shoulder, Gracie was there to help nurse him back to health. Again, when he recently tore a tendon and was on 3 months of stall rest. Gracie was there, hand walking and rehabbing him every step of the way. Because he does not always cooperate at the Veterinarians office, Calvin was sedated and his head was so heavy that Gracie put a stool under his head to help him hold up his head LOL! Because all Thoroughbreds (racing horses) are tattooed under their upper lip, Gracie looked up his number and found all the information she could about Calvin. Pictures of him when he raced and all his wins and loss stats. Every birthday, she celebrates by making him an Oats & Carrot cake and puts a party hat on him. This cracks us all (volunteers) because Calvin is a bit of a grumpy horse so it’s like putting a hat on Eeyore the donkey. But Calvin is not grumpy with Gracie, he loves her and gives her his all. She also decorates the outside of Calvin’s stall every holiday. In April, she hung a string of rabbit cut outs, in July it’s red, white & blue. In November, it’s Thanksgiving decorations and in December, it’s Christmas decorations.

Calvin came to the ranch a few weeks after Gracie started to volunteer and it was love at first sight. As I was interviewing Gracie, I noticed she has a necklace with the name “Calvin” on it. I asked her, why she chose him? She said, “People put other people’s names on necklaces and people come and go but Calvin is my one constant.”

Gracie loves riding Calvin but she’s grown to love working at the ranch because of the relationships she’s built with the other volunteers. She looks forward to seeing her family of co-volunteers, a dad and 2 kids. On Sunday evenings, this family comes to help with barn chores. At first, she admits it was frustrating training and keeping an eye on everyone but now she looks forward to teaching the kids. Sidney, the dad and little Emma are always having a good time and laughing throughout chores. Tyler is 7 but is such a hard-working little guy. He’s fearless so that is good and bad. He struggles with school but when he comes to the ranch, he can do everything well so it is definitely a confidence booster to be there.

When we started this ranch, we set out to change the world and help the kids in need. We had no idea about the ripple effects reaching volunteers and their families with God’s grace and love.

“ there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; -1 Corinthians 12:5 (ESV)

LOSING HEART *16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. 17 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.*
2Corinthians 4:16-18

I love my savior, there is no question about that. In retrospect, God has saved me from some really awful things including a life full of misery. He's also given my life purpose and meaning. He's given me more joy than I deserve. But last year, I lost some of that joy of serving well before we even got hit with all the Covid stuff. I had learned that three of the children that we had served at the ranch were back in trouble again. This broke my heart and discouraged me greatly. I started asking myself where I went wrong with these kids. Am I doing everything I can to help them? Am I wasting my time and effort? Should I be doing something else? Then Covid set in. Instead of feeling worse, I was encouraged. We had more volunteers last year because many were unemployed and others because everything was shut down. The ranch became a little haven for everyone. I was concerned that finances would stop because so many people were unemployed and businesses were closing, but God not only sustained us but blessed us abundantly. I feared we would not be able to run our programs last year. Most facilities like ours across the country did not open to offer their services at all. With Rebecca's help, we were able to be compliant and operate. With everything closed, people were becoming disconnected. The stress levels in homes went up, domestic crime and suicides went up. It became apparent to me that the ranch was needed, more than ever. So instead of focusing in on my discouragement, I focused on the people and kids who needed us. Many people said kind, encouraging words to me, some sent emails and cards. Interestingly enough I heard from some of the kids I had worked with in the past few years and they encouraged me with their personal stories of how the ranch impacted their life for the better. And more recently, one of the kids that had gone astray turned around. When I consider all of these events, I realize that God's got my back. Sometimes when we feel like we can't hear him, see or feel him in our lives, he uses people to send finances, speak or write encouraging words, help do tasks that help me when I feel like I can't. He knew that I needed encouraged so he let me hear and see the fruits of our labor. And it was exactly what I needed. I look around today and I see fear, hopelessness and much discouragement. I pray that whatever your need is today, know that God loves you and wants to provide for your needs. If you need peace in this time of turmoil, seek Him, you WILL find him.

DON & ZOE NEED

As many of you know, Don couple that come and serve at the year. Zoe helps with barn chores, on. Don does a lot of the farming spreading manure, fixing fencing arrived home safe from Brazil on riding his motorcycle out later that will be ok. He broke his collar bone, some ribs and his ankle. Late Wednesday night doctors had to remove Don's damaged spleen. As of Thursday, April 29th, 5 pm he is hospitalized in Pittsburgh and is in a lot of pain. Doctors are helping him manage that but Don sure could use all your prayers for pain relief and quick recovery.



YOUR PRAYERS!

& Zoe Peffer are a missionary ranch from May to September every mentoring, day camps and on and type work like mowing fields, and a lot of maintenance work. The Wednesday the 28th. Don was day and hit a deer. Praise God Don

Pray for Zoe as she has lots to manage right now. Setting up house since they've been gone since last fall. Taking care of Don as well and a lot of driving back and forth to the hospital. I am sure that Don will be down for quite a while so Zoe will need some help with things like lawncare, etc. I will check with Zoe and will let folks know of their needs. If you would like me to include you on the list of people that can help, please let me know and I will add your name.

SHENANIGANS at the FUNNY FARM



Roger is a Saturday morning volunteer. Thought he would ride the sled with bale of hay down to Oreo & Cassidy's area.



Paige & Grant removing a sheet of ice from the water trough so the horses can drink!



Cisco is an older horse and is grumpy most of the time. A volunteer bought this fly mask with annoyed eyes to fit his personality.



Lazarus just doesn't care.



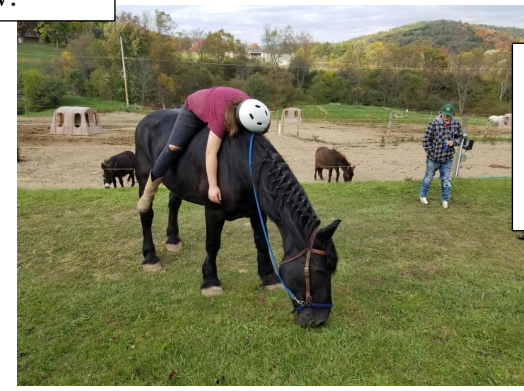
Tyler doesn't care either, he just wants treats!



Volunteer made a snow angel



Just cute little Reuben covered in snow.



JOSIE: Let me nap on your back, Laz.
LAZARUS: Ok, if I get to eat grass!



Hay tunnels are for maximum fun!



Hot day, need a break.
Tyler is a great nap spot!



LAZARUS: "He started it!"

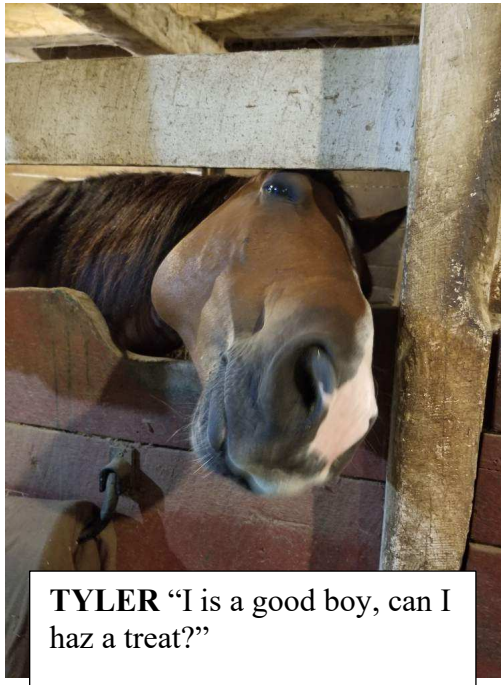


Z says, "TREAT PLZ! I am
such a good girl!"



Tyler & Scout have a love/hate relationship.
Here they are in a lip lock from an all-day
banter.

Here is Don Peffer sliding down the hay elevator. Fun while stacking 3,000 bales of hay on some HOT



TYLER "I is a good boy, can I haz a treat?"

SCOUT "Cuz they were there!"



DO NOT TRY THIS AT HOME. Only if your tractor is broken down and you need to get hay out to the horses!



REBECCA "No, I'm not texting and riding."

NEW SHIRTS & HOODIES...TIE DYE !



Just go to this link:

<https://readyyourselvesapparel.itemorder.com/>

HELP!!!

If any of you have carpentry/repair/building type skills we sure could use your help at the ranch this year. Especially with Don Pepper down from the accident, we have many projects and we will need people to drive tractors to mow fields, spread manure, install fencing, etc. Please consider volunteering your talent! call/text Micheline Barkley 724-713-1653 or email me at Micheline.barkley@ryyr.org

RETIRED? HAVE TIME ON YOUR HANDS? WE COULD USE A VAN DRIVER THIS SUMMER:

Logistics is part of the problem in trying to help kids in our community. Rebecca & I (Micheline) are the primary drivers for ranch kids. However, when we spend our days giving them 150% of ourselves, driving morning and afternoons makes for a long summer days. We need help on Monday, Tuesday & Thursday mornings, pick ups from 7:30-9:00AM and drop offs are 3:00-4:30PM. If you can volunteer to drive any of those six time slots, PLEASE let us know. Thank you!

PAMPERED CHEF....May Only!

If you like Pampered chef items and would love to support us, then just simply place an order at the link below:



<http://www.pamperedchef.com/party/ryyr0501>

If you have any problems placing an order, feel free to call our Pampered Chef representative Kelly Ray 330-507-8620

Are You a Morning Person?

And have time we sure could use your help with morning barn chores, please contact me at 724-713-1653 or Micheline.Barkley@ryyr.org



RYYR TO HOST ANNUAL EAST COAST RANCH MINISTRY CLINIC September 25-26

With special pre-clinic 2 day (Sept 23-24) Biblical Based
Equine Assisted Programming & Practical Training

We are honored to be able to host this annual event of
fellowship and information sharing with other like-minded
ministries. If you or anyone you know are interested in starting
your own ranch or have one and wish to come share in

information, you can check out the following link for information and registration:

<https://www.facebook.com/eastcoastranchministryclinic/>

What are people saying about RYYR?

I recently received this letter from another one of our amazing teen volunteers, *Cheyenne McBride (AKA “The Donkey Whisperer.”*

“I am writing to you to thank you for all your work you’ve done to help kids in the community and horses as well. Since I’ve started volunteering at the barn, I have learned a lot. I’ve learned to be open minded, be caring and kind and to always try your best no matter what. You have given me the opportunity to make new friends, learn and experience tons of new things. You’ve not only taught me things but you have taught so many people in the community not only about horses but to love themselves and find good in their lives when they don’t think there is any. You have helped so many people and I’m very thankful for being able to work with you and be able to learn so much from you. I can’t wait to see what else the ranch accomplishes.”

WANT TO DONATE SOMETHING INSTEAD OF \$?

Check our website wish list or our Amazon wish list, just click the links below:

[Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

[Supplies Needed — Ready Yourselfs Youth Ranch \(ryyr.org\)](https://www.readyyourselvesyouthranch.org)

HAVE YOU WATCHED OUR RANCH VIDEO?

If not, check it out! Come and visit our website at www.RYYR.org, share our video

<https://vimeo.com/392571914/5c6f4c7d20>

and don’t forget to follow our Facebook page for all our event updates!

DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS!

PAMPERED CHEF – Online only May <http://www.pamperedchef.com/party/ryyr0501>

HO HO HOAGIES! – Orders due May 28th and hoagies arrive on Monday June 7th noon

9TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING – June 26th at Fox Run Golf Course in Beaver Falls, PA

1ST PURSE BINGO – July 10th at the ranch, tickets go on sale May 7th, only 250 available

CHESTNUT HILL CANDLE CO. – Fall candle scents beginning in August



THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND PRAYERS!

HANDBAGS *for* HEALING HOOVES



DESIGNER PURSE

BLINGO

Bring your friends and join us at the ranch for Designer Purse Bingo!



★ **SATURDAY, JULY 10, 2021** ★

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm • Doors Open at Noon

Chinese Auction • 50/50 Raffle



\$40 Includes 10 bingo cards
& light lunch



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JUNE 26, 2021

FOX RUN GOLF COURSE • 8:00 AM SHOTGUN START
 4240 River Road, Beaver Falls

Skill Prizes • Team Prizes • Hole In One Prizes



\$85 PER GOLFER

Includes 18 holes of golf, cart, hot dogs at the turn, dinner and prizes.



Dinner Only - \$50 per person

If you are unable to golf, please join us for the Social Hour and Dinner. It's a great way to support our organization while enjoying dinner and being eligible for the Chinese auction.



Event
 Schedule

7:00 am - 7:45 am
 Registration and warm-up

8:00 am
 Shotgun Start
 Beverages provided on the course

1:30 pm
 Refreshments and cash bar

2:00 pm
 Dinner, prizes and Chinese auction



REGISTRATION

Registration deadline June 20, 2020

For more information, please call
 Matt at 724-321-5034 or Jason at 724-742-9887.



CONTACT

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION

- Individual Player \$ 85 each
- Dinner Only \$ 50 each
- Tee/Green Sponsor \$ 125 each
- I'm sorry I am unable to attend, but wish to make a donation

List each of the golfers in your foursome:

Name _____

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REGISTER ONLINE AT: RYYR.ORG OR FIND US ON FACEBOOK: facebook.com/RYYR.OFFICIAL

MAIL CHECK AND THIS FORM TO: Ready Yourselves Youth Ranch
 115 Meehan Lane, New Brighton, PA 15066

RYYR HOAGIE ORDER

Volunteer name: _____

Order deadline Friday May 28th

June 7th Pick Up – 12noon or after

Make Checks Payable to: RYYR

Name	Phone	Pd	Italian \$7.50	Italian Dbl Meat \$8.25	Turkey &Cheese \$8.00	Italian Pizza \$8.00	Baked Ham \$8.00	Deluxe Italian \$9.00	Pep. Rolls 2-pack \$7.00	CAKE ROLLS- \$11.00 -Pumpkin -Chocolate -Red Velvet -Carrot	TOTAL Amt Due
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			Italian	Italian Dbl Meat	Turkey &Cheese	Italian Pizza	Baked Ham	Deluxe Italian	Pep Rolls 2-pack	CAKE ROLLS- -Pumpkin -Chocolate -Red Velvet -Carrot	TOTAL Due

Traditional Italian Style - Hard salami, bologna, chopped ham and yellow & white American cheese on a fresh Italian roll

Turkey & Cheese – Fresh oven roasted turkey breast piled on an Italian roll, topped with yellow & white American cheese.

Beef-n- Cheddar – Fresh Deli Roast beef topped with sharp cheddar cheese on our freshly baked roll.

Italian Pizza – Italian salami and pepperoni topped with shredded mozzarella & provolone cheese on a fresh baked roll. Top it off with our homemade Italian pizza sauce packet.

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Pepperoni & Cheese Rolls 2-Pack Sliced pepperoni, mozzarella and provolone cheese baked into a fresh white bread dough.

NOTE: All hoagies include lettuce, tomato, and onion packed on the side and an Italian dressing packet.