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# Rainbow Ranch Ranch Hand News

Hi everyone, and welcome to the first edition of Ranch Hand News. I hope you enjoy reading it, as much as we enjoyed putting it together. The plan is to have four editions per year, one during each passing season.

And, we welcome your input.

There is one very, very sad note here; I'd like to dedicate this first issue to a real friend of RR, who passed away recently, Mr. Michael Schmidt. Skippy and I were honored to ride along with him on his final trip through town. We escorted a beautiful 1902 hearse, drawn by two elegant black Friesian horses. Also a veteran, his procession was met at the cemetery by a riderless horse, and the US Navy Honor Guard. Michael's passing is a great loss to all whose lives he touched.



As the local tax assessor, I met Mike when RR started. He was kind and helpful to a newcomer to town. We became fast friends, because he made it so easy. Our sincere condolences are extended to his wife, Lydia, his daughter, Gwen and his son, David.

Joe Capo

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#### Beginner Riding Program

The program got a late start this year because of the very wet weather we had in the spring. However, we got the mud under control, the arena in shape, and started the program in June. This group had a new assistant join the crew. She's a past graduate and Blue Ribbon winner, Miss Rosie Tilson. Rosie epitomizes what RR is all about. Her love for riding is only exceeded by her love for the horses themselves. At her young age, Rosie's riding ability is surely an incentive for new students who may be unsure they are ready to take control of such large animals.

#### Ponies go to the Pow Wow



Pictured left to right are: Petie, Jenny, Goldie, Joe, Veronica, Lollipop, Claire, John, and Marilu.

It's been a number of years since the RR crew brought pony rides to the Pow Wow at the Sussex County Fair Grounds, but this July, we did it again.

There were a bunch of smiles, a

few laughs, and lots of pony rides.

This was Petie's

first Pow

Wow, and

she did a

fine job

giving our

two Pow



Wow veteran ponies, Goldie and Lollipop, much needed breaks now and again.

#### New Web Site Launched

Well, if you are reading this newsletter, you know about the new web site. It had been created a couple of years ago, but never published to the web before. Thanks to Mr. Glenn Perkins of; Gperk.com Web Design, RR has a published web site. Over the near future, Glenn will assist RR in improving the web page. This newsletter is only one item that is new. Please visit the site often.

There may even be a picture of YOU at some time. Also the new e mail address for RR is:

[rr@rainbowranchnj.net](mailto:rr@rainbowranchnj.net). If you

have any ideas for the site, or

Ranch Hand News, please email

them to us. We welcome your

input.

### New "on site" Massage Studio

## A Therapeutic Touch

That's right. Rainbow Ranch is pleased to welcome a new service right here on site: A full service Massage Studio. While the children are riding, Mom can be having a relaxing massage (by appointment that is).

We also are offering Equine massage for your horse or pony, either on RR, or at your barn.

To schedule a human massage contact Marilu at 908-319-7381.

To schedule an equine massage contact Robin at 908-763-2309

*These also make the perfect gift*

### RR Alumnus Puts lessons to use



Vinnie Muzychko, mounted on Tom, helps Charles at Asbury Village Farm, plow the fields. Vinnie has taken his riding lessons and put them to good use working the fields at his summer job. Vinnie says; "It's all in a days work". Vinnie also has a about 50 laying hens and sells his own brand of fresh eggs at the farm. Marketed under the name: "Vinnie's Eggs".

### RR Bar-B-Que Planned

Sometime this fall (a date has not been picked yet), we're planning to have an old fashioned "Down Home" Bar-B-Que for all our RR students, alumni, and their families, here at the farm. We'll eat, play games, share stories, and at dusk, we'll sit around an open fire, play guitars (if someone can), and tell *spooky* tall tales. Anyone interested in entertaining, or being a "stemwinder" for this event, please call Joe at 908-715-6472, or send an e mail. **The sooner the better, please.** Thanks....

### Best Picture of the Quarter

Provided by Joyce Muzychko



Friendship, teamwork, and love defined in a single photo.....

### Best Joke of the Quarter

Provided by Marilu Randolph

One summer evening during a violent thunderstorm a mother was tucking her son into bed. She was about to turn off the light when he asked with a tremor in his voice, "Mommy, will you sleep with me tonight?". The mother smiled and gave him a reassuring hug. "I can't dear" she said. "I have to sleep in Daddy's room". A long silence was broken at last by his shaky little voice: "The big sissy".

### Down the Road a Bit

\*Register now for Fall Riding Programs. Forms are now available on web site.

\*Graduation day for Beginner Riding Program.

\*RR - Fall Bar-B-Que

\*Please share with us any story or experience you would like published in a future issue of Ranch Hand News.

Until next Time:

*Happy Trails to you, and Yours.*