

MEDINA COUNTY OHC

**DEDICATED TO PROMOTING RIDING IN
THE CUYAHOGA VALLEY NATIONAL PARK**



June 2006

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ~ AKA JACK'S STALL 6-06

Isn't it great! Summer is finally here. Hope that all of you are taking advantage of the nice weather to do horsey things.

It is with great sadness that I must inform you that Reuss Griffiths has resigned as Trail Chairman. As a result of several things that either occurred or did not occur during the OTP Weekend Reuss feels that he can no longer work with the present park personnel. This is a great loss for the club. We cannot thank Reuss enough for all of the work that he has done on behalf of the club. Reuss envisions the horse trails in the park to be sustainable trails. He was able to accomplish several reroutes that meet this goal. He leaves us with much to do and to continue to try to educate the park personnel on the most up to date methods of building trails that will last and can be maintained with a minimal amount of effort. Reuss, please continue to help us!

In the meantime Mike Andrea and I will coordinate work efforts with the park.

We have much to do before the Wetmore trails will be opened. I know that there are folks who disagree with the park's philosophy of trail building but the fact remains that no matter how many volunteer hours we spend working on trails we are still guests of the park and they have the final say as to how they want their trails to be built and where they want them to be built. We can try to influence their thinking and try to educate but in the end it is the National Park Service that has the final say as to what will be done and how it will be done. As president, I feel that it is my responsibility to do what is best for Medina-OHC (Cuyahoga Valley Trail Riders) as a whole. I know that a few of you disagree with those thoughts. I want you to know that I have the best interests of the club at heart and that I am committed to doing the best that I can to get our closed trails open so that we can ride and ride and ride.

Other CVNP news. Bill Carroll is retiring as of July 1. No replacement or temporary replacement has been appointed as of this time. We wish Bill a happy retirement and the best of luck. I understand that he will be taking a job with the Land Conservatory group.

Moving along to more pleasant matters. Linda and I and Larry Bell represented MOHC and I represented the State OHC at the All American Youth Show at the state fairgrounds in Columbus May 18, 19 & 20th. Penny Passalacqua represented Cuyahoga County and Joy Keco represented Geauga County on Friday. We all had a great time working gates and organizing the young riders for their events. We had members of quite a few different chapters show up to help and it was nice to visit with them.

Linda and I attended The State Ride sponsored by Hocking County June 2, 3 & 4 at Palmerosa Horse Campground just West of Logan, Oh on the edge of the Hocking State Forest. The rains stopped for most of the event and Willie just loved the trails. They were a bit muddy in spots but overall I thought that they were in pretty good shape. Those of you who know

me know that I am a big fan of very rustic trails. The food was very good and the campfires were a lot of fun. It was very nice to see old friends from around the state.

I'm looking forward to going to more state rides. The Chile Cookoff at Mohican and the one later in the year at Alum Creek are the ones closest to us. I think that our club should have an entry at the Chile Cookoff. Is anyone interested?

We want to thank our member Cheryl Nowack who represented Medina-OHC at the Cuyahoga Chapter Horses 101 Event. She set up a table and promoted our club, gave out maps, sold a little club merchandise, and generally had a great time talking to all of the browsers who came by. She and Mike Andrea were there to help the Cuyahoga Chapter with the cleaning up after the event. Sherry and Reuss participated as well as other Medina members. All in all it was a great day for Cuyahoga as well as other OHC chapters and the general public. Thanks go to Tom Heinz Chairman and Cuyahoga-OHC.

Our Celebration Ride is coming up on July 7-9, 2006 in Howe Meadow on Riverview Rd. in the CVNP. I hope you'll come out and join in the fun either by working or riding this Competitive Trail Ride. There's been a lot of work done by the Celebration Committee in preparation for this big event. Pat Vance is the ride manager and you can call her for information or to volunteer at (330) 846-9358 or email her at Competitiveride@aol.com. There's lots of information on the website about the ride. Hope to see you there either competing or volunteering.

We're planning on having our OHC Northeast Regional Ride for OHC members and their guests on August 18-20 in Robinson Field (on Akron-Peninsula Rd. south of Peninsula) in the CVNP. This year we do not have a work party the same weekend as the Regional Ride.

The August work party will be on the 12th. Turnpike work on the Valley Trail in the Peninsula Radio Tower area is scheduled.

The July work party on the 1st will install trail mix on section of Langes Run Trail at old Wetmore Road crossing.

Vicki Rondy does not feel that she will be able to plan the January dinner this year. She will help with donations. Who would like to step up and take over? We will give you all the help that we can! Please don't be Bashful!!!!

We have a lot of fun events coming up this year. I hope that you will be able to join the fun.

Now for my broken record. Please keep track of your trail miles and turn in the totals at the end of the year to Susan Burrows. It is important to show that we are using the bridle trails and trail miles is a good way to do so.

So, until the next time, may you be with your horse as you traverse the trails of life. Jack

This & That for June (2006)

Linda Weese, Medina-OHC Ads & Awards Coordinator, Lsweese@aol.com

OUR CELEBRATION COMPETITIVE TRAIL RIDE WILL SOON BE HERE.

Please plan on volunteering or competing at the *Celebration* Ride in July. Put the date on your calendar now, and join the fun. The Celebration Competitive Trail Ride is July 7-9, 2006 in Howe Meadow, Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

PERKS FOR CELEBRATION VOLUNTEERS are:

- Free camping this year. Come for the fun & excitement
- Free Lunch and Dinner on Sat. and Lunch on Sunday
- Free Shirt (Volunteers/Competitors must give size at sign-in.)
- Volunteer Appreciation Drawings on Saturday Evening.
- Register to possibly win a prize. Thank you volunteers!

YOUR VOLUNTEER HELP is crucial to the event and very much appreciated. There are many ways to help. Contact Patricia Vance, Ride Manager, at (330) 836-9358 or email competitiveride@aol.com. Patricia will find the right job for you. Give her a call!

SPECIAL RAFFLES will be held on Saturday. We will have three separate raffles:

- ❖ Celebration Quilt made by our own Robin Wicks. It's lovely!
- ❖ Tack Box of supplies donated by Kathleen Hastings at Litchfield Trading Post & Tack.
- ❖ 50/50 with the help of Mike Pota who missed being a charter member by a few months.

MINI-AUCTION will be held on Saturday Afternoon at 5:00 pm.

- Stop by for the auction at 5:00 pm on Saturday. Bring a little extra money for our great bargains. Deb Aldridge is our lovely & charming auctioneer. It'll be a hoot!
- Please DONATE any new items that you can't or won't use to our auction this year.

COMPETITOR INFORMATION for Celebration 2006

- BREED AWARDS will be given to the *Best Arab*, *Best Half Arab*, and *Best of the Rest* in each ride (Saturday-30 Mile, Sunday-25 Mile, 55 Mile Elevator, and the 12 Mile Novice Ride). Special association awards will be given to the *High Point*: Morgan, Paint, National Show Horse, Tennessee Walker, Appaloosa, Quarter Horse.
- Sherry Eucker has been busy collecting very nice BAREFOOT HORSE AWARDS.
- We have many nice prizes to give our WINNERS this year. We want to thank our generous supporters. Please check out the donor page in our newsletter and also on the website link from the home page. Go to www.medinacountyohc.com. Let's do our best to support those who are giving us their marvelous support!
- The FRIDAY EVENING MEAL is on your own this year.
- ENTRY FORM/ FLYERS are available on the Website. Send your entries to our Ride Secretary, Kathy Schmidt, as soon as possible.
- Check out www.medinacountyohc.com for lots of cool CTR INFORMATION!
- SUMMIT-OHC is having a special MINI-CLINIC and COMPETITIVE TRAIL RIDE for those who would like to learn more about competitive trail riding and try out a 5 or 10-mile competitive trail ride. It will be at 9:00 am on June 17, 2006 at the Pony Club Field on Remsen Rd. (Allardale East Park. Please contact Mollie Eastwood for directions or information at (330) 666-1095, Mke514@aol.com. To pre-enter email HorseClubSummit@aol.com. This is a great way to get your feet wet and learn about competitive riding. We hope that you'll try the Summit-OHC Mini-Clinic/Ride in June and then come and compete in our Medina-OHC *Celebration* CTR in July!

PLEASE keep these folks in mind when you're looking for food, lumber, or vehicles.

Eat' nPark Restaurants

Medina, Cuyahoga Falls, Parma, Streetsboro, Willoughby, Mentor, Elyria

Carter Lumber in Kent

816 W. Main St., Kent, OH 44240, (330) 678-0230

Wadsworth Ford

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Call Donald Birney, Commercial Truck Manager, (330) 607- 6924
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CELEBRATE THE JOY OF HORSE AND RIDER ON TRAIL

CELEBRATION 2006 Competitive Trail Ride

A Cuyahoga Valley Trail Riders - Medina Chapter OHC Event

OAATS Sanctioned

Friday - Sunday, July 7-9, 2006

Come ride with us in the beautiful Cuyahoga Valley National Park – Ride Headquarters located in Howe Meadow!

Ride Manager: Patricia Vance (330)836-9358 CompetitiveRide@aol.com, Secretary: Kathy Schmidt (330)764-4004 KM5707@aol.com

DIRECTIONS: From I-271 take 303 East to first light (Peninsula), turn right on Riverview, 5 miles to Ride Headquarters in Howe Meadow. **OR: Use exit 143 on I-77** (exit is located 23 miles south of Cleveland, 13 miles north of Akron, at I-271 intersection), turn left, go east on Wheatley/ Everett Road (changes names before turnoff) 2 miles to town of Everett (road ends), turn right (south) on Riverview. Howe Meadow is approximately 1 1/2 miles on the right. **There is a special entrance for BIG RIGS at the FIRST ENTRANCE located to the right of the site. Do not try to go up little hill and over tracks...You will get stuck!**

CAMPING: Semi primitive, port-a-potties. Electric is available for a fee. Horse & Human Water is provided. Stores, motels, restaurants located within 6 miles of the site. Grounds officially open on Friday at 11:00am. By special arrangement only, grounds will open earlier if needed.

TERRAIN: Mostly woods, improved bridle trails with a few steep climbs. **Trail will NOT go to turnpike as it did in 2005.**

FEES:

30/55 Elevator	Saturday & Sunday July 8 & 9	\$80 adult (Jr. \$50) For Elevator, Total MUST be paid in full or you will be charged as OPEN rides each day
30 Mile OPEN	Saturday, July 8	\$50 adult (Jr. \$30)
25 Mile OPEN	Sunday, July 9	\$45 adult (Jr. \$25)
12 Mile NOVICE	Sunday, July 9	\$30 adult (Jr. \$20)
Camping	\$10 for the weekend plus refundable \$10 deposit required for site cleanup = \$20	
Electric	\$5 for the weekend (first come – first served – limited shade available)	

JUNIORS: (Under 18) must have a riding sponsor unless a NOTARIZED WAIVER from parent or guardian is presented and Junior has 300 career miles.

FOOD: Rolls, coffee and tea provided Saturday & Sunday mornings. Friday meals are on your own. Riders have Saturday dinner included in entry fee. Extra dinner tickets for Saturday available for \$6.00.

AWARDS: Completion, 6 placings for each Division, Reserve and Grand Champion, breed and barefoot horse awards. Novice ride will have 2 divisions with 10 placings. Junior placings.

ENTRY: Make checks payable to Medina OHC, mail to Kathy Schmidt, 3946 Huffman Road, Medina, OH 44256. Advanced registration is not required, but preferred. **NOTICE: If you do not pre-register, you may not receive a T-Shirt! There is limited electric available and will only be reserved for those who register in advance.** Minimum of \$20 due with advance entry ~ 100% refundable if secretary notified of cancellation 24 hours before ride.

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ENTRY:	Check ride entering For Celebration 2006	<input type="checkbox"/> ELEVATOR 30/55 (7/8&7/9) <input type="checkbox"/> OPEN 25 (7/9)	<input type="checkbox"/> OPEN 30 (7/8) <input type="checkbox"/> NOVICE 12 (7/9)	Arrival Date:	Electric: YES NO
HORSE:	Name:			Breed:	
	Age	Color	Circle Appropriate: Mare Gelding Stallion	Total number of years competing ____	Registration No. HORSE OWNER If Not Rider:
RIDER:	Name:		Total number of years competing ____		Name:
	Address, City, State, Zip & Phone:		Email address:		Address:
			T-Shirt Size: ONLY Advanced registration guarantees T-shirt		
EMERGENCY INFO:	Arrival vehicle description & license number:		Emergency Contact Name & Number:		

**NOTICE: SEE BACK OF THIS FORM FOR SIGNING LIABILITY RELEASE!
MUST BE COMPLETED TO RIDE!**

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY:

11am Howe Meadow Site Opens
3 pm Vet In starts
8 pm Rider Meeting
10 pm Quiet Time

SATURDAY:

6 am Riders Start (weather permitting)
6 pm Dinner, Awards for Competitive 30 Milers
8 pm Ride meeting
10 pm Quiet Time

SUNDAY:

6 am Riders Start (weather permitting)
3 pm (approx) Awards for Competitive Riders
5 pm Howe Meadow Site Closes

RULES & REGULATIONS:

- NO alcoholic beverages.
- NO tying to trees or tree damage.
- NO ground fires will be allowed (fires in grills are OK).
- NO dog is allowed off leash (leash must be attached to person or immovable object).
- All manure, hay and trash must be placed in provided containers.
- Safety helmets required for all riders under 18 and strongly urged for adults.
- Proof of negative Coggins required for out of state horses.
- NO dumping of grey or black water on the premises.
- Quiet Time observed from 10pm to 4 am.
- NO Horses allowed in the middle of the Meadow

Visit www.medinacountyohc.com for additional information on the ride!

~Trail Maps ~ Info for Novice Riders ~
and MUCH MORE!

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LIABILITY RELEASE: Name of Ride _____ Date _____ Miles _____

The Undersigned acknowledges that distance horseback riding is a sport which carries an inherent risk, which means a danger or condition that is an integral part of an equine activity, including, but not limited to any of the following:

- (a) The propensity of an equine to behave in ways that may result in injury, death, or loss to persons on or around the equine;
- (b) The unpredictability of an equine's reaction to sounds, sudden movements, unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals;
- (c) Hazards, including, but not limited to, surface or subsurface conditions;
- (d) A collision with another equine, another animal, a person, or an object;
- (e) The potential of an equine activity participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury, death, or loss to the person of the participant or to other persons, including, but not limited to, failing to maintain control over an equine or failing to act within the ability of the participant.

The Undersigned, in consideration of acceptance of his/her entry in this ride, does hereby for himself/herself, his/her heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release all ride personnel and the sanctioning Ride Organizations, their officers, and all individual members thereof, and all other persons, administrators and assigns for any and all right, claim or liability of any kind or nature that the Undersigned might have. Further, the Undersigned does hereby acknowledge that said release will extend to any accidents, damages or claims arising out of his/her entry caused by his/her own acts or anyone or any animal with his/her control.

The participant has read and agrees to abide by the OAATS rules.

SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT (Parent, Guardian, or Custodian, if under age 18)

DATE

Medina OHC Club Clothing Order Form~Cut off Date for this ORDER JULY 15th!

Color	What	Logo Color	Price	SM	MD	LG	IX	2X	3X
Red	Full Zip Hoodie 50/50-	navy-logo on back	\$30						
		grey-logo on back	\$30						
	Crew Neck Sweatshirt 50/50	navy-logo on back &/frnt	\$18						
		(lg logo on back & sm heart on front) grey-logo on back&frnt	\$18						
	Tee small logo on heart (front)	navy-logo on front	\$10						
		grey-logo on front	\$10						
Navy	Full Zip Hoodie 50/50-	red logo on back	\$30						
		grey-logo on back	\$30						
	Crew Neck Sweatshirt 50/50	red logo on back&frnt	\$18						
		(lg logo on back & sm heart on front) grey-logo on back&frnt	\$18						
	Tee small logo on heart (front)	red logo on front	\$10						
		grey-logo on front	\$10						
Grey	Full Zip Hoodie 50/50-	red logo on back	\$30						
		navy-logo on back	\$30						
	Crew Neck Sweatshirt 50/50	red logo on back&frnt	\$18						
		(lg logo on back & sm heart on front) navy-logo on back&frnt	\$18						
	Tee small logo on heart (front)	navy-logo on front	\$10						
		red logo on front	\$10						

Medina OHC is ordering NEW Club clothing. YOUR HAVE CHOICES OF COLORS!!

Our first order will be placed in JULY so if you wish to order this round the cut off date is JULY 15, 2006.

All orders must be mailed to:
 Susan Burrows
 1565 Lantern Hill Dr.
 Wadsworth, OH 44281
 PH: 330-334-1528

Checks Payable to:
 Medina County OHC

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 TOTAL PAYMENT: _____

What is Competitive Riding? How Do I get Started? What Do I Need?
 These Questions & More will be Answered at: **Summit Co. OHC (Cleveland/Akron area) Mini-Clinic & Competitive Trail Ride June 17, 2006**

Field Opens at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, June 17
 Registration: 9:00 a.m. –10:30 a.m.
 Food will be available 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
 Clinicians begin talks at 10:00

1) What is CTR & what do I find at a ride?
 2) Pulse Checks
 3) Conditioning & Pacing
 4) Essentials done Cheaply

11:30 Vet in for the Trail Ride Begins
 12:30 First Rider Out Total riding time for the 10 miles (2 rounds) will be 2 hours with a 20 minute 1/2 way.

COST: \$25 clinics, lunch, ride
 LOCATION: Allardale East (Pony Club grounds)
 Remsen Rd., just west of Medina Line Rd., Hinckley, OH
 Easily reached from I-71, I-271 or I-Presentations:
 77 (contact Mollie Eastwood Mke514@aol.com or 330-666-1095 for directions)

MEDINA OHC Nomination Committee CHAIRPERSON FOR 2007 OFFICERS:
Patricia Vance ~ 330-836-9358 ~ pavancelaw@aol.com
 If you want to be on the committee or have nominations, please contact Patricia.

Thank you Celebration 2006 Donors

The following folks have generously donated to Celebration 2006~ Please patronize them.

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- American Morgan Horse Association, Inc., (AMHA), 122 Bostick Rd., Shelburne, VT 05482, (802) 985-4944, www.morganhorse.com
- American Paint Horse Association, (APHA), PO Box 961023, Ft. Worth, TX 76161, (817) 834-2742, Fax: (817) 834-3152, www.apha.com

Appalachian Outfitters, 60 Kendall Park Rd., Peninsula, OH 44264 (330) 655-5444, www.appalachianoutfitters.com

(The) Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc., 2720 W. Pullman Rd., Moscow, Idaho 83843, (208) 882-5578

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Equine Science, PO Box 240654, Memphis, TN 38124, Don Silver, Manager, Fax (901-454-0207, (800) 479-3537, www.herbs4horses.com, email: equine4u@mem.net

Equissentials, 3200 Chestnut St., Oneonta, NY 13820 (800) 364-2856, www.equissentials.net

Falls Feed & Tack, 4418 State Rd., Peninsula, OH 44264, Mike Carlson, (330) 923-FEED. Fax (330) 920-8117

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Farnum Companies, Inc., 301 West Osborn Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85013, www.platformfeeds.com Platform Feeding System, Larry Nokes, National Sales Manager, lnokes@mail.farnam.com, Office Phone (602) 664-1205, Voice Mail (800) 720-0032, Ext. 2205, Fax (800) 456-0212

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Ohio Quarter Horse Association, (OQHA), 101 Tawa rd., Richwood, OH 43344, (740) 943-2346

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Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders' & Exhibitors' Association, (TWHBEA), www.twhbea.com

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United Vet Equine, 14101 West 62nd St., Eden Prairie, MN 55346, (800) 328-6652, (952) 937-1366, Fax (952) 937-1119, www.unitedvetequine.com

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Never A Dull Moment *by Deb Aldridge*

May 29th

Well HELLO SUMMER. It's good to see you finally arrive but please, let's not overdo it. Let's ease into it somewhat. The 90 degree weather is nice but man, I forgot what it was like to sweat! Oh by the way, I'm not really complaining that much because it helped my 8 yr. old spooky arab come down a few notches to the point where he was happy to slug along for a couple of hours and have a cold beer afterwards instead of acting like a Spring Chicken (speaking literally) with all the springs I could stand. His Spring Fever really got to me this year and I was ready to just give him away. Thanks to my good friend Becky McCarty, rider extraordinaire, she volunteered to give my Spring Chicken a little attitude tweaking and she did a fine job. We met at 606 in Hinckley. Here's my story and I'm sticking to it.

I brought both my horses for us and tied them to the trailer. Derby wasn't behaving for Becky while she was brushing. For some strange reason, he had a freak attack. He reared and slammed himself into the trailer and panicked trying to get away. He did a number on the skin around his eye and nose. Did that several times till I was able to unclip him. Patches in the meantime was trying to get away from the flying grey horse and broke free. She went trotting off into the parking lot. Becky got her and her halter bridle was broken to the point where the whole leather part under her chin was gone. Derby's biothane halter held but at both buckles, the black biothane was ripped to show the white stuff underneath. We rode for 1- 1/2 hours anyway because dang it, they needed it.

We get on trail and first thing Derby does is bolt. No, don't EVER do that with Becky onboard. Bad horsey!! Attitude adjustment number one.

We rode in the mud off trail to strengthen their legs which is also good for Derby's arthritis.

Then we went out to find the ditch where he jumped last year and clotheslined me with his hard head. That Becky got him to WALK thru each and every ditch we came to and not jump them. His confidence issues with me were not good. I don't have the confidence. I totally expect him to take a flying leap. Becky has the confidence. Becky, the horse is yours. Merry Christmas!!!!!! Attitude adjustment number two.

Then we cantered. I have been leary of cantering him this Spring and boy did he love it. Patches and I had to gallop to keep up. She said my issue with him was he didn't think I "let" him go forward. Well, at the bolt, I think that's "going forward" but what do I know? So she let him go forward at the canter. What a blast!

Then I rode Derby the next day at Brecksville with my sister Denise, Ross (he rode Kitt) and Theresa Heger on JD, who, by the way, she did a wonderful job on that young 5 yr. old. He has come along very very nicely!!!! Not ONE SINGLE BAD MOVE on Derby's part until my newbie sister who was riding Patches, at a trot, accidentally dropped her white sweater onto the ground. Whoopee. Jump to the side and kick at that bad white sweater. She also lost her

sunglasses and almost the white papers out of her back pocket. That would have been good for another rodeo horse moment. Then we hand grazed the horses when we got back and she lost her cell phone in the tall grass. We found it later tho. She did great for a newbie and I give her a lot of credit since this is the second time she's ridden with me in what, 20 yrs.?

A cold beer was all it took to make us happy and cool us off in my nice new trailer.

By the way, kudo's to Sandy Bauer who saved me by fixing my halters in record time so I could ride the next day!! I think I need to invest in more halter/bridles for back ups. All in all, it's been a great weekend. Now we are off to a hot and humid Memorial Day at our friends' house. Looking forward to a couple of jello shots and some happy juice. Stay vertical !!

Deb

June 4th

Hi there everyone. Raining, not raining. Raining, not raining. Geez. This morning when we took the horses to the valley, it was raining. While we were riding though, it kind of rained but we didn't get wet because of the trees. We got home and it was spitting. I went in the house and the sun came out. I went out to feed and it rained. So what is Mutha Nature trying to tell me?

This weekend has been, well, long. It started on Thursday when Connor got up for school. He complained of a stomach ache and then promptly threw up. He then couldn't stop and he worried me since he was doing that, lying on the floor and sweating. So by 10:30, we ended up in the ER with an IV sticking out of his hand. The poor guy slept and slept. We were stuck in there for 8 hours until they decided he needed to stay the night. So we leave him to stay at the hospital alone, in a room all his own (he didn't want us to stay) and I came home to Patches with a bit of a gas colic. Geez. She caught it too!! Connor came home the next day and slept some more. He's back to normal but guess what? Don got it on Sat. Now I'll be the first to admit that when a guy gets sick, they milk it with all they've got but this time, I felt so awfully bad for him. This is one big bad bug and he's still paying for it. He's been sleeping all day today, Sunday, and just can't do anything but move from the bedroom to the couch and back again. He needs a stomach and an intestine transplant. Do they do those? I don't wish this on anyone. If I get it, I told him to just take me in and commit me.

So that's my weekend story. It's not been without excitement that's for sure.

Sandy Bauer has been under the weather. Not only did she rip open her calf while taking a shoe off of Casey (nails bite) but she ended up with a bad case of bronchitis. Get well Sandy!! We miss you!!

Have a nice evening, see you on the trail and until then, stay vertical. **Deb**

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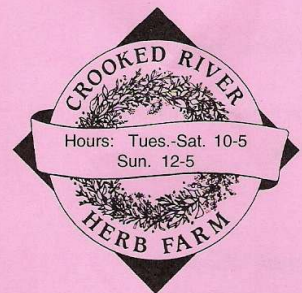


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