

# Banbury Cross Bits of News

Winter 2008

## Notes from the Program Director:

I hope everyone had a good holiday season and winter break and is ready to get back to riding. Remember to continue talking about us to people you know whether you ride or volunteer at Banbury. Word of mouth is the best way for our program to expand. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Ladies Night Out & the Oxford Christmas Parade. Please check out pictures from both events on our website. Happy riding!

## Save the Date 2008

Tues Feb 5<sup>th</sup>:  
Backriding clinic  
Sun. March 9<sup>th</sup>:  
Bowling  
Fundraiser  
Sat. April 26<sup>th</sup>:  
Differently Abled  
Expo  
Sat. May 3<sup>rd</sup>:  
Derby Day  
Benefit  
Sat. Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>:  
Horse Show

## Congratulations

### Charna

Charna has been riding for 4 ½ years at Banbury. Six years after her injury and after hours of therapy & hard work Charna **walked** again in Jan. 2008!

## Volunteer & Rider Profile

### The Guzaneck Family

The Guzaneck Family consists of Rob, Renee, Mitch, Meaghan, and this year Napat, who is a foreign exchange student. Let me start by telling you about Meaghan who is 12 years old and has been riding at Banbury for approximately 4 years now. Panda is her favorite horse because she's cute! When Meaghan was asked what she like best about riding she stated "love it, love it". When Meaghan is not riding she likes to read, watch TV, play, and of course help out doing odd jobs at Banbury such as washing the chairs for both the Derby Day Benefit & the Horse Show. Mitch and Napat volunteers for lessons as sidewalkers and leaders and are also roped into helping set up, clean up, and tear down for events that take place at Banbury. Renee is the always willing to help. She volunteers for lessons including being a backrider, is a hostess in the observation room when she's not in the ring, helps to coordinate the staff sponsored fundraisers, and does whatever else she is asked to do. Rob is a board member, fix-it man, and professional Banbury Cross float builder for the parades. The whole family spent their Memorial Day weekend helping Banbury to get ready for our NARHA certification and put in many extra hours during the winter helping with all the extra jobs related to winter weather & Panda's medical problems. Thank you so much Guzaneck Family for all that you do!

## Parents:

Please let Amanda know if your rider has reached a major milestone in his or her life and I would be happy to include it in the newsletter.

## Staff:

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### Pop Can and Bottle Drive

We are collecting pop cans & bottles to help build an activity center for the riders. Please help us offset the cost of building the activity center and donate your cans & bottles. They can be dropped off in the observation room. Thank you!



**Molly, Mallory, & Amanda 1**

Congratulations Mallory on celebrating your Bat Mitzvah on January 5, 2008.

### Thank You

- ~Josh and Dave Roe, Jackie & Jeff Evanson who moved all the hay from Metamora to our barn*
- ~Dr. Don Ryker and Associates for the donation of horse supplements and supplies*
- ~Carter Starr & family for their donation of a case of water for our volunteers*
- ~Jackie & Jenna Moore & family for donating hot coco & vanilla coffee for our volunteers*
- ~Jackie & Danny Krause and family for donating a case of water, hot coco mix, & cups for the volunteers*
- ~The Bill & Sally Wildner Foundation for providing grant money for the run-ins used by the horses this winter*
- ~Richard Thie for donating 154 bales of hay for our horses*
- ~The Lapeer H.O.G. for their donation of money to be used for our program*
- ~Don Culvey for his donation of carpet cleaning*

### Wish List

- Bottles of water for the volunteers
- Hot chocolate for the volunteers
- Dolly to move heavy equipment
- 2 plastic pitch forks
- Downey fabric softener
- Adult Devonshire boot stirrups
- Horses that are calm, quiet, under 20 years old, under 15.2 hands, and have no major medical problems
- Volunteers that are over 12 years old. No experience necessary, just a willingness to learn
- Bulk paper cutter
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Kleenex
- Work crews
- New siding

### F.Y.I.

The staff at Banbury would like to speak to any organizations or groups (youth groups, service groups, support groups) that you are involved with regarding our program. We are always looking for riders and volunteers. Please contact a staff member if you know an organization we could speak to.