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The Whinny

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OUR MISSION is the enhancement of the physical, emotional and social well-being of children and adults with disabilities through various forms of therapeutic riding

Luke Gaudet: 2018 Joyrider of the Year



Luke joined our summer Horsemanship program in 2016. From there, he transferred to our Riding Program when our physio, Trish, commented what an infectious sense of fun he has. Added to that, a bagful of determination.

When his mom was encouraged to drive the car up to the viewing room door to make it easier for Luke to exit, he made it clear that he had come up the hill over rough ground with his crutches and was going to leave the same way!

But there's yet another side of Luke's character — he's a wicked competitor. And sharing his lessons with Paxton, one of our most experienced and independent riders, brings that out in spades! Musical stalls was never so exciting as when these two go head to head

Luke has impressed us from the start with his effort to learn as much as possible each time he rides, and to keep up with his skills. In three years, he has improved so much and has become such a competent rider with good balance, correct timing, soft hands, and an understanding of the fine art of communicating with his horse, that he can often ride part of his lesson without a leader.

Luke has also been a worthy ambassador for the Joyriders. He was our voice in the United Way's "Thank You To Our Sponsors" video, and made such an impression that they borrowed him again for the United Way

Major Corporate Fundraise Kick-Off at Veterans Affairs Canada. He received a standing ovation after his speech in front of a huge audience, prompting the Deputy Minister to remark that he could have a great future in public speaking.

Luke always thanks his horse for their ride together. In fact, he thanks with great enthusiasm everyone who helps him in any way. Now we take this opportunity to thank Luke himself for being part of our program.

His keenness to ride, his contagious enthusiasm, his dogged determination, his patience and gentleness with his horse, and the great progress he has made are an example to us all.



Daphne Davey

From the Editor's Desk

It's our 40th anniversary year! What a milestone to celebrate ... with many memories of past riders, board members and volunteers, and of course our special therapy horses ... past adventures on and off the Island ... past generous supporters ... the list goes on.



Our celebratory Open House on Saturday, June 29, will be graced by Her Honour Antoinette Perry, Lieutenant Governor of PEI, and Premier Dennis King. Riding demonstrations will take place at River Trails Ranch at 10:30 and 11:15 am, followed by a BBQ (courtesy of Parkdale-Sherwood Lions Club) and formalities from 12 noon, at Hunter River Community Centre. Please join us!



Roy Younker (third from right) with the PEI members of the Maritime Team, including riders Paul Compton and Mark Cheverie (standing in front).

Remembering Roy Younker

Those of us who go back far enough in the history of the Joyriders remember Roy with deep affection. He was the "point person" for the Cornwall Lions Club, coordinating and participating with Lions members as volunteers in our program for many of our early years.

Roy, who recently passed away, was a quiet, gentle man who came with us in 1988 as a chaperone and supporter for our silver-medal-winning Maritime Team (including two Joyriders) at the Prince Philip Mounted Games for the Disabled at the CNE in Toronto. He is woven with affection into our early history.



Thank You Janice!!

At the recent Joyriders AGM, president Janice Cole stepped down and handed the chair to incoming president Daphne Davey.

On behalf of the board, Andy Robb presented Janice with a lovely bouquet of flowers for all her hard work over the past five years, including her amazing gift as a fund-raiser.



"The way to heaven is on horseback."

—Unknown



United Way of PEI: Great Supporter of the Joyriders



Last fall, we were fortunate to have a presence, in the form of our very own Paxton Cole, at the United Way campaign kick-off event at Holland College in Charlottetown. "United by Song" was a special evening of celebration that brought courageous individuals, compelling stories and talented songwriters together.

Four individuals impacted by the United Way of PEI shared their personal stories with four talented Island artists, who then used them as inspiration for songs that they wrote and performed for the audience. Paxton Cole and her singer-songwriter Drea MacDonald gave a powerful performance! You can hear them on YouTube at [United By Song 2018 Paxton and Drea MacDonald](#).

The United Way also invited us to set up a booth, along with other organizations, at the GST Centre in Summerside. We even took Whinny! Several employees got a chance to "ride" her — much to the amusement of onlookers. This was a great opportunity to expose our program to a large number of federal employees who are encouraged to donate to their favourite charity.

Another Winner From Lindee Climo

Artist Lindee Climo, a great supporter of the Joyriders, has once again produced a masterpiece. Her donated painting of Tanner is nothing short of spectacular.

Copies of this painting, also featured in packages of greetings cards, are being sold for fundraising. We deeply appreciate Lindee's generosity. Tanner is also impressed!



Candidates from Saint John, Fredericton, Moncton, and PEI with clinicians Paula Bernard and Hilary Webb (back row at right).

Be Prepared!

This spring, we hosted a pre-exam clinic for our three instructor exam candidates and several others from New Brunswick. CanTRA examiners Hilary Webb and Paula Bernard travelled from Ontario to serve as clinicians. They will be back in September to conduct the actual Technical and Exam. They also conducted a site inspection for the Joyriders to be accredited as a CanTRA Examination Centre. We await the results!

All the very best to our candidates:

- * Doug Ellis, CTRBI (Basic Instructor for one-on-one teaching)
- * Lauren MacIsaac, CTRBI-2 (Basic Instructor for up to two riders in a lesson)
- * Gilles Richard, CTRII (Intermediate Instructor for up to four riders in a lesson)

More Generous Supporters ...



Paul Gaudet of **Fix Auto** (holding banner at left) presents a \$1,000 donation to chief instructor Kathryn Barrett for the Joyriders, accompanied by Mark Week, Fix Auto Atlantic Regional Manager. Riders are (at left) Paxton Cole on Logan and Luke Gaudet (Paul's grandson) on Jewel. Paul won a National Award from Fix Auto Canada, which included a \$1,000 donation to a Charity of Local Heroes of his choice. Many thanks, Paul! Photo: Lynda MacSwain



Thanks to board member Butch McGee, the good folk at the **Charlottetown Driving Park** beer tent once again held a Joyriders Pace for our benefit. Windere Nightlife and his driver, David Dowling, join Shawn Furlong, Food and Beverage Manager, to present the cheque. Also thanks to Ron Judson of Red Shores, along with Joy and Tom Ford.



The **Co-operators Insurance Company** likes to support community programs which interest their employees. Fortunately, that includes two Joyriders volunteers, Mary Morrison and Patti MacLeod. They all teamed up with **Isabel Delaney and Associates Ltd.** and **Mike Bradley Insurance Services Ltd.** to present a cheque. From left: Mary Morrison, Emily Craig riding Jewel, Patti MacLeod, Isabel Delaney, Mike Bradley, volunteer Leah Craig, Rachael Loggie riding Logan, and volunteer Michelle Coyle.

Photo: Janice Cole



Pancakes were king at the **Hunter River Lions** fundraiser for the Joyriders. Many thanks to King Lion Barry Pineau and his members, as well as Joyriders volunteers-cum-wait staff, and all those who turned up to chow down. Lots of fun!

Thank You.

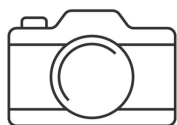


*Yes, it's in their job description!
Holly, Maria and Zoe cheerfully
clean tack in the viewing room.*



*The "toque people." From left: Janet, Virginia,
Holly, Daphne, Kerry, Doug, Trish.*

Candid
Camera



*Fans in the viewing room. From left:
Marc's dad Frank, Ryan's mom Heather,
and Charley Anne's dad Philip.*



*Our physio, Trish,
gives the thumbs up
to a rider warming up
on Whinny.*



*Henry, the new "boy" on the
block, with two fans: Lauren
MacIsaac (his "mom") and
leader Holly Studzinsky.
Thanks to Lauren, Henry
joined the program this
spring and is proving to be
popular in his new role as a
therapy horse.*



*Gate-crashers at the
Christmas Party? No!
That's rider Justin (right)
with his mom, Shelley, a
great Joyriders supporter.*



*From left: Paxton on Tanner, Charley Anne on Jewel, Marc on Logan,
and Ryan on Henry enjoy a lovely spring day in the outside ring.*

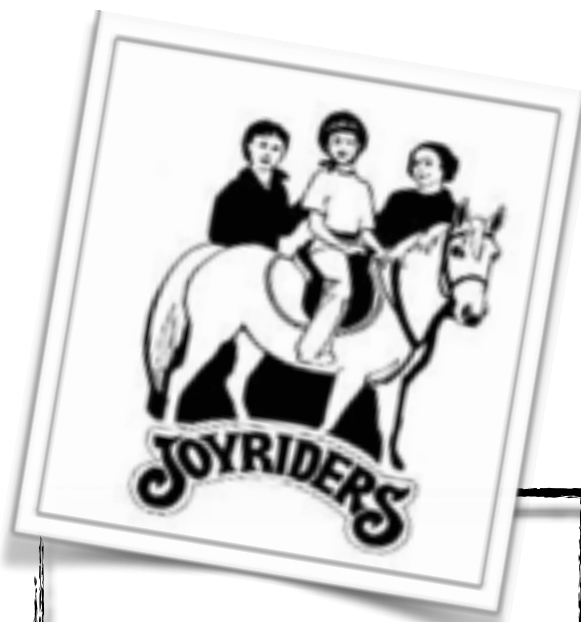
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