



# *Acres of News from the Farm*

*May-July 2007*  
MacNairs Country Acres

## **Summer activities on the farm:**

### **Camp time**

A big part of summer fun is getting the chance to spend time around our 4 legged friends. **Camp Cheval** gives the opportunity to ride more, groom, feed, learn about basic health and farrier care, get your hands dirty and experience horse ownership. This is a wonderful way to become a well rounded horseman.

**We still have some camp openings for July and August!**

*“Come enjoy this great outdoor sport with us!”*

### **Summer evening lessons**

We still have spots available. Summer lessons are offered for nine weeks, but you have the flexibility to pick and choose the number of classes you want to attend. We have additional applications in the office, so come on in.

### **Summer Pony School Clinics**

Come spend Saturday mornings with us! Special clinics divided up according to riding level. This is a great opportunity to spend time with your favorite horse and Maureen. Bring a bagged lunch and join the fun!

9:00-1:00

June 16 and July 14

*“Come ride with us!”*

## **Horseback Riding and Yoga Retreat**

Will meet on Saturdays from 9 am – 12 pm (Dates to be announced)

Join us for a relaxing and peaceful morning of horseback riding and yoga for adults. Whether you are new to horseback riding or not, this retreat will benefit your body & mind by blending two practices which will:

- \* increase freedom of movement
- \* improve balance, strength and flexibility
- \* open the hips and chest for better posture
- \* deepen the breath
- \* release tension

*“Come and join us for a new summer experience!”*

## **End of semester Horse Show**

**Our instructors have worked hard polishing and helping you perfect your riding skills..... so**

Our semester ends with a grand finale of a *“Spring Fling Horse Show!”* All students will have the opportunity to put their new skills to the test on **June 2**. The Schooling and Community Show will be judged by Beth Kaplan from Summerfield, NC. The Pony School Show will be judged by Tori Edwards of Raleigh. All students will receive ribbons so bring the family and enjoy a day on the farm!

The concession stand benefits the **MacNair’s 4-H Club**.

## **Fall Registration**

Fall registration packets will be mailed out to all current students & first time campers by mid July. Included will be lesson information, an application to ride & any other pertinent information necessary to get the year going.

*“Come learn with us!”*



## THE CLOVER CORNER MACNAIR'S 4H NEWS

Our 4-H students have been working hard all semester in our 4-H club. Some students have chosen to go through the selections and join the MacNair's 4H Show Team. Their debut will be **June 9-10** at the Wake County and District 4-H Horse Show at the James B. Hunt Horse Complex in Raleigh. Please come and support the club, watch our riders and the school horses as they show their stuff! The 4-H members that qualify are given another show opportunity at the NC State 4H Show on **July 14-15** at the Horse Complex.

### Calendar of Events

May 28	Memorial Day	no classes
Friday	June 1	Block 4 ends
Saturday	June 2	First Annual Spring Fling Horse Show
Tuesday	June 5	4H Clinic TBA
Wednesday	June 6	4H Clinic TBA
Saturday/Sunday	June 9-10	4H County/District Horse Show
Monday	June 11	Camp Cheval begins!!!
Monday	June 11	Summer group lessons begin
Sunday	June 17	NCDCTA Show @ MacNair's
Monday-Sat July 2-7		MacNair's closed no classes/no camp
Sunday	August 12	NCDCTA Show @ MacNair's



### ***Goodbye to our dear friend Rabbit***

Rabbit was first owned by Karen Leabo (now Singletary) from Cairo, GA. Karen showed him in the Amateur Owner Jumper division (he jumped 4 1/2 feet). Rabbit would jump so high and at the same time he would look down between his knees on top of the fence! He would unseat many a rider because of that big jump! He got his name because he could jump like a Rabbit and also because his long ears were in constant motion when he was on course in the jumper ring. If he ever had another name, no one knows what it was. After retirement he became a school horse at St. Andrews. In this new environment he took a deep breath, loved his job and the people he took care of. Peggy, at St. Andrews called Caroline, and the rest is history! Rabbit really found his niche at MacNairs. It was a wonderful match - he was great for the program and the program was great for him.

Goodbye to a happy horse that shared your love, our farm, friends, family, a great teacher and good guy. Thank you for giving us so much.

Rest in peace old friend,

***Your friends at MacNairs and Peggy from St. Andrews***

## From the horse's mouth: IT'S THEORY TIME AGAIN

We have discussed 2 of the seven physical qualities needed in a rider for a good working position. The 3<sup>rd</sup> quality for a good position Balance in motion will be discussed in August

1. Correct Design of Position- January newsletter
2. Correct Distribution of Weight- March newsletter
3. Balance in Motion- August

*Remember to give it your best try and the personal rewards will start mounting up!!!*

*Please check out the website and bulletin board for new and exciting summer opportunities!*



**We welcome your suggestions and comments. Come find us or drop them off in writing in the black box on the porch beside the office door.**

**Thank you!**

From the staff and your four legged friends at MacNairs Country Acres

