

ATRC OF THE MONTH:

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE FAMILIES, FOLLOWERS, AND SUPPORTERS OF ALBANY THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER.



THE ASSATEAGUE ISLAND BEACH WALK & PONY SWIM IN HONOR OF DUSTY'S 1ST ANNIVERSARY



EVERY YEAR, DURING THE LAST WEEK IN JULY, THE "SALTWATER COWBOYS" ROUNDUP THE TWO HERDS OF WILD PONIES THAT RESIDE ON ASSATEAGUE ISLAND IN VIRGINIA. AT DAWN ON MONDAY, THEY BRING THE NORTHERN HERD DOWN THE BEACH & CORRAL THEM INTO A PEN WHERE THEY ARE EXAMINED & INNOCULATED BY A VET. THEY ARE HELD THERE UNTIL WEDNESDAY, WHEN THEY ARE LED TO THE CHANNEL THAT RUNS BETWEEN THE ISLANDS OF ASSATEAGUE & CHINCOTEAGUE. AT SLACKTIDE, THEY ARE USHERED INTO THE WATER & MAKE THE SWIM ACROSS THE CHANNEL TO CHINCOTEAGUE. AFTER THE SWIM, THEY ARE ALLOWED TO REST & GRAZE FOR AN HOUR BEFORE THEY ARE PARADED DOWN THE STREET TO THE CARNIVAL GROUNDS. ON THURSDAY, MOST OF THE FOALS ARE SOLD AT AUCTION. & ON FRIDAY, THE REMAINING PONIES MAKE THE RETURN SWIM BACK TO ASSATEAGUE WHERE THEY LIVE YEAR ROUND ON THE WILDLIFE PRESERVE. THE AUCTION (WHICH WAS HELD ONLINE LAST YEAR DUE TO COVID) IS WHERE MISS LAUREN PURCHASED DUSTY. YOU CAN LEARN MORE ABOUT THE WILD PONIES & PONY PENNING BY VISITING THE CHINCOTEAGUE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

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VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH:

HEIDI ZAHNLEUTER

Heidi started volunteering with us in the summer of 2020. She was nominated for Volunteer of the Month AGAIN BECAUSE SHE IS AMAZING! She is one of our best volunteers. She literally does anything we need; schooling, lessons, barn work, mucking, weeding. We feel so lucky to have her enthusiasm and dedication at the farm!

To get to know Heidi a little better, we asked her a few questions...

1. What is your favorite part about volunteering at ATRC?

There's so many moments of joy at the barn - small and big! I love seeing the riders' faces light up when they're excited to see the horses. Even the littlest things can make the riders' day great (and mine too)!! And seeing Tanner supervise the activity in the grooming stall from his paddock is pretty cute too :)

2. When you're not at ATRC what do you like to do?

I'm a senior at Vassar College, where I study math and play field hockey. I'm also on the riding team! I love spending time outside, reading and running with my sisters!

3. If you won a million dollars, what would you do with it?

Obviously helping out ATRC is high on my list! The horses and the people do so much good for the community, and their hard work does not go unnoticed!

4. If you could meet your hero, who would it be and why?

I would love to meet Katherine Johnson—she was a mathematician for NASA, and also her story is told in the movie Hidden Figures. I find women in the math industry to be very inspiring!

5. Why do you volunteer at ATRC?

ATRC is a place that I'm always excited to go to. I show up happy and looking forward to the day, and I always leave with an even bigger smile on my face! I learn something new from Taylor, Lauren, Kate and the rest of the ATRC family every day. There's no reason NOT to volunteer!

*"Those who bring sunshine
to the lives of others
cannot keep it from themselves!"*

~ SIR JAMES MATTHEW BARRIE ~

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!



Pints For Ponies



Cheers!

Our August Pub Crawl fundraiser
raised **\$550**
We thank you for
participating & supporting our ponies!



Save the Date!

Please join us!

September 19th from 1:00 - 5:00 PM
at **Van Patten Golf Club, Clifton Park**

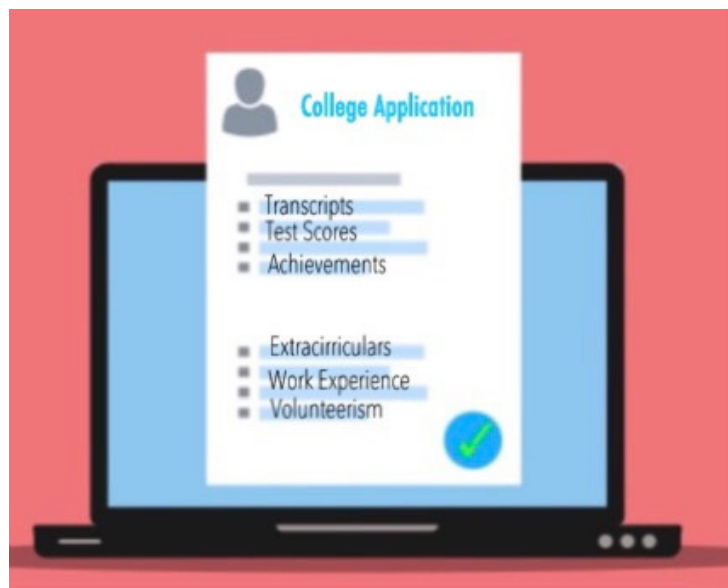




Calling All High School Students & Empty Nesters



Fill the void!
Join our team and make a difference!



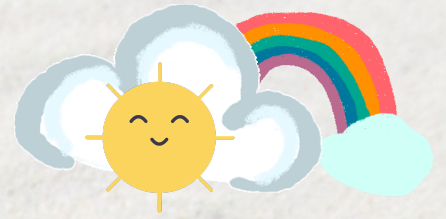
Make us part of your college application
Sign up to volunteer today!



Help out with lessons or in the barn.
We will train you to become a horse leader or sidewalker or teach you how to feed & care for our equine partners. You can come for a lesson, a few hours, or spend the day.
The smiles & giggles from our participants will be your reward!
Stop in to see our new facility & learn how you can make a difference!

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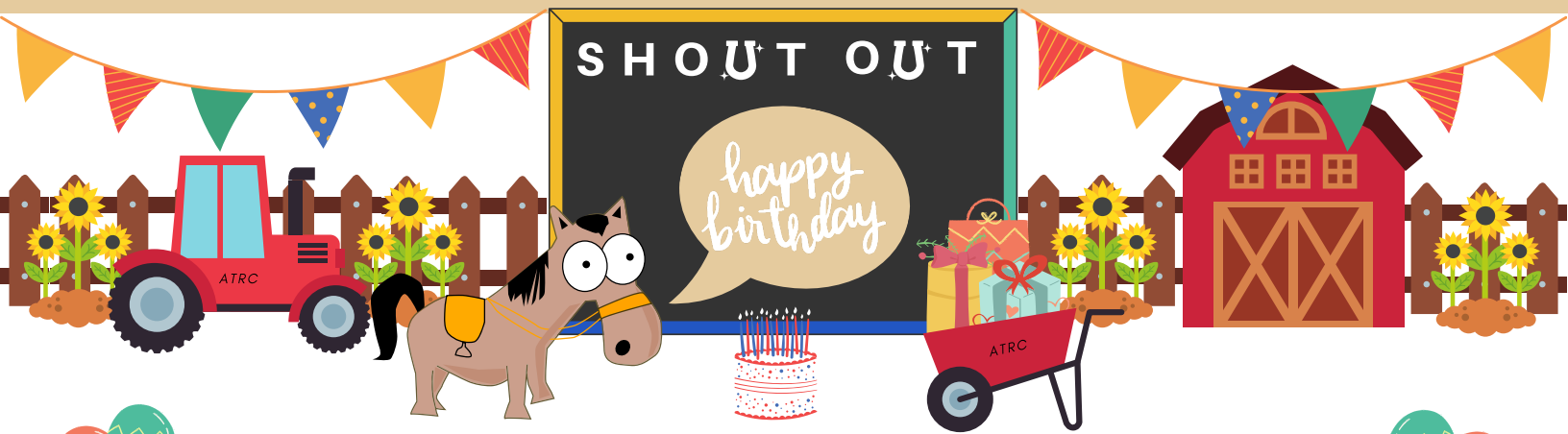


HAPPY CAMPERS!



SIDEWALK CHALK, WATER BALLOONS, SPRINKLERS, TRAIL RIDES, HORSE MAKEOVERS, AND BOARD GAMES ARE JUST SOME OF THE MANY FUN ACTIVITIES OUR CAMPERS ENJOYED DURING OUR FIRST EVER SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMS. SPECIAL THANKS TO MISS KATE, OUR SUMMER INTERN, EMILY HATHAWAY, AND VOLUNTEER, KATHY BOUDREAUX, FOR HELPING TO ENTERTAIN OUR HAPPY LITTLE CAMPERS!



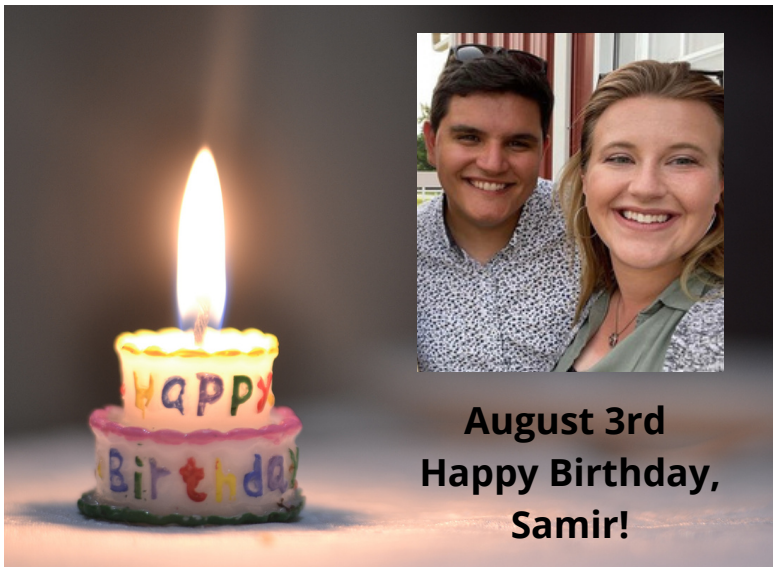


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**August 25th
Happy Birthday
To Miss Taylor!**



**August 27th
Happy Birthday, D!**



**Happy
Happy
Happy
Birthday!**

August 29th

**Happy Birthday to my favorite Hobbit.
I hope this year brings you all the love
and happiness that you deserve!**

**Here's to many more quests
and adventures by your side.**

Love, Katie