

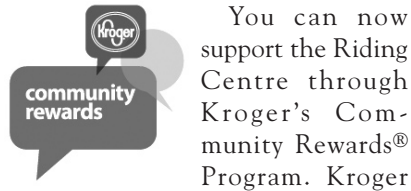
"Bogie," by Marsha Casdorff

Bogie

2001-2015

Bogie lived at The Riding Centre from 2004 until he retired in 2012. He was a gentle and loyal companion to his people, horses, and cats, and he was well loved by them. Good-bye, Bogie.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 3	Adriene Kramer Clinic
23	Jim Nealon Clinic
May 7	Dressage Show
8	Hunter Show
June 26	Adriene Kramer Clinic
July 23	Jim Nealon Clinic
August 21	Adriene Kramer Clinic
September 10	Dressage Show
October 16	Adriene Kramer Clinic
29-30	Centered Riding® Clinic with Elaine Meredith Steele
December 4	Riding Centre Association Members' Meeting & Potluck

*Adriene Kramer's clinics will be held on Sundays, starting at 9 a.m. with a discussion on the theme of the clinic and unmounted exercises to help develop feel for the horse. For more information, please email Adriene at adrienekramer@gmail.com.

For Dayton Local Show Circuit dates, call the Riding Centre at (937) 767-9087

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Of Stable Relationships

By Grace Keeton

I know I'm not alone when I say that The Riding Centre is a very special place. It's been sacred ground to me for the past 15 years, which is actually a rather short Riding Centre relationship if you ask around the Yellow Springs community and beyond. Nevertheless, it has been my place of growth, peace, and joy for the majority of my time on the planet, but I never could have guessed the ways it would change my life.

In the company of my first horsey love, Cash, Graham asked me to be his wife, to which I very happily agreed.

When I met Graham, it took no time for him to see the magic of the Centre. With intentions to impress me or not, he dove right into being a barn man! Fast forward to May 31st, 2014. In the company of my first horsey love, Cash, Graham asked me to be his wife, to which I very happily agreed.

On May 1st, 2015, The Riding Centre held its first wedding. With the hard work of The Riding Centre family, Graham's and my families and friends, and the dedicated organization of every detail by my mother, our humble barnyard became a perfectly rustic wedding hall. Any Ohioan knows that being at the mercy of early spring weather is dicey, but it was a perfectly sunny, comfortable day. The typically quiet, peaceful morning atmosphere around the barn was buzzing with all of our closest family and friends. Guests enjoyed coffee and donuts (a Riding Centre staple!) and took in the simple beauty of the place, basking in the breeze in front of the big oak tree, under which Graham and I would soon say our vows.

I had a bird's eye view from the big



Graham kicks up his heels with joy, walking down the aisle last May, when The Riding Centre hosted its first wedding. (Alison Kamper Photography)

tent that sat on top of the hill in the pasture where our reception would be. My excitement built as I watched everyone mingling, and in a flash my bridesmaids were stepping into the carriage that would take them down to join everybody. In another blur of moments, Carolyn and my dad made their way up the hill with Cash, who would carry me to the ceremony. I swung into the saddle and off we went, Cash letting our pres-

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ence be known with an out-of-character, expressive whinny.

Our ceremony was short, sweet, and sincere, officiated by my Great Uncle Gary, who became Reverend Great Uncle Gary just for us. In the blink of an eye, we were Mr. and Mrs. Graham Bentley Keeton! My husband sweetly slipped off my wedding shoes and slipped on my wedding boots, we mounted our steeds, and we rode off into the morning sun for a moment to ourselves before the party began. Cash and Chance were both absolute stars!

The reception was a perfect example of my mom's attention to detail and the way my dad can work a crowd with ease in a balance of meaningfulness and lightheartedness. Even the smallest touches were perfectly suited for Graham and me. We enjoyed an incredible brunch, and the rest was a blur of laughter, tears, and dancing. Precious time spent with the people who matter the most to us, which is priceless to Graham and me. My sweetly emotional groom and I were the last people to leave our own wedding, and I wouldn't have changed a thing. I was home.

A Big Ride-A-Thon Thank You

Every fall, The Riding Centre holds one of its most successful fundraisers, the Ride-A-Thon. The great part about the Ride-A-Thon is that it gives our riders the opportunity to have fun while fundraising for The Riding Centre! Every year the donations raised through the Ride-A-Thon

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The Usual & Unusual, 2015

By Janetta Lewis

This year, The Riding Centre owes its eternal gratitude to Kathleen McMillan. Before she passed away in the spring, Kathleen set aside a very generous donation to The Riding Centre. By establishing endowments, The Riding Centre Board of Trustees is working to ensure that this gift will be a lasting legacy. We are all extremely grateful for her generosity in helping to ensure that The Riding Centre will live on for generations to come.

The Riding Centre also hosted its usual fundraisers this year — a Centered Riding clinic with Elaine Meredith Steele, two dressage shows and a hunter show, a used tack sale, a Riding Centre apparel sale with help from Ocean Marketing, a Ride-a-Thon, and a calendar sale run this year by Molly Hendrickson.

Some fun new fundraisers included a clinic with Diana Rich, a sale of the CD "Festive Holiday Music" by the Yellow Springs Brass Quintet, and an ongoing sale of wonderful totes made by Jill O'Banion out of horse grain bags. Bring your old bags to The Riding Centre to help keep her supplied!

Let's not forget how easy it is to register your Kroger Plus card at www.kroger-communityrewards.com and type in The

are earmarked for specific Riding Centre funds. This year's proceeds went to our scholarship fund to ensure that anyone who has the desire to learn to ride can also have the means to do so. We wish to thank the following riders who participated in this year's Ride-A-Thon:

Riding Centre's NPO number "43599" to earn money for the Centre.

Our grant writers extraordinaire, Vikki Hazelbaker and Cindy Minton-Piatt, brought in wonderful support from The Della Sellsor Trust, the Springfield Rotary Club, the Springfield Community Foundation, and the Greene County Community Foundation. Thanks to Marsha Casdorff for again working with the Yellow Springs Community Foundation to secure Katie Sherman as a valuable employee through the Miller Fellowship Fund. A big "thank you" is extended to Rowan Coburn-Griffis, last year's Miller Fellowship employee, for continuing to work for and support The Riding Centre. In addition, Liberty Mutual, through its Give With Liberty program, once again matched one of their employee's contributions.

Finally, The Riding Centre wants to thank Antioch College and the Glen Helen Ecology Institute for their continuing support and the beautiful land and surroundings on which we exist. And, of course, we must thank our devoted crew of employees and volunteers who keep the dream alive.

The Riding Centre

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Tales of "Louise's House"



The little gray house by The Riding Centre, affectionately known as "Louise's House," was destroyed in a gas explosion late last year. Above left, the house in better days; at right, the house after the explosion. Fortunately, no humans or animals were injured. (Photos by Marsha Casdorff)

By Carolyn Bailey

As many of you already know, back in the fall there was a frightening accident that resulted in the loss of Antioch College's beloved little gray house next to The Riding Centre. Luckily, no one was hurt. At this time, Antioch College has no plans to rebuild.

This house had been part of The Riding Centre since it came to be in 1959. Some of you may remember Mr. Graham, who lived there before then, but I have always known it as Louise's house. There, our founder, Louise Soelberg, lived until her death in 1994. It is where many students spent hours making wonderful memories, and I was lucky enough to be one of those students.

There were Christmas mornings with Louise, when everyone, no matter what age, was served eggnog with a little sherry. There were dinners of delicious macaroni and cheese at Louise's table. There were the Pepperidge Farm Chessmen cookies that she so readily shared in her living room. There were the wild games of Parcheesi that went into the night (Louise would send you "home" in a heartbeat!). There were the sightings of a young girl ghost in the house, even recently, that has kept us all excitedly wondering who she is. But we know why she loved that house. Because we all did, too.

My last memory of that wonderful house is the late morning of Friday, Octo-

ber 23, 2015. Honey Pepper, school horse extraordinaire, was in the barnyard with a young rider on her back when the house, which Antioch College had just newly refurbished, blew off its foundation! Honey Pepper barely flinched. The term "bomb proof" is commonly used in the horse world to describe a horse that is calm and steady and can handle almost anything. Many people describe their horses that way, but few actually get to prove it like our Honey Pepper did that day.

There is an open space where the little gray house once stood. Those of us who remember it as Louise's house will always have our special memories. But, if you look out from where the house once stood, you can now see our beautiful pastures . . . the view Louise got to see every day while she lived in that house. That makes me happy.

Did You Re-Member?

Have you renewed your membership for 2016? For insurance purposes, no one outside the lesson program is allowed to ride on Riding Centre property unless they are a current member. This includes guests. A guest membership can be purchased for \$10 a day.

Riding Centre property includes the McCally Barn and arena, the hunt field, the woods beside the hunt field and the commons area. **A helmet must be worn at all times while mounted on Riding Centre property.**

Our List of Contributors...

...and how you can join it!

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Adopt a Dog (yearly)	\$50
Adopt a Cat (yearly)	\$35
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Become a Member	
Lifetime	\$500
Corporate (yearly)	\$1,000
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Family (yearly)	\$100
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