



# CHEFF CENTER VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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**REMINDER, OUR NEXT ISSUE IS IN FEBRUARY!**

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## VOLUNTEER PROFILE: JOYCE BEEBE



Phillip and Joyce

We would like to introduce Joyce Beebe as our volunteer of the month for December.

Joyce grew up in Albany, New York, and lived close to a riding stable, where she spent much of her time as a child. After high school, she went to SUNY at Morrisville, New York, where she studied animal husbandry/horses for a year. Then she transferred to The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, where she earned her degree in elementary education. She

worked as a substitute teacher for a year before changing careers into sales.

She lived in Cincinnati for 20+ years, where she raised her daughter and worked as a bookkeeper and an office manager in a few different companies.

Joyce met her husband in 2010 on a bike ride near Columbus, Ohio, and started a four-year, long-distance relationship before deciding to move to Michigan in 2014. She found a position as manager with one of Kellogg's contract companies at their R&D facility in Battle Creek. They married in 2017 and are avid cyclists and hikers, riding, and hiking all over the country. She also loves her gardens! Between the two of them they have three children and eight grandchildren.

When asked what she likes best about being at Cheff, Joyce's immediate response was "the smell." (Most of us can relate to that!) She loves being next to a 1,200-pound animal and working with both the horse and the child on its back. Being that she has a background in horses and children, it seems like a perfect fit! Her favorite horse was Harvey, but she now enjoys working with Simon, as she does so often.

Joyce has taken part in Read and Ride several times and really enjoys that, as well as recently becoming a leader in classes. She loves spreading the word and educating others about

the Cheff Center and is very enthusiastic about our programs and what we do.

Thank you, Joyce, for choosing to volunteer your time with us—we are very thankful to have you and hope you will be with us for many years to come!



We would like to say **“CONGRATULATIONS!!!”** to former volunteer Sam Gyga, who graduated from the 144<sup>th</sup> Michigan State Trooper Recruit School class on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Sam has been posted in Paw Paw and may even be able to come back and volunteer occasionally now that she is not in school anymore!

We are very proud of Trooper Gyga, and hope that she will stay safe in her new position! Way to go, Sam!



As many of you know, Paige has been working toward becoming a certified PATH instructor and has been teaching classes and working with Emily and Ashton toward her goal. We are happy to announce that Paige will be taking her certification test in February next year. There is a lot of information needed for certification and she will be studying hard in the next couple of months! We wish her the best!!!





# HORSES OF THE MONTH: THE GREAT WHITES - BOOMER AND PRINCESS

If you've been at the Cheff Center in the past couple months, you probably couldn't help but notice our new Percherons, Princess, and Boomer.

These beautiful draft horses arrived at Cheff at the beginning of October. They already knew each other well, as they came from the same owner and previously worked together as a team for pulling. They are also "one-quarter siblings," meaning that somewhere down their lineage, there is a relation.

Boomer is the senior of the two at 18 years old, while Princess is 15. Both are approximately 17 hands high and weigh around 1,850 pounds. Being the largest horses in our herd, you can see why they are fondly known as "the Great Whites"!

Speaking of color, Princess and Boomer had black coats when they were born. As you may know, grey horses are born with dark coats and then fade as they get older. They become a grey/white color by the time they're yearlings. Eventually, many fade enough to appear fully white.

Boomer has been in classes already and is learning how to make friends in the herd. Princess is working on getting used to the mounting area and procedure before she joins classes. She has settled in great with the other mares.



Princess and Boomer

Regarding treats ... so far, we haven't found any treats – or any food at all – that these two don't like!

Bonus fact: Boomer and Princess have participated as demo horses in the Michigan Horseshoers Association annual clinic and contest, held each January at Michigan State University.



Percheron pals Boomer and Princess

You may have seen that Princess has four very large shoes. They were specially made last January at the MHA event. Since then, she's had hoof trims, of course, and the shoes have been reset. We're not sure what material the shoes are made of, but they are pretty much indestructible. As for Boomer, he's been involved in the trim portion of the contest.

The pair will be part of the event at least one more time, in January 2024, with their former owner transporting them to MSU and back.

We are thrilled to have this special duo join the herd and hope you can meet them soon if you haven't already!

*For more on Percherons, check out the breed profile in the [April 2023 newsletter](#) (see p. 3).*

*To find out our Percheron pair's registered names, see the Fun Fact article later in this newsletter.*



## CHEFF UPDATES



### HERD UPDATES

Rosie, Boomer, and Princess are now officially part of the herd!

After many years of service, our beloved Garth will be retiring at the end of Session 7. Those of you who would like to say goodbye, and maybe bring him a special treat, may do so December 12-14 between 2 and 6pm. He will be in the barn ready to get love from anyone and everyone who wants to say, "Thank you" and "Goodbye." Garth will be returning to his owner, who is happy to have him back with her.



*Garth, getting ready to retire!*

### JANUARY IS EDUCATION MONTH!

The last day of riding sessions is December 15; regular classes start again February 6. For the interim month of January, we are offering plenty of classes! Below is the list of those being offered; if you are interested in any of these sessions, please contact [Sara](#) to register.

- January 3 Leading and Mounting
- January 10 Emergency Procedures In and Out of the Arena
- January 17 How-To's with Tack and Commonly Used Equipment
- January 24 Client Diagnoses and Importance of Sidewalkers
- January 29 Leading and Mounting, from 6-8PM
- January 31 Horse Behavior and Reading Body Language

Classes listed above run 5:30-7:30PM, except where noted.

The Leading and Mounting class will now be offered on the Monday after each Saturday new volunteer orientation.



We would like to give a shout out to **Zoetis** for sending yet another work group to help with a project or two. The group of over 20 wiped down the walls in the arena and connector, then raked and gathered leaves outside in front of the administration building and barn, and between the two buildings. They were able to do all that in the space of two hours!

As you know, we cannot do what we do without volunteers! Thanks to all who come for classes and to those who come with a group. We appreciate all of you!

# FUN FACT

MADDOX (SWE) b. G, 2006 (16) DP = 9-1-4-2-0 (16) DI = 3.00 CD = 1.06

MOST WELCOME (GB) ch. 1984	BE MY GUEST (USA) ch. 1974	NORTHERN DANCER (CAN) b. 1961 [BC]	NEARCTIC (CAN) br. 1954	NEARCO (ITY) br. 1935 [BC]	
		WHAT A TREAT (USA) ch. 1962	NATALMA (USA)* b. 1957	LADY ANGELA (GB) ch. 1944	
	TOPSY (GB) ch. 1976	HABITAT (USA) b. 1966 [B]	TUDOR MINSTREL (GB) br. 1944 [B]	NATIVE DANCER (USA) gr. 1950 [IC]	
		FURIOSO (GB) b. 1971	RARE TREAT (USA)* ch. 1952	ALMAHMOUD (USA) ch. 1947 *	
BLUE JEAN BABY 2000	SPECTACULAR TIDE (USA) dkb/br. 1989	TSUNAMI SLEW (USA) dkb/br. 1981	SIR GAYLORD (USA) br. 1959 [IC]	OWEN TUDOR (GB) br. 1938	
		BID ME ADIEU (USA) gr. 1983	LITTLE HUT (USA)* b. 1952	SANSONNET (GB) b. 1933 *	
	ANGEL LOVE (IRE) b. 1988	CHIEF SINGER (IRE) br. 1981	BALLYMOSS (GB) ch. 1954 [S]	STYMIE (USA) ch. 1941	RARE PERFUME (USA) b. 1947 *
		LUMIERE (USA) ch. 1983	VIOLETTA (ITY)* b. 1958	TURN-TO (USA) b. 1951 [BI]	SOMETHINGROYAL (USA) b. 1952 *
			SEATTLE SLEW (USA) dkb/br. 1974 [BC]	OCCUPY (USA) b. 1941	SAVAGE BEAUTY (USA) b. 1934 *
			BARBS COMPACT (USA) dkb/br. 1969	MOSSBOROUGH (GB) ch. 1947 [C]	INDIAN CALL (GB) ch. 1936
		SPECTACULAR BID (USA) gr. 1976	INDIAN CALL (GB) ch. 1936	PINZA (GB) b. 1950	
		TOMMYS FOLLY (USA) dkb/br. 1978	URSHALIM (GB) dkb/br. 1951 *	BOLD REASONING (USA) dkb/br. 1968	
		BALLAD ROCK (IRE) ch. 1974	MY CHARMER (USA) b. 1969 *	BARBIZON (USA) br. 1954	
		PRINCIPIA (FR) b. 1970	COMPACT (USA) b. 1953	COMPACT (USA) b. 1953	
		NORTHJET (IRE) ch. 1977	BOLD BIDER (USA) b. 1962 [IC]	BOLD BIDER (USA) b. 1962 [IC]	
		ATTIRANCE (FR) ch. 1978	SPECTACULAR (USA) gr. 1970	SPECTACULAR (USA) gr. 1970	
			JACINTO (USA) br. 1962	JACINTO (USA) br. 1962	
			FIRE WATER (USA) dkb/br. 1968	FIRE WATER (USA) dkb/br. 1968	
			BOLD LAD (IRE) b. 1964	BOLD LAD (IRE) b. 1964	
			TRUE ROCKET (IRE) gr. 1967	TRUE ROCKET (IRE) gr. 1967	
			LE FABULEUX (FR) ch. 1961 [P]	LE FABULEUX (FR) ch. 1961 [P]	
			PIA (GB) br. 1964	PIA (GB) br. 1964	
			NORTHFIELDS (USA) ch. 1968	NORTHFIELDS (USA) ch. 1968	
			JELLATINA (IRE) b. 1966	JELLATINA (IRE) b. 1966	
			CROWNED PRINCE (USA) ch. 1969	CROWNED PRINCE (USA) ch. 1969	
			AROSA (IRE) ch. 1969	AROSA (IRE) ch. 1969	

**WHY ARE HORSES REGISTERED?** When a horse is registered, the horse has written documentation of its pedigree and ownership history. A registered horse is recorded with a breed registry or stud book, which sets out the details of the horse, such as color, sex, year of foal, and names of its sire and dam.

The pedigree chart (see example above) is a diagram that shows the ancestral relationships among horses. It is a visual representation of a horse's family tree, which can help to understand the horse's heritable traits. The chart usually shows the horse's sire and dam and can be used to trace the lineage of a horse back several generations. The chart can also show the horse's breed, color, sex, and year of foal.

A grade horse is one whose breeding is undocumented and/or unidentified. Sometimes it applies to a horse that was once registered and the papers were misplaced. Sometimes a grade horse is one that's qualified to be registered but the owner didn't complete the necessary steps to do so. A registered horse usually sells for more money than a grade horse.

Several horses in the Cheff herd are registered. Here's a list, including their registered names:

Emma: Melodramatic  
Blue: Sent Certified  
Harry: Harrison  
Phillip: Real High Cotton  
Boomer: Boomse

Rosie: Rose Z Oshiek  
Simon: So Blazing Im Blue  
Monte: Larks Saint Diablo  
Princess: Boomsine

[What is the Purpose of an Equine Breed Registry? – The Horse](#)

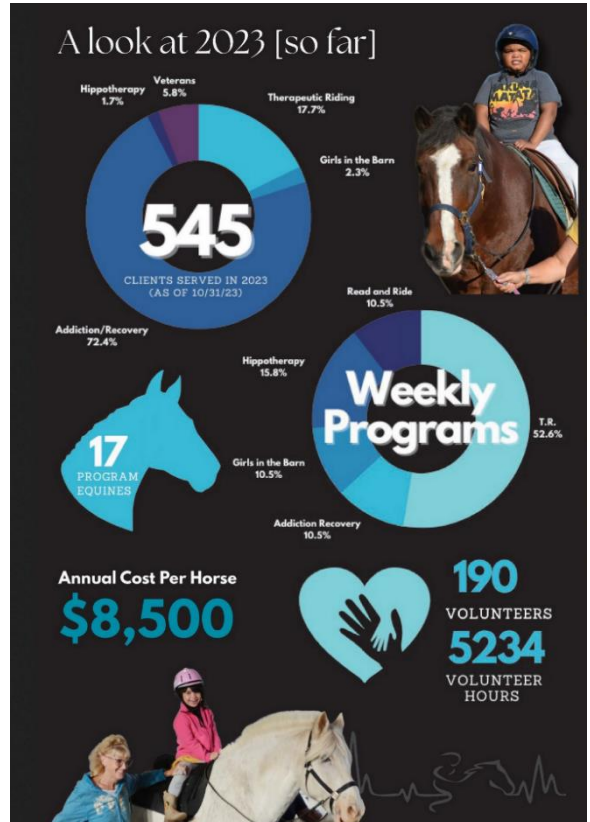
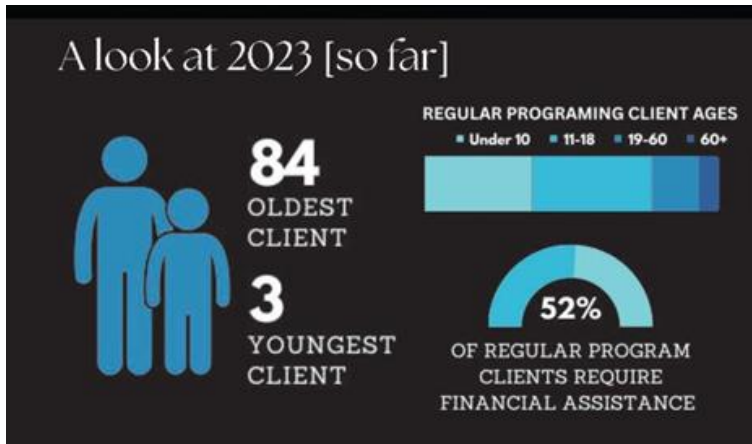
[What Does Registered Mean In Horses? - Great American Adventures \(great-american-adventures.com\)](#)

<https://www.allbreedpedigree.com/horse-pedigree-search>



# Cheff Center Statistics for 2023 (so far)

*Images are excerpted from Cheff's Annual Appeal information. See the complete [Annual Appeal mailer](#) for photos, testimonials and more!*



Serving riders of all ages who have physical, emotional, or cognitive disabilities.

# THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS, FOR A GREAT 2023!

# Merry Christmas!

If you would like to support Cheff's mission, you can check out the [complete list](#) of most needed items. We are so grateful for your continued partnership - thanks for all that you do. We couldn't do it without you!



## CHEFF'S 2023 WISH LIST

GENERAL HORSE CARE ITEMS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED AS WELL!

- Manure Forks
- Double ended clips
- Black rubber feed tubs
- Whole bale slow feed hay net - 1 1/4"
- Average Horse Sized Halters with Clip
- Average horse-sized braided reins
- Buteless Pellets
- Donations for Osteomax (joint supplement) and GutX (digestive aid)
- Coat Defense Powder
- BugOff Supplement
- Zinc Oxide based Baby Rash Cream
- Fly Spray



*Wishing you and your loved ones a happy and healthy holiday season!*

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Abbie B

Christopher C

Mark E

Riley F

Taylor G

Michelle G

Ginger H

Barb M

Katherine N

Michelle P

Rene S

Mary S

Madisyn W

Lynn W



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Erika A

Rhianna B

Claire D

Jessica E

Matalynn E

Julie G

Colleen H

Lisa K

Paige M

Kathryn M

Alexandria N

Claire P

Glen S

Ella S





## Harding's

Harding's customers - if you join their Community Rewards program and select the Cheff Center as your organization of choice, we receive a rebate based on your purchase amounts.

Please let your friends and family know—every penny helps! For more information, click on the link: <https://www.hardings.com/savings-and-rewards/community-rewards/>

## Rite Aid

Rite Aid is one of Cheff's partners and extended their shopper rewards program to us. Please consider signing up as a Cheff Supporter. Simply register at: [support.rxfundraising.com/CheffCenter](http://support.rxfundraising.com/CheffCenter)

## Cheff gets a large discount on horse-related products!

If you would like to get more bang for your buck, you could make a [DONATION](#) to Cheff and we will gratefully use it where most needed!

## Any Questions/Comments/Suggestions?

If so, you can contact Sara Putney, Volunteer Administrator, at [sara@cheffcenter.org](mailto:sara@cheffcenter.org)

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