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Just a few notes for this month's newsletter. Thanks to Melanie Scholer, her volunteers and Dan's Boots & Saddles for the May 15 Ditch Pony Promenade. The event had over 180 youths participating and most classes had over 25 entries!! The next event will be the annual **Lefty Converse Memorial Horse Show on August 14 at the TopForm Arena**. Classes start at 9 am with registration at 8 am. Attached is the flyer with the various classes and contact information if you have questions. Melanie could use several volunteers to help with the show so please contact her at work- 345-2220- if you can help!!

Sponsor checks from this year's Recreation Ride are still coming in, but it looks like we will net within a whisker of \$3000 this year. Thanks to our many sponsors and the riders. Also thanks again to Alana McGrattan for allowing us to showcase Rhythm's Way, the easement which is in the process of being donated to the Village. Thanks also to MRGCD for granting us a special use license for this fund-raiser.

In lieu of a formal meeting in July, we will be holding our annual **Summer Potluck on Friday, July 8, starting at 7 pm**. Steve and Robin Henry will be hosting the event at their home at 295 Applewood Road. CHAMP will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, brauts, buns, condiments and baked beans. We will also have bottled water and sodas. Members, their family and guests are all invited. Please bring a side dish or dessert and anything you wish to drink other than what we are providing. We also have some items left over from the Silent Auction at the Recreation Ride which will be up for bidding. Please join us for a fun evening with kindred equine enthusiasts!!

Due to the difficulties in monitoring or enforcing the biomedical procedures recommended by the State Livestock Board in preventing the spread of EHV, horses, mules and donkeys are not going to be allowed to participate in this year's 4th of July Parade. Considering how deadly this disease is and how easily it can be spread, this is a sad, but prudent decision by MainStreet and the Village who sponsor the event. For information on the recommended safety precautions, please visit the website for the New Mexico Livestock Board.

CHAMP will be presenting a **Dressage Clinic at the TopForm Arena on Saturday, July 30**. Lynn Clifford of Santa Fe will be the instructor. She is a nationally recognized dressage competitor and trainer who emphasizes natural horsemanship. The Clinic will be open to only 8 horse/rider combinations, but it can be audited by anyone. Cost for the horse/rider is \$85, auditors \$20 for this all day clinic. The riders will be split into two groups of four, with each

group spending two hours in ground training in the morning and two hours each in the afternoon under saddle. Lynn is also presenting a clinic on De-spooking your Trail Horse using Dressage Principles at her Santa Fe location on August 21. That clinic is designed to help those who wish to participate in the ACTHA trail competitions. For more information, you can check out Lynn's website at www.lynnclifford.com.

Remember, updated information is always available on our website at www.champnm.com

Enjoy the longer days and warmer weather! See you on July 8!

Steve Henry
President