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Summer Riding Camps

- July 1st to July 5th - July 8th to July 12th - July 22nd to July 26th
- August 5th to August 10th - August 19th to August 23rd
- August 26th to August 31st

The cost is \$250.00 per person (includes GST) with \$100 deposit. Only 8 riders per week. Prizes for all. Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm each day. Any additional information and entry forms for camps or shows can be requested by Phone: (519) 856-0505, Fax: (519) 856-0506, downloaded from our webpage www.goldenwoods.on.ca or Email: gwr@s@golden.net.

Golden Woods Riding School,
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We offer Recreational English riding lessons year round, specializing in Dressage and Eventing, for ages 7 and older, adult and beginner lessons. Please feel free to visit us!

FoalQuest finds homes for more than 400 "at risk" foals

Special to The Compass

A good home isn't always easy to find, especially for PMU (Pregnant Mares' Urine) foals, that are often found homeless, ownerless and being shipped off to meat auctions.

But there are people making a difference - a big difference.

FoalQuest Ltd., an International organization based in Alberta, has found homes across North America for more than 400 PMU foals since 1999.

Since 1942, estrogen has been extracted from the urine of pregnant mares on PMU ranches for the production of hormone replacement therapy medications. Premarin® is the most widely prescribed drug in the world, providing hormone treatment for over 10 million North American women each year.

The organization works with PMU producers to assure that as many foals as possible can be placed in caring homes rather than going to feedlots.

PMU ranches are located in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and North Dakota, and together produce approximately 34,000 foals each year. Unfortunately, approximately 32 per cent of all PMU foals will be sold to feedlots where they will be fed, slaughtered and sold overseas for human consumption.

These are the foals that FoalQuest is interested in helping. These are sound, healthy, well bred foals that have endless potential if just given the chance. FoalQuest is trying to promote these at risk foals so they can find caring homes.

Each spring, members of FoalQuest travel to PMU ranches in Alberta to take photographs of the foals. These photos are then displayed on their web site. Approved adopters are able to choose the foals they want from these pictures.

After the foals are weaned in September, they are taken to a central Alberta farm where they are checked by a veterinarian, dewormed and cared for by

FoalQuest volunteers until they are ready to travel to their new homes across Canada and the US.

For the past two years an Acton farm has provided a drop off area for the foals upon arrival in Halton and has agreed to do so again this year.

FoalQuest Ltd. is not an animal rights, political or activist group, they do not condemn the producers who make their living raising these foals and are not attempting to shut the industry down. Instead, FoalQuest works alongside the producers and NAERIC (North American Equine Ranching Information Council, in a joint effort to educate the public about these foals and to give them a chance to reach their true potential.

For more information on FoalQuest Ltd. and PMU foals, please visit their web site at www.pmufoalquest.com or contact Jan Turnbull at jan@pmufoalquest.com.

Standardbreds are back

Special to The Compass

A sure sign of spring around Milton and Campbellville is the return of harness racing to Mohawk Racetrack.

On Thursday, March 21, the majestic standardbreds returned to Mohawk's track. Mohawk's 46-day agenda is highlighted by the Spring Pacing Championship for Free For

All horses on April 13 and the Mohawk Pacing Series for three year-old colts on May 10. A leg of the Classic Series (four events) for older pacers and trotters will be staged on the 7/8 mile track on Saturday, May 3.

Mohawk will offer live racing five nights a week on Monday,

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. Post time each night is 7:40 p.m. and admission and parking are always free.

For more information, please go to the Woodbine Entertainment web site www.woodbinemohawk.com.



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