

safe, it is a friendly, welcoming environment." Katelyn's younger brother, Cole, age 9, began riding lessons here just last month. He can hardly wait each week to come for his next lesson, said Mom. "Riding has done wonders for his self esteem and confidence," said Lori. "We want to teach horse owners how to effectively communicate with their horses," explains Ann. "Whether you are new to horses and unsure where to begin, or a lifelong rider searching for a better way to work with your horse, we are here to provide you with a safe, fun way to work with your equine partner and advance your overall horsemanship." Also visiting this evening was Deb Funk, along with her 2012 Congress top 5 Futurity Champion Stallion 'I've Been Encountered'. Deb shows in halter and showmanship across the U.S. and 'I've Been Encountered' is an available standing stud.

The training center offers a 66' x 120' heated and insulated indoor riding arena, with a heated viewing room and restroom to keep guests comfortable. The facility also has a 100' x 200' outdoor riding arena, large box stalls, large pasture turnouts with run-in shelters and group and individual turnout paddocks. Ann Cole Training Center is located at 70824 Conrad Road in Niles, Michigan, just outside of Edwardsburg, Michigan and close to Granger, Indiana.



Madelyn Martinec Launches Diaper Drive

Intern Teams with Growing Kids Learning Center to Launch Diaper Drive

Kids at the Elkhart Growing Kids Learning Center participated in a yoga class this July, where they learned various "animal poses" and a special routine for when they get out of bed in the morning. The morning routine they learned is designed to keep them focused, awake and aware, in order to avoid accidents such as a sprained ankle or stubbing toes. The yoga class was a half an

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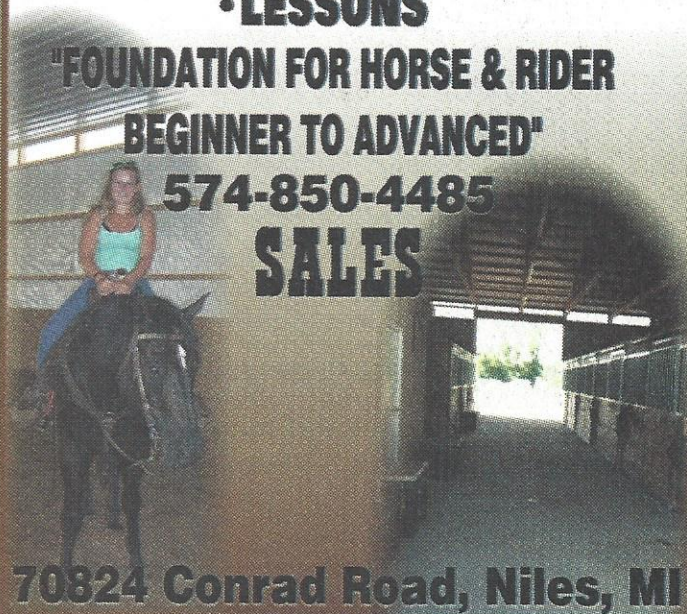
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Diaper Drive Continued

hour long. Tara Manges, a teacher at Growing Kids Learning Center who participated in the class said: "I thought the class was very helpful, the kids really enjoyed it and they memorized a few of the animal poses." Tara worked with the five year olds in the class, which ranged from ages 5 to 12. The yoga class was part of a summer camp activity. Other summer camp activities the kids participated in included a day at a Silverhawks game, visiting a fish hatchery, a day at Kennedy Splash pad, and swimming at local pools. Summer camp runs from the first week in June until the last week in August. All kids between the ages of 5 and 12 can participate in the summer camp program as long as spots are available.

A former Growing Kids child has come back to Growing Kids Learning Center to help her raise awareness and diapers for the Food Bank. Madelyn Martinec, currently the Summer Program Intern at the Food Bank of Northern Indiana and a full time student at Holy Cross College at Notre Dame, fondly remembers attending Growing Kids Learning Center from preschool until 12 years old and taking advantage of the Summer Camp program. As the program Intern at the Food Bank, Madelyn has educated herself on diaper needs and its effects. According to the National Diaper Bank Network, in the last three years, 5.9 million American babies were born into low-income or poor families, forcing some parents to choose between buying food or diapers for their child. After receiving approval from CEO, Milton Lee to hold a diaper drive, she immediately thought to contact Growing Kids Learning Center about hosting a drive. Madelyn said, "I believe Growing Kids has truly prepared me for the world, even though I went there at a very young age, Growing Kids taught me how to interact with people who were different than I, and that skill is crucial for the real world." Madelyn would like to let the public know that anyone willing to participate can bring a pack of diapers to one of the drop-off locations during August 5 - 9th. Drop off locations include Kroger stores of Mishawaka and South Bend, and any Growing Kids Learning Center. For more information please call The Food Bank of Northern Indiana (574) 232-9986, Ext 124. For those who live in Michigan and are in need of food or diapers, please call Feeding America West Michigan, 616-784-3250, located at 864 West River Center Drive, Comstock Park, MI 49321, or call 269-926-2646, located at 1488 East Empire Ave., Benton Harbor, MI 49022.

In other news, Growing Kids Learning Center's four area childcare and preschools have recently been awarded the National Early Childhood Program Accreditation (NECPA). The NECPA sets rigorous guidelines for the award, requiring that early childhood programs follow a process of self-study, including parent and staff surveys, a verification visit by early childhood education/child care professionals, and a final review by the NECPA Board of Commissioners. Standards of quality include administration, staff development and the working environment, the developmental program, outdoor and indoor environments, health and safety, and parent and community relations. Growing Kids representatives are proud to announce they have maintained their accredited status for the fourth year this year and they are proud to be distinguished as an early childhood program of improved quality, both in the developmental program for young children and in the health and safety of the environment.

In addition, Growing Kids has for the third year been awarded the highest rating of a Level 4 in the Paths to QUAL-

ITY Program, Indiana's voluntary quality rating and improvement system for the third year. The centers have achieved this award by meeting the following requirements: promoting positive relationships for all children and adults, using a planned curriculum to help your child develop his or her language, physical, social/emotional, and thinking skills, using materials and teaching that consider your child's developmental needs, as well as his or her cultural background, providing ongoing assessment of your child's learning and development and communicating his or her progress to you, and promoting children's health and protecting your child from injury and illness. Growing Kids decision to participate in this program is great news for your child because research shows that high quality early learning experiences prepare children for success in school, work and life.



Boy Fly Tying at 2009 Youth Day

Edwardsburg Conservation Club Hosting 2013 Youth Day

The Edwardsburg Conservation Club is hosting their 5th Annual Outdoor Educational Event on Saturday, August 24, 2013 at 26524 Pine Lake Road in Edwardsburg, Michigan.

This years event includes a "Nature Discovery Program" dedicated to enhance the awareness of and sensitivity toward Michigan's living resources through natural science education presented by Jim and Carol McGrath. This will include live reptiles and amphibians of the Great Lakes Region.

Our goal is to promote our outdoor heritage by teaching various activities such as: archery, fishing techniques, fire safety, first aid, trapping and furriers, fly tying, muzzleloading and trap/rifle shooting. Guides will take groups to the various stations where they will have hands on training and take with them more knowledge and the importance of safety in outdoor activities.

Last years attendance was outstanding and enjoyed by all. Parents as well enjoyed in the fun with their children. It's a great family experience. Lunch and goodie bags will be provided.

Many businesses and individuals donate to help make this day happen. A grant received by the National Rifle Association has helped the club in many ways such as the Youth Day Event, Youth Trap Team and the Hunter Education program. This year the NRA included a grant for A Ladies Day event that will take place at the club on September 28, 2013.

If you are interested in attending the Youth Day, registration forms can be obtained at the ECC clubhouse, www.edwardsburgclub.org or call Debbie Reese at 269 683-1405 or 269 240-7985. Clubhouse hours: Tuesday 6-10pm or Sunday noon to 8pm. Space is limited.