



GCSMP MONTHLY NEWS

The official publication of the Guadalupe County Sheriff's Mounted Posse & Drill Team



The Loss of Our Friend...

On 23 July 2024 the GCSMP lost one of its members from injuries sustained in a tragic riding accident. Rosemary embraced life to the fullest and was skilled in pointing out all of the good this world still has to offer. She embodied her faith and was quick to remind you that she was a work in progress. She was the loudest cheerleader for the little riders anywhere she went and was often heard yelling encouragement at our playdays. This enthusiasm carried over to the larger riders, and she was not shy about rooting you on. Sadly, the horse world is not always the most welcoming environment, and Rosemary went out of her way to help new riders find their way. Always offering a kind word, a piece of advice, or even spare tack, she effortlessly provided an example of living a life of kindness. She fought hard for the younger generations of riders because she knew our future needs them and she felt that by encouraging them in the most positive ways she could, it would strengthen the community and fortify the foundations of the sports she loved. Her light is missed in so many ways and her absence will be felt for years to come. While the world feels darker without her, the lessons of love and grace she bestowed on all she encountered will hopefully be carried on through those of us that were lucky enough to have been blessed by her company.



Playday News

- The 27 July event was cancelled due to rain and for the safety of the riders, the board did not want to risk any injuries.
- The 3 August event was voted to be a double point playday on 30 July 2024 and changes were posted to Facebook. Riders paid two entry fees and were able to receive an extra run or carry over their first in the speed events and two judges were present to award points simultaneously for the performance classes.
- Awards were handed out at the conclusion of the event and results will be posted in the September edition of the newsletter.
- Robbin Cresswell was there for part of the day to take photographs. They are available through her Facebook page that was shared on the Posse Facebook page.
- Wicked Brisket provided excellent service once again.



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Drill Team Highlights



Upcoming Events:
SEGUIN BIRTHDAY - 8/9



Memorial Rides

On 27 July 2024 and 3 August 2024, the GCSMP Drill Team saluted our fallen member. Rafter 77 offered an opportunity to pay tribute to Rosemary when our playday was rained out. The Team was fortunate enough to be able to pay homage at our home arena the following weekend with a more personalized ride.

New Riders Welcome

As this year is focused on rebuilding, this is a reminder that new riders are welcome to join the team. New riders to drill will need to practice and learn the new patterns before being allowed to perform in the virtual drills and/or playday performances. The team is excited about the newest members that have been added to the ranks and reminds everyone that practice is on Monday nights at 7:30pm at the Posse arena.

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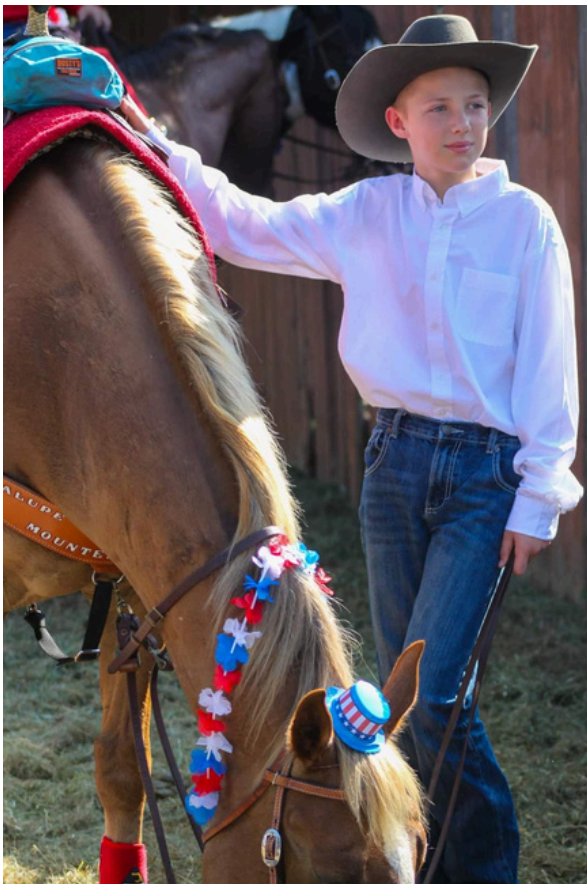
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Parade Opportunities

- Seguin Birthday - 9 August (1 rider covered, but Posse welcome to attend)
- Comal County Parade - 27 September
- Guadalupe County Rodeo - 13 October

**“IF YOU’RE NOT
IN THE PARADE,
YOU WATCH THE
PARADE. THAT’S
LIFE.”
— MIKE DITKA**





Up for Discussion...

- Repairs and Beautification of arena and grounds
- Posse Committee formed for a member appreciation event
- GCSMP Group photo
- Seguin Birthday Party



Welcome Wagon

The GCSMP would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members:

- Michelle Callahan
- Sarah Cyphers



Upcoming Meetings:

12 August 2024 - 7:30pm

9 September 2024 - 7:30pm

14 October 2024 - 7:30pm

11 November 2024 - 7:30pm