

# The Hoofbeat

THE LATEST NEWS FROM STONY LAKE THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER

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## Current Happenings

It's FALL! We're so thankful for a safe and successful summer, but all of us at SLTRC are excited for cooler weather. The colors are absolutely gorgeous out at the ranch.

There are so many big things happening at our facility! We now have **electricity, heat, a new entry gate, and a "new" road!** Wow! (Friendly reminder to park in the small lot in front of the arena and use our gate to get in).

We also just hired a **new Recreational Therapist!** Cooper will be joining us mid-November. He'll be teaming with Aubrey until he is finished with his Equine Assisted Therapy certification in June. Check out the rest of the newsletter to find out more about him. He's looking forward to meeting you all!



# Fundraising Events

Our 1st Annual Silent Auction & Line Dance was a success! We raised over \$5,500 for our program! All 91 items and baskets were sold, we danced through many songs, and the outdoor events were a hit as well. Thank you to all who participated and helped out. We can't wait for next year's event!

It's almost Christmas! If you would like to order a short-sleeve, long-sleeve, or hoodie (adult and youth sizes available), please check out our Facebook or email me for colors, and then email me (Aubrey) with your order. Orders are due **THIS FRIDAY, October 29!!**

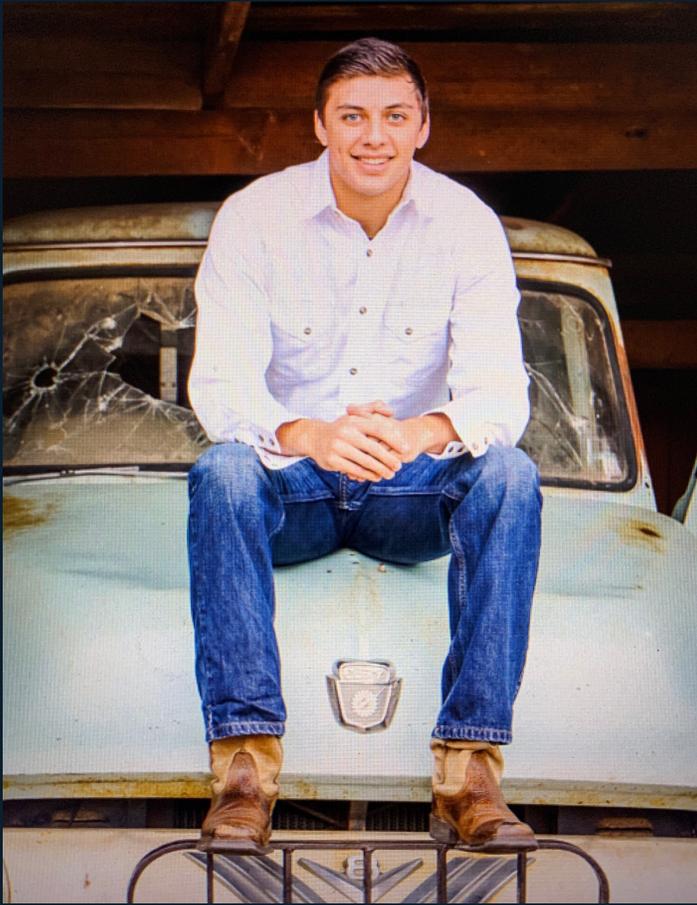
Keep your eyes out for more fundraising events coming up in the next few months.

## Volunteer Spotlight

Two volunteers really shone bright over the last couple months. **Jenny Herrygers** (pictured) has been a true blessing! She shows up every single week with a smile and jumps right in. She gladly helps out on extra days too. We so love your enthusiasm, dedication, and willingness to help wherever needed. Thank you, Jenny!!

**Cathy Schouten** spent countless hours raising funds, collecting items, and spreading the word about our program and the Silent Auction. We could not have pulled it off without her help this year! She has been a huge support and encouragement in so many ways this year and we are incredibly grateful for her. Thank you!!





# Welcome Cooper!

Hello my name is Cooper Snow. I am originally from Texas but moved to Michigan to attend Central Michigan University to become a Recreational Therapist. I love hunting, fishing, mountain biking and spending time at the lake. Some fun facts about me are: my favorite movie is Forrest Gump, I was in a magazine, and I love country music.

Do you have a hidden talent? I can do a Kermit the Frog and Pennywise the clown impressions very well.

If you could choose a superpower, what would it be? I would pick being able to fly so I could avoid all traffic.

What are you most looking forward to at SLTRC? Getting to connect with students and their family!

We're so excited to have you on the team, Cooper!!

## Veteran Program

We will be starting a **six-week pilot program** for our new veteran programming! It will run from March 7 - April 23, 2022.

Equine Assisted Therapy has proven to be most effective for veterans with PTSD, traumatic brain injuries, physical disabilities, those needing support for community & family reintegration, and anger & emotion management... among many other benefits.

If you are interested in being a participant or volunteer, reach out to Aubrey. Spread the word - we can't to begin!

