

# Students Recycle Cans To Save Misty Ranch

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MANHEIM (Lancaster Co.) — Recycling cans may have started out as a project for Earth Week for Manheim elementary students, but it turned into something magical.

On Friday, students were able to see storytales turn into reality when the granddaughter of Misty of Chincoteague Island came to visit their schools.

The students learned about Misty's story and were able to recognize the characteristic "map of the U.S." markings on Misty II.

Misty II stepped up on a block and "shook hands" with several of the students, as well as showing her preference for Life Savors brand candy over sugar cubes.

"I love her, she feels like my bed, I feel like sleeping on her every day," said first grade Mastersonville student Jennifer Lowry.

Misty II's grandmother, Misty, was a pony captured more than 40 years ago in Chincoteague Island's

annual pony-penning, and made famous in a children's book by author Marguerite Henry.

Misty II is owned by Kendy and Keith Allen of Manheim. Kendy is the Pennsylvania state fundraising chairperson for the Misty Foundation, which was formed in order to preserve the ranch where Misty grew up.

The Manheim students decided that the nine-acre ranch preservation into a historical landmark would be a worthy cause for their recycling efforts.

Misty II came to visit both Sporting Hill and Mastersonville schools to accept the donations. More than 610 pounds of aluminum and 200 pounds of tin have been collected to date, but the students want to continue recycling through the end of the school year, said Principal Claire Storm.

Sporting Hill School raised \$66 and Mastersonville School raised \$150 for the foundation. Dixon Recyclers donated \$50 to the effort.



Misty II gets a loving hug from a fan, Jennifer Lowry. Jennifer is a first grade student at Mastersonville. Pictured riding Misty II is Kerra Allen, a third grade student at Mastersonville and the daughter of the horse's owners, Kendy and Keith Allen.

## Six-Year-Old Saves Sister From Choking

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MANHEIM (Lancaster Co.) — Elise Neiderheiser is only six years old, but she is a hero. Elise saved the life of her two-year-old sister, Erin.

Elise and Erin were playing upstairs at their home, at 1979 Mt. Hope Road, Manheim, while sister, Justine, and their mother, Marti were tidying the house downstairs.

Erin entered Elise's bedroom and found a marble; Erin showed Elise the marble. Elise told her sister not to put the marble into her mouth, but Erin immediately did what she had been told not to do and began to choke.

Elise ran downstairs to tell her mother, then raced upstairs ahead of her mother and hugged Erin from the side. Halfway up the stairs Marti noted Erin was not crying or struggling to breathe; she immediately administered her own life-saving technique. Thanks to the quick thinking of Elise and her mother, Marti, the two-year-old is fine and exploring her home.

Elise's heroic and valiant deed was shared at a recently held Brownie Troop #1012 meeting. As a result, the co-leaders, Lisa Sides and Kathy Balmer along with the teen leader, Karyn Rosenberg, realized the need for the Brownies and mothers to learn first-hand the proper life saving technique.

At a recent Brownie meeting, the six- and seven-year-old girls were taught the Heimlich Maneu-

er. Sharon Gernert, an Emergency Medical Technician with the Manheim Memorial Ambulance showed the girls had stand in back of the person and wrap their arms below the person's ribs and give a hard hug. She is a CPR instructor with the American Red Cross. Sharon patiently presented to mothers and daughters the proper methods to assist a person who is choking.

First she told the girls they must dial 911 and Tara Sides told those assembled to say, "This is an emergency," after dialing the emergency number. Sharon told the girls they will be required to give a name, town where they live and the emergency happening, and told all assembled that they should never hang up the telephone. Help will be dispatched for assistance.

The girls demonstrated first-hand the Heimlich Maneuver using each other, then their mothers, and vice versa. The adults practiced the maneuver on each other.

Sharon then demonstrated the method used to assist a person unconscious from choking.

All present at the meeting learned a valuable lesson: the gift of life-saving. Sharon wishes to remind adults that children are capable of saving an adult life.

Scout leaders and members of Troop #1012 urge all to learn these life saving facts.

Mother's Day holds a special meaning for the Neiderheiser family thanks to six-year-old Elise's reaction time in an emergency situation.



Marti Neiderheiser (center) hugs two-year-old Erin, who was saved from choking by her sister Elise (right).

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