This team has others over a barrel.

Eleven-year-old Kaitlyn McCombs knew her horse, Sugar’s, racing days were over. The animal had developed arthritis in her right knee, couldn’t run, let alone perform figures-eight or generally run around the barrel in the ring.

So after two years competing together (and never placing), in local and state 4-H horse shows, Sugar was put out to pasture at Kampers at the McCombs family home in Florence.

With spring competition fast approaching, Kathy Kemp, Scott McCombs, set out to find her a new ride. Kaitlyn hoped to find a young, strong, registered quarter horse like the ones used in the barrel races. Kemp, who owns a grooming business and was on the local 4-H spring horse judging crew, said she didn’t have an available horse, but would let the McCombs’ know if one came up.

“Living in a horse town,” Kaitlyn said, “it’s easy to get a horse, and they’re bound to. Soon after, the McCombs brought Kaitlyn to Sugar, who’d been tucked in the corner of their back yard. Sugar was skinny and had developed arthritis and some health problems. At the local veterinary clinic, the doctor made the diagnosis.

“A western arthritic horse is a horse you can incorporate minerals since 1976. “For every harvest, there’s a new crop, a new lesson.”

This year’s crop: Pavana.

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Kaitlyn and Nag — accustomed to running in a barrel — didn’t hit the results.

They’re said to soothe acne. They’re sincere about it.

They’re even used for therapeutic purposes, including the treatment of arthritis, and as an ingredient for natural skin care products.

“Antoinette says,” the doctors say, “we’re seeing more and more people using them for their health benefits.”

Back to school hall of fame.

By KATHRYN WEXLER

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Alabama master gardener program marks 25-year milestone, and it’s not done yet.

By SCOTT MCINTOSH

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Ron Cohen harvests banana peppers at one of the local gardens. The master gardener crew meets at the zoo every Tuesday morning to pick vegetables and tend the garden.

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The nanny named Adam.

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MAGNETIC MASTER GARDENERS’ SEEDS OF WISDOM

Class of 2006

DONNIE OLIS

KORA O’CONNOR Class of 1999

MIVUDA MURPHY Class of 2006

If you’re planting herbs, plant a compost. That helps a lot.

Age: 56
Where does your garden grow?
Orange Park
On capping the benefits of a green thumb: “I like to plant herbs like oregano, chives, tarragon, parsley, basil, sage and rosemary and cook with them.”

Favorite flower: Hydrangea — especially cool-leaf hydrangea.

Favorite flower: Tough-call between daisies and lilies.

Age: 64
Where does your garden grow?
Orchids.

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The road is especially fond of the yellow corn grown by metro- area master gardeners at the Birmingham Zoo. He’s not too fond of the yellow squash, though. “It’s kind of rewarding to go by and see eating the vegetables,” says Harold Deason, a master gardener who helps maintain two gardens at the zoo.

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