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2014 ASHA Youth Clubs



**YOUTH CLUB
RENEWALS ARE
DUE APRIL 30,
2015**

**If you wish to have
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Kentucky State Fair Youth Activities

ASHA GOLF CART DECORATING CONTEST

This was the fourth year for the ASHA Golf Cart Decorating Contest and was once again very popular with 15 entries raising \$300 for ASHA Youth Scholarships. The carts were judged in different categories, with winners receiving certificates and gift cards to the American Saddlebred Museum Gift Shop. Winning entries were featured in the Saddlebred Daily and also on Facebook.



GRAND PRIZE WINNER & BEST HORSE NAME
CH MYSTERY MACHINE
 by Stephanie Sanders , Legacy Stables



BEST ANIMAL THEME
COOKIE MONSTER
 by Sallie Mason Wheeler and Alex Rudder,
 Wingswept Farm



BEST HORSE THEME
Day On The Town
 by Travis Parker, Mountain Laurel Saddlebreds



BEST BARN THEME
 by R & R Stables



BEST ASHA YOUTH GROUP
VPF Stirrup Squad
by VPF Stirrup Squad



BEST REGIONAL THEME
NORTH CAROLINA
by Ingleside Farm

Kentucky
State Fair
Youth
Activities



ZANIEST GOLF CART
CLOWN CAR
by Kierson Farm

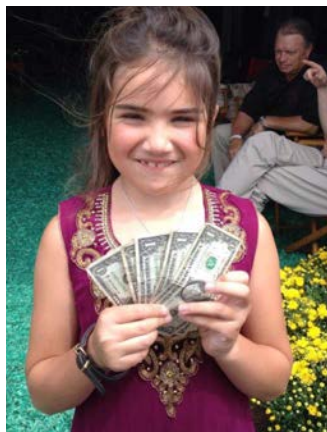


GLITZIEST GOLF CART
by Foster Farms

Kentucky State Fair Youth Activities

ASHA CASH CART CONTEST

New this year, was the ASHA Cash Cart, fashioned after the TV game show, Cash Cab and sponsored by Todd and Joy Sandifer (parents of one of our youth members). The ASHA golf cart was decorated with paper money and cab signs. ASHA Youth Chair, Germaine Johnson and Brenda Newell, Sr. Program Administrator drove through the barn areas and walked the North Wing stopping Junior Exhibitors and asking trivia questions. The questions were on Equine, Saddlebred and Kentucky State Fair topics. The participant received a dollar for each correct question. Forty dollars per day was allotted for the game for each of the five days. There were 40 that participated. It was a lot of fun and provided another educational activity for the youth. Many of the participants donated their money back to ASHA Youth Scholarships! Each day we featured some of the participants on facebook and in the Saddlebred Daily.



My My Singh



Anna Schweitzer



Bjorn Brinkley



Delaney Webb



Grace Porter



Maggie Clark



Monet Harrison and Hannah Chapman



Nina Izquierdo



Kierson Farm



Nissa Sultan, Ariana and Alex Varveris-Bobbin Hollow



Taylor Burton



Wyatt Lesch

Kentucky State Fair Youth Activities

ASHA COLORING CONTEST

Also new this year, ASHA sponsored a coloring contest for the youth in two age divisions. We had 20 enter in the 13 and under division and 4 entries in the 14-17 division. Throughout the week, a ^{CH}Sprinkles coloring sheet and crayons were available at the ASHA booth. The contest was judged on Thursday afternoon by artist, Andrea Hartmeyer Johns. The winners in each division were awarded signed Breyer models of ^{CH}Sprinkles. The winning entries were featured in the Saddlebred Daily and also on Facebook.



13 AND UNDER WINNER:
Charlie Rashid



14 -17 WINNER:
Brienne
Hromnak

Kentucky State Fair Youth Activities

ASHA SADDLEBRED BINGO

This was the first year for the ASHA Saddlebred Bingo which replaced the ASHA Youth Scavenger Hunt, sponsored by ASHA Board members, Betsy Boone, Chuck Herbert, Bill Whitley, Susan Shepherd and Bob Funkhouser. The ASHA Saddlebred Bingo was designed to provide the youth the opportunity to meet “celebrities” in the Saddlebred industry by asking the youth to collect stickers from trade fair vendors, numerous trainers and ASHA Board members. The first to bingo each day received a small gift. All cards with a bingo were put into a drawing daily for a gift basket of gift cards valued at \$90. Total for the week, there were 50 participants.



Alexandria Cedrone, ASHA Barn Bingo Winner

Finn Cooper, ASHA Barn Bingo Winner



Kentucky State Fair Youth Activities

ASHA JUNIOR JUDGING CONTEST

The ASHA Junior Judging Contest was once again sponsored by the United States Equestrian Federation. The judging was held two days again this year, with 60 participants. By contrast, there were 50 participants last year. The first place winners were awarded a show bridle from R.E. Fennell, Co. (13 and under division) and a framed signed print from Andrea Hartmeyer Johns (14-20 division) in center ring on Friday evening. All those placing first through eighth received ribbons and gift cards to the American Saddlebred Museum Gift Shop from the United States Equestrian Federation.



The winner in the 13 and Under division was **Billie Byrd**, age 13 from **Roanoke, VA** and the winner in the 14-20 division was **Katie McCray**, age 17 from **Gordonsville, VA**

Left to Right: Andrea Hartmeyer Johns, Katie McCray, Germaine Johnson, ASHA Youth Chair, Billie Byrd and Charlie Glenn from R. E. Fennell Co.

ASHA SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION



Left to Right: Amanda Isoda, Katherine Griffin, Hailley Stantz and Germaine Johnson, ASHA Youth Chair

2014 ASHA YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP *RECIPIENTS*



ABBEY BAILEY, BURNSVILLE, NC

Abbey Bailey is a second generation horsewoman that the love of horses was handed down to at a very early age. In addition, she also has a love for sports, and continued to work at basketball and volleyball but gave up softball to have more time to dedicate to showing. She showed under Harrison and Beverly Shiflet at Harrison Shiflet Stables and Heath Hughes of Hickory Lane farm until 2012, when she brought her horse home and began showing as an AOT.

Through this, she has been able to help educate people in open shows to the beauty, intelligence and athleticism of our breed. She has been a member of the American Saddlebred Horse Association, United States Equestrian Federation, American Saddlebred Association of the Carolinas and East Tennessee Saddlebred Association since 2004.

She has won high point awards from both charter clubs. Abbey is a graduate of Mountain Heritage High School in Burnsville, North Carolina and will be attending Covenant College in Chattanooga, Tennessee where she will be playing basketball and majoring in Pre-Physical Therapy.

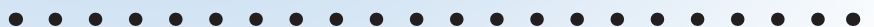


KATHERINE GRIFFIN, BIRMINGHAM, AL

Katherine began riding at the age of six, under the instruction of Jennifer Fernambucq at Heathermoor Farm in Leeds, Alabama. After participating in the Academy division for five years, she advanced to Country Pleasure and on to the Junior Exhibitor Park division.

She is also a talented young artist, having her work displayed at numerous art shows in the Birmingham area. Katherine is a member of the American Saddlebred Horse Association and the American Saddlebred Horse Association of Alabama. In addition to this award, she was also the recipient of the "Outstanding Youth Award" awarded by the ASHA of Alabama.

Katherine Griffin is a graduate of Oak Mountain High School in Birmingham, Alabama and will attend the University of Alabama Birmingham this fall majoring in Psychology/Social Work. Katherine would like to pursue a career in Counseling.





HAILLEY STANTZ, VERSAILLES, KY

Hailley Stantz has been involved with the American Saddlebred since the age of 6, when she started riding under the instruction of Julie Kaufman and Andrea Steponaitis at Blue Willow Farm. She started out in showing in Academy, working herself up to showing in performance in 2012 when she bought her first horse.

As a member of the Blue Willow Brigade ASHA Youth Club, she was very instrumental in the promotion of the American Saddlebred. She has participated in numerous parades wearing the Little Saddlers costumes and educating the public about the American Saddlebred.

Some of the other promotional events she has helped with include the 2012 Kentucky Round-Up, FEI World Equestrian Games, and Pony rides at the Lexington Junior League Horse Show. She also helps at the barn with lessons and summer camps; this is where she realized that this is what she wants to be a part of for the rest of her life.

Hailley is a member of the American Saddlebred Horse Association, United States Equestrian Federation, Future Farmers of America, National Honor Society and United Professional Horseman's Association.

Hailley graduated cum-laude at West Jessamine High School in Nicholasville, Kentucky and plans to attend the University of Kentucky this fall majoring in Equine Science and Management and the Pre-Veterinarian program with the aspiration of becoming a veterinarian.



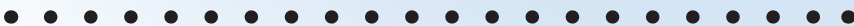
AMANDA ISODA, NAPERVILLE, IL

Amanda Isoda was first introduced to the American Saddlebred with the "Saturday at the Stables" program through the Naperville Park District. This led to lessons at Huntoon Stables and showing Academy; then moving on to showing in performance two years later.

She is very active with the youth club at Huntoon Stables and the ASHA Youth Programs. She has been an active member of the American Saddlebred Horse Association since 2008, during which time she has received National High Point and Reserve Champion for Youth Showmanship; Youth Region 5 High Point Champion for Showmanship; Bronze, Silver and Gold in the ASHA Academy Awards program; completed all six levels of the Saddle Time program; has been awarded numerous ribbons and High Point Champion for Junior Judging and attended and assisted at many of the ASHA Youth Conferences.

She is also a member of Illinois American Saddlebred Pleasure Horse Association and Mid-America Horse Show Association receiving High Point Awards from both clubs. Also, as a member of the United States Equestrian Federation, she completed the High School Equestrian Program. She has assisted with summer camps, park district camps and Girl Scout camps to help promote the Saddlebred and her love of horses.

Amanda has also been a volunteer for seven years for the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County assisting with tours and promoting the Saddlebred industry. Amanda graduated from Naperville North High School, in Naperville, Illinois this year and will attend William Woods University this fall majoring in Equestrian Science and Equine General Studies with an Art concentration.



ASHA JUNIOR JUDGING

IASHA SPRING WARM-UP March 14-16, 2014

13 and Under Division

1. Madison Clouse
2. Bridget Mitchell
2. Addison Punkay
3. Corine Koogler
3. Katie Jauch
3. Hannah Cassel
4. Liam Mitchell

14-20 Division

1. Christina Sladkowski
2. Jaden Klaus

MAHSA SPRING

March 28-30, 2014

13 and Under Division

1. Alex Terryah
2. Taylor Wagner
3. Ava Maxwell
4. Giovanna Greco
5. Elle Mehovic
6. Michael Aquilla

14 -20 Division

1. Katie Fleming
2. Dylan Nelson
3. Chloe Roddy
4. Lauren Aquilla
5. McKenzie Stratman

IASPFA SPRING

April 11-14, 2014

13 and Under Division

1. Isabelle Walters
2. Cassidy Collins
3. Jim Cooke
4. Sara Cooke

14-20 Division

1. Bree Collins
2. Emma Utoft
3. Savannah Nickey
4. Katie Fleming
5. Addisyn Gerber
6. Kennedy Biederman
7. Kendra McCandless



UPHA CHAPTER 10

May 2-4, 2014

13 and Under Division

1. Allison Cordova
2. Isabelle Walters
3. Cassidy Collins

14-20 Division

1. Grace McFarland
2. Jen Fox
3. Bree Collins
4. Savannah Nickey
5. Heather Campbell

IASPFA SUMMER

July 11-13, 2014

13 and Under Division

1. Lizette Escobedo
2. Rianna DeMeyers
3. Corrine Pierce
4. Mikayla Miller
5. Cassidy Collins

14-20 Division

1. Kate Kavouris
2. Bree Collins

MAHSA SIGNATURE

July 25-28, 2014

13 and Under Division

1. Isabelle Walters
2. John Fletcher
3. Cooper Walters

14-20 Division

1. Kayla Tempel
2. Ashley McCredie
3. Brittany Olson

CAROUSEL CHARITY HORSE SHOW

March 13-16, 2014

9 and Over Division

1. Cassidy Ball
2. Elvie Choc
3. Elsa Alexander
4. Eliya Rogoff
5. Hannah McBride
6. Chloe Poore

8 and Under Division

1. Julia Dillard
2. Kendall Kelledy
3. Kennedy Pfafman
4. Elizabeth Banks
5. Sarah Bell
6. Emma Reser

ROCK CREEK HORSE SHOW**June 3-7, 2014****13 and Under Division**

1. Katie Maxwell
2. Taylor Burton
3. Julia Disney
4. Nicole Jackson
4. Haley Mitchell
5. Marisa Franklin
5. Sara Glen
6. Sara Fouts

LEXINGTON JUNIOR LEAGUE HORSE SHOW**July 7-12, 2014****13 and Under Division**

1. Taylor Burton
2. Bella Hodge

14-17 Division

1. Lauren Rife

WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP HORSE SHOW**August 19 & 22, 2014****13 and Under Division**

1. Billie Byrd
2. Emma Dollison
3. Maelee Dudan
4. Emma Townley
5. Shelby Higgs
6. Marisa Franklin
7. Nina Izquierdo
8. Camille Brinkley

14-17 Division

1. Katie McCray
2. Emma Twombly
3. Haley Griffin
4. Anna Schweitzer
5. Frannie Salisbury
6. Mandy Bray
7. Holly Hein
8. Sloane Fleig

ASAC SPRING PREMIER**13 and Under Division**

1. Bjorn Brinkley

RALEIGH SPRING PREMIER**March 19-22, 2014****13 and Under Division**

1. Camille Brinkley
2. Morgan Robinson
3. Bjorn Brinkley
4. Emma Robinson

14 -17 Division

1. Hannah Champion, Ingleside

BLOWING ROCK**June 5-8, 2014****13 and Under Division**

1. Ella Riera
2. Paige Mahoney
3. Emma Robinson
3. Bjorn Brinkley
3. Janiya Maas
4. Gracie Ledet
5. Bella Rogers
6. Asher Mabe
6. Michelle Ziegler
7. Camille Brinkley
8. Hannah Hager
9. Scarlett Brinkley

14 -17 Division

1. Brooke Keadle
2. Shelby Balmas
3. Taylor Bridgers

UPHA HORSEMAN'S CLASSIC**June 26-28, 2014****13 and Under Division**

1. Bjorn Brinkley
2. Leah Hitney
3. Makenzie Moore
4. Becca Turner

14-17 Division

1. Graham Troxell
2. Laura Plant



ASHA NOMINATES MELISSA HERES FOR USEF YOUTH SPORTSMAN'S AWARD

MELISSA HERES OF ARAGON, GEORGIA has been selected by the American Saddlebred Horse Association (ASHA) as their nominee to the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) for their USEF Youth Sportsman's Award.

This award focuses on identifying potential leaders in the equine industry from all breeds and disciplines. This is an opportunity for USEF to give back to outstanding youth members and recognize them for their achievements. Applicants must be active members of both USEF and their Recognized National Affiliate. They must demonstrate an ongoing commitment to the promotion of equestrian sports, serve as a positive role model for their peers, and exhibit characteristics that exemplify positive sportsmanship principles.

Melissa is currently a senior at Rome High School and member of the National Honor Society. Melissa lived in Germany the first seven years of her life and was riding Saddlebreds with her mother (Lisa Rosenberger Jones) before she could walk. She moved to the United States at age 8 and continued riding at her mother's training facility, Creekside Farm in Rome, Georgia. She has had a successful show career beginning with Academy, to Walk and Trot, and now Juvenile Five-Gaited at major shows including the World's Championship Horse Show. Melissa trained her five-gaited horse, Highland's Surprise, who is now 25 to be a Hunter. She and Surprise have become a very successful team on both the Saddlebred and Hunter circuits. Surprise has been showing successfully over fences now for five years and has been "High Point Hunter" for 3'3 and 3'6 in the Rivermont Series. They recently competed in the 2014 St. Louis Charity Horse Show in the Saddle & Bridle Hunter Classic where they finished fourth. Her newest mount, is the former Junior Five-Gaited



World Champion, It's All About Me. They successfully ribboned at this year's 2014 World Championship Horse Show in the Junior Exhibitor Five-Gaited division.

Melissa is very active in different equestrian organizations and has worked hard to achieve some of the industry's most distinguished awards. She is a lifetime member of ASHA, a longtime USEF member, and has been a USEF High School Athlete her entire high school career. In 2013, she received both the prestigious ASHA Frank Ogletree Award and the Dewey Henderson Youth Scholarship Award. She earned The American Saddlebred Horse Association of Georgia, Pride of Georgia Award in both 2012 and 2013. In 2011, she received the UPHA Chapter 17 Juvenile Sportsmanship Award.

Melissa Heres has been devoted to horses her entire life and used her dedication and talent to promote the versatility of the American Saddlebred. She dared to be different and was a trailblazer marrying two disciplines within our breed. She is a great role model to all her peers and exhibits excellent sportsmanship. We are proud to submit Melissa as our nomination for this award. ●●



ASHA Youth Conference



returns to

EMBASSY SUITES
LEXINGTON

February 13-14, 2015

Details to follow





The 2014 Saddle Seat World Cup Team

The 2014 Saddle Seat World Cup came to a close on July 25, 2014 after a weeklong of competitive riding from the countries of Canada, South Africa and United States. The event was held in conjunction with the Blue Ridge Classic Horse Show at the WNG Ag Center, Fletcher, NC.

Staff and volunteers got to the venue days ahead of the event to prepare. With stabling on their own, there was much preparation for the arrival of the donated horses, and the teams. Stalls were bedded then re-bedded after mother nature let her presence be known. Team stall curtains, cross ties and buckets were hung; banners recognizing the numerous supporters and horse donors were hung in the arena and at the barns. Horses started arriving on Thursday and were all accounted for by Saturday, in time for the teams to meet their mounts after the draw.

The draw of rider order and team horses took place on the evening of Saturday, July 19. Practice took place all day Sunday with riders getting only twenty minutes (and sometimes less if they had to switch horses) to get to know the two horses they would compete on over the course of the competition. That evening, all teams converged at the hotel for a pizza party to break the ice and get to know one another before the next day's activities. Although rain changed plans slightly for the three teams' function on Monday, the alternative plans at the Fun Depot turned out to be another great way for the team members from each country to be together outside of competition and get to know one another. Of course, at the Fun Depot, there were still competitive matches taking place between team members and even a couple coaches sparred with one another in good fun.

Serious competition began on Tuesday with the Three-Gaited section taking to the ring. All fifteen riders (5 from each country) navigated on these unfamiliar

horses with style and ease while being judged by the panel of Michael Craghead (US), David Brent (CA) and Hugo Visser (SA). After the rail work, riders performed individual patterns. Unlike other equitation classes where riders can practice the pattern until their turn, these riders waited in the warm up without any practice before taking to the ring. Scores were announced for the pattern work, but the railwork scores were not released. Opening ceremonies took place prior to the evening session of the Blue Ridge show. The teams adorned in their official country attire were led out by Friesians, Ats fan it Hiem, Inne, and Dam Dries K, from Friesian Marketplace and Cheryl Baird.

On Wednesday, riders in the Five-Gaited section mirrored the events of Tuesday with strong performances on the rail and pattern work. Coaches from the countries were given their overall scores for these two days, but not the scores of the other countries, so the overall ranking for the teams remained uncertain. The next two days of competition, riders took to their second horses and performed in the same manner they had in the first sections. The intensity heightened as riders understood this would be their last shot to provide top scores for their overall team contribution. Pattern scores were again announced, but no rail scores and countries weren't provided these scores leading into the closing ceremonies.

On Friday prior to the last section of Five-Gaited rides, recognition was given to the winners of the Saddle Seat World Cup Video Contest, presented by Freedman's Harness and Saddlery. Contestants were asked to create a video less than one minute in length to answer the question "What would it mean to you to be on a Saddle Seat World Cup team?" Over 40 entries were submitted by saddle seat equitation riders from across the United States. Judges narrowed the list down to ten



finalists, and then left the final decision to the public.

When the votes were tallied, Courtney Ball of Scottsdale, Arizona earned the Grand Prize saddle from Freedman's Harness and Saddlery. Courtney's video expressed sentiments like "World Cup means you don't need a top horse to compete with the best around the world. In the end, it is your skill that prevails," and "every time you put your foot in the stirrup you have the chance to learn something new." David Freedman presented Courtney with her new saddle for her winning entry.

Second prize in the video contest went to Karsan Taylor from Kensington, New Hampshire. Karsan received a Kensington Canvas and Leather Collection roller and overnight bag from Freedman's. Rounding out the

top three videos was Shaunicy Sturm of Las Vegas, Nevada. Shaunicy's video earned her a Freedman's Harness and Saddlery belt along with a Saddle Seat World Cup jacket and polo as prizes.

Closing ceremonies took place prior to the Friday evening session of the Blue Ridge horse show with a highlighted ride by US Saddle Seat World Cup alumni, Scooter Scheurich on one of the donated horses, Silver Branch, owned by Mary Evans. As teams were directed to their spots before announcement of the medals, anticipation of the results was evident in so many team members' expressions. As the announcer called the medals, teams came forward to accept their honors. The announcer started with the Three-Gaited section, naming the Bronze, Silver, and then Gold.

The team from Canada took the Bronze medal

- Carly Browning
- Robyn Davies
- Malika Keglowsch
- Caitlyn Malyk
- Rachelle Reichert
- Sara Sheppard (alt)
- Archie Hurst - Coach
- Dave Brown - Team Manager

The Republic of South Africa took the Silver

- Calize Bosman (Captain)
- Steven Ferreira
- Willie de Jager
- Ingemar Snyman
- Christien Strydom
- Nicole Bester (alt)
- Martin Pienaar - Coach
- Francois Dercksen - Manager

The United States claimed the Gold

- Aleia Brown
- Brooke Boyer
- Quinn Mercier
- Macey Miles
- Kristen Smith. (Captain)
- Nadine Van Zomeren
- Nancy Becker - Coach
- Gary Garone - Coach

Next, the announcer called forward the winning teams for the Five-Gaited section. **The United States Team was awarded the Gold medal**

- Maisie Benfield
- McGee Bosworth (Captain)
- Emily Gutenkunst
- William Nalty
- Eleanor Rainbolt-Forbes
- Sydney Shaw
- Nancy Becker - Coach
- Gary Garone - Coach

The Republic of South Africa earning the Silver

- Nicole Bester
- Calize Bosman
- Willie de Jager
- Ingemar Snyman
- Christien Strydom (Captain)
- Denielle Dercksen (alt)
- Koekie de Villiers - Coach
- Francois Dercksen - Manager

And Canada took the Bronze

- Robyn Davies
- Malika Keglowsch
- Aiden Lorenson
- Haille Mackay
- Rachelle Reichert
- Sara Sheppard (alt)
- Archie Hurst - Coach
- Dave Brown - Team Manager

The venue proved to be a great location for exposure to the Saddle Seat World Cup event. The competition took place each day after the morning sessions of the Blue Ridge show and the number of spectators in the stands watching this event, was impressive. Event merchandise nearly sold out with so much excitement about the event being here in the states and at such a prestigious and well attended horse show. The teams benefitted by being able to watch quality horses each night and to be able to participate in the exhibitor parties after the show.

This event could not have happened without the

tremendous efforts of so many, but importantly, the Blue Ridge Classic Horse Show, the exhibitors at Blue Ridge whose schedules had to be adjusted, Liz Holmes, EventMix, the officials, and countless volunteers that came out to assist with scribing, grooming, walking horses, at the gate and any other area where there was a need. South African Team Manager, Francois Dercksen expressed gratitude for the efforts, "Thank you for the tremendous effort in planning every detail and making the World Cup experience something to cherish for the whole of the South African group. We thoroughly enjoyed it."



Of course, the competition would not be possible without the horses who are so graciously donated from different parts of the country. Following is a list of these donors:

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Finally, this event and the US Team was supported by the following groups. In this connection, US Saddle Seat World Cup Committee Member Barbe Smith stated, "This is one of the most important programs that is offered for Saddle Seat riding right now. I am so

touched by the support we received this year." Clearly, the evidence of support from the below and above speaks volumes to where we are headed for the future of this great discipline!

Now, on to planning for 2016 in South Africa!

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Equine Therapy Helps Girl Walk

By Lisa Simonis



MANITOWOC – Looking at 4-year-old Alexa Ratsimeuang of Manitowoc today, it is difficult to see past her bright eyes and enormous smile. But her journey to this point has been a struggle, fighting and breaking down barriers that have afflicted her since birth.

Alexa was born with profound hearing loss, then later diagnosed with cerebral palsy and abnormal brain conditions, lissencephaly and pachygyria.

Her hearing, speech, and gross motor skills were drastically affected by the conditions. Consequently, throughout her short life, Alexa has partaken in numerous therapies and treatments to aid her development, but at the age of 3, was struggling to stand on her own.

Still, Kelly Ratsimeuang, Alexa's mother, was persistent that her child would walk. Dissatisfied with traditional therapy, she sought out alternative options for Alexa. She had heard about equine-assisted therapy, which uses a horse as a therapeutic instrument for disabled individuals.

Alexa's parents knew that it would be a struggle to afford, but were desperate to help their daughter walk. After applying for funding through Manitowoc County's children's long-term support waiver program, Alexa was denied for financial assistance.

Just as it seemed unlikely that Alexa could receive the therapy, Kelly discovered Forward Farm in Manitowoc. After reading a newspaper ad, she learned that the owner, Ginger Schinktgen, was a certified riding instructor through PATH, otherwise known as the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International, and was offering therapeutic services in Manitowoc.

Although the sessions remained a strain for the family to afford, the nearby location helped to save time and money. So, in fall 2013, Alexa began her therapy on Libby, a very special Haflinger pony. Her family prayed desperately for results.

"Doctors had said there was a possibility that Alexa would never walk, but you never give a child limitations on what she can do," Ratsimeuang said.

Improvement

Consequently, Alexa thrived in her weekly sessions and her physical improvement was nothing short of miraculous, according to her family. Each week, Alexa grew stronger. After 12 lessons over a six-week span, the 3-year-old began walking. Alexa rode throughout the fall and her family watched in amazement as her walking and coordination improved. Unfortunately, in the spring, the family was no longer able to afford the therapy on their own.

Schinktgen has noticed that in the last year, many families in

Manitowoc have been experiencing financial strain in securing non-traditional therapy for special needs members. In 2013, Manitowoc County made a series of funding cuts, which included equine assisted therapy for special-needs individuals.

"There was a sharp drop in the number of families that were able to continue their routine since the cuts. Other surrounding counties still fund this type of therapy, but Manitowoc no longer does," Schinktgen said.

Fundraising

However, Schinktgen, as well as some of her riding students, understood the necessity of Alexa's therapy. Through various fundraising activities, the youth club Forward Farm Firecrackers was able to generate the revenue for a summer-long riding scholarship for Alexa. Now a vibrant, running 4-year-old, Alexa continues to grow stronger and flourish with the help of her faithful mount, Libby.

The terms equine assisted therapy or therapeutic horsemanship refer to the use of a horse or pony as a therapeutic instrument of a disabled individual. Horses have proven to be successful aides for breaking mental and emotional barriers, but they also have the potential to physically improve the conditions of some special needs patients, Schinktgen said.

Various studies have demonstrated particular progress in gross motor functions, such as walking, in cerebral palsy patients. In Alexa's case, the movement of the horse stimulates muscles that mimic the human waking motion. In turn, after those muscles were stirred, Alexa was able to control and strengthen her legs to walk. Other benefits of therapeutic horsemanship include improvements in fine and gross motor skills, core strength, balance and coordination, she said.

Alexa and her family received a helping hand to secure her therapy. However, not all special needs children in

Manitowoc County are so lucky. With the current standing of the county, it is unfortunate that others, who could potentially benefit from this type of therapy, may never get the opportunity to do so, Schinktgen said.

To some children, such as Alexa, equine assisted therapy can open locked doors, but without the support of the county, we are putting premature limitations on special-needs children in Manitowoc, she said.

In addition to offering equine assisted therapy, Forward Farm offers large lesson and day camp programs, as well as hosts the youth club, Forward Farm Firecrackers.

For more information about Forward Farm or equine assisted therapy, visit www.forwardfarm.com or www.pathintl.org.



CLUB HAPPENINGS



BRIDLEWAY BARN STORMERS

submitted by
Sabrina Ball

THE BARN STORMERS have had some wonderful times this summer, all while participating in philanthropy work for many causes! At the 43rd Annual Carousel Horse Show which was held March 13-16, 2014, the Barn Stormers hosted an "orange out" night in support of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and raised over \$500. We also donated a toy car filled with gift cards worth over \$800 for the Arizona Saddlebred Horse Association. The club is very involved with the ASHA Youth programs and Junior Judging is one of the activities in which we participate. They organized an "orange out" during the contest in which everyone in attendance wore orange and the Barn Stormers sold orange ribbon items to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and support their trainer, Marcia Everett. We also held a Barn Yard Sale to benefit this organization. The Barn Stormers collected, priced, displayed and sold hundreds of items to support the worthwhile cause. After a short few hours of sales, we were able to raise \$950 through the sale of barn tack and household items. Even our goat, Miss Daisy Mae came out to help!

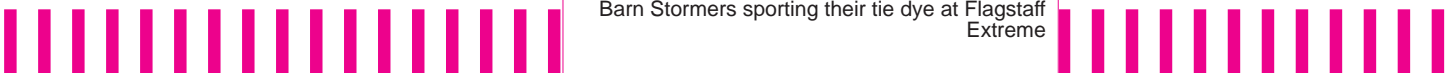
In June, when the temperature soars to 110 degrees, we have our summer pool party and barbeque. The Barn Stormers gathered at the Ball's house for the party and also made tie dye shirts to wear in Flagstaff on the Adventure Course.

In July, the Barnstormers headed to Flagstaff for the Annual Pinecone Classic Horse Show. This was the second year in our new venue-the AJ Jenkins Equestrian Center. We continued our tradition by having our family barn dinner at Taverna Greek Restaurant and a pizza and s'mores night at the hotel. They also continued our tradition of visiting Flagstaff Extreme Adventure Course. We had 40 people in the trees, Barn Stormers and their parents alike. We had 10 Barn Stormers finish all 5 courses in 4 hours and earn their "Black" extreme course shirts-quite an accomplishment!

In August, the Bridleway Barnstormers organized their 7th annual donation of food for a local food bank. Again this year, they also collected food on behalf of Horses Against Hunger. Foothills Food Bank was again running low on food during the summer, so the Barn Stormers stepped up to the challenge. They would attempt to collect more food than the temperature! The day was a very warm 109 degrees and the Barn Stormers donated 166 pounds of food to the food bank and also donated \$100 to the Food Bank. Also in August, the Barn Stormers gathered to watch the World's Championship Horse Show via live streaming from Louisville. The Barn Stormers had a great time judging the horse show in teams, playing horse show bingo and learning about the "Great Champions of Saturday Night". We were very excited to cheer on a friend of the Barn Stormers, Elisabeth Goth and her stallion Bravo Blue to the Reserve Five-Gaited World's Championship. We all have the goal of attending the World Championship in person one day and maybe even making it to the green shavings!



Clockwise top: Bridleway Barn Stormers at the Pine Cone Classic Horse Show
Bridleway Summer Camp mascot, Daisy Mae
Barn Stormers sporting their tie dye at Flagstaff Extreme



CLUB HAPPENINGS



HIGH CALIBER HOT SHOTS

submitted by
Lauren Blue

THE HIGH CALIBER HOT SHOTS turned up the heat in North Carolina this summer! High Caliber was honored to host the Kentucky Derby Classic for the Make-A-Wish Foundation, with over 300 people attending North Carolina's best Derby celebration, raising over \$105,000. We kicked off the end of school with our annual Summer Safety Meeting for our Barn Workers, with everyone getting to demonstrate the good and the bad. From that point on, we were in full swing!

Our performance riders headed to Midwest Charity Horse Show, and then came home to teach our littlest campers the basics of riding in our Tiny Tots Camp. While many of our Hot Shots were helping with Tiny Tots, a few headed up to the Roanoke Valley Horse Show. Right after Roanoke, Miss Mary headed off to judge the Tanbark Cavalcade of Roses Horse Show and Evan, Allison, Meredith and Lauren took both the Performance Riders and the Academy Riders to the inaugural UPHA Horseman's Classic held just down the road. It was very exciting to have a horse show so close to home! During the show, the Hot Shots sponsored "mini lessons" to introduce new people to our wonderful horses in addition to a Candy Bar full of sugary goodness! The Hot Shots and ASAC Youth also sponsored a Make-Your-Own Stick Horse Station before the start of the Thursday evening session, which allowed the youngest riders to then enter the Stick Horse class at the start of the show. While the Performance Riders headed to Lexington Junior League, Miss Lauren along with many of our most experienced Academy and Performance Riders ran our "Ready, Set, RIDE!" camp for the week, teaching the fundamentals of horsemanship to the campers and having a great time! One week later, High Caliber headed to the Blue Ridge Classic in Asheville. Our Performance Riders and our Academy Riders showed in Asheville. Six High Caliber horses were loaned to the 2014 USEF Saddleseat World Cup Competition, which was a great opportunity for many of our Hot Shots to volunteer to be part of this grand event, in addition to cheering on our own McGee Bosworth.

Our Academy Riders that attended the "Ready, Set, SHOW!" Camp that week were able to head up very early on Friday morning to volunteer for the World Cup and to watch the horse show. Getting back from Blue Ridge, our Performance Rider, "Cram" Weekend gets everyone in shape before Louisville! This year's theme was "High Impact, High Gear, High Work!" and everyone enjoyed lots of saddle time in addition to a fun but challenging scavenger hunt. Two of our Hot Shots, Laura Plant and Allie Poovey, found out they made the USEF Saddle Seat Young Rider's traveling Five-Gaited teams. Once the Performance Riders headed to Louisville, our summer wrapped up with our annual "Louisville Live" party, where those that did not attend Louisville in person, came to the barn to watch the live feed on Monday morning to cheer on all the High Caliber horses and riders. Our riders at Louisville did fantastic! Five sets of roses came back to Greensboro, as well as top ribbons in some very competitive classes! We are so proud of everyone; summer 2014 has proved to be a time for great achievements and great fun!

Clockwise top: High Caliber Summer Camp
Academy riders Becca Turner, Erika Greeson and Madeline Aveline at Blue Ridge Classic
Five sets of roses came back to Greensboro!
McGee Bosworth-2014 USEF Saddleseat World Cup Team



CLUB HAPPENINGS



NWSA YOUTH CLUB

submitted by
Katie May, NWSA
Youth President

THE NORTHWEST SADDLEBRED ASSOCIATION YOUTH CLUB has had a great show season so far with our final show coming up at Fall Classic, October 2-5 in Eugene, Oregon. NWSA Youth will organize our always popular dog show as well as our annual silent basket auction-both expected to be our biggest fundraiser of the year.

NWSA Youth organized two outstanding events at the Key West Classic Horse Show held on Mother's Day weekend, with one targeted as our outreach event for the year and the second as a fundraiser. The first event was the Tail-Gait Party. NWSA invited all youth in the region to attend a free event that included a pizza party, scavenger hunt, and Saddlebred meet and greet along with an educational segment on "the hoof" created and led by NWSA Youth. This was the second year for the Tail-Gait Party and it was a huge success with fun had by all! Each attendee received a goodie bag filled with gifts and information about ASHA and our NWSA Youth Program. The second event was Muffins for Moms. The NWSA Youth provided muffins and coffee for moms on Sunday morning at the show-all was free, however donations were accepted, which raised \$125.

During the C-Fair Charity Horse Show held July 30-August 3rd in Monroe, Washington, NWSA Youth held a meeting to encourage members to go after Youth of the Year and began working on our official 2014 scrapbook. In addition, NWSA Youth put together a large basket for silent auction and raised \$256 to help fund scholarships and activities.



Clockwise top: Tail-Gait party attendees received goodie bags with NWSA and ASHA information
Katie May, , Caitlyn Schroeder and Stella Freschette teaching hoof care
Caitlyn Schroeder and Rhythm and Rock
Katie May and Stella Freschette running the Muffins for OSO



CLUB HAPPENINGS



KNOLLWOOD KNOCKOUTS

submitted by
Ann Wilt

THE KNOLLWOOD KNOCKOUTS enjoyed a busy summer filled with camps, horse shows, and fun at the barn. Summer started early with the highly successful Helper Olympics IV at which the Knockouts gathered 1693 pounds of food for the Waukesha County food pantry. Our helpers competed in fun events while the food totals were tallied by team. After a potluck dinner and the final tabulations, the Knockouts had gathered food valued at \$1275 and enough food for 511 meals!!

The Knockouts enjoyed helping at beginner summer camps, and attending their own academy camps at the farm too.

The club has had a busy horse show summer, attending five shows in five weeks! They moved their summer in-barn show to the first week of August, and it was a great success. The Knockouts raised more than \$1400 running their concession stand and their "Time and Talent Auction" with donated items including mosaic garden pots, academy vests, and hunting trips with Skeet.

Knollwood celebrated at the ASAW Summerfun show when ^{CH-EO}Tantara's Magic Blessing was honored as the People's Choice Horse of the Year. His likeness appeared on all the awards at the show, and he was celebrated at a center ring for the presentation of his award.

The Knockouts also partnered with the American Saddlebred Association of Wisconsin to run a "B" and Academy show the second weekend in August. Once again, members pulled together to run a great concession stand then even included food delivery to the barn aisles! Many club members enjoyed showing over the weekend as well, with 24 riders participating in the show.

The Knockouts enjoyed a movie night, and a fun stake night party in the arena where they projected the live feed from Louisville, so they could watch the big night on a big screen.

The Knockouts would like to congratulate Team Knollwood (and Knockout) members who competed at Louisville! Sydney Budzinski won the 15-year old Equitation class and Ainsley Budzinski was reserve champion in the 13 and under Equitation championship. Haley Berget made her Louisville debut and finished 5th in her Equitation qualifier, Margaret Homa and Final Deklaration were 4th in their Pleasure qualifier, and 5th in their championship. Jamie Winqvist and ^{CH}Freaky Links were 2nd in both their Gaited qualifier and championship, Hailey Wegner and Sensational Charm were 7th in their Gaited qualifier and Abby Kastenholz and Here to Win had a great go as well.

The summer was a success, because the Knockouts again succeeded in carrying out their mission to support and promote equitation, horsemanship, and friendships through service to others.

Clockwise top: ^{CH-EO}Tantara's Magic Blessing honored at People's Choice Horse of the Year at ASAW Summerfun

Knollwood Walk Trot riders, Korrine Spencer, Sydney Schutz and Allie Daury at the Mid-America Summer Show

Knockout President, Jen Fox leaving the ring at ASAW Summerfun



CLUB HAPPENINGS



BOOTS, BITS AND BRIDLES

submitted by
Graceanne Hoback

BOOTS, BITS AND BRIDLES is the ASHA Youth Club at Suncoast Stables Riding Academy. The vision of our youth is to advance young riders knowledge and love for American Saddlebreds. Our mission is to foster the responsibility of giving back to the community through youth sponsored events. Boots, Bits and Bridles has had horse supply drives for Bakas Equestrian Center, which is a facility that is dedicated to providing riding lessons to children and adults who have mental or physical disabilities.

Coming in October, the youth club is sponsoring our first ever Secret Show. The youth club wanted to have this show to showcase the wonderful world of American Saddlebreds to our new academy and lesson riders and give them a chance to participate in their first show. Creating a love for horses, through respect, fun and education is what Boots, Bits and Bridles enjoys doing everyday.



Clockwise top: Boots, Bits and Bridles Youth Club
Boots Bits and Bridles club meeting
Results of the Bun Making lesson
Everyone pitchin' in!



CLUB HAPPENINGS



ABBY ROAD RIDERS

submitted by
Kelly Stewart

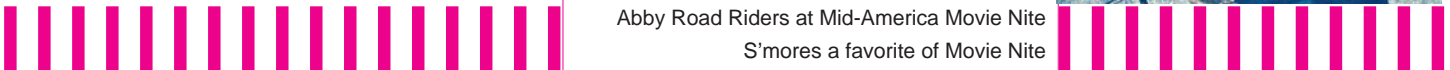
THE ABBY ROAD RIDERS were instrumental in the success of the Open House/ Fundraiser hosted by Abby Road Farm and Mill Creek Stables on Saturday, June 28, 2014 by keeping the activities moving smoothly. The fundraiser benefited Raymore-Peculiar Public School Foundation. The day started with the Abby Road Riders giving "horsey" rides to children anxiously awaiting their turn. Also, guiding the educational section, Abby Road Farm's instructor, Sarah Ramirez shared with the audience some of the attributes of our wonderful breed. Trainer, Mike Breggemann, coached his clients, Taylor Thompson on her new show horse, Designed To Shine and Rebecca Engle on her flashy, pleasure horse, Uno to wow the guests. Abby Road's mascot, a miniature horse named Hope freely maneuvered the crowds and tried to sneak purple hotdogs...Who knew horses liked hotdogs?? To add some excitement, "Pete the Ssssnakeman" brought his usual friends along. It was quite a sight seeing little girls running around the barn with snakes!... and they were giggling! Tickets were also sold by the youth group for the dunk tank. Our very own Raymore Mayor Peter Kerckhoff showed his support by getting dunked dressed in his suit and tie. Also, to support the school system, 2013 "Teacher of the Year" Stephen Rew happily allowed students to dunk him in the cold water as well. Of course, Abby Road Farm owner, Kelly Stewart and instructor, Sarah Ramirez were not allowed to avoid the dunk tank! The weather was perfect and the American Saddlebred Horse was introduced to many new faces from the surrounding areas.

The Mid-America Saddlebred 5th Annual Movie Nite was hosted by Abby Road Farm on Saturday, September 13th. It was another perfect evening under the stars to watch a movie at Abby Road Farm. The exterior of the farm's indoor riding arena serves as the perfect movie screen. The evening kicked off with brats and hotdogs. As the sun went down, kids surrounded the bonfires to roast marshmallows and s'mores. Families then kicked back to watch the movie, "Wild Hearts Can't Be Broken" while munching on popcorn. "We've had such a great time with this event and it is getting larger every year" stated Kelly Stewart, President of Mid-America Saddlebred Horse Club and co-owner of Abby Road Farm with her husband, Michael Stewart.



Clockwise top: Hay bales are magnets for kids!
Bring on the hot chocolate!

Abby Road Riders at Mid-America Movie Nite
S'mores a favorite of Movie Nite



CLUB HAPPENINGS



LANDON FARM GO-GETTERS
submitted by
Alison Soucy

LANDON FARM'S ASHA YOUTH CLUB had a very busy summer and is currently gearing up for the Academy Nationals in Murfreesboro, TN. We hosted 3 different summer camps throughout the summer, designed by skill level for 3 days each. Our youth did everything from painting ponies to working through complex exercises to learn new riding skills that can be applied in lessons or shows. Although exhausted after 3 days on the farm, all of our riders and visitors came out of camp energized and armed with new or improved skills of horsemanship.

In July, Landon Farm worked with the 2014 Saddle Seat World Cup team to donate several of our best three-gaited horses to USEF, who hosted the competition at this year's Blue Ridge Classic Horse Show in Asheville, NC. Team USA actually took home the coveted gold medal this year, so we were proud of the team that helps bring visibility to the saddle seat discipline. The athletes compete on horses that are supplied by volunteers like Landon Farm and are not horses they are familiar with, which is a true test of their riding skills. Big thanks to Madeline and Jacqueline Mayer, Emma Soucy and Grace Scott for donating their horses to this fantastic event.

In August, Landon Farm hosted an open show at Flintrock Farm in Reidsville, NC. Even through the pouring rain, we had over 60 entries throughout the day in 40 classes. Not only did we give our riders the opportunity to showcase our beautiful Saddlebreds and try new class disciplines for the future, we were there to help raise money for St. Jude Children's Hospital. Through t-shirt and merchandise sales, the Go-Getters earned almost \$200 for their cause. We hope to see even more of our ASHA Youth Club friend at our third annual show in August 2015.

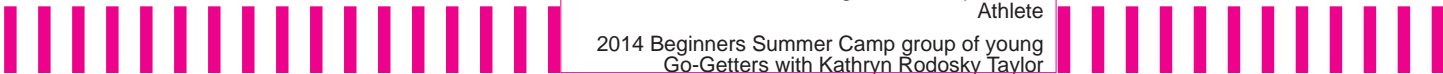
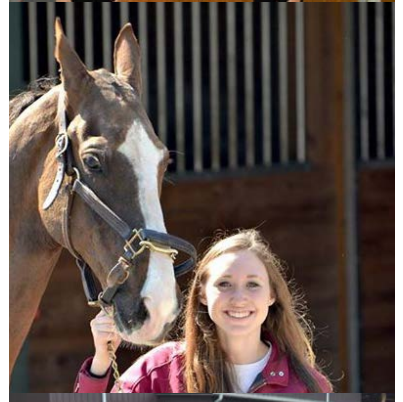
Also in August, two of our own senior youth club Go-Getters had an amazing opportunity to compete at the World's Championship Horse Show in Louisville, KY. Grace Scott and Gracie Ridings made the Go-Getters club extremely proud in their debut at Louisville. Both trained by our own, Kathryn Rodosky Taylor, they showed their beautiful horses with pride and set a great example for our younger riders that hope to follow in their footsteps.

Speaking of Grace Scott, she has had a very exciting year with Landon Farm as our oldest Go-Getter. She is the very first rider for Landon Farm to complete the requirements for the 2013-2014 USEF High School Equestrian Athlete program! Grace has shown dedication to the equestrian sport through continued practice, training, mentoring and competition. In recognition of her achievement, the United States Equestrian Federation awarded Grace the 2014 USEF High School Equestrian Athlete varsity letterman patch. Way to go Grace! We are very proud of you as the first official Landon Farm rider to achieve this award!

Clockwise top: 2014 Go-Getters Youth Club at our annual Open Horse Show at Flintrock Farm
2014 World Cup Competition: Horse donors
Maddie & Jackie Mayer

Grace Scott, 2014 USEF High School Equestrian Athlete

2014 Beginners Summer Camp group of young Go-Getters with Kathryn Rodosky Taylor



CLUB HAPPENINGS



CHEVAL SADDLE CLUB

Submitted by
Kelly Abbott

In June 2014, a new ASHA Youth Club was born in Gilroy, CA. **THE CHEVAL SADDLE CLUB** welcomed kids from the Pondera Equus riding program and other neighboring equestrians to the club launch. The youth gather monthly to learn about what ASHA Youth Clubs and the American Saddlebred International Youth Program have to offer. In addition to working on several ASIYP badges including Tack, Grooming, Mythology and More, and I Love Horses this summer, the club kept busy by crafting creations such as chocolate horse cookies and pool noodle stick horses.

As a new club, finding a way cover costs for activities and field trips a must. So, children and parents alike put their heads together and came up with "Stampede!" One of the barn moms had learned of a creative fundraising idea having to do with lawn flamingos. The idea sounded fun, but the "flock of flamingos" needed to change to a "herd of horses" we are a saddle club after all! So, how do you make "lawn horses"? With pool noodles, of course! The club members made about 45 stick horses out of green, blue, pink and yellow pool noodles. The club members took orders to place a "herd of horses" in the yards of "stampede victims." The herd "grazed" on these lawns until nightfall when they mysteriously galloped away to someone else's pasture (a.k.a. front lawn). Order forms were left with the herds so the stampede victims could specify the next grazing pastures for the horses. This was all done in fun as a way to raise some start up funds and awareness for our new organization.

The pool noodle horses ended up serving another purpose this summer. As our first service project, The Cheval Saddle Club volunteered at the NCASHA Summer Classic Horse Show in Watsonville, CA as ribbon runners. The show offered a fun stick horse racing class for the young and young at heart. The class was so popular, the show ran out of stick horses. Luckily for our Saddle Club members, the green herd from the fundraiser was in the trunk of the car. The kids had a blast racing the stick horses they made for the stampede!

Coming in October, the club will be promoting the Saddlebred at the Grand National Rodeo in the Cow Palace in San Francisco. The Northern California American Saddlebred Horse Association has been asked to participate in the event, and the Cheval Saddle Club members will be helping at the breed information booth. They are all looking forward to go'n to the Rodeo!

Top Clockwise: Stampede horses proved useful in the Stick Horse Racing Class

Cheval Saddle Club at NCASHA Summer Classic

Chocolate Horse cookies, a craft and a snack!



CLUB HAPPENINGS



ROCK STARS
submitted by
Christi Schnetzler



This summer at **ROCKING S FARM** we not only had our usual sets of camp and horse shows, but also hosted our first show at the farm! All of the Rock Star parents and riders pitched in to set up tents, cut grass, run the concession stand and “shuttle” our visitors from the parking area to the arena. We raised over \$1400 for ASHA of Alabama!

We also participated in the Buck Creek Festival in Helena, AL, with all the proceeds going to Saddlebred Rescue.



Clockwise top: Rocking S had a wonderful Mid-South Premier Horse Show
Rock Stars Bake Sale at the Buck Creek Festival
Cloud Nine loves rainbows
Alexandra Hughes & Witchy Woman Too
Elise Kelley & Highpoint's Attitude



CLUB HAPPENINGS



JR. ASHAG
submitted by
Debbie Smetana

A group of 47 people representing **JUNIOR MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN SADDLEBRED HORSE ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA** (Jr. ASHAG) made a trip to Lexington, Kentucky. Over a span of two days (July 11-12, 2014), they visited Lexington Junior League Horse Show, the Kentucky Horse Park, the American Saddlebred Museum, Breyerfest, Grey Ridge Farm, Sunrise Stables, and Blue Willow Farm. The following recognition was read at the Lexington Junior League Horse Show on Friday and Saturday nights:

"Tonight, Lexington Junior League Charity Horse Show would like to recognize a group of 47 Saddlebred enthusiasts from Georgia in attendance tonight. This special group is 'the Junior American Saddlebred Horse Association of Georgia' better known as 'Junior ASHAG'. Junior ASHAG has a 35 year history and is the recognized American Saddlebred Horse Association Youth Club for the state of Georgia. Over the past year, these young riders and their advisors made a concentrated effort to raise funds to make this trip to Lexington and the Red Mile possible. Junior ASHAG was actively involved with a Facebook online art contest whose winning drawing became the front of a tee shirt. Through the sales of these tee shirts at local Georgia horse shows and other fund raising events, the trip to Lexington became a reality.

Junior ASHAG would like to thank Chan Sutton, Kitty Bell, Brooke Norton, Beth Snider, Melissa Moore, Bret Day, Julie Kaufman, Nelson Green, Michelle Partridge, the Kentucky Horse Park, and the Lexington Junior League Charity Horse Show for the warm Kentucky welcome and for making this a memorable trip to Lexington! Congratulations to Junior ASHAG riders! We hope you are enjoying your trip to Kentucky and to the Lexington Junior League Charity Horse Show !"

Clockwise top: Jr. ASHAG visits Lexington, Kentucky

Jr. ASHAG at Grey Ridge Farm

Interactive Exhibits at the American Saddlebred Museum

A souvenir from Melissa Moore

Lovin' on the horses at Sunrise Stables

Trip to Breyerfest!



CLUB HAPPENINGS



TRINITY TROTTERS
submitted by
Mary Lynn Foster

Two of our club members at **TRINITY TROTTERS**, Katie States and Abigail Bowman celebrated their summer birthdays by hosting the clubs August meeting as a "Paint A Horse" meeting. Our club members have taken on the responsibility of running the club meetings. So far, the meetings have had topics of interest ranging from Helmet Safety, Birthday Party and Aging Horses to Painting a Horse on canvas.



Clockwise top: Educational meeting at Trinity Farms

Trinity Trotters celebrate birthdays at Paint A Horse meeting



CLUB HAPPENINGS



KREWE OF CASCADE
submitted by
Avery Bul

Some of our youth at **KREWE OF CASCADE** volunteered at the Team USA World Cup competition that was held at the Blue Ridge Classic horse show this past July.



Youth volunteering at the Team USA World Cup competition at Blue Ridge Classic Horse Show

Krewes of Cascade

Krewes of Cascade member, Ella Hysom with Eleanor Rainbolt-Forbes at the World Cup Competition

Krewes of Cascade, William Nalty member of the 2014 Saddle Seat World Cup Team



CLUB HAPPENINGS



PREMIER STABLES YOUTH CLUB
submitted by
Katy Hannah

The summer months were filled with fun at **PREMIER**. Camp sessions were a blast and jam packed with activities. We enjoyed welcoming new campers from around the world! Premier's own, Katie Harris was awarded the W.C. Hannah Advanced Camp scholarship and attended her first camp with us. During Advanced Camp we ventured over to the Lexington area and visited Saddlebred barns, Blue Willow Farm and Sunrise Stables. We also had fun seeing some hackney ponies swim at KESMARC rehabilitation facility. Day campers had the opportunity to visit local farms, learn about tack making techniques at Shelby Horse Supply and veterinary care at Equine Services. Sportsmanship and friendship were evident all summer as we cheered on Premier campers at horse shows from county fairs through Louisville!

Youth Club members worked hard around the barn this summer. When they weren't busy helping take care of our school horses or showing, they mastered new skills such as riding in a double saddle and creating new treats for horses. Premier's staff had a good time meeting new people during the Kentuck State Fair as we participated in the ASHA Youth Bingo during the World Championship Horse Show.

We have some new horses and ponies that are working into our lesson program and we are looking forward to the winter tournament season. Exciting things are happening around here and we are "chomping at the bit" to have more fun with our horses!



Clockwise top: Premier campers and their saddle pads
Caoimhe McCaffery and WCC Lynn McWilliams



CLUB HAPPENINGS



TAILS A FLYIN' YOUTH CLUB

submitted by
Brandi Bushard

THE TAILS A FLYIN' YOUTH CLUB had a very exciting beginning of the year. They were able to attend the ASHA Youth Conference in Lexington, Kentucky. The experience was one in a million. The club attended the convention events as well as made a few side trips on their own. Melissa Moore of Sunrise Stables was kind to invite our group to watch a few horses work and visit the baby that had been born that week. This was a special baby indeed as it had a draft horse for a surrogate mom.

The group also visited Commotion!, Fennell's and the American Saddlebred Museum at the Kentucky Horse Park. Tails A Flyin' kept busy during the summer showing at various horse shows in their region. As they move into fall, the club will be hosting a Brat Fry to raise money for the club on October 25th. They will also be selling Christmas wreaths as a fundraiser. Their goal for next year is to come down to the World Championship Horse Show and cheer on their barn.



Clockwise top: Tails A Flyin' at the ASHA Youth Conference

Educational field trip

Tails A Flyin' riding horses at the Saddlebred Museum

Best part of summer-horse shows!



CLUB HAPPENINGS



BOONE'S FARM YOUTH CLUB
submitted by
Alice Brinkley

This year has been packed with activity for the **BOONE'S FARM YOUTH CLUB!**

In January, at the ASAC Banquet, four of our members were elected as ASAC Youth Club officers, because of this our youth club happenings coincide with ASAC Youth much of the time. Also at the ASAC Banquet, our Academy Team earned the High Point Academy Barn award for 2013.

In February, our newly elected officers sold ASAC Youth tee shirts at the Mid-Atlantic Saddlebred Event at High Caliber Stables.

In March, our youth again stepped up as the show season kicked off by participating in Junior Judging, selling pigs as part of our 50/50 fundraiser, and selling ASAC Youth tee shirts at the ASAC and Raleigh Spring Premier horse shows.

In June, we went to Blowing Rock and Sedgefield, where we participated in Junior Judging. At both of these shows, all of ASAC Youth were treated to ice cream, thus reaping the benefit of our hard work in our direct marketing efforts!

In July, we had Advanced and Beginner Youth Camps, where we learned how to take apart, clean and put back together a full bridle, put on a tail set, harness a horse, clean stalls properly, not to mention the hours of riding which made the hard work worth it all! Also in July, we helped with the Saddle Seat World Cup by offering our services as grooms. This was incredibly fun to have this event held at the Blue Ridge Classic so that we were able to help and meet folks from all over the country who were also helping, not to mention the riders from other parts of the world. It was memorable and fun!

In August, we went to Louisville and had fun riding and participating in the Youth Activities at the World's Championship Horse Show. We participated in Junior Judging, Horse Bingo, and the Cash Cart!

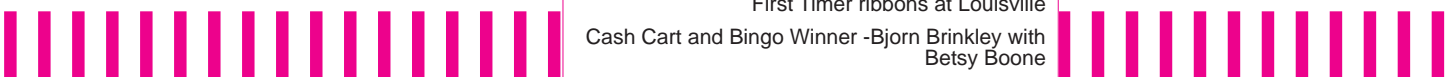
This month, we helped the North Carolina State Championship Horse Show by helping to toss the show tee shirts into the waiting crowds; we sold pigs as a 50/50 fundraiser, and most memorably we were able to talk to the handlers of the Budweiser Clydesdales about how they cared for their horses while traveling so extensively. We also met Clyde, the Dalmation mascot who gets the best seat in the house during the driving exhibitions.

Future events that are in the works is working with the ASAC Youth on a fundraising Time Trial. The fun never stops army of volun-tolds!



Clockwise top: Boones Farm Youth members, Adrianna Peacock and Scarlett Brinkley with their First Timer ribbons at Louisville

Cash Cart and Bingo Winner -Bjorn Brinkley with Betsy Boone



CLUB HAPPENINGS



Tall Tails
submitted by
Billie Mallery

Amidst a very busy and successful summer show season, some **TALL TAILS** members found time to help with the camps held in July and August at the barn. They were well attended, introducing some new little horse enthusiasts to the joy of riding, and working on horsemanship skills for the older campers. Besides riding, getting elbow deep into the horse bath and making stick horses were among their favorite activities.

Proud to promote the American Saddlebred, a few other members kept a strong presence on their school equestrian teams, and in 4-H shows this summer. Their school team went undefeated for the third year in a row, and one member qualified to compete in the State 4-H show – and then won the Michigan 4-H Saddleseat Equitation Championship Final! Three 4-H Open shows were held at Executive Farms this summer as well. Many at the barn helped to run the shows, or participated in them. Also, Tall Tails members walked in their local Homecoming Parade, handing out literature promoting the breed and our barn. A lot of fun was had by all!

In September, the group volunteered at the O.A.T.S. Therapeutic Riding Center's annual Mane Event Show in Clarkston, MI. They worked as sidewalkers, leaders, spotters, gate operators and passed out all the ribbons and trophies. Some also helped groom and tack up the horses. Always great to be a part of this show, to see how the horses really put a smile on the riders' faces! The group took up a collection for items always needed by the O.A.T.S. farm, including some helmets, leg wraps and ribbons, which were greatly appreciated the morning of the show.

Educational activities and community service projects, as well as field trips will be decided on for the upcoming year at the Tall Tails and the Equine Excellence 4-H club Fall kick-off meeting. They will be studying the colors and markings of horses at the first meeting for a fun learning project, splitting into teams to try to identify the most markings on the horses in the barn. Making kennel blankets to donate to our local shelter and rescue are in the plans. Other projects include beginning work on the Tall Tails Scrapbook, where individuals will make their own pages with their favorite horses.

October holds some other big events, gearing up for the ASHAM Fall Show where many from the barn will compete, and Tall Tails also hosts the Jr. Judging Contest. The annual Halloween Fun Show, Party & hayride at the barn is also being planned.

To celebrate 2014 as the official "Year of the Horse", a special event is being planned. Members will be asked to submit stories and pictures about what the horses in their lives have meant to them. The collection will be put together, and presented to all at the party as a keepsake. Cupcakes and treats will be enjoyed as we celebrate the horses we love!

Fall/Winter also marks the start of the Michigan Academy Program Shows, which are held once each month throughout the winter. Many of our members will either participate in, or help run the shows. To round out the year, a Holiday party in December is scheduled, and a daycamp is being planned over the holiday break. After all these activities, everyone will be looking forward to the new year!



Clockwise top: Tall Tails volunteer at O.A.T.S.

Hands-on bathing demo

Tall Tails members, Katilyn, Madison, and Mallory help lead at the annual O.A.T.S. Mane Event Horse Show

Alyssa and Jenna pass out ribbons and trophies at the O.A.T.S. Mane Event Show



USEF HIGH SCHOOL EQUESTRIAN ATHLETE PROGRAM

You don't have to be a record-setting quarterback, point guard or track star to letter in high school sports anymore. The United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) is writing a new chapter in the recognition of high school sports — one that honors equestrian athletes. USEF recognizes the dedication of young equestrians preparing for competition through practice and training sessions as similar to other students in high school athletic programs and developed the USEF High School Equestrian Athlete program to provide recognition for their accomplishments and encourage their future involvement in equestrian sport.

The program is open to equestrian athletes in all breeds or disciplines who are enrolled in grades 9-12 and are members of USEF. Students who document their training and competition involvement are honored with a certificate commemorating their achievement, a varsity letterman patch and year pins. The patch and pins are designed to be worn on existing high school letterman's jackets, or any jacket of the athlete's choosing, as a symbol of achievement.

Congratulations to the following Saddlebred riders who have completed the 2013-2014 USEF High School Equestrian Athlete program! For more information about the program, please visit www.usef.org/highschool or contact highschool@usef.org.



USEF HIGH SCHOOL EQUESTRIAN ATHLETE PROGRAM 2012-2013 ASHA PARTICIPANTS

Kaylyn Abbott
Hannah Allen
Caroline Anderson
Courtney Ball
Lora Becker
Allison Blanchard
Katherine Bosworth
Emily Burg
Sara Carrillo
Hunter Chancellor
Julia Ciosek
Chanler Cook
Kylie Cordova
Riley Corell
Kendall Cox
Madeleine Curren
Haley Daws
Laurel Dickstein
Caitlin Fortier
Angela Garza

Isabelle Gatti
Gretchen Halloran
Marjorie Hanneman
Christian Hawley
Holly Hein
Melissa Heres
Isa Hofbauer
Blair Huff
Samantha Huggins
Amanda Isoda
Ellie Kangur
Heather Kolbiaz
Milan Kordestani
Claire Lewis
Kristina Mauro
Katie May
Abby Monteil
Sarah Musser
Meredith Paige
Cara Rafanelli

Caroline Rainbolt-Forbes
Eleanor Rainbolt-Forbes
Katrine Razniak
Tucker Richard
Faith Robbins
Skylar Rueff
Haley Rutledge
Zoe Schaffel
Caitlyn Schroeder
Grace Scott
Laurel Silcott
Ashley Stewart
Emily Stokes
Amanda Tobin
Laura Towell
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Briana Vitt
Margaret Ward
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GET CREDIT FOR TIME IN THE SADDLE

BECOME A USEF HIGH SCHOOL EQUESTRIAN ATHLETE

EARN A LETTER IN THE SPORT YOU LOVE.

The United States Equestrian Federation is accepting applications for its High School Equestrian Athlete program, which recognizes the achievements of equestrian athletes in grades 9–12. Students can earn varsity-style patches and pins to show off their achievements. There are also exclusive opportunities to purchase custom-embroidered varsity jackets, vests, riding jackets and hats.

For information about the program and its requirements, please visit www.usef.org/highschool or email highschoolerquestrianathlete@usef.org.



UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION
THE NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY FOR EQUESTRIAN SPORT



SADDLETIME

This is an incentive-based program that rewards youth with gifts and recognition for spending quality hours in the saddle.

Participants keep track of the time they spend riding. Owning a horse is not a requirement to participate. Special Saddle Time awards will be given when you complete various hour levels. For example, riders will receive a patch and a lapel pin once 50 hours of riding has been completed; a patch and shirt when after 150 hours; a patch and a tote bag when once 200 hours is completed; and additional gifts and recognition as Saddle Time hours accumulate. Hours count in the following activities: trail riding, lessons, parades, drill team and non-USEF recognized events and shows (a 4-H show is a good example).

Saddle Time Rules

- Must be a current and active member of ASHA.
- Levels one through three do not have to be accumulated on American Saddlebreds.
- Levels four through six must be earned on registered American Saddlebreds.
- Time recorded begins upon ASHA's receipt of enrollment fee. There is no time limit as long as membership stays active.
- Hours are recorded on the official hours log report by the honor system.
- Hours required for each award are cumulative.
- Ownership of horse is not required.
- Hours will count in the following activities: trail riding, lessons, parades, drill teams and non-recognized events/shows.
- Hours will not count in the following activities: USEF recognized events/shows, competitive trail rides, endurance rides, driving, grooming and hot walking.

Saddle Time Awards

- **20 hours:** patch and certificate
- **50 hours:** patch and lapel pin
- **100 hours:** patch and cap
- **150 hours:** patch and shirt
- **200 hours:** patch and tote bag
- **250 hours:** patch and award with short story and photo in ASHA youth newsletter, and Junior Junction.

NEW ENROLL

Lindsay Affeld
 Erica Aldridge
 Liza Aronson
 Morgan Ballentine
 Jennifer Battaile
 Lauren Beck
 Teresa Bjornson
 McGee Bosworth
 Zoe Bouchillion
 Stephanie Brackett
 Emily Brogna
 Mallory Brown
 Emily Burt
 Jenna Burton
 Emily Cannady
 Zoe Carpenter
 Sara Carrillo
 Alyssa Casida
 Emma Medrano Chapa
 Alexandria Cedrone
 Amy Cedrone
 Sophia Cherr
 Presley Clark
 Emma Cook
 Finn Cooper
 Elizabeth Dalcol
 Madison Davenport
 McKinsey Denney
 Gianna DeSimone
 Stella Dillard
 Madison DoCabo
 Emilie Dorrestein
 Samantha Dunn
 Isabella Edmundson
 Sara Evans
 Lauren Fitzpatrick
 Michaela Forst
 Alexandra Foster
 Madeine Fournier
 Katlyn Gruber
 Amalia Hanley
 Olivia Helvey
 Laney Henley
 Drew Taylor Hewitt
 Suzanne Hillhouse
 Alexandra Hughes
 Nicole Jackson
 Ashley Juneac
 Hannah Karlick
 Kate Kavouris
 Grace Kehoe

Kendall Kelledy
 Fiona Larsen
 Raelyn Long
 Meredith Macy
 Sarah Madden
 Nikolas Manousos
 Mackenzie McAdams
 Clara McCartney
 Samantha McCutchan
 Brandon McKnight
 Alison McMillin
 Isabella Middleton
 Emma Moritz
 Gabriella Nicoletta
 Allie Okopny
 Laurel Pack
 Allison Pauley
 Drew Pauley
 Annabel Phipps
 Debbie Claire Primm
 Katie Prows-Lepera
 Madison Reed
 Kendall Rezek
 Paola Rivera
 Nicole Rodriguez
 Eliya Rogoff
 Bethany Rossi
 Vivian Sandifer
 Sausha Saunders
 Ellie Schmidt
 Ashlynn Seagle
 Katelyn Sette
 Grace Shaftner
 Sydney Shelton
 Aidan Silverton
 Leyton Slaughter
 Amanda Smith
 Emma Soucy
 Christina Spiliotis
 Clayton Stinnett
 Emilea Stinnett
 Nissa Sultan
 Elizabeth Teran
 Audrey Thuss
 Jessica Traft
 Mary Trexler
 Graham Troxell
 Mathilde Tubbs
 Becca Turner
 Sydney Tysinger
 Caiden Varasteh
 Alexandra Varveris

Ariana Varveris
Erica Vrabec
Piper Wilson
Sydney Young
Taylor Young
Connor Ziemann

LEVEL 1

Lauren Amos
Isabelle Andressen
Alana Bloomfield
Jenna Bloomfield
Libby Bowen
Stephanie Bush
Jenny Case
Lauren Comer
Eliessa Eddie
Amber Esch
Sarah Esch
Marisa Franklin
Stella Frechette
Ava Girton
Paige Greeson
James Grosspietsch
Marjorie Hannamen
Savannah House
Brooklyn Kapella
Loewe Kasprenski
Audrey Kim
Lauren Kirk
Megan Klostermeyer
Sallie Logan
Elizabeth Marshall
Jackie Mayor
Maddie Mayor
Hannah McBride
Lizzy Miller
Grace Mize
Taylor Moore
Emily Moorefield
Jennifer Moritz
Karla Moritz
Kennedy Pfafman
Allie Poovey
Liam Purtle
KatiePaige Richards
Emma Robinson
Morgan Robinson
Ainsley Ruley
Anna Sanders
Samantha Sheets
Camryn Silverton

Maya Spindler
Hailley Stantz
Rachel Starkes
Sierra Thomas
Isabelle Walters
Halle Workman

LEVEL 2

Madison Austin
Shelby Balmas
Cailin Bridges
Miah Carey
Caroline Gomel
Chloe Griffis
Miriam Griswold
William Grosspietsch
Carlie Hester
Brookelyn Hopkins
Brooke Keadle
Kiersten Lockman
Asher Mabe
Kaeli McCarty
Grant Middleton
Ashley Nickey
Brooke Phelan
Ariana Radno
Samantha Rankin
Maria Rodgers
Lisa Simonis
Christina Sladkowski
Emma Soucy
Laura Wood

LEVEL 3

Corie Allen
Chloe Ball
Samantha Bannister
Jordan Bartosiak
Nicole Bigelow
Mercedez Bohigian
Bjorn Brinkley
Camille Brinkley
Scarlett Brinkley
Allison Burt
Maria Gudger
Claire Hankins
Kirwan Kennedy
Alexander Lawrence
Halle Lentz
Ella Lentz
Drew Mallery
Maggie McElroy

Erin McNaughton
Emma Phelan
Laura Plant
Alexis Rasmussen
Elizabeth Reimer
Brianna Tolkacz
Emily Vicari
Brittany Wendt

LEVEL 4

Sydney Beason
Macy Blake
Carmen Gonzalez
Ellie Kangur
Melina Labonte
Camryn Mallery
Michelle Porter
Cara Rafanelli
Daya Spindler
Parker Todd
Anna Grace Whitworth

LEVEL 5

Kaylyn Abbott
Rylee Abbott
Isabelle Fuchs
Michaela Kratofil
Jackie Taylor

LEVEL 6

Cecilia Ball 7/31/2014
Emily Burg 7/18/2014
Amanda Isoda 3/2014
Stephanie Stoley 3/2014
Mackenzie Todd 3/2014
Jessica Kuzniewski 8/2013
Hallie Ungerson 4/2013
Cassidy Ball 4/2013
Ellie Grosspietsch 10/12/2012
Alexandra Fischer 3/2012
Courtney Ball 11/2011
Alyssa Wedell 9/2011
Lauren Ehrlicher 2/2011
Christy Stovall 3/2010
Delynn Uttecht 4/2010
Alexis Fenger 9/2010





SADDLETIME

What is your name, how old are you, and where do you live?

Amanda Isoda, I'm 18 years old and I live in Naperville, IL with my Mom, my Aunt and my two dogs.

What are the names of your parents/guardians?

My Mom is Kim Isoda.

What grade are you in, and what is the name of your school?

Currently I am a Freshman at William Woods University in Fulton, MO but level 6 completion was acknowledged when I was a Senior at Naperville North High School in Naperville, IL

How long have you been riding?

I have been riding more than 8 years and all at Huntoon Stables.

Who is your instructor, and where is he/she located?

Melinda Huntoon is the owner and riding instructor at Huntoon Stables in North Aurora, IL.

How long did it take to earn your hours?

About 4 years except I didn't turn the hours in so it looks more like it took me 6 years to complete.

What types of activities were completed in order to earn your hours (lessons, trail riding, etc.)?

Mostly riding lessons (some lessons were at summer camps at other Stables and at William Woods Summer Riding Program) but also trail rides and horse shows.

What did you like about participating in the Saddle Time program?

A feeling of accomplishment for all the time I was spending riding and it showed me how much riding I was doing. Which is time well spent as I love riding horses!

What do you like most about the American Saddlebred horse?

Their beauty and the way they look in the show ring. Also they are just a lot of fun to ride! They are versatile as I can and have shown my American Saddlebred both in Country Pleasure and Western and my mare also drives but I have never had the chance to show her in a driving class.

Who is your favorite horse and why?

My mare Southern Times, or Belle as I like to call her, as she is my first American Saddlebred and my first horse. Belle and I have a real connection and she tries to take care of me all the time. She is special!

Do you participate in other horse programs? (example: 4-H, ASIYP, etc.)

I have a few ASIYP Badges and have competed in multiple ASIYP competitions. I have also completed all 4 years of the USEF High School Equestrian Athlete Program.



Let's Meet

Amanda Isoda

Completed Level 6



SADDLETIME

What is your name, how old are you, and where do you live?

My name is Cecilia Ball. I am 13 years old and I live in Stillwater, Minnesota.

What are the names of your parents/guardians?

My parents are Tim and Kathy Ball.

What grade are you in, and what is the name of your school?

I am in the 8th grade at Hill-Murray School.

How long have you been riding?

I have been riding for 7 years.

Who is your instructor, and where is he/she located?

My instructor is Cary Bartz at Valiant Stables in Stillwater, Minnesota.

How long did it take to earn your hours?

It took me 3 ½ years.

What types of activities were completed in order to earn your hours (lessons, trail riding, etc.)?

Lessons, Drill Team and Horse Shows

What did you like about participating in the Saddle Time program?

It was fun completing all the different levels and to see all the different horses that I have ridden over the past few years.

What do you like most about the American Saddlebred horse?

I like how you can tell how poised and precise they are with each step.

Who is your favorite horse and why?

My favorite is my horse, Castle because there is always something to improve on.

Do you participate in other horse programs? (example: 4-H, ASIYP, etc.)

I am also a member of the Minnesota Saddlebred Horse Association and the youth group at my barn.



Let's Meet

Cecilia Ball

Completed Level 6



SADDLETIME

What is your name, how old are you, and where do you live?

My name is Emily Burg. I live in Scottsdale, AZ and I'm 16 years old.

What are the names of your parents/guardians?

My mom is Betty and my dad is Bob and Dina is my stepmom.

What grade are you in, and what is the name of your school?

I am in the 10th grade at Pinnacle High School.

How long have you been riding?

I have been riding for 9 years.

Who is your instructor, and where is he/she located?

My instructors are Kathy Conflenti, Marcia Everett, and Hailey Schatzberg at Bridleway Stables.

How long did it take to earn your hours?

It took me two years to complete all six levels of Saddletime!

What types of activities were completed in order to earn your hours (lessons, trail riding, etc.)?

I spent my summers every day at the barn, so that took a great majority of the hours, plus those on the weekends during school.

What did you like about participating in the Saddle Time program?

I liked keeping track of how much time I actually spent riding, you don't realize until you keep track of it! I also liked how I could see who I was riding two years ago for fun!

What do you like most about the American Saddlebred horse?

Saddlebreds are so much different than any other breed; I love how even individually they all give you something new to work on each ride! Every single Saddlebred teaches you something new, and they all have unique personalities!

Who is your favorite horse and why?

My favorite horse is my horse, Osage Isabella a.k.a. Izzy! She has put me in some tricky situations while I'm riding, which has led to me learning so many things I can apply to other horses!

Do you participate in other horse programs? (example: 4-H, ASIYP, etc.)

I am a part of the Bridleway Barn Stormers (youth club of the year in 2013!) ASIYP, ASHA, ASAA (American Saddlebred Association of Arizona) and USEF. I complete my first year of the USEF High School Equestrian my freshman year!



Let's Meet

**Emily
Burg**

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