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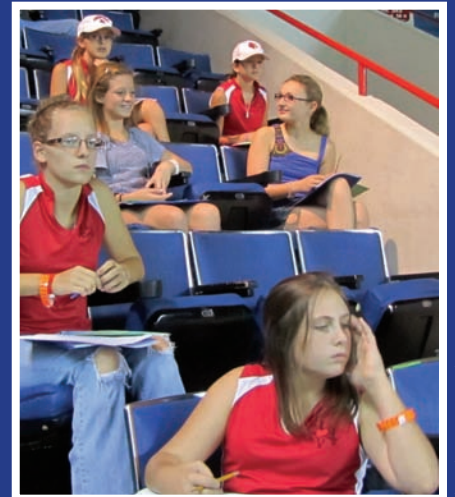


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YOUTH
AT THE
2011
KENTUCKY
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Junior Junction



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Turn your Feed Bags into Scholarships for Our Youth!



Youth Clubs are asked to help support our ASHA Youth Scholarships by participating in our ASHA Triple Crown Scholarship Contest, where the clubs compete against each other by collecting the proof of purchases from Triple Crown and Southern States Legends horse feed bags.

We can even earn money for bulk purchases of feed by submitting the original copy of the delivery ticket! Ask your neighbors and those large barns in your area you've been dying to see to save them for you. The proofs of purchases will need to be submitted under your club name to the ASHA for tabulation.

The club earning the most money toward the scholarships will be recognized and awarded at each of our Triple Crown shows — Lexington Junior League, World's Championship Horse Show and the UPHA American Royal Horse Show.

Valid proofs of purchase include Triple Crown 10% & 14% Performance, Lite, Low Starch, Senior, Growth, Complete, 12% & 30% Supplements, Triple Crown Grass Forage, Alfalfa Forage, Safe Starch Forage, Southern States and Legends Horse Feeds. More brands may be added as we enhance the program.

ASHA Youth Clubs may participate in this contest by contacting Brenda Newell at 859-475-1461 or b.newell@asha.net.

Triple Crown Contest Winners Recognized



Congratulations to Lovell's Little Bits of Winston-Salem, NC, on winning the Triple Crown Challenge at the Lexington Junior League Horse Show. The Youth Club received a bucket of great prizes, shown at left, for the achievement.

Applause also goes to the Vantage Point Stirrup Squad of Tomball, TX, which won the Triple Crown Contest at the World's Championship Horse Show.



Glitzy Golf Carts Abound at Kentucky State Fair

American Saddlebred Horse Association Youth showed off their considerable artistic skills at the World's Championship Horse Show by taking part in ASHA's Golf Cart Decorating Contest, sponsored by Dr. and Mrs. George Raque. Enjoy a look below at the creative entries. Winners received caps and \$25 to spend at the American Saddlebred Museum gift shop.

ZANIEST CATEGORY

AGES 13 & UNDER
 WINNER: LYLA WROBLE
 COUNTRY MEADOW FARM



BEST HOLIDAY THEME CATEGORY

AGES 13 & UNDER
 WINNER: HAPPY BIRTHDAY BY STELLA AND SADIE MCAULEY
 LOVELL'S LITTLE BITS



YOUR HORSE'S NAME CATEGORY

AGES 14-20
 WINNER: IT'S ONLY MONEY HONEY AND ^{CH}CALLAWAY'S
 BLUE AGATE BY KATIE PALMER, FOSTER FARM SOUTH



YOUR HORSE'S NAME CATEGORY

AGES 14-20
 WINNER: PROM DRESS BY ALLIE WELLINGTON
 WEST WIND STABLES



BEST HORSE CATEGORY

AGES 13 & UNDER
 WINNER: HOLLY HEIN
 CARDINAL FARMS



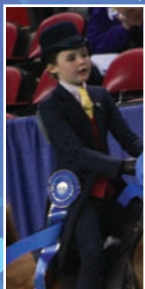
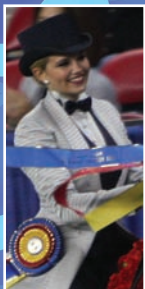
BEST ANIMAL THEME (NON-HORSE) CATEGORY

AGES 14-20
 WINNER: PEACOCK BY SHELBY HADER
 KNOLLWOOD KNOCKOUTS



THE 108TH
 WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP HORSE SHOW
 AT THE KENTUCKY STATE FAIR





**YOUR HORSE'S NAME
 CATEGORY**

AGES 13 & UNDER
WINNER: MONET & MYLES HARRISON
 RICK WALLEN STABLES
 HONORING RADIANT REVIVAL



REGIONAL CATEGORY

AGES 13 & UNDER
WINNER: ZAC CUTTING
 EQUITATE EQUESTRIANS



REGIONAL CATEGORY

AGES 14-20
WINNER: BERTHA BY ALLIE VAN PAY
 EQUITATE EQUESTRIANS



GLITZIEST CATEGORY

AGES 13 & UNDER
WINNER: CASHLYN LOVELL
 CASH LOVELL STABLES



BEST HORSE THEME CATEGORY

AGES 14-20
WINNER: KERRY JEFFERIES
 SUNRISE STABLES



BEST HOME BARN CATEGORY

WINNER:
 KIERSON KAVALIERS



REGIONAL CATEGORY

AGES 13 & UNDER
 ENTRY: KAELYNN LESNIAK
 EQUITATE EQUESTRIANS



REGIONAL CATEGORY

AGES 14-20
 ENTRY: LIZ SCHULTZ
 EQUITATE EQUESTRIANS



REGIONAL CATEGORY

AGES 14-20
 ENTRY: GABBY GRECCO
 EQUITATE EQUESTRIANS



GLITZIEST CATEGORY

AGES 13 & UNDER
 ENTRY: ERIN MCNAUGHTON
 AND MONET HARRISON
 RICK WALLEN STABLES



ZANIEST CATEGORY

AGES 13 & UNDER
 ENTRY: JOZY UNAL
 AND ASHLEY STEWART
 LOVELL'S LITTLE BITS



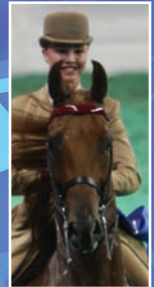
BEST HORSE THEME CATEGORY

AGES 13 & UNDER
 ENTRY: CARVER AND
 MERRICK SEMANS
 LOVELL'S LITTLE BITS



YOUR HORSE'S NAME CATEGORY

AGES 13 & UNDER
 ENTRY: CH WITH BELLS ON
 BY MACKENZIE HALL
 MILL-AGAIN STABLES



NOT PICTURED IS AN ENTRY IN THE BEST HOLIDAY THEME CATEGORY — FOURTH OF JULY BY EMILY TEEHAN, D_EEQUUS STABLEMATES

Knollwood Knockouts Become First Ever ASHA Youth Club to Sponsor Five-Gaited Qualifying Class



Photo by Howard Schatzberg

The Knollwood Knockouts ASHA Youth Club sponsored the Five-Gaited Gelding class. From left to right are Stan Harris, Don Harris, Angela Harris, Nick Maupin, Sydney Budzinski, Shelby Hader, Allison Schuh, Ainsley Budzinski, Emily Gutenkunst, Jenna Winquist, Jamie Winquist and Hannah Shepherd.

At the 2011 Kentucky State Fair World's Championship Horse Show, the Knollwood Knockouts — an ASHA Youth Club based in Hartland, Wisconsin — became the first Youth Club ever to sponsor a qualifying class for the Five-Gaited World's Grand Championship.

The Youth Club sponsored the \$10,000 Five-Gaited Gelding class, which took place on Wednesday night of the show. After the class, nine members of the Youth Club appeared in center ring to present the trophy to winners Merrill Murray and Courageous Lord, who

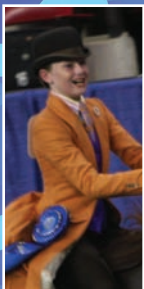
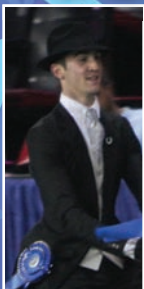
would go on to win the Five-Gaited World's Grand Championship on Saturday night.

Founded in 1996 and currently at 145 members, the Knollwood Knockouts are among the largest and oldest ASHA Youth Clubs. From hosting an annual show that raises money for the American Saddlebred Association of Wisconsin Scholarship Fund, to sponsoring a family for the holidays, supporting breast cancer research, Saddlebred Rescue, the Waukesha County Food Pantry, and our military overseas, the Knockouts have a long

history of service to both the breed and those in need.

In addition to service, their members compete at horse shows all over the country, from in-barn shows to national and world championships. The Knockouts have produced two Triple Crown Equitation champions, numerous national and world champions, members of the US World Cup teams, and several professional horsewomen.

The Knollwood Knockouts' mission is to support and promote equitation, horsemanship, and friendships through service to others.



Peggy Drummey Wins Saddle Up a Scholarship Raffle

The winner of the 2011 American Saddlebred Horse Association's (ASHA) *Saddle Up a Scholarship Raffle*, for the benefit of ASHA Youth Scholarships, is Peggy Drummey, of Springvale, Maine.

As the winner, Peggy is the recipient of a Shively MMXTreem saddle signed by legendary Saddle Seat Equitation instructor and MMXTreem developer, Lillian Shively. Only one of these saddles is donated each year, and the saddle will be accompanied by a numbered certificate. Video of the drawing can be viewed on the ASHA website.

Peggy has long been a supporter of Saddle Seat Equitation, and was a long-time Chairperson of the New

England Saddle Seat Medal Finals. She was instrumental in building that program to a premiere event on the east coast, turning it into a two-phase event. Among the prizes offered by the program were gift certificates towards expensive suits, scholarships, and many other high quality awards.

Peggy then moved on to chair the East Coast Equitation Championships. She has always given, especially where youth is concerned. Peggy plans to use the saddle for her grandchildren. Yes. She is working with her daughter, Leigh, in bringing her granddaughters along in the ring... and they will now have the MMXTreem to use for the next few

years. Congratulations Peggy!

A total of 1,000 tickets were sold at \$5 per ticket for ASHA's 2011 Saddle Up a Scholarship Raffle. The tickets were sold during the days leading up to the 2011 Kentucky State Fair World's Championship Horse Show, as well as on site during the show. The \$5,000 raised will go toward the funding of an ASHA Youth Scholarship in 2012.

Each year ASHA awards \$25,000 in scholarships. For more information on ASHA Youth Scholarships, visit www.asha.net/Youth-Scholarships. For questions or additional information, contact Brenda Newell at (859) 475-1461, or by email at b.newell@asha.net.

ASHA Honors Recipients of 2011 Youth Scholarships



Shiflet photo

ASHA's 2011 Youth Scholarship recipients were honored in center ring on Friday night. Pictured from left to right are:

■ ASHA Youth Committee Chair Germaine Johnson.

■ ASA of Alabama scholarship recipient Dabney Hofammann of Birmingham, AL, who is an incoming freshman at Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa, where she plans to major in Biology and go

into Pre-Medicine.

■ Elizabeth Wildenberg of Manitowoc, WI, who is attending the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point and in the Pre-Occupational Therapy program.

■ Elizabeth Harris of Elon, NC, who is attending North Carolina State University, where she will major in Animal Science.

■ ASHA Youth to Youth Scholarship recipient Krystal Murphy of

Goodrich, MI, who is attending Michigan State University majoring in Kinesiology.

■ Caroline Rose Buiel of Newburyport, MA, who has completed her freshman year at William Woods University, majoring in Equestrian Science.

Not pictured is Hannah Vandeventer of Paradise Valley, AZ, who is attending the University of Arizona majoring in Communications.

Junior Judging Winners Honored



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Junior Judging winners Laura Tovar and Samantha Stratton were joined in center ring by Charlie Glenn of the R.E. Fennell Company, Lori Nelson of the United States Equestrian Federation and ASHA Youth Committee Chair Germaine Johnson.

This year's Junior Judging contest, sponsored by the United States Equestrian Federation, attracted 46 participants on Tuesday and Friday. Winners received ribbons. First place in ages 13 and under received a show bridle from R.E. Fennell Co. and ages 14-20 received a framed James Crow print.

Ages 13 and under

1. Samantha Stratton, Roanoke, VA
2. Caroline Gomel, Omaha, NE
3. Juliana Mills, Latrobe, PA
4. Joey Ellington, Princeton, WV
5. Addam Van Ess, Verona, WI
6. Grace Smith, Mt. Washington, KY
7. Claire Badgley, Chattanooga, TN
8. Lia O'Bryan, Louisville, KY

Ages 14-20

1. Laura Tovar, Delafield, WI
2. Erica Ellington, Princeton, WV
3. Jerrah Biggerstaff, Lee's Summit, MO
4. Delynn Uttecht, Omaha, NE
5. Tory Gray, Louisville, KY
6. Claire Sorge, Eagle, WI
7. Rebecca Doss, Salem, VA
8. Anna Hudson, Shawsville, VA



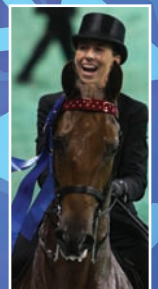
Photo by Dede Gatlin

ASHA Youth Scavenger Hunt a Great Success

Amy Cedrone, above, excitedly called her mother after winning the ages 13 and under division of the ASHA Youth Scavenger Hunt.

This year's scavenger hunt attracted 48 participants. It was a great opportunity for youth to meet "Saddlebred Celebrities" and collect some cool prizes.

The winner of the ages 14-17 division was Erica Ellington. There was a tie in the ages 13 and under division with Cedrone and Joey Ellington winning. Lia O'Bryan won the grand prize drawing and received a Flip camera donated by Redwing Farm.



2011 ASHA Scholarships

Each year, the American Saddlebred Horse Association (ASHA) honors several outstanding junior members for their high achievements in academic success, extracurricular activities, and most importantly for their involvement with and dedication to the American Saddlebred Horse. The American Saddlebred Association of Alabama also provides a \$2,500 scholarship, making a total of six scholarships to be awarded.



“ Caroline Rose, or “Rosie” as many know her, has been riding and showing competitively since the age of five. Her last name, “Buiel,” was accidentally omitted in a publication article early on, and the easy to pronounce show name “Caroline Rose” remained.”

Caroline Rose Buiel

Newburyport, Massachusetts

Caroline Rose, or “Rosie” as many know her, has been riding and showing competitively since the age of five. Her last name, “Buiel,” was accidentally omitted in a publication article early on, and the easy to pronounce show name “Caroline Rose” remained. She never imagined her hard work and love for Saddlebreds would take her this far!

Although the name might be a bit confusing at times, what was never confusing was her drive and determination. She made the difficult decision to leave Newburyport High School her junior year and continue her studies in an independent home school program in order to direct all her attention to her final years as a junior exhibitor.

Her years of dedication and hard work were realized winning the Triple Crown in 2009, and being a member of the U.S. Invitational Team traveling to South Africa.

Aside from being an active ASHA member for the past 13 years, Caroline is also very active with UPHA. She has been a UPHA Ribbons of Service participant for the years 2009 and 2010.

She has also been involved with fund raising for many causes, most notably the UPHA Pink Ribbon initiative. Working with Cater Stables and their clients and youth group, they raised over \$44,000 over the past two years. Caroline personally raised \$1,800 with an ice cream station that she set up during Pink Ribbon night at the horse show.

Caroline has completed her freshman year at William Woods University, majoring in Equestrian Science, and is working for Mercer Springs Farm this summer.

Elizabeth Harris

Elon, North Carolina

Elizabeth Harris has been a volunteer at Johnny Lucas Stables for the past six years. She started with weekly lessons and showing, which expanded to volunteering in order to spend more time with the horses and help others.

She is involved in all aspects of working at the barn, including stable chores, horse care, riding instruction, summer camps, birthday parties, coaching at competitions and volunteering at events

to promote the American Saddlebred.

She shows regularly at every Academy Level and competes in the National Academy Finals.

Elizabeth graduated this year from Burlington High School in Burlington, North Carolina, where she maintained an A average throughout all four years.

This fall Elizabeth will be attending North Carolina State University, where she will major in Animal Science, and eventually hopes to become a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine with an equine emphasis.



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ASA of Alabama Scholarship

Dabney Hofammann

Birmingham, Alabama

Dabney Hofammann is an active member of both the American Saddlebred Association (ASA) of Alabama and the ASA of Alabama Youth Club. In 2009, she received the Senior Outstanding Youth Award from ASA of Alabama. She was also the winner of the 2010 ASA of Alabama Youth Art Contest with one of her paintings.

Dabney began riding at Heathermoor Farm Riding Academy under the instruction of Jennifer Fernambucq when she was eight years old.

She is a volunteer at Spirit of Hope Youth Ranch, a non-profit organization that pairs abused and neglected horses with emotionally distressed children, as a form of therapy for both horse and rider. Volunteering at Spirit of Hope gave Dabney the opportunity to couple her love of horses with her belief in their healing qualities. She was the winner of the 2009 Bronze Presidential Award for over 100 hours of service at the Spirit of Hope Youth Ranch.

In 2010, Dabney worked as a lab assistant at the Center of Biophysical Sciences and Engineering at the University of Alabama Birmingham, with a focus on protein crystallization. As biology has always been her most academically stimulating subject, it all fell together that these experiences would meld into a new passion for her life. Her plans for the future center around life science and helping others. She graduated from Indian Springs School in Indian Springs, Alabama, and will be an incoming freshman this fall at Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa, where she plans to major in Biology and go into Pre-Medicine.



ASHA Youth to Youth Scholarship
Krystal Murphy
Goodrich, Michigan

Krystal has been very involved with ASHA Youth since she became an ASHA member 10 years ago, and started riding with Taylor Creek Stables in Davison, Michigan.

She was on the ASHA Youth Planning committee for two years helping to plan and volunteer at the ASHA Youth Conference. Krystal has been involved in Junior Judging contests at shows across the country, most notably at the World's Championship Horse Show in Louisville, Kentucky, where she won first place in 2005, 2006 and 2008.

She has also been a very active participant in the Michigan Instructor's Association winter academy program for the past seven years, volunteering numerous hours as well to help clean tack, ready horses and ringmaster for many of these

winter shows.

Expanding from ASHA, she was able to participate in an internship through her high school for a semester, which allowed her to go to the barn instead of a regular high school class during the day. It was a great experience where she was able to work with the show horses and ready them to train.

In 2008, Krystal had shoulder surgery which required physical therapy for four months. This whole experience is what sparked her interest in Physical Therapy as a career.

Krystal graduated from Goodrich High School in Goodrich, Michigan. She maintained a high GPA while scheduling college preparatory classes, in addition to honors courses. Due to her academic prowess, Krystal was awarded membership into Goodrich's chapter of the National Honor Society. This fall, she will be attending Michigan State University majoring in Kinesiology.



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Hannah Vandeventer

Paradise Valley, Arizona

Hannah Vandeventer has been a very active ASHA Youth member with the White Star Showstoppers and Bridle Way Barnstormers, along with her achievements in the show ring. She was one of the founding members of the Youth club, and has helped at the barn with summer camps, lessons and promoting the American Saddlebred.

Community Service and helping people is very important to Hannah, especially through horses. The Youth club has a strong community service component. Through the club, she has over 200 volunteer hours with organizations such as Horses Help, Arizona Helping Hands and Saddlebred Rescue. She is also a member of the National Charity League.

Hannah has participated in the Academy Awards program, Junior Judging, Saddle Time and Photo Contests. She was the ASHA High Point Youth Award winner two years in a row, in the 14 and over division. Her equestrian accomplishments include Arizona State Champion 2006-2008, Southwest Regional Champion 2007-2009, and ASAA Horse of the Year 2007-2008.

Hannah attended Xavier College Preparatory where she was an Honor Roll student all four years. This fall, she will attend the University of Arizona where she will major in Communications.





Elizabeth Wildenberg
Manitowoc, Wisconsin

Elizabeth Wildenberg is a 2010 graduate of Southern Door High School in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, where she was involved in many extracurricular activities. She was treasurer of the National Honor Society, and played basketball up to her junior year. She was in the top 20% of her class. This past year she attended St. Norbert College in De Pere, Wisconsin. This fall, she will attend the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point, enrolling in the Pre-Occupational Therapy program.

Elizabeth has been riding since about age two, with her trainer and aunt, Ginger Schinktgen, and also with trainer Doris Brandl. She started riding in the Academy program then progressed to Country Pleasure Five-Gaited division, and now competes in Equitation. She currently rides with DeEquus Stable, where she has also been president of their ASHA Youth club for two years, and secretary for two years. She has also been a volunteer Student Instructor at the stable.

Elizabeth volunteers at Free Spirit handicapped riding school, and received an internship at Reins Therapeutic Riding School. She is also a volunteer at the Cerebral Palsy Center in Green Bay, Wisconsin, where she works with both children and adults. Her work with horses and special needs students is very rewarding, thus leading to her decision to pursue Occupational Therapy as her major.

ASHA YOUTH PHOTO CONTEST

RULES

- ❶ All entrants must be ASHA junior members, age 20 years or under by November 30, 2011.
- ❷ Photographs must be the entrant's own work and must be taken by the youth member, not an adult.
- ❸ All photographs must be of a living American Saddlebred horse.
- ❹ Entries will not be returned. They will become the property of ASHA and may be reproduced in any manner by ASHA for publication, promotion, display, or distribution.
- ❺ All photos must be 8" x 10", unmatte and unframed. All digital images should be submitted on disk or e-mailed to b.newell@asha.net. Please indicate in the subject line: *Photo Contest Entry*. Digital entries must be sized to approximately 8" x 10" and saved in .jpg format at medium compression with a resolution of 300dpi.
- ❻ You may submit as many photos as you like; however, a separate entry form must be taped to the back of each photo or included with disk or e-mail. Only one entry per contestant will be awarded a prize.
- ❼ Photos will be judged on creativity, originality and quality of photography. Judging will take place at ASHA, and winners will be notified no later than December 31, 2011.
- ❽ No entry fee.
- ❾ Two age divisions, 13 & under and 14-20.
- ❿ Photo may include individuals as well as other props. If photo includes a person(s), that person(s) must give written consent and sign waiver on entry form.

ENTRY FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

ASHA MEMBER #: _____

AGE: _____

SIGNATURE OF PHOTOGRAPHER: _____

SIGNATURE(S) OF PERSON(S) PHOTOGRAPHED: _____

PHOTO TITLE: _____

REGISTERED NAME OF SADDLEBRED PICTURED: _____

Return with photo to:
Youth Photo Contest, ASHA, 4083 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, KY 40511

DEADLINE

**ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE ASHA OFFICE
NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 30, 2011.
LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!**



Saddle Time

The ASHA Saddle Time Riding Program is an incentive-based program that rewards you with recognition and gifts for doing what you already love to do. It works like this: you keep a log of hours spent riding registered American Saddlebred* horses, and at the various hour levels, you receive special Saddle Time awards. Download an application at www.asha.net/files/saddletimeapplication.pdf.

REQUIREMENTS

- ⇒ Current/active ASHA Membership
- ⇒ Levels 1 through 3 do not have to be accumulated on Saddlebreds
- ⇒ Levels 4 through 6 must be earned on registered Saddlebreds
- ⇒ No time limit as long as membership stays active
- ⇒ Time recorded will begin upon receipt of enrollment fee and application
- ⇒ Hours will be recorded on an honor system
- ⇒ Hours required for each award are cumulative
- ⇒ Ownership of horse is not required

HOURS REQUIRED AND AWARDS OFFERED

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| 20 | Patch and certificate |
| 50 | Patch and lapel pin |
| 100 | Patch and cap |
| 150 | Patch and T-shirt |
| 200 | Patch and tote bag |
| 250 | Patch and award, with an acknowledgement and photo in Junior Junction, the ASHA Youth newsletter |

HOURS WILL COUNT IN THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES

- trail riding
- lessons
- parades
- drill teams
- non-recognized events/shows (only 15 minutes allowed per class)

HOURS WILL NOT COUNT IN THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES

- recognized events/shows
- grooming
- competitive trail rides
- driving
- endurance rides
- hot walking

Alyssa Wedell

Alyssa (Lissy) Wedell, 17, of Batavia, Illinois, has earned the high accomplishment of Saddle Time Level 6. Alyssa, daughter of Christina Wedell, took a few moments recently to discuss her experience with Saddlebreds.

What grade are you in, and what is the name of your school?: I'm a senior at Batavia High School.

How long have you been riding?: Approximately 8 years.

Who is your instructor, and where is he/she located?: Melinda Huntoon is my instructor from Huntoon Stables in North Aurora, IL.

How long did it take to earn your hours?: I haven't really been keeping track but around 2 to 3 years.

What types of activities were completed in order to earn your hours (lessons, trail riding, etc.): Most were from lessons, but I also earned my hours from horse shows and parades.

What did you like about participating in the Saddle Time program?: It was good to feel like I could earn something by simply doing what I loved the most.

What do you like most about the American Saddlebred horse?: I don't have enough words to describe how I feel about them. Absolutely everything, I suppose! In my eyes, they are the per-



Photo courtesy Alyssa Wedell

fect breed of horse. They're so strong and so powerful but they move with elegance at the same time. Saddlebreds have enough personality to fill an entire room, and they do exactly that when you're in their presence.

Who is your favorite horse and why?: That's a difficult question, I guess I don't have a favorite horse. They all have such different personalities, picking a favorite would be like saying I can only have one best friend. The horse I showed for the longest time was Nite's Up In Smoke, Oreo is his stable name and I have gotten along with him really well. He's a little bit of a dork sometimes, but his intentions are good. He would be a lap dog if possible.

Do you participate in other horse programs (example: 4-H, ASIYP, etc.): I participate in ASIYP (American Saddlebred International Youth Program) and I have completed the program until more badges are created.

Saddle Time 2011

NEW ENROLLMENTS

Kaylyn Abbott
 Rylee Abbott
 Elizabeth Affeld
 Morgan Balentine
 Avery Barlow
 Alexa Berres
 Alyssa Berres
 Nicole Bigelow
 Stephanie Brackett
 Bjorn Brinkley
 Camille Brinkley
 Scarlett Brinkley
 Emily Brogna
 Mallory Brown
 Emily Burt
 Alexandria Cedrone
 Amy Cedrone
 Karissa Clark
 Emma Cook
 Finn Cooper
 Irelynn Coy
 Anthony Dawson
 Gianna DeSimone
 Samantha Dunn
 Elise Dygert
 Lauren Fitzpatrick
 Alexandra Foster
 Emma Gearon
 Ashlynn Glancy
 Johnny Jean Groce
 Marjorie Hannamen
 Laney Henley
 Drew Taylor Hewitt
 Shelby Hobbs
 Nicole Jackson
 Grace Kehoe
 Cassidy Kelly
 Audrey Kim
 Katie LeClaire
 Caroline Lowe
 Chelsea Lowry

Meredith Macy
 Sarah Madden
 Drew Mallery
 Josephine Manville
 Mackenzie McAdams
 Hannah McBride
 Kaeli McCarty
 Samantha McCutchan
 Alison McMillin
 Remington Mealey
 Isabella Middleton
 Kara Mohar
 Shelby Monroe
 Sydney Monroe
 Ashley Nickey
 Allie Okopny
 Laurel Partyka
 Bailee Patton
 Anabelle Pelto
 Laura Plant
 Katie Prows-Lepera
 Shalynn Randel
 Kendall Rezek
 Betsi Riddle
 Emma Robinson
 Morgan Robinson
 Nicole Rodriguez
 Eliya Rogoff
 Ashlynn Seagle
 Katelyn Sette
 Grace Shaftner
 Mercedes Shannon
 Sydney Shelton
 Aidan Silverton
 Amanda Smith
 Hanna Speese
 Mackenzie Todd
 Parker Todd
 Graham Troxell
 Annie Tupper
 Reilly Voit
 Erica Vrabec
 Sydney Young
 Taylor Young

Selin Yulcinkaya
LEVEL ONE
 Elisabeth Acheson
 Elsa Alexander
 Devan Altman
 Lauren Amos
 Cecelia Ball
 Alana Bloomfield
 Libby Bowen
 Lilly Boyd
 Allison Burt
 Jenny Case
 Arielle Clauser
 Lauren Comer
 Sydney Craig
 Victoria Dawson
 Erinn DeMarco
 Cassidy Dolby
 Eliessa Eddie
 Isabelle Fuchs
 Sydney Gardner
 Chloe Griffis
 Miriam Griswold
 William Grosspietsch
 Loewe Kasprenski
 Grace Kelly
 Lauren Kirk
 Megan Klostermeyer
 Camryn Mallery
 Grant Middleton
 Emmie Neu
 Mallory Osborne
 Allie Poovey
 Alexa Pletcher
 Nicole Price
 Delaney Raker
 Ashley Roe
 Jared Rowe
 Ainsley Ruley
 Samantha Sheets
 Aidan Silverton
 Camryn Silverton
 Hailley Stantz

Rachel Starke
 Kyra Terenzio
 Caley Trujillo
 Emily Vicari
 Halle Workman

LEVEL TWO

Macy Blake
 Nika Lynn Cornell
 Hannah Fowler
 Caroline Gommel
 Ellie Kangur
 Erin Kennedy
 Lily McNair
 Cassie Neu
 Josie Neu
 Cara Rafanelli
 Maria Rodgers
 Lisa Simonis
 Ramsey Skrepenski
 Brittany Wendt
 Brandon Wingett
 Laura Wood
 Kelsie Zuercher

LEVEL THREE

Corie Allen
 Cassidy Ball
 Samantha Bannister
 Sydney Beason
 Gentry Beauclair
 Gabrielle Clauser
 Jennifer Connelly
 Taylor Cooley
 Victoria Daniel
 Kathryn Evans
 Christine Fitzgibbon
 Carmen Gonzalez
 Maria Gudger
 Claire Hankins
 Kirwan Kennedy
 Jessica Kuzniewski
 Halle Lentz

Ella Lentz
 Maggie McElroy
 Erin McNaughton
 Katie McLaughlin
 Natalie Penegar
 Alexis Rasmussen
 Elizabeth Reimer
 Johonna Sheldon
 Destiny West

LEVEL FOUR

Lindsey Beckett
 Ellie Grosspietsch
 Amanda Isoda
 Melina Labonte
 Michelle Porter
 Stephanie Stoley
 Hallie Ungerson
 Anna Grace Whitworth

LEVEL FIVE

Courtney Ball
 Alexandra Fischer
 Michaela Kratofil
 Jackie Taylor
 Hannah Vandeventer
 Madison Waddell

LEVEL SIX

Alyssa Wedell
 9/2011
 Lauren Ehrlicher
 2/2011
 Christy Stovall
 3/2010
 Delynn Uttecht
 4/2010
 Alexis Fenger
 9/2010

*Current as of
 October 6, 2011*

JUNIOR JUDGING

To hold a Junior Judging event, contact Brenda Newell at (859) 259-2742, Ext. 343 or e-mail b.newell@asha.net



Junior Judging at the J.D. Massey Classic in Pendleton, SC, on April 13-16.

J.D. MASSEY CLASSIC PENDLETON, SC APRIL 13-16, 2011

Ages 13 & under:

1. Camille Brinkley, Taylorsville, NC
Emily Seagle, Charlotte, NC
2. Scarlett Brinkley, Taylorsville, NC
3. Morgan Robinson, Concord, NC
4. Bjorn Brinkley, Taylorsville, NC

BAHA SPRING BLAST SHELBYVILLE, KY MAY 1, 2011

Ages 14-20:

1. Hallie Tyler, Simpsonville, KY
2. Tori Gray, Louisville, KY
3. Raven Thomas, Louisville, KY
4. Maggie Kaelin, Louisville, KY

Ages 13 & under:

1. Kaeli McCarty, Simpsonville, KY
2. Shelby Brunner, Louisville, KY
3. Emma Davis, Crestwood, KY
4. Ellie Lyons, Shelbyville, KY
5. Anna Schweitzer, Shepherdsville, KY

KASPFA MAY CLASSIC SHELBYVILLE, KY MAY 13-14, 2011

Ages 14-20:

1. Tori Gray, Louisville, KY

Ages 13 & under:

1. Mady Gill, Louisville, KY
2. Anna Dearen, Louisville, KY
3. Makayla James, Smithfield, KY
4. Farrah Staebell, Louisville, KY
5. Kaeli McCarty, Simpsonville, KY
Isabelle Fuchs, Louisville, KY
6. Anna Schweitzer, Shepherdsville, KY
Elise Goff, Shepherdsville, KY
7. Shelby Brunner, Louisville, KY
8. Katie Maxwell, Louisville, KY

ASHEVILLE LIONS CLUB BENEFIT FLETCHER, NC MAY 18-21, 2011

Ages 13 & under:

1. Anna Grace Whitworth,
North Wilkesboro, NC
2. Amy Cedrone, Huntersville, NC
3. Bjorn Brinkley, Taylorsville, NC

Also participating:

- Emma Robinson, Cleveland, NC
- Vanessa Patch, Matthews, NC
- Lilly Boyd, Kernersville, NC
- Kate Redding, Charlotte, NC
- Maelee Dudan, Huntersville, NC
- Parker Todd, Cleveland, NC
- Scarlett Brinkley, Taylorsville, NC
- Libby Bowen, Winston-Salem, NC
- Camille Brinkley, Taylorsville, NC
- Morgan Robinson, Concord, NC
- Mackenzie Todd, Cleveland, NC

BLOWING ROCK BLOWING ROCK, NC JUNE 9-12, 2011

Ages 13 & under:

1. Bjorn Brinkley, Taylorsville, NC
2. Natalee Hagy
3. Camille Brinkley, Taylorsville, NC

Also participating:

- Scarlett Brinkley, Taylorsville, NC
- Hailey Mercurio, Wake Forest, NC
- Parker Todd, Cleveland, NC
- Laurel Shilot
- Frankie Sue
- Amy Cedrone, Huntersville, NC
- Savannah Woodruff
- Anna Grace Whitworth,
North Wilkesboro, NC
- Mackenzie Todd, Cleveland, NC

ROCK CREEK HORSE SHOW LOUISVILLE, KY JUNE 11, 2011

Ages 14-20:

1. Tori Gray, Louisville, KY

Ages 13 & under:

1. Lia O' Bryan, Louisville, KY
2. Payton Walker, Rineyville, KY
3. Hannah Lauck, Louisville, KY
Anna Schweitzer, Shepherdsville, KY
4. Isabelle Fuchs, Louisville, KY
5. Katie Maxwell, Louisville, KY
6. Addison Combs, Louisville, KY
7. Kaeli McCarty, Simpsonville, KY
8. Haley Mitchell, Louisville, KY

**LEXINGTON JUNIOR LEAGUE
HORSE SHOW
LEXINGTON, KY
JULY 15, 2011**

Ages 14-20:

1. Tori Gray, Louisville, KY

Ages 13 & under:

1. Maggie Kaelin, Louisville, KY
2. Lia O'Bryan, Louisville, KY
3. Emma Davis, Louisville, KY
4. Shelby Brunner, Louisville, KY
5. Anna Schweitzer, Shepherdsville, KY
6. Ellie Lyons, Waddy, KY
7. Kaeli McCarty, Simpsonville, KY
8. Jennie Soto, Louisville, KY
9. Addison Combs, Louisville, KY

**BLUE RIDGE CLASSIC
FLETCHER, NC
JULY 26-30, 2011**

Ages 14-20:

1. Kady Knight, Wilmington, NC
2. Alex Ennis, Youngsville, NC
3. Vanessa Patch, Matthews, NC

Ages 13 & under:

1. Afton Wooten, Grifton, NC
2. Emily Seagle, Charlotte, NC
3. Bjorn Brinkley, Taylorsville, NC

Also participating:

- Amy Cedrone, Huntersville, NC
- Aleah Davis
- Brittany Coxey
- Camille Brinkley, Taylorsville, NC
- Emily Candeland
- Mackenzie Todd, Cleveland, NC
- Mackenzie Wright, Rock Hill, SC
- Madeline Yih, Weddington, NC
- Parker Todd, Cleveland, NC
- Samantha Dunn, Spartanburg, SC
- Scarlett Brinkley, Taylorsville, NC



Junior Judging at the Lexington Junior League Horse Show in Lexington, KY, on July 15.

**WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP
HORSE SHOW
LOUISVILLE, KY
AUGUST 21-27, 2011**

Ages 14-20:

1. Laura Tovar, Delafield, WI
2. Erica Ellington, Princeton, WV
3. Jerrah Biggerstaff, Lee's Summit, MO
4. Delynn Uttecht, Omaha, NE
5. Tori Gray, Louisville, KY
6. Claire Sorge, Eagle, WI
7. Rebecca Doss, Salem, VA
8. Anna Hudson, Shawsville, VA

Ages 13 & under:

1. Samantha Stratton, Roanoke, VA
2. Caroline Gomel, Omaha, NE
3. Juliana Mills, Latrobe, PA
4. Joey Ellington, Princeton, WV
5. Addam Van Ess, Verona, WI
6. Grace Smith, Mt. Washington, KY
7. Claire Badgley, Chattanooga, TN
8. Lia O'Bryan, Louisville, KY

**ST. LOUIS NATIONAL CHARITY
LAKE ST. LOUIS, MO
SEPTEMBER 29-OCTOBER 1, 2011**

Ages 14-20:

1. Jerrah Biggerstaff, Lee's Summit, MO
2. Amanda Ebling, St. Louis, MO
3. Anna Ehlen, Kirkwood, MO
4. Katy Young, Fairway, KS
5. Anna Size, Ballwin, MO

Ages 13 & under:

1. Emma Griggs, Raymore, MO
2. Taylor Phillips, Lee's Summit, MO
3. Lindy Ebling, St. Louis, MO
4. Randi Adams, Columbia, MO

Junior Judging at the KASPHA May Classic in Shelbyville, KY, on May 13-14.



Custom Saddlebred Apparel Now Available at the Saddlebred Store

A new online Saddlebred Store is now available from the American Saddlebred Horse Association, offering a variety of custom Saddlebred apparel.

This new online Saddlebred Store, accessible via the ASHA website, includes various items bearing the ASHA logo.

Whether sporting a Saddlebred cap, hoodie, vest, or full fleece jacket, any of

these items is a great way to look stylish, while also showing your pride for the American Saddlebred.

Items currently offered are available in men's, ladies' and youth sizes, with additional apparel and merchandise likely to be added in the future.

To view the new Saddlebred Store, [click here](#).

Adult Twill Cap: \$8.42

Adult Sport-Tek® Pullover

Hooded Sweatshirt: \$29.43

Ladies' Full Zip Fleece

Jacket: \$29.15

Ladies' Soft Shell Vest: \$54.95

Ladies' Fleece Vest: \$31.90

Men's Full Zip Fleece

Jacket: \$29.15

Men's Soft Shell Vest: \$54.95

Men's Fleece Vest: \$31.90

Youth Twill Cap: \$8.75

Youth Sport-Tek® pullover

hooded sweatshirt: \$27.23

Youth Fleece Vest: \$29.70

Youth Full Zip Fleece Jacket:
\$26.95



It's Back! Basket Bonanza

The ASHA Youth Committee is looking for baskets from ASHA Youth and Charter Clubs to auction during the ASHA Youth Auction at the 2012 Saddlebred Summit and Youth Conference on February 17-18.

Be creative. The possibilities for baskets are endless! The Youth Auction is the activity ASHA sponsors to raise funds for all youth programs and scholarships.

The Youth and Charter Clubs with the highest bids on their baskets will receive their 2012 club renewals compliments of ASHA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT
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OR GERMAINE JOHNSON AT
AUBURNTIGER@INSIGHTBB.COM.



Photo by Brice Carr

2010's highest bid for a youth club basket went to "Kentucky Proud" by Premier Stables Youth Club of Louisville, Kentucky.



Photo by Brice Carr

2010's highest bid for a charter club basket went to "A Texan Margaritaville" by the North Texas American Saddlebred Horse Association.



Photo by Kaelyn Donnelly

2009's highest bid went to the "Horse Show Mom" basket made by Rancho Del Martians of Escondido, California.

CLUB HAPPENINGS



Above: In May, the Bridleway Barn Stormers celebrated the one-year anniversary of the “new” Bridleway Stables in Scottsdale, Arizona.
Below: Addy Quigley, Eliya Rogoff and Chloe Ball were among the Barn Stormers who volunteered at a local animal shelter.



Compiled by Brenda Newell

BRIDLEWAY BARN STORMERS ARIZONA

Once again this summer, the Bridleway Barn Stormers have had a wonderful time showing their horses. In addition, they found many ways to help others and participate in philanthropy work for several causes.

The Barn Stormers organized a Toy and Book drive for the Phoenix Children’s Hospital. The charity was selected by the Carousel Horse Show as their focus philanthropy. The Phoenix Children’s Hospital just added a new wing and needed books and toys for the patients and the Barn Stormers worked hard to collect and distribute over 200 new toys and books.

Last but not least, the Barn Stormers put a gift card basket together worth over \$400 for the Arizona Saddlebred Horse Association.

For the fourth year, they held a blanket drive for the Maricopa County Animal Shelter. The group collected over 100 blankets, dog beds, dog bones, treats and toys and presented MCACC with a check for \$100 and a \$50 Petsmart gift card.

The Barn Stormers invited family and friends to the barn to promote the American Saddlebred by giving a Saddlebred demonstration. Many of the guests had never seen a Saddlebred before! Seven of the Barn Stormers were dressed in full show clothes and ready to put on a demonstration in the desert. They demonstrated Three-Gaited Country Pleasure, Three-Gaited Show Pleasure, Five-Gaited Amateur, Three-Gaited Pleasure and Equitation. The performances were narrated with a question-and-answer period after each segment. They ended the day with their annual BBQ.

Also in April, they held their 5th Annual Easter Egg Hunt with over 100 attendees. The special eggs had golden tickets for free riding lessons. This event raised over \$800 for Horses Help.

In August, the group organized their 4th annual donation of food for the Foothills Food Bank and attempted to collect more pounds of food than the temperature! The day was a warm 110 degrees and the Barn Stormers donated 195 pounds of food along with a \$100 gift card to a local grocery store. The Barn Stormers helped weigh and shelve all the donations at the food bank.

Philanthropy wasn't the only thing going on for the Barn Stormers over the summer; they also had some fun and educational events. They participated in the ASHA Junior Judging Contest at Carousel Charity Horse Show. There were many entrants and the 4 top spots were won by the Barn Stormers!

In June, Dr. Amy Voliva visited the barn and gave the Barn Stormers a lesson in Equine Anatomy. Bunny was a very willing participant, as they played "Pin the Post-It on the Pony." Each Barn Stormer was given a random post-it note with an equine anatomy term, and they needed to put it on the right part of Bunny. For the tough parts, they were al-



Top: The Barn Stormers donated 195 pounds of food to the Foothills Food Bank in August and helped weigh and shelve all the donations. **Bottom:** The group participated in the Junior Judging contest at the Carousel Charity Horse Show, and members won the top four spots.

lowed to "phone a friend" for help! They finished the day with Amy giving them a tour of her vet truck.

In July, the Barn Stormers headed to Flagstaff for the Annual Pinecone Classic Horse Show. The show was judged by Gayle Lampe, and she shared her observations with the group after the show. A new tradition was started this year by having their family barn dinner at Tav-

erna Greek Restaurant. They learned Greek dancing, saw fire breathing bartenders and had great food!

And May was a time for celebration for the Bridleway Barn Stormers! They began the month with a successful showing at Southwest Classic Horse Show and ended the month by celebrating the one-year anniversary of the "new" Bridleway Stables in Scottsdale, Arizona.

WILDWOOD'S SHAKY TAILS CONNECTICUT

During the September Shaky Tails Youth Club meeting, they learned how to brush horses and clean stalls. Practicing on Tucker, one of their lesson horses, they learned everything from currying to brushing their manes and tails.

Recently they held a car wash and raised over \$400. The Shaky Tails also held a toy drive, in which they collected 14 boxes of toys for the children at Hartford Hospital.



In September, the Shaky Tails Youth Club learned to brush horses and clean stalls. They practiced on Tucker, one of the lesson horses. Shown are Paige Jameson, Avery Hull, Olivia Santostefano and Lisa Antalik.

BIGGINS BRIDLE BUNCH KENTUCKY

Summer is Biggins' favorite time of year — no school so the youth get to be together more! In May, they kicked off their summer with their first Academy show. They used the first show to see what they need to work on during the summer months. At the club meeting in May, they rode the five-gaited lesson horses to focus on learning the feel and technique that it takes to ride five gaits instead of three.

June holds their favorite event for the whole year: SUMMER CAMP!! This year they had campers ranging from ages 4 to 17 and a total of 28 attending. Each morning the campers got an hour-long lesson and then in the afternoon, they could choose between workouts or a lunge lesson, giving them two chances for effective riding during the day. They also learned the parts of the horse, grooming, tack, clipping, braiding, and care and maintenance. They used all this knowledge for the Biggins Summer Camp Grooming Contest. Congratulations to Kaeli McCarty, Anna Schweitzer, and Samantha McCutcheon who were the winners with Kaeli's horse, Conner.

Every year on the Thursday of camp, it's field trip day. This year they visited Frickey Farm, Willowbank and Equine Services. They also got to meet and learn from some awesome speakers that came to visit. This year included John Hill, farrier; Fatima Wazir, veterinarian; and Brooke Jacobs, photographer. Other

camp activities included trail riding, bare-back riding, horse jogging and Junior Judging at the Shelby County Fair. The big finale was the annual fun show and awards ceremony. This year, Anitya Marlowe came to judge as they showed off what they had learned and how they had matured in their riding for their families.

On the fourth of July, Biggins Bridle Bunch showed their patriotism and rode horses in the Copperfield Parade. The youth took this opportunity to promote the breed, handing out brochures and flyers to promote their lesson program.

The July meeting was a field trip to Kesmarc in Lexington. They learned all about the different forms of rehabilitation and got to see horses swimming and learned about the hypobaric chamber that simulates high altitudes. After that, they visited the Kentucky Horse Park. They ran around and loved on the horses, all the while learning the different ways that horses work for people other than what they see in their lessons or horse shows.

The Harrodsburg Horse Show was another chance for the academy riders to show what they had learned this summer.

The August club meeting was a back-to-school trail ride for the youth. Everyone picked a horse, and they took off to explore the farm. What a perfect way to wrap up the summer!

Even with school starting, there were plenty of activities left to do! They participated in the Simpsonville Fall Festival and Parade. They walked in the parade as a club and also manned a booth pro-



Left: Biggins Bridle Bunch promoted Saddlebreds at the Simpsonville Fall Festival and Parade. They held a raffle there for free riding lessons. **Above:** Biggins had 28 kids, ranging in age from 4 to 17, attend this summer's camp. Photo by Avis.



Photo by Joe Pfeffer

Premier Stables Youth Club launched their RIDESTRONG campaign in July to raise money for the Justin Cowley Medical Fund and the American Saddlebred Museum.

moting the ASHA. They also had a raffle for free riding lessons.

September also brought another fun day of academy with the KASPHA show. The September meeting was a free riding clinic and cleaning up Noland Pike for Simpsonville's Adopt a Road project. Fall looks busy, too, but that is just how they like it!

PREMIER STABLES YOUTH CLUB KENTUCKY

The Premier Stables Youth Club had an excellent summer! Along with the active show season, they kept busy with camps, club meetings, junior judging competitions, and fundraising.

The club members attended two sessions of day camp and an overnight camp. The campers had a lot of fun riding and making new friends while developing their horsemanship skills. They also got to visit Ashlyn Farms, Singing Hills Stables, Equine Services and the Kentucky Derby Museum.

Junior Judging at the Lexington Junior League Horse Show was an awesome experience! Participants appreciated listening to show judge Gary Garone share his perspectives from center ring, as well as the ringmasters talking to them about their role at the show. They also enjoyed meeting and competing with other youth members from local barns and cheering on show entries from Premier. Youth club members Maggie Kaelin, Ellie Lyons, Emma Davis and Jeanie Soto brought home top ribbons from the contest!

Fundraising was a top priority for the club this summer. In July, they began a campaign called RIDESTRONG to help raise money for the Justin Cowley Medical Fund and the American Saddlebred Museum. Inspiration for this project came from Justin himself. His riding

ability, attitude and strength while facing the challenges of battling kidney disease inspired them. They sold blue wristbands with their RIDESTRONG slogan, "Do it for Justin" T-shirts, and collected donations at horse shows, schools and other functions. They had an amazing response to this project and raised \$2,000! Everyone is so happy to make a difference for Justin and benefit the Museum. Thanks to the anonymous donor who matched each dollar they raised.

And while show season is winding down, they are gearing up for winter tournaments, academy shows and holiday parties!

ABBY ROAD RIDERS MISSOURI

The Abby Road Riders spent most of the summer raising money for their flights to Kentucky for the World's Championship Horse Show. Some of their fundraising events included a Pancake Breakfast at their local Applebee's, a Premier Jewelry Party, a Pampered Chef Party and a Bake Sale.



The Abby Road Riders held a number of fundraising events this year to raise money to fly to the World's Championship Horse Show in Louisville, Kentucky, in August. Shown here is the club leaving the Kansas City, Missouri, airport at 5 a.m. From left to right are Julienne Graebner, Tina Morris, Kelsey Morris, Noura Aburas (behind horse head), Sarah Krueger, Courtney Morrill, Kelly Stewart, Taylor Thompson and Audrey Thuss.

Smoke Hollow Farm in New Jersey hosted a number of 4-H clubs during the summer and taught them about Saddlebreds.



SMOKE HOLLOW FARM NEW JERSEY

Smoke Hollow Farm was the host to Warren County (NJ) 4-H Campers this summer. Six different 4-H clubs hold a four-day summer camp in which they bring their own horses and have a total learning experience from lessons, speakers and this year, field trips.

Twenty-eight campers and a few adults pulled into the farm on a school bus to learn about the American Saddlebred and to see firsthand several of the horses. As they came in the barn, Doreen Weston was driving Paragon's Pure Delight for all to see. After a brief introduction about the farm and the breed in general, they were introduced to Sarah Rowland and Dr. Jen Moore who showed proper riding attire and how to attach a switch before they moved to the riding demonstrations. Sarah rode Sea-side Santana, her new mount, and Jen rode her horse, Chautauqua's Beaver King. Two Academy riders, LuLu Ricketts and Kelly Dineen, then presented their horses, New Fire and Valentine, in proper academy attire. To round out the versatility presentation, Brian Campbell rode his horse, Windy Hills Spring Heir, in full Western attire!

Before leaving, the campers asked questions and were shown shoes, switches, cutback saddles and show bridles, most of which they had never seen before. They all took literature from ASHA and magazines donated by *Saddle and Bridle* and *Show Horse*.

KIERSON KAVALIERS NEW JERSEY

The Kierson Cavaliers' May Youth Club meeting was held on the 7th with tons of fun planned. As everyone arrived, they made *Kierson's Board of Awesome*. Everyone wrote down things they thought are awesome. Kierson Farm was written several times, as well as the lesson horses and dogs! They also created a board entitled *When I Ride My Horse, I Always...* Next, they headed over to the camp cottage, where they planted beautiful flowers in the front flower bed. Everyone was proud of all their team work. They ended the day with pizza and watching the Kentucky Derby on TV. What a great day in May!

LOVELL'S LITTLE BITS NORTH CAROLINA

Cash Lovell Stables' Little Bits Youth Club started off the year by attending both the ASAC and ASHA annual conventions. From swimming at the Great Wolf Lodge in Charlotte, NC, to visiting many beautiful barns in Kentucky, they thoroughly enjoyed each convention and look forward to all the exciting activities planned for this year.

Winter brought guest clinicians Scott Matton and Cindy Mugnier to Cash Lovell Stables. They also began raising funds for various causes such as Riverwood Therapeutic Riding Center, Sec-



Cash Lovell Stables mascot Miss Lovellina made an appearance at the Youth Club's Spring Charity Fun Show. The show raised \$6,000 for the Ghana Orphan Rescue Fund to provide food, shelter and clothing to young orphans in Ghana, Africa.



Top: Lovell's Little Bits held a Valentine's Day party at Independence Village Assisted Living Center. **Bottom:** Guest clinicians Scott Matton and Cindy Mugnier visited Cash Lovell Stables in winter to offer a riding clinic to Lovell's Little Bits.



American Saddlebred Association of the Carolinas youth Kirsten Wright and Ashley Stewart sold 2011 ASAC Youth Club T-shirts at the J.D. Massey Classic in Pendleton, South Carolina, in April.

ond Harvest Food Bank, Ronald McDonald House and H.E.R.O.

Additionally, the first meeting of the year was held at the barn where they all learned about barn safety and had lunch together.

As the temperatures warmed up and spring rolled around, they traded in their riding boots for running shoes and participated in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. They walked, jogged and ran on their way to the finish line to raise over \$1,500. The very same day, they continued to raise funds through their Little Bits Youth Club Spring Charity Fun Show. With over 100 riders participating in the show, they were able to raise \$6,000 for CLS's Ghana Orphan Rescue Fund. The money will be used to provide food, shelter and clothing to young orphans

in Ghana, Africa.

As summer wore down and great memories of horse shows such as Lexington Junior League, Dallas Summer Classic and Blowing Rock Charity were on their minds, they celebrated the achievements of their 2010-2011 USEF High School Equestrian Athletes. Emily Stokes, Lindsay Jones, Caroline Anderson, Sydney Cearly and Sarah Martin lettered in Equestrian Sports and received a special jacket, patch and pin.

This winter looks to be just as busy and full of fun activities! They will be attending the National Academy Championship Finals again this year with a team of 19 of their best Academy riders, hosting the 2011 Little Bits Fall Charity Horse Show and planning a very festive holiday party for over 600 of their friends and family members.

HIGH CALIBER HOT SHOTS NORTH CAROLINA

As the High Caliber Hot Shots enter their third year, they look forward to a busy fall! They raised over \$2,500 to send a camper to Victory Junction with their Equine Extravaganza in April.

While many events that their group supports are set dates on the calendar, the Hot Shots come together throughout the year to put together bags of toiletry items for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The bags include shampoos and lotions, etc., provided by hotels that they call "home" during show season. Through everyone's efforts in collecting items, the Hot Shots are able to put together dozens of hospitality bags for the Ronald McDonald House. For the fam-



Left: In late spring, the Equitate Equestrians hosted a shoe drive for non-profit Soles4Souls.

Right and bottom: The Equestrians raised funds for their trip to the 2012 ASHA Youth Conference by creating muzzle paintings that were ordered by clients.



ilies that stay there, this gesture means so much.

Next up for the Hot Shots is decorating trees for the Festival of Trees to benefit Benner Children's Hospital.

EQUITATE EQUESTRIANS WISCONSIN

The Equitate Equestrians also had lots of fun activities going on over the summer as well as donating to philanthropic causes and fundraising. The Youth Club donated \$500 to Saddlebred Rescue to sponsor Argyle, a Saddlebred in need. They will be hosting a fundraiser on November 13th to benefit Saddlebred Rescue and look forward to working with the Rescue and possibly bringing Argyle to Equitate!

Late this spring, the Equitate Equestrians hosted a shoe drive for the non-profit organization Soles4Souls. Over 50 pairs of shoes were collected for those in need.

Amidst all the fun, the meetings were also educational. In April, members participated in a fun grooming contest. After watching an educational demon-

stration, members were divided into teams and had twenty minutes to groom a horse. Great fun was had by all!

In September, they hosted an American Sign Language meeting. Members learned popular words and phrases in ASL, as well as some equestrian terms.

The Equitate Equestrians are also fundraising for their trip to the 2012 ASHA Youth Conference. Members worked with Equitate's school horses and client's horses to create muzzle paintings! Many were special ordered by clients while many families went home with paintings from their favorite school horse.

KNOLLWOOD KNOCKOUTS WISCONSIN

In May, the Knollwood Knockouts hosted their first ever "Helper Olympics" to benefit Waukesha County Food Pantry. Riders who help with beginner classes and barn chores during the week formed teams for each day of the week, and competed against helpers from the other nights in humorous events to support the hungry in their area. Events included syn-

chronized dancing with muck buckets, blanket races, name that saddle pad, who can jump on the smallest and tallest lesson horse, and finished with the marathon garbage can relay across the farm. The helpers collected over 400 pounds of food, and collected over \$2,000.

In June, the Knockouts staffed the concession stand at the Knollwood summer show and ran the Time and Talent Auction. These events raised over \$2,400 for the club!

In July, the Knockouts and other youth groups from the area ran the car wash at the Summerfun Horse Show to raise money for the ASAW Scholarship fund. They enjoyed a beautiful summer day at the fairgrounds and helped replenish the fund. This year, two Knockouts, Cori O'Brien and Nick Maupin, were recipients of the scholarships!

August saw the Knockouts' first ever "Support the Troops" drive to support the 128th Refueling Wing of the Wisconsin Air National Guard. Members collected items off the soldiers' wish lists and sent them to the service members

deployed overseas.

The youth group also co-sponsored the ASAW/Knollwood Knockouts Summer Academy show in Waukesha. Six other barns from Wisconsin and Illinois competed in a full weekend of academy and "B" classes, all judged by Lance Hayes of Neenah. Competitors enjoyed great classes, great weather and lots of fun at the show. The Knockouts also became the first ever youth group to sponsor a class at the World's Championship Horse Show at the Kentucky State Fair! Nine members were in center ring to present Courageous Lord his trophy in the \$10,000 Five-Gaited Gelding Stake on Wednesday night.

In September, the group sold roses on Pink Ribbon Night at the Wisconsin Futurity Horse Show, served as scribes in the National Championship for Pleasure Equitation at the show, and donated \$1,000 to the scholarship fund for the winner of the class. They are planning some terrific fall events to support the breed and those in need.



Left: Mary Steinhardt and Alex Albrecht took part in the garbage relay at the Knollwood Knockouts' Helper Olympics. **Below:** The Knollwood Knockouts became the first-ever youth group to sponsor a class at the World's Championship Horse Show. Shown are members Nick Maupin, Sydney Budzinski, Shelby Hader, Ainsley Budzinski, Allison Schuh, Emily Gutenkunst, and Jenna and Jaimie Winquist.



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USEF High School Equestrian Athletes



Congratulations to five members of Cash Lovell Stables' Little Bits Youth Club who have been named 2010-2011 USEF High School Equestrian Athletes. Shown above are Emily Stokes, Lindsay Jones, Caroline Anderson and Sydney Cearly. They lettered in Equestrian Sports and received a special jacket, patch and pin. Not pictured is Sarah Martin.

USEF High School Equestrian Athlete Program

The USEF High School Equestrian Athlete program recognizes the accomplishments of young equestrians and encourages their future involvement in the sport. The program is open to all equestrian athletes enrolled in grades 9-12, who are members of USEF or join USEF.



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Top right: Alexis Fenger of Lapeer, Michigan, won the ASHA National High Point Showmanship at Halter Award at the 2011 Saddlebred Summit and Youth Conference. **Middle left:** The Future's So Bright with the Blue Willow Brigade of Versailles, Kentucky. **Middle right:** Alyssa Wedell of Batavia, Illinois, won the ASHA Youth Award 17-20 division in 2011. **Bottom left:** "Candalier" was one of the "Minute to Win It" games played during the ASHA Youth Friday night activities. **Bottom right:** Lionheart Youth Club members pose with "Katie" at Premier Stables on the ASHA Youth Conference Field Trip.