

# Junior Junction

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# 2011 SADDLEBRED YOUTH CONFERENCE



Photos by Janice Hatfield

**Top right:** Alexis Fenger of Lapeer, Michigan, won the ASHA National High Point Showmanship at Halter Award. **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. **Bottom left:** "Candalier" was one of the "Minute to Win It" games played during the ASHA Youth Friday night activities. **Bottom right:** The Outstanding Achievement in Fundraising was awarded to Lovell's Little Bits of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and the Bridleway Barn Stormers of Scottsdale, Arizona.



# A Fun-Filled Field Trip Highlighted the Weekend



Photos by Janice Hatfield

**Above:** Tall Tails Youth Club of Grand Blanc, Michigan, received their academy medals at the Academy Awards Breakfast.  
**Below:** Biggins Bridle Bunch of Simpsonville, Kentucky, is the ASHA Youth Club of the Year for 2010.

By Emily Rhoads

For most of us kids, 8:30 AM is too early to get up on any Saturday, but on Saturday, February 19, 2011, we were anxiously waiting to get on buses that would take us to the Saddlebred capital, Shelbyville, Kentucky. We were lucky there were no infamous Kentucky ice storms or freezing temperatures as we've had in the past during the Convention. It truly was a beautiful day for visitors to see the Bluegrass. Aboard all three buses were riders from beginner to advanced, but we were all ready to learn from some of the greats in the business.

Our first stop was Premier Stables, home of some famous show horses. I'm Something Wicked wowed the group with his powerful trot and his picture perfect slow gait and rack. We also got to watch the graceful three-gaited mare, Soquili's Georgia Kracker, show us her fluid gaits. But even though we saw great show horses, Katie the spotted pony got the most attention from the group. I know I wanted to take her home with me, and I bet others felt the same way. Katie Case and Katie



Hannah, staff members at Premier, also talked to us about their past world's champions, including CH According to Lynn, who is one of my personal favorite horses of all time. Many of us won some great prizes for knowing the correct answers for the trivia game we played. We would have loved to stay longer but we had to load up again and take a little trip down the road to Biggins Stables.

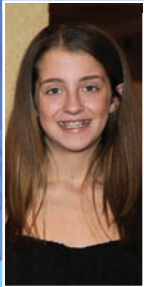
When we arrived at Biggins Stables, we were welcomed by delicious treats in the lounge room, which was decorated with pictures of past and current horses and pairs trained by John and Renee Biggins. We got to watch the amateur five-

gaited horse, Shame on You, and his partner, Lisa Holt who work beautifully together. Sara Haynes showed us Nightly In New York, a Country Pleasure horse that has yet to be shown. Caroline Skinner showed us Worthy Big Budget, who was a Country Pleasure Junior Exhibitor Champion at the Mercer County Fair. Then Renee rode Top Recruit for us, who is owned by Linda Beltz and is a Five-Gaited National Pleasure Champion at the UPHA American Royal in Kansas City, Missouri.

But the main thing was getting a glimpse of the extraordinary lesson program run by Renee Biggins. We were able to watch three of her stu-







**2010 ASHA YOUTH AWARDS**

**ASHA SHOWMANSHIP AT HALTER**

*High Point Regional Champions  
Region 1*

1. Coley Bigelow, Scottsdale, AZ — 18 pts.
2. Cassidy Ball, Scottsdale, AZ — 18 pts.
3. Courtney Ball, Scottsdale, AZ — 18 pts.
4. Nikole Bokser, Phoenix, AZ — 18 pts.
5. Skylar Stepien, Glendale, AZ — 15 pts.
6. Michelle Porter, Peoria, AZ — 15 pts.

*Region 5*

1. Alyssa Wedell, Batavia, IL — 46.5 pts.
2. Alex Fischer, Elgin, IL — 32 pts.
3. Amanda Isoda, Naperville, IL — 28 pts.

*Region 8*

1. Alexis Fenger, Lapeer, MI — 59.5 pts.
2. Maggie McElroy, Grand Blanc, MI — 29 pts.
3. Michaela Kratofil, Grand Blanc, MI — 26 pts.
4. Nicole Rodriguez, Grand Blanc, MI — 15 pts.
5. Rachel Scibilia, Grand Blanc, MI — 15 pts.
6. Karleigh Pluta, Grand Blanc, MI — 14 pts.

*National High Point Champion*

Alexis Fenger, Lapeer, MI — 59.5 points

**ASHA YOUTH AWARD**

*13 and Under Division*

Courtney Ball, Scottsdale, AZ

*14-20 Division*

Alyssa Wedell, Batavia, IL

**ASHA 2010 YOUTH CLUB AWARDS**

*Membership*

Tall Tails, Grand Blanc, MI

*History*

Timbermist Cutback Kids, Pleasant Hill, MO

*Meetings and Programs*

Bridleway Barn Stormers, Scottsdale, AZ

*Educational Activities*

Lion Heart Riding Academy, Jefferson City, MO

*Community Service*

- Abby Road Riders, Peculiar, MO
- Club Landmark, Oak Brook, IL

*Fund Raising*

- Lovell's Little Bits, Winston Salem, NC
- Bridleway Barn Stormers, Scottsdale, AZ

*Promotions*

Rock Creek Juniors, Louisville, KY

**YOUTH CLUB OF THE YEAR**

Biggins Bridle Bunch, Simpsonville, KY

**FRANK OGLETREE YOUTH AWARD**

Ashley Biggins, Simpsonville, KY



Photo by Gayle Strickroot



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Timbermist's Cutback Kids of Pleasant Hill, Missouri, received the award for Outstanding Achievement in History.



Photo by Janice Hatfield

Tall Tails Youth Club of Grand Blanc, Michigan, won the award for Outstanding Achievement in Membership.



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Bridleway Barn Stormers of Scottsdale, Arizona, won the award for Outstanding Achievement in Meetings and Programs.

dents, Kara Bekebrede, Allison Cloud and Kaeli McCarty, who show in Academy, in a group lesson, and see how she goes about teaching them to be beautiful but effective riders. Biggins Stables is also home of ASHA's 2011 Frank Olgetree Youth Award Recipient, Ashley Biggins. The Biggins also had a trivia game planned for us, where many of the young members impressed them with their knowledge of the American Saddlebred. There were many prizes from which to choose, donated by local merchants in Shelby County.

After visiting those two farms, we made our way to Claudia

Sanders Dinner House for a delicious lunch at one of the best restaurants in Kentucky. Charlie Kramer from the Shelby County Visitors Bureau was on hand to welcome us. He had tote bags for each of us with information on Shelby County. As always, the food was amazing and we all enjoyed the pictures of some of the greatest Saddlebreds of all time hanging on the walls around us. We were there not only for the food but also our ASHA Youth Awards ceremony.

The clubs winning awards this year in various categories for which their yearbooks were judged, were The Timbermist Cutback Kids for





**ASHA YOUTH PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS**

**Above:** 13 and Under Division:

Emily Hillhouse, Birmingham, AL

**Right:** 14-20 Division:

Mikayla Hubley, Fox River Grove, IL



History; Tall Tails Youth Club for membership; Bridleway Barn Stormers for Meetings and Programs; Lion Heart Riding Academy for Educational Programs; and Rock Creek Juniors for Promotions. There was a tie in the Community Service category, with awards going to both the Abby Road Riders and Club Landmark. There was also a tie in the Fundraising category, between Lovell's Little Bits and Bridleway Barn Stormers. The Youth Club of the Year for 2010 went to Biggins Bridle Bunch. Awards were also given for Showmanship at Halter and the Youth Photo Contest. Once we were full and happy, we once again boarded the buses, heading to Alliance Stud.

For many of us, this visit to Alliance Stud was the first opportunity we had to really see what goes on in the breeding side of the industry. They have a very impressive setup, with their own lab and multiple barns for horses of all stages of life. Alliance Stud is what you might call a Saddlebred "one-

stop-shop." They can take a horse from the breeding process to foaling, to finally training, without having to move the horse from the facilities. World's Champion Belle Reve's Renaissance Man, World's Champion Delirium, World's Champion <sup>CH</sup>Call Me Ringo, and World's Champion Marc Of Charm, are just some of the studs standing at Alliance.

We were shown horses at every stage of training by trainer



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**Top:** Jim Aikman was on hand at Alliance Stud to teach ASHA Youth about conformation. **Bottom:** Lionheart Youth Club members pose with "Katie" at Premier Stables on the ASHA Youth Conference Field Trip.





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**Above:** Brannon Barnsters of Georgetown, Kentucky, received their Academy medals.

Gerhardt Roos and Linda Bennett talked to us about the process that every horse goes through to become a show horse. Mr. Jim Aikman was there and taught us how to look for good conformation in Saddlebreds, which is a very important aspect of breeding for a good result in a foal.

Once our tour of Alliance was

over, we hopped back on the buses and headed back to the Griffin Gate Marriott Resort and Spa. One of the buses had a little mechanical trouble on the short drive back to Lexington and had to pull over on Interstate 64 about 25 miles outside of Lexington. We worried that we would sit there for about an hour while another bus came back to

pick us up, but while we waited, our amazing driver was able to fix the bus and get us back on the road. He was definitely the hero of the day. When we got back, we had a funny story to share with the others who were on the other buses.

Overall, the field trip was a huge success and left us a great memory to cherish for years to come.



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**Left:** Ivy Johnson coaching "Noodling Around," one of the "Minute to Win It" games played on Friday evening of the ASHA Youth Conference. **Above:** "Yes, There Are Horses in College" was one of the roundtables for youth that featured information about the USEF High School Awards program as well as programs from colleges with equine programs. Shown is USEF's Jennifer Mellenkamp speaking to the group.



# SEE YOU NEXT YEAR! FEBRUARY 16-18



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**Top right:** Courtney Ball of Scottsdale, Arizona, won the ASHA Youth Award 13 and Under division for two years in a row! **Middle left:** The Pride of Jefferson City, Missouri, were awarded Outstanding Achievement in Educational Programs. **Middle right:** The Rock Creek Juniors of Louisville, Kentucky, received the award for Outstanding Achievement in Promotions. **Bottom left:** Mary Anne Cronan stopped by and played "A Minute to Win It" with ASHA Youth. **Bottom right:** Finn Cooper with the Bridleway Barn Stormers plays "Worm Diving," one of the games on Friday night during the ASHA Youth Conference.



# ACADEMY AWARDS PROGRAM



ASHA is proud to offer this unique program. All instructors, advisors and horse show committees are encouraged to promote academy classes in their areas. The development and appreciation of horsemanship and sportsmanship in our beginning Saddle Seat riders will develop skill and appreciation for the American Saddlebred that will last a lifetime.

## Academy Awards Program Enrollment

ASHA membership is **REQUIRED** for participation in the Academy Awards program. For information on becoming a member, please contact ASHA at (859) 259-2742.

## Definition of Academy Class

An academy class is any class offered in a local tournament in which two or more stables are participating, or any class designated “academy” at an open show. To be eligible, participants in these classes must be riding a horse designated as a “school” horse, a horse used **REGULARLY** in lesson program instruction. Acceptable attire is jodhpurs or dark pants, boots, and dress shirt or sweatshirt bearing stable logo. Riding suits are unacceptable. Hard hats are optional.

## How Points Are Earned

*1 point: Participation in an academy riding or driving class.*

*1 point: Placing 2nd – 8th in an academy riding or driving class.*

*2 points: Placing 1st in an academy riding or driving class.*

Points will be tabulated throughout the show year, beginning October 1 and ending September 30 of the following year. An official point sheet verifying an individual’s participation and placement in academy classes must be signed by **BOTH** the rider and the instructor or Youth Club advisor, and submitted to ASHA by October 31 of the award year.

To qualify for an award, a total of 15 points must be accumulated during a single show year in either juvenile (17 and under) or adult (18 and over) divisions. Points earned in one year may **NOT** be carried forward into a subsequent show year.

## Awards

A bronze medallion will be awarded for earning 15 points in the first year of competition, a silver medallion for 15 points in the second year, and a gold for 15 points in each additional year. Only one medallion per year may be earned by an individual competitor.

## Point Reports

Copies of the Academy Awards Official Point Reports can be downloaded at [www.asha.net/files/academy\\_awards\\_points.pdf](http://www.asha.net/files/academy_awards_points.pdf).



# ASHA ACADEMY MASTER MEDAL AWARD

ASHA is proud to offer this award, which goes beyond the ASHA Academy Awards program. After participants in the Academy Awards Medal Program attain their first gold medal, they then have the option to continue with the Academy Awards program by earning gold medals on a yearly basis or enter the Academy Master Medal Awards Program, which encourages participation in promotion, education, and continued involvement with the American Saddlebred.

## HOW POINTS ARE EARNED

Riding points are earned according to the rules of the Academy Awards Program. A list follows giving the options for activity points.

MASTER BRONZE: 20 riding points + 15 activity points

MASTER SILVER: 20 riding points + 20 activity points

MASTER GOLD: 20 riding points + 25 activity points

**Activity points can be accumulated from the following list. All points must involve a combination of no less than 3 different activities total.**

Participate in Junior/Adult judging or Showmanship at Halter – 5 points each

Enter the ASHA Youth Photo Contest (entries received by November 30 of award year) – 5 points

Give a speech to a Youth Club, organization, or class about the American Saddlebred – 5 points

Volunteer at a horse show – 5 points

(i.e. pass out ribbons, help stable or barn, assist other riders, concessions, etc.)

Be a member of an ASHA Youth Club – 5 points

Volunteer at an equine therapy riding program – 5 points

Participate in an ASHA Youth/ASHA Youth Club activity – 5 points

(i.e. assist with summer camp, assist with donation for annual ASHA Youth Auction at the Kentucky State Fair, etc.)

Participate at the ASHA Annual Meeting and Youth Conference – 5 points

Participate in ASHA Saddle Time Program

Complete level 1-3 – 5 points

Complete level 4-6 – 10 points

Participate in ASHA International Youth Program

Earn a Badge – 5 points

Enter an ASIYP activity/horsemanship competition – 10 points

Complete a level of ASIYP

Level 1 – 5 points

Level 2 – 10 points

Level 3 – 15 points

Points will be tabulated throughout the show year, beginning October 1 and ending September 30 of the following year. An official point sheet verifying an individual's participation and placement in academy classes and activities must be signed by BOTH the rider and the instructor or Youth Club advisor, and submitted to ASHA by October 31 of the award year. The point sheet can be found online at [www.asha.net/files/ashamastermedalactivityreport.pdf](http://www.asha.net/files/ashamastermedalactivityreport.pdf).

To qualify for an award, a total of 20 riding points, plus the required number of activity points must be accumulated during a single show year in either juvenile (17 and under) or adult (18 and over) divisions. Points earned in one year may NOT be carried forward into a subsequent show year.

# 2010 ACADEMY AWARDS



Arizona: Hallie Ungerson, Michelle Porter, Skylar Stepien, Sophie Isom, Finn Cooper, Ella Lentz and Hallie Lentz, all of Bridleway Stables.



Indiana: Melissa Steinkamp

## ALABAMA

ASHA OF ALABAMA YOUTH CLUB

### Bronze:

Erin Lukens

### Master Bronze:

Emily Hillhouse

STEPPING STONE FARM

### Bronze:

Anna Banasiewicz  
Mariah Bouchet  
Megan Evans  
Hannah Hall  
Kendell Rezek  
Lili Shope  
Miranda Shope  
Olivia Steed  
Sydney Stewart  
Julie Wamble  
Katie Wood

Olivia Wood

### Silver:

Grace Kehoe  
Caroline Lowe  
Elizabeth Metz  
Ashlyn Seagle  
Rachel Wamble  
**Gold:**  
Hannah Abrams

## ARIZONA

BRIDLEWAY STABLES

### Bronze:

Sophie Christov  
Finn Cooper  
Sophie Isom  
Kendall Kelledy  
Sean Michael  
Moffett

### Silver:

Eliessa Eddie  
Skylar Stepien

### Gold:

Ryan Kelledy  
Ella Lentz  
Halle Lentz  
Hallie Ungerson  
**Master Bronze:**  
Michelle Porter

DESERT PALMS EQUESTRIAN CENTER

### Bronze:

Abby Weiss

LEGACY STABLES

### Bronze:

Elsa Alexander

## ILLINOIS

HUNTOON STABLES

### Silver:

Brooklyn Glavach

Amanda Isoda

### Gold:

Amanda Glavach

PALOS HILLS RIDING STABLE

### Bronze:

Lauren Ehrlicher

### Gold:

Rachel Thomas

WOODWIND FARM

### Silver:

Mikayla Hubley

## INDIANA

CEDARWOOD FARM

### Silver:

Melissa Steinkamp  
Molly Steinkamp

## KANSAS

PEEPER RANCH

### Bronze:

Nicole Jackson

## KENTUCKY

BETSY WEBB STABLES

### Bronze:

Taylor Collins  
Bailey Hendershot  
Kelsey Miller  
Regan Moore  
Savannah Williams

### Silver:

Anna Dearen  
**Gold:**  
Madelyn Palazzo  
Macy Brangers  
Caroline Dolt  
Sydney Dunaway  
Mady Gill  
Christ Giroux

Makayla James  
Gracie Sandlin  
Taylor Young

BIGGINS STABLES

### Gold:

Kara Bekebrede  
Annie Bennett  
Allison Cloud  
**Master Bronze:**  
Kaeli McCarty

BLUE WILLOW STABLES

### Bronze:

Lauren Floyd  
Annie Walker  
Caroline Walker  
**Silver:**  
Alana Bloomfield  
Kristen Griffin  
Samantha Sheets  
Laura Wood





Kansas: Nicole Jackson



Illinois: Amanda Isoda

**Master Bronze:**  
Sydney Gardner  
**Master Gold:**  
Hailley Stantz

**BRANNON STABLES**

**Bronze:**  
Cayla Conyers  
Autumn Cox  
Kelli Crosby  
Avery Graham  
Charlotte Lane  
Bronzie  
Peach-Yancey  
Victoria Rookard

**Silver:**  
Ashley Johnson  
Elizabeth  
VanArsdall

**Gold:**  
Jackie Post  
Deb Rateri  
Devin Sell  
Grace Shaftner

**Master Bronze:**  
Zoe Brannon

**JUST FOR FUN FARM**

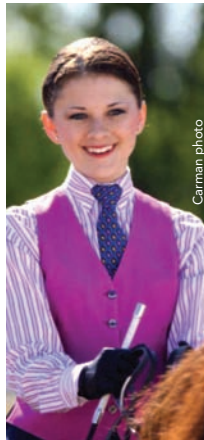
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McKenzie Ballard  
**Silver:**  
Claire Hankins

**MALLARD FARM**

**Bronze:**  
Catherine  
Cornelius  
**Silver:**  
Hannah Herbst  
**Gold:**  
Ashlyn Warren

**PREMIER STABLES**

**Bronze:**  
Brielle Boudreau  
Mackenzie  
Durrett  
Daneli Miron  
David Mount  
Becky Wilson  
**Silver:**  
Maggie Kaelin  
Ellie Lyons



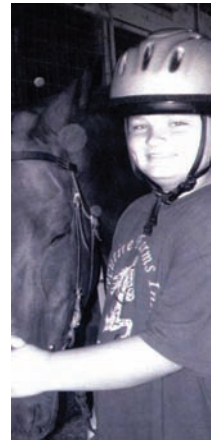
IN: Molly Steinkamp



IL: Lauren Ehrlicher



MI: Camryn Mallery



MI: Drew Mallery

**Gold:**  
Emma Davis  
Abby Jones  
Isabel Mitchell  
Allyson Shown

**SHOWTIME ACADEMY**

**Bronze:**  
Isabelle Fuchs

**SHADOW RUN**  
**Silver:**  
Madelyn  
Stephens  
**Gold:**  
Hayley Anderson

**SIGNATURE STABLES**

**Bronze:**  
Clare Deschler  
Lee Lenkoff  
Katie Maxwell

Diana Maynard  
Lisa Tiemeyer  
**Gold:**  
Marek Poe  
**Master Bronze:**  
Kate Melican  
Morgan  
Rogers-Daub

**SPRING HILL STABLES**

**Bronze:**  
Sierra Newsome

**MICHIGAN EXECUTIVE FARMS**

**Bronze:**  
Rachel Scibilia  
**Silver:**  
Camryn Mallery  
Drew Mallery  
Camryn Silvertan  
Stephanie Steele  
**Master Bronze:**  
Carmen Gonzalez





Michigan: Aimee Labrie



Michigan: Krystal Murphy



Michigan: Libby Wicker



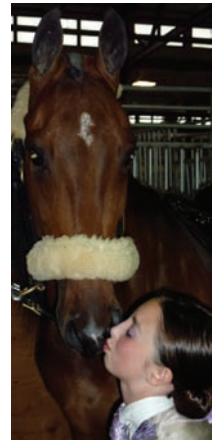
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Michigan: Michaela Kratofil



MI: Camryn Silverton



MI: Gianna DeSimone



North Carolina: Ainsley Ruley, Abigail Tabor, Sydney Beason, Courtney Kim and Ali Fitton



North Carolina: Isabel Wood, Rachel Baker and Rachel Whitt

**Master Silver:**  
Maggie McElroy  
**Master Gold:**  
Alexis Fenger  
Michaela Kratofil

Krystal Murphy  
**MINNESOTA**  
LEAR STABLES

**Bronze:**  
Paige Carlson  
Nicole Steir

TAYLOR CREEK  
STABLES

**Gold:**  
Aimee Labrie  
Libby Wicker  
Gianna DeSimone

VALIANT  
STABLES

**Bronze:**  
Kayla Jo Davis

Kim Dandena  
Gayneal Rice  
**Silver:**  
Cecilia Ball

**MISSOURI**  
TIMBERMIST  
FARM

**Bronze:**  
Aimee Bannister

**NEBRASKA**  
CHERADON  
ACRES

**Silver:**  
Lauren Kirk  
Halle Workman  
**Gold:**  
Emily Brogna  
Stephanie Stoley

**NEW  
JERSEY**  
KIERSON FARM  
**Bronze:**  
Maria De La Hoz  
Lorraine  
Schumacher  
Emily Vicari  
**Silver:**  
Gillian Kramlick  
Camille Ricci  
Hallie Ricci  
**Gold:**  
Ally McHugh

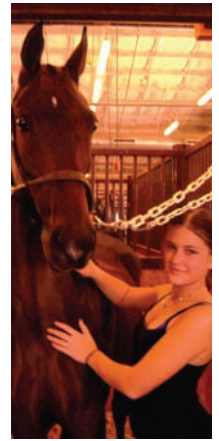
**NORTH  
CAROLINA**  
BOONES FARM  
**Bronze:**  
Alice Brinkley  
Camille Brinkley  
Scarlett Brinkley  
Morgan Robinson  
**Silver:**  
Laura Cedrone  
Parker Todd

**Gold:**  
Amy Cedrone  
Mackenzie Todd  
**CASH LOVELL  
STABLES**  
**Bronze:**  
Haley Rutledge  
Kirsten Wright  
Madelaine  
Seeber  
Willard Dodson  
Ritter Dodson  
Gena Wright  
Sara Musser  
Mattie Reeves  
Elizabeth Stewart  
Elizabeth Marshall  
Penny Martin  
Bella Weise  
**Silver:**  
Adriana Peacock  
Terra Johns  
Sadie McAuley  
Merrick Semans  
Hadley Bassett  
Mallory Mansfield





WI: Addisyn Gerber



WI: Jocelyn Weyer



Wisconsin: Anna Amineva

North Carolina: Scarlett Brinkley and Camille Brinkley

Avery Rose  
 McCutcheon  
 Ainsley Marion  
**Gold:**  
 Margaret Bassett  
 Jozy Unal  
 Gracyn Mansfield  
 Felicia Elliott  
 Emily Stokes

**CROSS WINDS FARM**

**Gold:**  
 Destiny West  
 Jordan Peters

**CYD-RAE CTR.**

**Bronze:**  
 Jillian Tucci  
**Silver:**  
 Celeste Parrish  
**Gold:**  
 Alexandra Tucci

**HIGH CALIBER STABLES**

**Bronze:**  
 Courtney Kim

Sarah Tate  
 Ali Fitton  
 Laney Henley  
 Cecilia Sisk  
 Abigail Tabor  
 Corbin  
 Bumgarner

**Silver:**  
 Isabel Wood  
 Ainsley Ruley  
**Gold:**  
 Rachel Whitt  
 Rachel Baker  
 Sydney Beason

**LENUX STABLES**

**Bronze:**  
 Stephanie Bush  
 Melissa Chatto  
 Michelle Conley  
 Rachel Sanford  
**Silver:**  
 Peyton Draheim  
 Haley Griffin  
 Shannon  
 McNamara  
 Paige Mahoney

**Gold:**  
 Kiersten Lockman  
 Elyse Moore  
 Carley Packard

**TEXAS VANTAGE POINT FARM**

**Bronze:**  
 Betsi Kate Riddle  
**Silver:**  
 Mallory Brown  
 Paige DeHaven  
 Sydney Monroe  
 Shelby Monroe  
 Sydney Young

**VIRGINIA COUNTRYSIDE STABLES**

**Bronze:**  
 Jordan Dowdy

**MEADOW WOOD STABLES**

**Silver:**  
 Olivia Horan



Wisconsin: Ellie Grosspietsch





Wisconsin: Alyssa Repp



Wisconsin: Ellie Metz

## WISCONSIN

### DE EQUUS STABLES

**Bronze:**

Katherine Teehan

**Gold:**

Addisyn Gerber  
Jocelyn Weyer

### EQUITATE LLC

**Bronze:**

Anna Amineva  
Giovanna Greco  
T. Mair

**Silver:**

Ellie Grosspietsch  
Ellie Metz

**Gold:**

Catt Bernthal  
Brittany Esser  
Alyssa Repp  
Mekenzie  
Stratman

**Master Gold:**

Kara Sieth

### KNOLLWOOD FARM

**Bronze:**

Alex Albrecht

Jordan Bartosiak  
Jen Fox  
Margaret Homa  
Abby Kastenholz  
Rachel Kreiter  
Micki Thelen

**Silver:**

Ainsley Budzinski  
Heather  
Campbell  
Jessica

Kuzniewski  
Kelly Manion  
Jordan Vavra  
Whitney Warsh

**Gold:**

Elizabeth  
Janikowski  
Gina Vilar

**Master Bronze:**

Rachel Ferrito  
Hannah Shepherd

**Master Silver:**

Mackenzie  
Christian

**Master Gold:**

Rachelle  
McDowell  
Savannah Nickey



Wisconsin: Kara Sieth



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# JUNIOR JUDGING

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

The ASAC Youth Club at the Raleigh Spring Premier show in March.



## ARIZONA FUTURITY HORSE SHOW OCTOBER 31, 2010

### Ages 14 & over:

1. Bri Kotek, Glendale, AZ

### Ages 13 & under:

1. Hallie Ungerson, Phoenix, AZ
2. Courtney Ball, Scottsdale, AZ
3. Eliessa Eddie, Peoria, AZ
4. Chloe Ball, Scottsdale, AZ
5. Elsa Alexander, Cave Creek, AZ
6. Hannah McBride, Phoenix, AZ
7. Michelle Porter, Glendale, AZ
8. Cassidy Ball, Scottsdale, AZ
9. Skylar Stepien, Glendale, AZ
10. Coley Bigelow, Scottsdale, AZ

## IASPFA JUNIOR JUDGING HIGH POINT AWARDS YEAR ENDING 2010

### Ages 14-20:

1. Alyssa Wedell, Aurora, IL
2. Alexandra Fischer, Elgin, IL
3. Claire Mogren, Sycamore, IL
4. Alison LaPidus, Glencoe, IL
5. Elizabeth Wildenberg, Whitelaw, WI
6. Audrey Schneider, Crystal Lake, IL

### Ages 13 & under:

1. Amanda Isoda, Naperville, IL
2. Addisyn Gerber, Sheboygan, WI
3. Allie Tanzillo, Bartlett, IL
4. Emily Teehan, Manitowoc, IL
5. Jaycee Navarro, Mukwonago, WI
6. Jorie Dybcio, Darien, IL

### Adult:

1. Kathy Isoda, Naperville, IL
2. Mary Steinhardt, Waterford, WI
3. Lisa Kendall
4. Amy Weiler, Woodstock, IL
5. Gregg Nielsen, Waterford, WI
6. Kim Isoda, Naperville, IL

## CAROUSEL CHARITY HORSE SHOW

MARCH 17-20, 2011

Jolene Galvin, Contest Coordinator

### Ages 11-17:

1. Courtney Ball, Scottsdale, AZ
2. Michelle Porter, Glendale, AZ
3. Sophie Isom, Scottsdale, AZ
4. Hallie Ungerson, Phoenix, AZ

### Ages 10 & under:

1. Ella Lentz, Phoenix, AZ
2. Cassidy Ball, Scottsdale, AZ
3. Hannah McBride, Phoenix, AZ
4. Skylar Stepien, Glendale, AZ

## SPRING WARM UP HORSE SHOW

MARCH 19, 2011

Linda Sullivan, Contest Coordinator

### Ages 13 & under:

1. Isabelle Fuchs, Louisville, KY
2. Sydney Savage, Mahomet, IL and Gaby Peverd, Waddy, KY
3. Madelynn Kendall, Batavia, IL

### Ages 14-20:

1. Brooke Huhn, Mahomet, IL
2. Amanda Isoda, Naperville, IL
3. Alyssa Wedell, Batavia, IL
4. Kyleigh Kimball, Noblesville, IN
5. Kaylee Dollard, Indianapolis, IN
6. Hannah Allaben, Fishers, IN

## RALEIGH SPRING PREMIER

MARCH 24-26, 2011

Heather Boodey, Contest Coordinator

### Ages 13 & under:

1. Kady Knight, Wilmington, NC
2. Alex Ennis, Youngsville, NC
3. Jake Butts, Lexington, NC

### Ages 14-20:

1. Hallie Ricci, Allentown, NJ
2. Allison Staples, Wake Forest, NC
3. Caroline Staples, Wake Forest, NC

## ASAC HORSE SHOW

### Ages 14-20:

1. Mariah Bouchet, Cleveland, AL
2. Taylor Cason, Warrior, AL
3. Anna Bansiewicz, Helena, AL / Kendall Rezek, Chelsea, AL
4. Olivia Knox, Cornelius, NC
5. Carliegh Bacogee, Huntersville, NC
6. Cortni Henderson, Huntersville, NC

### Ages 13 & under:

1. Morgan Robinson, Concord, NC / Camille Brinkley, Taylorsville, NC
2. Bjorn Brinkley, Taylorsville, NC
3. Mackenzie Todd, Cleveland, NC
4. Scarlett Brinkley, Taylorsville, NC / Emma Parker
5. Samantha Dunn, Spartanburg, SC
6. Emily Seagle, Charlotte, NC
7. Mary Louise Fuller, NC / Jordan Peters, Indian Trail, NC / Kayla Wilson, Monroe, NC / Rachel Wamble, Helena, AL
8. Alex Cedrone, Huntersville, NC
9. Lili Shope, Wilsonville, AL



# 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](http://www.asha.net/files/saddletimeapplication.pdf).

## Requirements:

- ⇒ Current/active ASHA Membership
- ⇒ \*Levels one through three do not have to be accumulated on Saddlebreds
- ⇒ Levels four through six 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:

- 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
- competitive trail rides
- endurance rides
- grooming
- driving
- hot walking

## Lauren Ehrlicher



*Lauren Ehrlicher, 15, of Palos Hills, Illinois, has earned the high accomplishment of Saddle Time Level 6. Lauren, daughter of Kurt and Cynthia Ehrlicher, 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 am in 10th grade at Amos Alonzo Stagg High School.

**How long have you been riding?:** I have been riding for 4 years.

**Who is your instructor, and where is he/she located?:** My instructor is Martha Thompson Hoyt at Palos Hills Riding Academy.

**How long did it take to earn your hours?:** A little less than a year.

**What types of activities were completed in order to earn your hours (lessons, trail riding, etc.):** Lessons, Drill Team, Trail Riding, Unrecognized Shows.

**What did you like about participating in the Saddle Time program?:** I enjoyed spending time with all the horses I ride.

**What do you like most about the American Saddlebred horse?:** Saddlebreds are beautiful, graceful, lots of fun to work with and eager to go.

**Who is your favorite horse and why?:** Sierra Cracker Jack (Spot) because I've been working with him for awhile, and we just clicked from day one!

**Do you participate in other horse programs (example: 4-H, ASIYP, etc.):** Yes, I've done the ASIYP tests at UPHA, and I'm also a member of the United States Equestrian Federation.



# Saddle Time 2011

## NEW ENROLLMENTS

Elizabeth Acheson  
Elizabeth Affeld  
Elsa Alexander  
Devan Altman  
Morgan Balentine  
Cecilia Ball  
Avery Barlow  
Alexa Berres  
Alyssa Berres  
Nicole Bigelow  
Stephanie Brackett  
Bjorn Brinkley  
Camille Brinkley  
Scarlett Brinkley  
Emily Brogna  
Mallory Brown  
Allison Burt  
Emily Burt  
Karissa Clark  
Emma Cook  
Finn Cooper  
Irelynn Coy  
Anthony Dawson  
Cassidy Dolby  
Samantha Dunn  
Elise Dygert  
Lauren Fitzpatrick  
Alexandra Foster  
Emma Gearon  
Ashlynn Glancy  
Caroline Gomel  
Miriam Griswold  
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  
Drew Mallery  
Josephine Manville  
Mackenzie  
McAdams  
Kaeli McCarty

Samantha McCutchan  
Alison McMillin  
Remington Mealey  
Isabella Middleton  
Kara Mohar  
Shelby Monroe  
Sydney Monroe  
Allie Okopny  
Laurel Partyka  
Bailee Patton  
Anabelle Peltó  
Laura Plant  
Katie Prows-Lepera  
Cara Rafanelli  
Shalynn Randel  
Kendall Rezek  
Betsi Riddle  
Nicole Rodriguez  
Ashlynn Seagle  
Katelyn Sette  
Grace Shaftner  
Mercedes Shannon  
Sydney Shelton  
Amanda Smith  
Hanna Speese  
Mackenzie Todd  
Parker Todd  
Graham Troxell  
Emily Vicari  
Reilly Voit  
Erica Vrabec  
Sydney Young  
Taylor Young  
Selin Yulcinkaya

### LEVEL ONE

Devan Altman  
Lauren Amos  
Alana Bloomfield  
Libby Bowen  
Lilly Boyd  
Jenny Case  
Arielle Clauser  
Lauren Comer  
Sydney Craig  
Victoria Dawson  
Erinn DeMarco  
Gianna DeSimone  
Cassidy Dolby  
Eliessa Eddie  
Isabelle Fuchs

Sydney Gardner  
Grace Kelly  
Lauren Kirk  
Megan Klostermeyer  
Camryn Mallery  
Hannah McBride  
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  
Annie Tupper  
Halle Workman

### LEVEL TWO

Macy Blake  
Nika Lynn Cornell  
Kathryn Evans  
Hannah Fowler  
Ellie Kangur  
Erin Kennedy  
Jessica Kuzniewski  
Lily McNair  
Erin McNaughton  
Cassie Neu  
Josie Neu  
Maria Rodgers  
Lisa Simons  
Ramsey Skrepenski  
Brittany Wendt  
Destiny West  
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  
Christine Fitzgibbon  
Carmen Gonzalez  
Maria Gudger  
Claire Hankins  
Kirwan Kennedy  
Halle Lentz  
Ella Lentz  
Maggie McElroy  
Katie McLaughlin  
Natalie Penegar  
Alexis Rasmussen  
Elizabeth Reimer  
Johanna Sheldon  
Stephanie Stoley

### LEVEL FOUR

Courtney Ball  
Lindsey Beckett  
Alexandra Fischer  
Ellie Grosspietsch  
Amanda Isoda  
Melina Labonte  
Michelle Porter  
Hallie Ungerson  
Anna Grace Whitworth

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Jackie Taylor  
Hannah Vandeventer  
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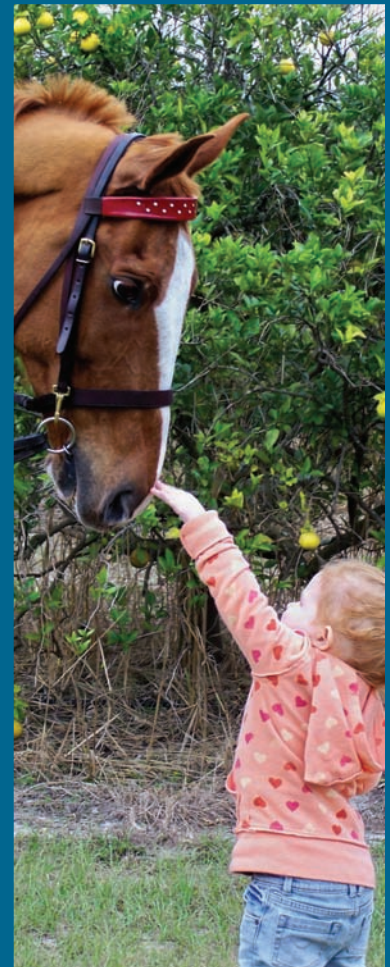
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Delynn Uttecht 4/2010  
Alexis Fenger 9/2010

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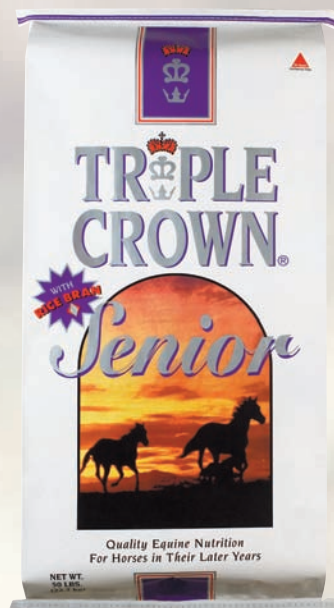
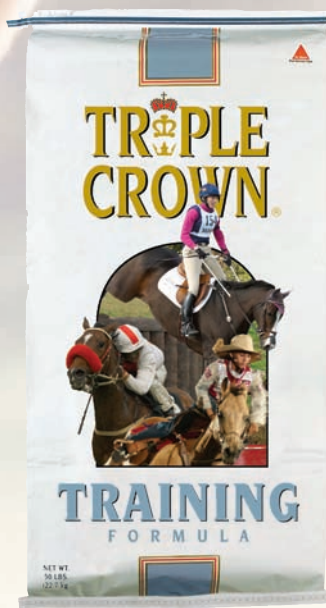
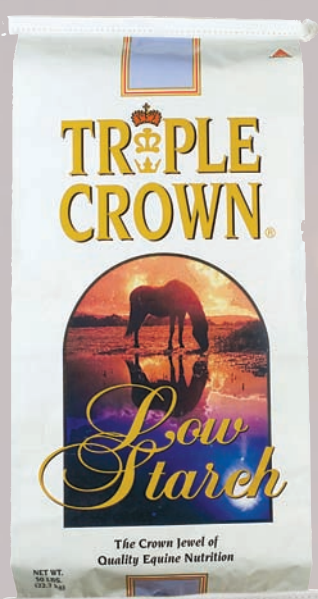
Crown Scholarship Contest, where the clubs compete against each other by collecting the proof of purchases from Triple Crown and Southern States Legends horse feed bags.

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](mailto:b.newell@asha.net).





# 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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Become a member of the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) and apply for the USEF High School Equestrian Athlete program.

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Each year you will need 100 recorded hours of riding, driving or training, as well as three approved competitions. Each program year runs June 1 - May 31.



## Send it in!

Submit verification of your training hours and competitions, as well as proof of enrollment in grades 9-12. This may be entered through the USEF User Login at [usef.org](http://usef.org) or mailed to the USEF office.

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# USEF YOUTH SPORTSMAN'S AWARD



Delynn Uttecht of Omaha, Nebraska was selected by the American Saddlebred Horse Association (ASHA) in 2010 as its nominee to the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) for the USEF Youth Sportsman's Award.

The United States Equestrian Federation's Youth Sportsman's Award is an outstanding opportunity for youth.

The primary goals of the award are to identify potential future leaders in the equine industry, and to recognize youth for their achievements.

Applicants must be age 17 or under as of December 1 of the competition year, and active members in good standing with USEF and their Recognized Association or International Discipline Association. They should demonstrate an ongoing commitment to the promotion of

equestrian sport, serve as a positive role model for their peers, be involved in community activities, and exhibit characteristics that exemplify positive sportsmanship principles.

Applicants may participate at any level of competition, including local, regional or national events.

All Recognized Association or International Discipline Association winners will be honored during the USEF Annual meeting, invited to a career session and possible tour and will receive a \$500 scholarship to be paid to the educational program of

their choice.

The overall USEF Youth Sportsman's Award winner will also receive a trophy, a \$1,000 scholarship to be paid to the educational program of their choice and a USEF Life Membership. They will also be added as a candidate for the USEF Junior Equestrian of the Year.

Applications will be available May 1. To download an application, please visit [www.usef.org/documents/Youth/YouthSportAwardApp.pdf](http://www.usef.org/documents/Youth/YouthSportAwardApp.pdf).

Any questions regarding the program may be directed to Jennifer Melenkamp, USEF Director National Breed/Discipline Affiliates and Youth Programs via email at [jmellenkamp@usef.org](mailto:jmellenkamp@usef.org) or by calling (859)225-6955.





# CLUB HAPPENINGS



**Above:** Cash Lovell Stables riders celebrating their wins at the National Academy Championship Horse Show. **Below:** Cash Lovell Stables joined in the Festival of Trees to benefit Brenner Children's Hospital. The youth club's tree theme was "A Saddlebred Stamped."



Compiled by Brenda Newell

## CASH LOVELL STABLES NORTH CAROLINA

Cash Lovell Stables has finished up the year with incredible memories from 2010! Fun shows, riding clinics, youth club activities, pony rides, parties and more! At the World's Championship Horse Show, some riders hit the green shavings for the first time and some were seasoned pros! Congratulations to Stella McAuley and <sup>CH</sup>Audrey Hepburn, Cashlyn Lovell and <sup>CH</sup>Aces and Eights, Caroline Anderson and Philosopher, Catie Hawley and Ms. Betty Grable, Jake Butts and Dance On The Inside (catch-riding for Suzi Shiflet), Sarah Martin and <sup>CH</sup>Hayden Fox, Emily McKay and Out Of Reach, and Lindsay Jones and Majestic's Wingmaster. They won two Reserve

World Championship titles and many World Championship ribbons.

Twelve of their Academy members spent Halloween weekend competing against the best of the best at the National Academy Championship Finals in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Moms, dads, brothers and sisters were on hand to cheer on the the team to 17 Championship and Reserve Championship titles. Their 2010 National Academy Championship team included Penny Martin, Terra Johns, Jozy Unal, Sadie McAuley, Margaret Bassett, Bella Wiese, Elizabeth Stewart, Avery Rose McCutcheon, Adriana Peacock, Felicia Elliott, Emily Stokes and Merrick Semans coached by instructors Jeanine Lovell, Kathryn Rodosky and Sondra Hodgson.

In September, the Little Bits' Annual Fall Fun Charity Horse Show was a





**Clockwise from top: 1)** Cash Lovell Stables' 2010 National Academy Championship Team, **2)** Cash Lovell Stables Academy riders at the Raleigh Charity Classic Horse Show, **3)** Attendees at the Cash Lovell Stables Little Bits Charity Fun Show to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation, **4)** Reserve World's Champion <sup>CH</sup>Audrey Hepburn and Cash Lovell Stables' Stella McAuley with proud instructor Kathryn Rodosky.

HUGE success! All of the riders earned top ribbons, cheered on their teammates, hula hooped, ate tons of food from the concession stand and was the first to meet Cash Lovell Stables' new mascot, "Miss Lovellina!" To top it off, Jake Butts had a grand ol' time showing off his brand new Five-Gaited horse, "I'm Good," that his grandmother, Sharon Anderson, recently purchased for him. To the delight of the crowd, Jake showcased the talents of this fine American Saddlebred by trotting, cantering, slow-gaiting and racking up and down the rail. Congratulations, Jake!

Cash Lovell Stables' Annual Holiday Party had a turn-out of more than 600 family and friends. Mechanical bulls,







**Above:** Courtney Thompson of the Abby Road Riders trying her hand at serving during the group's pancake fundraiser. **Top left:** The Rackin' Riders' Talia Swayze and 'Andrew.' **Middle left:** The Rackin' Riders' Lily Labovitz shows off her showmanship skills. **Bottom:** A few of the Abby Road Riders take a break to enjoy the delicious pancakes during their pancake fundraiser. From the left foreground are Laura Wiseman, Kelsey Morris, Audrey Thuss, Noura Aburas and Taylor Thompson.

huge bouncy inflatables, arts and crafts, and a country style breakfast made an enjoyable time for all. Speeches were made, the 2010 Academy Nationals Team was recognized and numerous awards were presented. At the end of the party, Adrianna Peacock's parents presented her with a Christmas present she will never forget. Amidst tears of joy and

flashing cameras, the infamous <sup>CH</sup>Holy Fruit Salad entered the ring with a huge silver and green bow around his neck- and was passed on to his new owner.

## RACKIN' RIDERS MICHIGAN

The Rackin' Riders Youth Club in Davison, Michigan has been doing lots of fun things to expand their horse knowledge. The youth club invited Alexis Fenger, ASHA National Showmanship at Halter winner, and Michaela Kratofil to help demonstrate the proper methods and purpose of showmanship with the assistance of Amie Rowe. A great time was had by all. Youth club members not only learned but demonstrated proper showmanship as well as a showmanship pattern! Thanks to Amie, Alexis, and Michaela for coming to help. The Rackin' Riders are also working on ASIYP badges.

## SHOWTIME SHOW STOPPERS KENTUCKY

The Showtime Show Stoppers have been hard at work since the beginning of the year! Their newly elected officers are: Katie Harlan, President; Abbey Sheesley, Vice President; Olivia Utley, Secretary; Tessa Blackwell, Historian; and Isabelle Fuchs, Treasurer. They held





a Ride-A-Thon in January to raise money for Saddlebred Rescue. The Ride-A-Thon was a success, raising over \$1,000. They also gathered 90 pounds of food for Drive for Care's canned food drive. Their first Academy show of the year will be March 18-20 at the Spring Warm-Up Show in Cloverdale. The next big event for them will be Kid's Fest, where they look forward to promoting the Saddlebreds with Max and Maxine!

## ABBY ROAD RIDERS MISSOURI

The Abby Road Riders are already busy with fundraising as they want to go to the World's Championship Horse Show this year. They had a Pancake Fundraiser at their local Applebee's restaurant raising almost \$700. The parents were in the kitchen while the youth tried their hand at serving. They even delivered to those close by who wished to support but couldn't get away from their businesses to attend.

Also, in January they donated their time and talents to Project Linus. Project Linus is an organization that works with families in need. The group, with the help from moms, made 20 blankets to donate that are in turn donated to children's homes, hospitals, etc., as a source of comfort to the children there. Each club member earned a Project Linus Blanketeer badge for participating.



**Above:** A couple of the Abby Road Riders making blankets for Project Linus with a bit of guidance. **Below:** The Bridleway Barn Stormers collected 25 pairs of pajamas and 40 new books for children in need as part of the Pajama Program.

## BRIDLEWAY BARN STORMERS ARIZONA

The Bridleway Barn Stormers finished up 2010 with many educational and fun activities then started the show season early in 2011!

In September, Suzanne Lyons and Jolene Galvin treated the Barn Stormers to a "Prepare to Show Clinic." Barn Stormers and parents alike learned how to make a proper bun. Kirwan Kennedy even showed us how she makes her own

bun — outstanding job! They also learned to tie their own ties. Each member brought their caboodles to make sure they were properly stocked. Aliessa Rogoff from Mary Kay gave them some tips on proper make-up application. They each received a Ready to Show Guide to help them remember everything they had learned from the clinic.

In October, they participated in the Susan G. Komen Walk for the Cure in Phoenix. The Barn Stormers raised over







**Above:** The Bridleway Barn Stormers bring home ribbons from the 2011 Arizona Livestock Show. **Right:** The Bridleway Barn Stormers raised more than \$800 for the Susan G. Komen Walk for the Cure in Phoenix in October. **Bottom:** Bridleway Barn Stormers Courtney, Chloe and Cassidy Ball with Elisabeth Goth during their visit to Visser Stables during the ASHA Youth Conference.



\$800 through sponsorships for the walk.

In November, the Barn Stormers took a field trip to visit Dr. Jerry Longworth at Scottsdale Equine Reproduction Center. They were provided a tour of the facility, met some of the resident stallions, and had chance to see lots of beautiful babies.

The Barn Stormers brought holiday cheer to many this past December. They created and distributed 25 fleece blankets to the Phoenix Children's Hospital. The group also collected more than 300 pounds of food for the Foothills Food Bank along with a \$50 grocery gift card. The Barn Stormers continued their tradition of adopting a family for Christmas from Vista del Camino. This year a family of six was

adopted and given four gifts and clothes for each child, as well as gift cards for holiday meals. Last but not least, the Barn Stormers participated in the Pajama Program for the first time this year. The Pajama Program provides new pajamas and new books to children in need in the United States, many of whom are waiting for adoption. The Barn Stormers collected 25 pairs of pajamas and 40 new books for those children in need.

Bridleway started 2011 off right with a successful Arizona Livestock Show. Many riders successfully debuted in new divisions, including Sky-lar Stepien, Hallie Ungerson and Eliessa Eddie. Coley Bigelow also showed Jimmy Clarke for the first time





The MP Saddlears were among the youth dancing at the Saddlebred Gala during the annual Saddlebred Summit & Youth Conference.

and Kirwan Kennedy took Cohiba in for his first Arizona show experience. Congratulations to their performance horse champions — Kirwan on Stoney and Coco and Coley on Jimmy Clarke — and their Reserve Champions — Courtney and Cassidy Ball on Zeus. Their Academy riders rocked with Kendall Kelledy, Finn Cooper, and Maitlin Hunt winning Championships and Chloe Ball, Eliessa and Skylar taking Reserves in Equitation. Chloe, Finn and Maitlin also won Showmanship divisions with Kendall, Eliessa, and Skylar in Reserve.



High Caliber's Helping Hands Project provided toiletries for the Ronald McDonald House.

The Barn Stormers were thrilled to have a chance to visit Visser Stables and Ms. Elisabeth Goth while in Kentucky for the ASHA Youth Conference. Two of their members have become pen pals with Ms. Goth due to the girls now owning a horse once owned by Ms. Goth. The Barn Stormers were invited to spend the day at Visser Stables and visit the horse and some of the girls were thrilled to ride WC Harley Rally and Honey under the direction of Jacqueline Beck. They were treated to lunch in a tent in the yearlings pasture — a day they will keep close to their hearts!

## HIGH CALIBER HOT SHOTS NORTH CAROLINA

The Hot Shots have already been busy in 2011! In February, they held their annual organization meeting at the local skating ring to elect officers and plan their efforts for 2011. Congratulations to their new officers: Ali Fitton, President; Shey Washburn, Vice President; Ellie Kangur, Secretary; Graham Troxell, Treasurer; and Laura Plant, Historian.

In March, the Hot Shots assisted the UPHA by selling pigs at the Raleigh Spring Premier Horse Show and by selling raffle tickets to benefit Susan Reimer and Rob Wilson.

The Hot Shots voted to continue supporting the Ronald McDonald House of Winston-Salem. In April, they participated in the Ronald McDonald House Sport a Shirt fundraiser for the second consecutive year. By purchasing a \$10 T-shirt, members sponsored a family to stay a night at the Ronald McDonald House. Everyone plans to wear their T-shirts to celebrate the Ronald McDonald House on April 15<sup>th</sup>. With the start of show season, the Hot Shots have begun collecting sample-size toiletry items for packages that will be distrib-

uted to the Ronald McDonald House.

The Hot Shots will be hosting the first-ever Equine Extravaganza on Saturday, April 30, to raise money for Victory Junction. Victory Junction is an 84-acre camp located in Randleman, NC, and was started by Richard and Lynda Petty in 2004. Each year, Victory Junction welcomes campers from around the country with serious medical conditions to come for a week free of charge, thanks to the generous donations they receive from the community. The cost of sending a child to camp for a week is \$2,500. Since opening in 2004, they have hosted approximately 11,000 campers! The club visited Victory Junction on April 9 for a private tour to learn more about the amazing facility. The Equine Extravaganza will be a day of fun at the barn and will include games both on and off horses, an old-fashioned cookout with burgers and hotdogs, an awesome raffle and much, much, more!

Lastly, being mindful of ever increasing social media, the Hot Shots now have their own Facebook page.

## MP SADDLEARS MINNESOTA

The Saddlears had a great time at the 2011 Saddlebred Convention and Youth Conference! They left Lear Stables a few days early in order to add in a few private tours and field trips.

Their first stop was Knollwood Farm in Hartland, Wisconsin, where they met





During their visit to Kentucky for the ASHA Youth Conference, the MP Saddlears visited Three Chimneys.



**Above:** The MP Saddlears with Todd and Lesley Miles during their visit to DeLovely Farm.  
**Below:** The MP Saddlears' Kate Prescott with Coco Mojo during their visit to Knollwood Farm.



Scott and Carol Matton. Carol gave them a tour of the charming farm and explained its rich history. They were overjoyed to get a look at Coco Mojo, the horse Nick Maupin rode to the Triple Crown at the 2010 American Royal. Carol also gave their riding instructor a riding lesson, which gave the group a lot to talk about for the next leg of the trip!

They started the next day early in Evansville, Indiana, at DeLovely Farm. Leslie Miles met them with a big smile and loaded the kids up with treats for the horses on the tour. Meeting <sup>CH</sup>Sprinkles and Chanti's Prayer was very exciting for the group ... everyone wanted a picture with them!

When they arrived in Kentucky, they

headed straight for Rood & Riddle Hospital. Their tour guide worked in surgery and had a great knowledge of the facility and the procedures they perform. They watched a foal have a bone chip removed and an emergency colic surgery on a mare that had just been in foal a few days earlier. It was very exciting and educational.

The morning of the conference, they met Tony Burton at Three Chimneys Thoroughbred breeding farm. They stand many great stallions including Big Brown, Smarty Jones and Dynaformer to name a few. They learned a lot about the similarities and differences in breeding Thoroughbreds as compared to Saddlebreds. Before rushing off to registration they made a stop at the Kentucky Horse Park and American Saddlebred Museum.

The conference was so much fun this year with such wonderful guests and tours. The Saddlears have attended the conference for many years, and this was the first time the kids had to be dragged off the dance floor! They have their Adopt-A-Park clean up in April. In May, they will run/walk the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, and they have signed on to "pooper-scoop" for the mounted patrol at this year's Dew Days Parade in June. The Saddlears are looking forward to a busy youth group and show schedule!

## TAILS A FLYIN' WISCONSIN

In January, Jimmy and Brandi Bushard started the Tails A Flyin' youth group at Hanrahan Stables in Adell, Wisconsin. They are 12 members strong and continue to grow at each meeting, which is really exciting.

At their February meeting, the members made homemade horse treats, which all the horses loved!

April is a busy month at Hanrahan Stables. Tails A Flyin' riders participated at the Mid-America Spring Horse Show in Roscoe, Illinois. Tails A Flyin' will also attend the Midwest Horse Fair in Madison, Wisconsin. The fair exhibits many horse breed demos, clinics and lots of horse shopping! Now that the ice and snow are gone, members are focused on their riding logs and showing.

They are looking forward to their





The Cheradon Chevals take a group photo before their Christmas party.

new school horse that will be arriving from William Woods University this summer. He is a beautiful black Saddlebred named Texas Tuxedo!

## CHERADON CHEVALS NEBRASKA

The Cheradon Chevals wrapped up their year by decorating Job, one of their favorite Academy horses. They exchanged gifts, played bingo, decorated cookies and enjoyed each other's company. They collected food items to assist the local food pantry during the holiday season. The group met later in the week and packaged cookies to take to the Open Door Mission, as well as wrapping gifts for a family in need.

After the holidays, the Academy and Show riders are working hard at fine-tuning their skills for the upcoming show season by participating in the Winter Clinics held in the Des Moines, Iowa area.

The Chevals held their first 2011 meeting on March 12 to discuss the club goals for the year. Ice cream sundaes were served while the members discussed laser tag, bow making and volunteering for charity. Saddle Time and the ASIYP program are going to be the focus groups this year.

Four members earned Academy Medals this year. Stephanie Stoley and Emily Brogna earned their Gold Medals, and Lauren Kirk and Halle Workman earned their Silver Medals. After the meeting, the Chevals played several balloon games, face raced with Oreo cookies and had a great time!

## VANTAGE POINT STIRRUP SQUAD TEXAS

The Vantage Point Stirrup Squad has been busy. As of March 2011, club members have already attended three horse shows. Members show up in strong sup-

port of one another, whether competing or not. Again this year, they helped raise funds for the Pin Oak Pink Ribbon class, selling pink ribbon merchandise for the cause. They also continue to raise awareness and support for Saddlebred Rescue through cookbook sales.

Their next fundraiser is a bit "outside the box." Through one of their barn families, they became aware of an elephant in India that is in great need of being moved to a sanctuary where it can receive veterinary care and humane treatment. In their efforts to help care for all animals, they are planning a fundraiser to help the sanctuary get the badly needed funds. They will report more on this project later.

They are also looking forward to their annual Crawfish Boil and Easter Egg Hunt on April 23 and then will have their "Beautify our Barn Day," where they will all take part in flower planting, fence painting and more.





## TALL TAILS YOUTH CLUB MICHIGAN

As 2011 begins, members of the Tall Tails Youth Club have already been busy. Along with helping to organize and work the Winter Academy Shows, several members attended the Youth Conference in February, where many were awarded Academy Medals, as well as the Outstanding Achievement in Membership award earned by the club.

The weekend in Kentucky was wrapped up Sunday with a fun and informative visit to the American Saddlebred Museum. A sledding party was planned in February, and attended by Tall Tails members, family and friends. This was just after they got a foot of snow in mid-Michigan; Mother Nature's timing was impeccable! They also had a movie night and pizza party at the barn lounge, where they voted on a horse movie to be shown.

In March, members worked at the ASHAM booth at the Michigan Stallion Expo, promoting the American Saddlebred to fans of various breeds, and applied "I Love Saddlebreds" tattoos on young attendees. Some members brought their own horses to participate in the Saddlebred demonstrations to showcase the versatility with all styles of riding to an appreciative and loud audience that filled the pavilion on Saturday night. A badge workshop was conducted during the March meeting, where many members earned their first Safety badges and the rest worked on other subjects.

Recently, they held their annual Spring Egg Hunt Festival at Executive Farms. An egg hunt, pony rides, face painting, pictures with the Easter Bunny and a special event was held ... have you ever seen

**Above:** The Tall Tails Youth Club held their annual Spring Egg Hunt Festival in April at Executive Farms. It was a big success, raising funds with a bake sale and silent auction. The youth also collected food for local shelters. **Top right:** A bunny rabbit agility course demonstration was on hand at the Spring Egg Hunt Festival. **Below:** Tall Tails members work the ASHAM Booth at the Michigan Stallion Expo in March.





bunny rabbits perform in an agility course? Yes, trained bunnies in harness went through obstacles such as jumps, ramps, and a platform on cue. It was amazing to see! They also had a silent auction and bake sale to fundraise for the club, and collected canned food for local shelters. Again Mother Nature was on their side, as they got their first hot and sunny day of spring! The event was a success. The members are looking forward to a busy summer show season, as well as other activities planned for 2011.

## KNOLLWOOD KNOCKOUTS WISCONSIN

So far, 2011 has been busy for the Knockouts. In January, 140 members and friends gathered at Bristlecone Pines for the annual awards banquet. After social time and a delicious buffet dinner, the group was addressed by Hannah Shepherd, the outgoing president of the youth group. Sydney Budzinski, the incoming president then told the group about upcoming plans for 2011. Scott Matton then rallied the troops with his review of the 2011 show season, which included "home grown" Nick Maupin's capturing of the Triple Crown of Saddle Seat Equitation. Scott also announced two new riders moving up the academy ranks to show circuit. Rachel Ferrito will be showing Princess Alison and Hannah Shepherd will be showing Callaway's Don't Panic. Following Scott's presentation, everyone watched a slide and musical presentation reviewing 2010.

For Valentine's Day, the Knockouts sold roses in honor of favorite horses and donated \$200 in proceeds to Saddlebred Rescue. They have also started an ongoing program selling horse treats to support the rescue as well.

Academy show season started in March with the first of three Knollwood barn shows. The Knockouts ran the concession stand, gathered raffle items, and helped in the ring and in the barn. In addition, Sydney Budzinski rode her pleasure equitation horse, Oh What A Feeling, for the crowd to demonstrate the equi-

tation division. Emily Gutenkunst rode Callaway's Where There's A Will to show the spectators a gaited pleasure horse.

In April, the Knockouts will be performing their semi-annual road clean up. They are in charge of keeping Oakwood and Nagawicka roads clean and beautiful. The group planted hundreds of bulbs last fall, so the roads should be bright and springy as they tidy up for spring!

April also includes an opportunity for the Knockouts to introduce horse care to a group of participants at the Waukesha Humane Society. Knockout volunteers will take three school horses to the society to teach grooming and care of horses. The Knockouts' first annual flower sale is concluding later this month. Members sold annuals, perennials, and baskets from a local greenhouse to raise money for the club. It's a great way to beautify yards and support the Knockouts at the same time!

## EQUITATE EQUESTRIANS WISCONSIN

The Equitate Equestrians elected new officers for their club for 2011: Kara Sieth, Secretary; Kaelynn Lesniak, Treasurer; Gabby Greco, President; Mekenzie Stratman, Vice President; and Skylar Fritsche, Historian.

In March, Equitate hosted an in-barn show for Academy riders. The show featured a Mexican-themed food stand, silent auction, show horse demonstration and a raffle. With the proceeds they were able to donate \$500 to Saddlebred Rescue.

In April, past Treasurer Alyssa Repp hosted a fun grooming contest after the business portion of their meeting. Members watched a

grooming demo and then tested their own skills on one of Equitate's many school horses, who are shedding their winter coats and loved the attention!

The Equitate Equestrians are already planning to attend the ASHA Youth Conference in 2012. They have several fundraisers planned to help offset the costs. They can't wait to attend and meet club members from around the country!

## BIGGINS BRIDLE BUNCH KENTUCKY

The past several months have been very busy for the Biggins Bridle Bunch as they have been working hard in the community and having fun at the same time.

December was one of their busiest months. They raised money for the Home of the Innocents by auctioning off rides on their junior exhibitor show horses and lesson horses. At the annual Christmas party, they collected gifts for their Salvation Army Angels. Later in the month, the club was visited by Steve and Tiffany Wheeler for a riding clinic.

In January, they participated in a successful winter tournament at Rock Creek Riding Club. They also held a fun show for their members with fun classes including egg and spoon and Australian pursuit. Everyone was a winner!

February was the high point for Biggins Bridle Bunch when they were honored to have their barn included on the ASHA Youth Conference Tour. Youth from around the country learned about Biggins Stable and the Biggins Bridle Bunch. Several show horses were presented and three of their Academy riders gave a lesson demonstration. They also had trivia questions for the group with great prizes.

At the Youth Awards Luncheon, they were thrilled to receive the highest honor of being awarded ASHA Youth Club of the Year. At the Saddlebred Gala, Ashley Biggins, a very active member of their group for many years was awarded the Frank Ogletree Youth Award.

In March, the Bridle Bunch promoted the Saddlebred by inviting their non-horsey friends to a youth club meeting. They enjoyed learning some basics of riding and horsemanship. The Biggins Bridle Bunch is looking forward to a full, active, fun summer!

## PREMIER STABLES YOUTH CLUB KENTUCKY

Premier Stables Youth Club was a host to the ASHA Youth Conference Field Trip this past February. It was a perfect day for the field trip and everyone was excited that ASHA Youth from all over the United States was coming to their barn. A great time was had by all as the club pitched in with activities and goody bags for all those attending. Ad-



The 2011 officers of the Knollwood Knockouts.



**Right:** Premier Stables was a stop on the youth field trip during the 2011 Youth Conference. The youth had fun loving on Katie the pony.

**Bottom left:** The youth watched Soquili's Georgia Kracker. **Bottom right:** The youth listened as Heather Digianantonio worked with I'm Something Wicked.

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visors Katie Case and Katy Hannah entertained the crowds with trivia questions and awarded some really cool prizes. Everyone had a good time loving on "Katie" the pony and was in awe watching I'm Something Wicked and Soquili's Georgia Kracker.

Since they were so busy planning and entertaining us, the group didn't come to the convention, so afterwards they had their own celebration with a pizza party and presentation of their Academy Medals.



Award winner Sadie Hughes of Ashburn, VA, and Peavine's Flash of Genius.

# 2011 ASHA/USPC ANNUAL AWARDS



Award winner Ally Long of Ashburn, VA, and Ina's Rocket Man.

## Sign up now!

Areas in which participants can earn points include participating in Pony Club lessons/clinics, a regional rally and a national rally.



Remind your Pony Club friends who ride American Saddlebred or Half-Saddlebred Horses to register for this exciting program.



# 2011 ASHA Youth Driving Challenge

## Qualifies for 2011 finals

Over \$10,000  
in Cash and  
Prizes offered!

**March 17-21: Pin Oak Charity Show**, Great Southwest Equestrian Ctr., 2501 South Mason Road, Katy, TX 77450, pinoak.org, Roxanne Cook, 713.621.6290, roxannecook@pinoak.org

**April 14-17: Oklahoma Centennial**, Oklahoma State Fair Park, 3001 General Pershing Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73107, April 14-17, www.okcentennial.com, Nancy Braesicke, 903.882.4755, nan1147@aol.com

**April 27-30: River Ridge Charity**, Ohio Expo Center, 717 East 17th Ave., Columbus, OH 43211, www.riverridgehs.org, Barbara Dunham, 740.259.4239, shosec1@aol.com

**May 13-15: Great River Benefit**, Iowa Equestrian Center, 6301 Kirkwood Blvd. SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406, www.horseshowcalendar.com, Nancy Weber, 309.791.0025, mrk19735@aol.com

**May 18-21: Asheville Lions Club Benefit**, WNC Agricultural Center, 1301 Fanning Bridge Rd., Fletcher, NC 28732, www.raycloninger.com, Ray Cloninger, 704.458.1611, kcloninger@aol.com

**June 2-4: Nebraska Charity Horse Show**, Lancaster Event Center, 4100 North 84th St., Lincoln, NE 68507, Andrew Shupe, lashupe@comcast.net

**June 14-17: Charity Fair**, San Diego County Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd., Del Mar, CA 92014, www.charityfairhorseshow.com, Harriet Landrum, 805.687.8711, hipharriet@hotmail.com

**June 14-18: Midwest Charity**, Illinois State Fairgrounds Coliseum, 801 Sangamon Ave., Springfield, IL 62702, midwestcharity.com, Judy Kjellander, judybkj@aol.com

**June 17-19: UPHA Almost Summer**, Denver National Western Events Ctr., 4655 Humboldt St., Denver, CO 80216, www.showmetheribbons.com, Farra Baker, 303.355.7633, farra@att.net

**June 29 to July 2: Syracuse International**, New York State Fairgrounds, 581 State Fair Blvd., Syracuse, NY 13209, www.ashany.org, Julie Kritzler, 315.736.1928, jandb9115@gmail.com

**July 21-23: Central States Benefit**, Hale Arena-American Royal Complex, 1701 American Royal Ct., Kansas City, MO 64102, www.csbhs.org, Lynn McCallister, 913.579.7709, lmcstable@aol.com

**July 26-30: Blue Ridge Classic**, WNC Agricultural Center, 1301 Fanning Bridge Rd., Fletcher, NC 28732, www.blueridgeclassic.com, Liz Holmes, 919.563.5992, lizholmes@mebtel.net

**September 1-4: Oregon State Fair**, Oregon State Fairgrounds, 2330 17th St. NE, Salem, OR 97301, www.oregonstatefair.org, Margo Hepner-Hart, 503.645.0400, mhhorses@aol.com

**September 2-3: Mid-America Charity**, Longview Horse Park, 126th & Old Raytown Rd., Kansas City, MO 64149, www.midamericasaddlebred.org, Jan Harvey, hockyhorse@gmail.com

**September 28 to October 1: ASHAV**, Virginia Horse Center, 487 Maury River Rd., Lexington, VA 24450, ashav.net, Beth Snider, 502.647.0076, bethandscott@kih.net

**Finals will be held November 15-19: UPHA/American Royal National Championship**, Kemper Arena, 1701 American Royal Ct., Kansas City, MO 64102, americanroyal.com, Beth Snider, 502.647.0076, bethandscott@kih.net





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