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Carolinas and Virginia

We had the renowned trainer Liz McBride-Jones at our barn for a clinic and to judge our Charity Fun Show! It was so much fun and we learned lots from her! We want to thank her for her hard work and her patience to help us get it right! Liz McBride-Jones is a trainer and instructor at Forever Farms. She has taught many champions. We can't thank her enough for coming and helping!

Even though it's mid-season, on our show circuit we still have more new teams to report! Christina Collis has a new family member named Show Baby Show! They won their classes in Asheville and are a great new team!! We also have Cagle James and her new horse L.A. Blues, who are doing great!

ASAC Youth members are busy fund-raising for charity and promoting the American Saddlebred as the best kids' horse ever!

Blowing Rock was particularly huge for junior exhibitors! From our barn at Cash Lovell's, little Allie Poovey showed CH Empress In Black and won her championship class - her first ever blue ribbon in performance! Allie is only six years old and just learned how to ride "Empress". She was very excited when she won against all of the bigger kids! From Ingleside, Caitlin Leith, and her former gaited horse, Callaway's Maelstrom, made a stunning debut in Pleasure Driving by winning the ASHA Youth Pleasure Driving class! And in the Academy Division, there were a whopping 10 classes that were split because they were so large!

Let's all continue sending up prayers for Taylor Shiflet, who was injured in June while her family showed in Blowing Rock. She was found hurt at home in the family's riding arena. We have all been praying for you Taylor for a safe recovery, and we will keep praying! Get well soon!

We will keep you updated on all the stuff going on in our area.

Good luck to everyone at Jr. League and Blue Ridge!

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Meredith Macy and Sarah Martin

Kentucky

Hello everyone! In the last month Indianapolis Charity and Rock Creek have come and gone. There are many more shows to come, as Louisville approaches in August. I am looking forward to the Shelby County Fair and Lawrenceburg; show season is in full swing.

First off, I would like to congratulate everyone who showed at the Indianapolis Charity Horse Show. Congratulations to the Kentucky exhibitors, Cory Vetter, Rachel Kelley, Tyler DeVore and many others who showed. I hope everyone had a great time and return again.

Secondly, Rock Creek Horse Show June 6-9 2007. Opening night at Rock Creek was one of the best in a long time. There were lots of people and family members who came out to see all aged riders compete. Congratulations to everyone who showed at Rock Creek. Congratulations to Kentucky exhibitors, Hallie Tyler, Mallory Greaves, Lindsey Haupt, Ali Judah, Sarah Bushell, Mollie Kregor, Lexie Flint, Madison Hawes, Ashley Biggins, Cydni Simmons, Kelsey Olson, Kelsey Price, Rachel Kelley, and Eleanor Watkins.

As exciting as the Rock Creek Horse Show began, it ended with the tragic death of Spider Red. She entered the show ring as she always did with presence and beauty. She was always fun and exciting

to watch no matter what gait. I can't imagine the pain and heavy hearts that Minna, Mike, and all who worked with the great **CHAMPION** are feeling. This is a very sad event for the Saddlebred world, losing such a young, beautiful, talented athlete. Spider Red "RACK ON GIRL, OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE."

Our deepest sympathy
Jackie Schutt and Like A Rocket

New Team for 2007:

Name: Ellie Headlee

Age: 16

Horse's Name: My Elegance On Parade

Horse's Age: 7

Where do you ride: Premier Stables

You Know You Show Saddlebreds If...

- Louisville is what you aim for
- You're hot and sweaty and no one around you notices
- In the summer your life is showing... well most of the time
- The people you show with are basically your family

Question and Answer... (Send your answers to my e-mail address)

1. Who is your favorite horse? 2. What is your favorite thing to do at a horse show?

What I would like to do each month is to have a person from Kentucky to talk about. Such as your trainer, riders, horses, caretakers etc. If you have someone you would like to nominate for an interview, PLEASE e-mail me at my address below.

Closing Quotes:

"It's a lot like nuts and bolts – if the rider's nuts, the horse bolts!"

– Nicholas Evans

"The horses paw and prance and neigh,/ Fillies and colts like kittens play,/ And dance and toss their rippled manes/ Shining and soft as silken skeins..."

– Oliver Wendell Holmes

Send to the addresses below until further notice of a new address. Please send any ideas you have for this column – new horses in the Kentucky region, information or tips, etc.

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Midwest

Hey everyone! I trust that you had a good July 4th holiday and a great start to the 2007 show season! As you know, Hackneys are a big part of the Saddlebred world, so I decided to do some research and get the history of the Hackney Pony.

Christopher Wilson created the Hackney Pony. He bred his Hackney horse, which was a Norfolk Roadster and Yorkshire Trotter cross, named St. George, with his Fell Pony mares. Then, taking St. George's offspring, he bred them to Welsh Ponies.

At first, these ponies were called Wilson Ponies but when the breed became official they named them the Hackney Pony. The ponies were left outside all year long with almost no care, which developed the breed's toughness and endurance. They are known to be very hard headed and for bullying other horses, even ones that are bigger than them, and for being somewhat unpredictable.

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Even though the Hackney Pony is a breed, it shares a studbook with the Hackney Horse. They must have a small head with alert, pricked ears, intelligent eyes, and they must carry their head high, an arched, muscular neck that they carry proudly, powerful shoulders, short and compact backs, and a light frame. Their legs must have good, strong joints with fine bones, very hard and long feet, and a tail that is held high. They have to be black, bay (or brown), or chestnut with some white markings.

Now the Hackney Pony breed has become large and is becoming more and more popular. They are mainly used for driving, but they are also ridden, especially for Roadster classes.

As you know, I am now doing **Horse of the Month** and **Trainer of the Month**. This month's **Horse of the Month** is Heir's Special Report owned my Sammy Jo Galica!

What is your horse's barn name? Gatsby, named after "The Great Gatsby" because that is my favorite book of all time.

What color is your horse and what markings does he have? He is a bright chestnut with a star and a connecting stripe, a snip, and two hind stockings.

How old is Heir's Special Report? He is six years old.

What barn do you ride with and who is your trainer? My horse trainer is Lance Hayes of Lance Hayes Stables.

What classes do you show him in? Five-Gaited Show Pleasure.

How long have you owned Gatsby? One year since March.

Why do you think your horse should be Horse of the Month? I think that my horse, Heir's Special Report, should be the horse of the month because he is what an American Saddlebred should be like. He is kind and very human friendly. I can put a little kid in the stall with him and he would go up to him and nuzzle him. He loves people.

Thank you, Sammy Jo, for entering your horse to be **Horse of the Month** and good luck this show season!

That's all for this month! I hope you continue to have a great show season and a great summer!

To e-mail Haley your **Horse of the Month**, **Trainer of the Month**, and **New Horse** information, or anything else that you would like to e-mail her, you can send it to:

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Missouri

Hi everyone! I hope you are enjoying a summer filled with horse shows, backyard barbecues, lemonade stands, and long, lazy afternoons at the barn! It is scary—and sad—that summer will be over in only a couple of months. But we all know what that means...the World's Championship Horse Show in August!

I would like to remind you about my Website, called Missouri Saddlebred Fun, www.freewebs.com/mosaddlebredfun, the first ever Website created just for horse-loving kids across the country, featuring news from the Missouri, Kansas and Iowa areas. There will be much more to come in the next few months, so keep checking back for updates.

This month I would like to inform you about all of the many fun, interesting (and educational!) programs that are offered to Youth Members of the American Saddlebred Horse Association. There are programs and activities for all ages, abilities and interests—it's all a matter of finding the right one for you.

First, there is the A.S.I.Y.P (American Saddlebred International

Youth Program). Sponsored by Melinda and Carleton Huntoon, this program features several different divisions. If you are looking for a challenge, or something to do with your ASHA Youth Club, you might want to try completing the ASIYP Levels I, II, and III. In each level, you are given 100 questions relating to horses, and Saddlebreds, as well as worksheets and references to help you. Each level is a little different; Level I is General Knowledge, Level II, "Read and Ride", and Level III, Participation and Experience. For younger kids, there is also a "Level A" that includes a fun coloring book of horses. Also in the A.S.I.Y.P program, is the "Badge" Program. This usually involves 10-15 questions about a certain topic, (badges offered are; Stable Management, Safety, Horse History, Grooming, Tack, Colors and Markings, Showmanship In-Hand, Junior Judging, and Horsemanship) that you must answer before you are awarded a "badge" with the topic's logo. The A.S.I.Y.P also offers other activities, so please visit www.asiyp.org for more information!

Lately, the ASHA has been increasing their awards and activities for youth members. Aside from the Academy Medal program for Academy riders, the Driving Challenge, and a number of scholarships, ASHA also offers Showmanship At Halter High Point awards, the Year-End Juvenile Choice Awards, and the Saddle Time program. (Saddle Time is an activity in which you record how many hours and minutes you ride, and you are awarded for each level you complete with things such as a baseball cap, tote bag, and patches for each level.) They also have a year-end photo contest, and high-point Junior Judging awards. All of these programs are fun and would be a great way to get kids from your barn together. Does your barn have its own "official" ASHA Youth Club? If not, start one! (That's what I did!) For more info on the various youth activities, visit www.asha.net and click on "ASHA Youth."

Speaking from experience, the A.S.I.Y.P and ASHA programs are awesome! I have completed Levels I, II, and six of the nine badges. If you participate in either, please send me an e-mail and tell me what badge or level you completed, and some things you learned while doing it!

Well, that's all for July...remember to visit my Website and as always, let me know if you have any ideas for my column, stories, news, or anything else you can think of! Have a great summer, and best of luck the rest of the show season!

"...To be great is to be misunderstood."

—Emerson

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Northeast

Hey Everyone!

I hope you're all enjoying your summer so far! This month our rider of the month is Bethany Shirkey. She just turned 18. She has three dogs and two cats. Bethany lives with her parents in New York. Her favorite breed is the American Saddlebred. She has been riding for 11 years. Bethany rides at China Pointe with Peter Axtell. She is currently riding hunt seat. She owns and shows Portrait Of A Lady (aka Juliette or The Princess). Juliette is a bay Saddlebred. Bethany's

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Bethany Shirkey and Portrait Of A Lady.



Dylan Hines.

most memorable horse show is New York Breeders because it was her first time winning in the *Saddle & Bridle* Shatner Western class (she also rides western). Her goals for this show season are to get the “perfect 10 ride,” to stay calm and focused, and to qualify for the *Saddle & Bridle* Hunt Seat Classic Finals held at the St. Louis National. At the barn their phrase is “be brave and true.” That means think positive and have confidence that you can do it. Bethany has a Certified Nurse Assistant License. She also does a lot of school activities such as student counsel.

Before we go we just wanted to mention that everyone that went to the Devon Horse Show and the Keystone Classic Horse Show did a fantastic job. Both were great shows. Good luck to everyone riding in future shows!

“A horse gallops with his lung, perseveres with his heart, and wins with his character.”

— Tesio

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Southeast

Hi everyone! Well, we are well underway in the show season. I hope that everyone is having a blast and being safe. This month I interviewed Dylan Hines, an up-and-coming junior exhibitor that is making his mark on the Saddlebred industry.

Fifteen-year-old Dylan Hines rides with Jeanie Waddell and John Goda, III at Impossible Dream Farm. Dylan campaigns Protector, a.k.a. “Carson”, in Three-Gaited Park Jr. Exhibitor.

Kristin: *If you could choose any other horse besides your own, who would you choose?*

Dylan: There are so many horses I admire that I cannot specifically choose a favorite ... I love them all!

Kristin: *What other division would you show in?*

Dylan: Five-Gaited. I had the opportunity to ride a five-gaited horse when my parents were shopping for my horse. It was a great

feeling having the opportunity to slow gait and rack. The five-gaited division is one of my favorite classes to watch and I know it would be so much fun to show in that division.

Kristin: *Do you have a memorable experience?*

Dylan: In December, I traveled to many great barns in Kentucky, Indiana and Tennessee. I had the opportunity to ride some awesome horses, meet great trainers and people who dedicate their lives to caring and working with horses. Over a three-day trip, I rode a total of 13 horses and learned so much about riding. I realized very quickly the change from the Academy Division to Performance was going to be difficult and take a lot of work and I am enjoying every minute of it. I have a great horse that is sweet and very forgiving of some of my mistakes. Protector is a very special friend and partner and I look forward to our future together.

Kristin: *What have horses and riding taught you?*

Dylan: If you want to be successful at anything, you have to work hard, learn from the mistakes you make and keep on trying, no matter how frustrated you may get. You won't always be the winner, having a great ride and doing your best is most important. I am so lucky to have a wonderful horse and great instructors that are patient and encouraging.

Kristin: *What are your goals?*

Dylan: I want to continue to work with horses and learn as much as I can about training and the industry. I would like to attend William Woods University and have a career working with horses. Of course, I want to continue showing as much as possible.

Thanks Dylan for the interview. I hope that you meet all your goals and you and Protector continue to do well!

Till next time, may your days be filled with fantastic rides and memories!

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