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## Carolinas

Greetings from the Carolinas! We are so happy to report that Taylor Shiflet is making great progress! Taylor, the daughter of trainers Harrison and Beverly Shiflet, was critically injured in a riding accident in June. Hundreds of people from around the country have prayed for Taylor's recovery. And she's talking now, and starting to walk! Thanks for the prayers, and please, keep them coming!!

The Carolinas family had lots to celebrate after the Lexington Jr. League Horse Show. Camille Cowart, daughter of trainers Peter and Kim Cowart, and Heathermoor's Prince won the 14 and Under Three-Gaited Grand Championship – for the second year in a row! And out of Cash Lovell's barn, Jake Butts and his World Champion Road Pony, Perfect Offering, won the Road Pony Under Saddle Championship. Drew Taylor Hewitt, and her beloved WC Sunken Treasure, were Reserve Champions in the 14 and Under Junior Exhibitor Five-Gaited. Stephanie Brackett won a Reserve Championship in the UPHA Walk-Trot Challenge Cup. Congratulations!!

Best wishes also go to Allie Wellington of Drowning Creek Farm. She is the new owner of CH MMMBop, whom she will show in Junior Exhibitor Five-Gaited. And special best wishes also go to Drew Taylor Hewitt, who is the new owner of Kalarama Shiraz. The Hewitts purchased Shiraz from fellow Cash Lovell Stables customer, Teri and Sarah Beth Longworth. Good luck to these new teams!

Finally, a report from Cash Lovell Stables from our first Overnight Show Rider Camp. In June, expert Morgan trainer Cindy Mugnier, and Mary Marcum Orr, drilled the CLS show riders for an intensive week of riding and show preparation. It was incredible! We stayed in a house on the farm, and we rode, played, swam, and ate tubs of Mac and Cheese, and we rode, and then we rode some more! Thanks to Cindy Mugnier and Ms. Mary. If you want to join us for Overnight Show Rider Camp next year, all you have to do is call the barn. We would love for you to join us!

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## Kentucky

Hello everyone! The month after Louisville, the show is over, and the grounds are cleaned up, but there is one new beginning. This month I will be talking about a special friend of mine. Next month I will have Louisville results and a new story.

### Rider of the Month

**Your Name:** Joanna Jackson.

**Your age:** 9.

**Your parents and family:** My mom, dad and sister: Susan, Daniel and Chloe Tate Jackson and my cousin, Tate Bennett.

**Your horse's name:** Sparkling Heiress. I just got her during Shelbyville this year.

**Your school and grade:** I go to Clear Creek Elementary and I'm in the fourth grade.

**Other interests you have besides horses:** I like to read books, mostly mysteries. As often as I ride, I hardly have time for other things and that's just how I like it.

**Where you ride:** I ride at RidgeCrest Stable in Shelbyville, Ky., with Keith Harger, Debbie Wathen and Marie Matson.

**When you started riding:** When I was three years old!

**Your show ring record:** I am not sure which ribbons I got at each of the shows, but I have always gotten a ribbon.

**Division you show in:** I show in the eight and under walk/trot equitation division.

**Your most exciting victory:** It was just last weekend when I showed my new horse, Sparkling Heiress, for the first time and won the 10 and under walk/trot class at Boone County Fair.

**Your future goals:** To win at Louisville this year and to someday win the gaited stake there.

**How has riding helped you to develop into a better student?** It has helped me to stay focused, work hard and never give up.

**Special thanks and appreciation to:** Keith Harger, Debbie Wathen, Marie Matson, Chocolate, my school horse, and to my mom and dad for allowing me to do this and for buying me my first horse, Sparkling Heiress!



## Quotes

*The horse through all its trials has preserved the sweetness of paradise in its blood.*

– Johannes Jensen

*Horses lend us the wings we lack.*

– Author Unknown

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## Midwest

I can't believe that it's already September and school has started up again! I don't know where the summer went!

For this month, I have asked a few people some questions on judging: 1. What do you think of the judging today? 2. How would you rate the judging today (1 through 10, with one being the worst and ten being the best) and why? 3. What do you think makes a good judge?

Here are a few of the many answers I received:

1. In my opinion judging today can be very political. It really just depends on the judge. Even horse shows with a very fair judge still have those classes that your like "Whoa where'd that come from?!" I believe all in all that most of the shows that I participate in have pretty fair judging.

2. This question is really hard to answer because it really depends on the show and judge. I guess an average score would have to be around a 6 or a 7 because there are some judges, who are very political, but then again there are many fair judges as well.

3. I believe what makes a good judge is someone who is unbiased, someone fair that will look past who's heading up the horse, and someone who has enough experience in the business to provide good logic for why they tied the classes the way they did.

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— Stephanie

1. In my opinion I think that judging today can be VERY political and other times it is not. It just depends on who the judge is. Sometimes I completely agree with the judge and other times I think that the announcer is reading the judge's card backwards. But so far this year at the shows I have gone to, MOST of the judges have been fair.

2. It really depends on who the judge is. I would say three being the worst and nine being the best because you have political judges and then you have consistent, fair judges.

3. I think a judge who is consistent, fair, and unbiased is a good judge.

— Jordan

1. The judging seems to have always been the same. There are classes where you get everyone with their hands in the air shaking their heads and then there are classes where everyone agrees the judging was fair. I guess a good judge is always on the top of their game, but that isn't always so. For the most part, though, the judges I've seen have done a pretty good job!

2. I'd say three, but it really all depends on who the judge is, what's the show, etc.

3. A good judge goes by the rule books. Whatever they are judging, should it be Arabians, Saddlebreds, Morgans, etc., they should judge as the rules state. I don't like it when horses are in the wrong divisions, such as a park horse bumped down to country pleasure. A good judge would take this into account. A good judge watches the ring. I also like to see the judge taking bad sportsmanship into account, ESPECIALLY in the junior exhibitor classes (things can get unsafe).

— Katie

Thank you to everyone who replied!!! To see more replies, you can go on [www.trot.me.com](http://www.trot.me.com), go to YOUTH CENTER, and click on JUDGING.

That's all I have for this month! Have a great school year and I'll see you next month!

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## Missouri

Hi everyone; *fall has arrived!* We have a lot to look forward to in the final months of show season; the St. Louis National Charity Horse Show in September, Calvary Episcopal Charity Horse Show in the middle of October, and the American Royal in November serves as a grand finale for 2007. I hope everyone had a great time at Louisville last month—I sure did! Congratulations to *everyone* who trotted on the green shavings.

Back in July, my barn took five horses to the first annual Central States Benefit Horse Show in Kansas City, Mo. The show was held in air-conditioned Hale Arena, which serves as a warmup ring during the American Royal. This was the first year that Central States was held as an all-out horse show, instead of a Winter Tournament as it had been

in previous years. Many barns from Kansas City, the St. Louis area, Columbia, New Bloomfield, Nebraska, and Kansas attended. Almost every class was full of good entries, putting on a great show for spectators who came to watch Friday and Saturday.

Overall, it was a great show! There were many classes to choose from, and the air conditioning during those hot July days made horses and humans happier. In the years to come, there will most likely be more classes offered, as we've heard that Central States will eventually evolve into a three to four day show. Thanks to everyone who made this show possible; I'm already looking forward to next year! You can visit [www.csbhs.org](http://www.csbhs.org) to find more information on the horse show.

If you wanted to know who the happiest rider was at Central States you would look no further than the rider of the month, 13-year-old Samantha Nicole Peterson! Sam and her horse, Callaway's Gideon (aka Gideon) were placed second in an English pleasure class of nine after a flawless ride under the direction of Mark and Kelly Hulse of Mark Hulse Stables.

This year, Sam says that her goal was to bump out of the academy division and become a stronger rider so she could show her horse in the pleasure division. This show season, Sam will continue to show "Gideon" in the pleasure division, and also hopes to do some equitation. Her biggest influence is her mom because, "She has influenced me and helped me to be the person I am today." Kelly's favorite saying to Sam is, "That a girl!"

Other than horses, Sam has been taking junior golf lessons for the past few summers, and is also a member of the Mark Hulse Stables youth club, the Hulse's High Steppers. She likes to read, swim, and hang out with her friends. This fall, Sam will be in eighth grade at Jefferson Junior High in Columbia, Mo. She says her favorite subject is science; "The lab work was neat and I liked the experiments we did." Her favorite color is blue, and her brother, John, will be a freshman at Missouri University.

The most memorable moment with her horse was this year at the Central States Benefit Horse Show. "Getting to show Gideon at Hale Arena in July was awesome! Everyone was so supportive of my first big show and we had a good, clean ride that I was proud of." Gideon was her first horse, and he is an 11-year-old Saddlebred gelding. "I'm really proud that he's a Callaway horse!" she says. Sam thinks that the American Royal is awesome, and would like to see Louisville someday.

Besides her own, Sam's favorite horses are CH Steel In Love and Macy Gray. She would like to ride Desi, the Friesian at William Woods University, or Callaway's Abigail Adams. Gideon's favorite treat is peppermints; "He can hear a mint wrapper a mile away! He's got the best breath in town. He also loves the wreath we put on his stall door each Christmas that has mints, carrots and apples wired on it." Sam says she would either like to show in roadster pony under saddle, or five-gaited show pleasure. "I got to rack this year and loved it," she says.

When Sam isn't riding, she loves to give Gideon a bath and groom him. "That's kind of our time to just be together. He does the funniest Mr. Ed imitation after he gets a drink from the hose, too." Her favorite horse color is dapple gray, but also likes dark chestnut like Gideon's color.

Sam says she most wanted to meet Redd Crabtree, and she got the opportunity to when he came to the MHSA Awards Banquet in

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February. "Will [Shriver] was our horse's dam's sire, and I had read a lot about him. Mr. Crabtree autographed a Will Shriver Breyer horse for me that Ms. Tony Weldon gave me – all on my 13th birthday. I'll never forget that!"

When she grows up, Sam would either like to be an equine vet or a horse show judge because she wants to have a career with horses and also likes the people in the industry that you meet.

Thanks, Sam, for completing my interview and good luck with Gideon in the future!!

Well, that's all for this month. Good luck to everyone at the St. Louis National Charity Horse Show, especially if you are showing in *Saddle & Bridle's* Pleasure Medallion Finals, or any of the Western Pleasure or Hunt Seat finals!

*I am rather inclined to silence, and whether that be wise or not, it is at least more unusual nowadays to find a man who can hold his tongue than to find one who cannot."*

– Abraham Lincoln

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PS: Happy Birthday Daddy and Nathan!!!

## Northeast

Hey everyone!

This month our rescue horse of the month is Twice In A Lifetime. This black mare is 16.1 hands. She stays on the rail and executes all three gaits well. Twice In A Lifetime has been on the road and has had two foals. This rescue horse, born in 1991, is sired by Sultan's Great Day and out of Sultan's Commanding Lady and has a show record.

Speaking of Sultan horses, I (Katie) just got a new horse. Her name is Santana's Diamond sired by Sultana's Santana and out of Denim And Diamond's.

This month we are dismounting our horses to talk about minis. There's one miniature horse that is of particular interest. Her name is Thumbelina! Thumbelina, a chestnut mare, has been named the world's smallest living horse by Guinness World Records. Thumbelina, who is actually a dwarf miniature horse, only stands 17 and a half inches tall from the withers. She weighs a mere 57 pounds; about the size of a medium sized dog. The 50 other minis raised on Goose Creek Farm in Ladue, Mo., by Kay and Paul Goessling, typically weigh 200 to 250 pounds and are around 32 inches tall. When she was born, Thumbelina weighed only eight and a half pounds and was ten inches tall; about the size of a newborn human baby. Each day Thumbelina consumes one cup of grain and only about a handful of hay in the morning and at night. Throughout the course of a day Thumbelina only drinks about two cups of water, compared to a regular sized horse which will drink several gallons a day. Today, Thumbelina is touring the country raising money for different children's charities through the Thumbelina Charitable Foundation of St. Louis. On June 2, this small superstar made an appearance at the Harrisburg Mall in Harrisburg, Penn. Overall Thumbelina has scheduled about 150 stops across the country. For a complete list of stops or to learn more about Thumbelina, go to [www.worldssmallesthorse.com](http://www.worldssmallesthorse.com).

Miniature horses were first recognized in Europe around 1650 AD. At this time miniature horses had two roles in society. One role was that of a pet for royal families in England. The other main role was working in coal mines. Unfortunately, due to inbreeding, the breed was limited to only a couple. However, in the 1930s, minis found their way to the United States, where the population began to grow. Today most of these minis are shown, or kept as pets. However, there are a few miniature horses that have been trained to help handicapped people. Miniature horses are typically affectionate and gentle. These horses are 34 inches tall or shorter, weigh between 175-225 pounds and can come in a variety of colors. This breed is the smallest breed in the world today.

We'd like to send a shout out to all junior exhibitors who showed at the Children's Benefit horse show. Also special congratulations to Jessica Moctezuma, who won the Mid-Atlantic Summer Saddle Seat Event class in the junior exhibitor division. Everyone had awesome rides! If your show season hasn't ended by the time you read this Good Luck! Keep in mind:

*Failure is not falling down; failure is not getting back up.*

– Anonymous

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## Southeast

Hi everyone! Well, we are near the end of show season. I hope everyone had awesome rides and learned a lot this year.

This month I decided to look up information about a very important Saddlebred. Many of you may have heard of the war horse Traveller. I know when I had first heard of an important Saddlebred in history class, it woke me up. Unfortunately, the textbooks don't really delve into Traveller's life. Therefore, I have decided that this month's article should be about General Robert E. Lee's beloved Saddlebred.

Traveller was born in Greenbrier County or what is now called West Virginia. He was originally named Jeff Davis, but General Robert E. Lee renamed him Traveller for his readiness to travel. Lee rode Traveller most everywhere, but occasionally he rode other horses to give Traveller a rest. General Lee was very impressed with the grey horse. Standing nearly 16 hands, the grey horse was, in General Lee's words, comfortable and gentle. Traveller outlived General Lee and was led behind the General's hearse. Shortly after General Lee's death, Traveller stepped on a rusty nail and contracted lockjaw. Since there was no cure for tetanus at the time, Traveller was relieved of his pain and laid to rest at Lee Chapel.

If you would like more information about Traveller, visit [equinenet.org](http://equinenet.org), [infohorse.com](http://infohorse.com), or visit your local public library.

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

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