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Left: Anna Ahlers, Hippology High Individual at the Eastern National 4-H Horse Round-Up

NC 4-H Horse Program Newsletter

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Teams Qualify for State Horse Bowl

The following teams from around the state have qualified for the NC 4-H Horse Program State Horsebowl contest to be held March 7, 2015 and North Carolina State University!

Junior Division

Union
Rowan
Lenoir – Taylor
Johnston
Lenior – Davis
Macon
Alamance
Alleghany
Wake – Roshitsh
Wake – Peterson
Wake – Newton
Wake – Crouse

Mixed Division

Burke
Cabarrus
Catawba
Lenior
Johnston
Onslow
Alamance
Chatham
Wake – Lewey
Wake – Newton
Wake – Wolford
Edgecombe

Senior Division

Burke
Union – Gise
Union – Kaus
Rowan
New Hanover
Chatham
Alleghany
Rockingham
Currituck
Wake – Tipton
Wake – Von Windheim
Wake – Morgan



Kristine Vernon

Where Are They Now? Kristine Vernon

Job Title: Associate Professor, Clemson University Animal and Veterinary Sciences Department; SC 4-H Horse Program Coordinator; Equine Business Coordinator

How many years were you actively involved in the NC 4-H Horse Program? I was a member from 1986-1994 and then a volunteer after that.

What activities and/or contests did you participate in? My main area was horse and I competed in all the educational contests – Horse Bowl, Hippology, Judging, and individual Presentation – and I competed at Eastern Nationals, Youth World,

Congress, Arab Nationals, Youth Paint World, Solid Gold Futurity, and Southern Regionals. I competed in the State 4-H show every year in Hunter, Dressage, and Western and was Senior Reserve Champion at the 1994 Southern Regional show in Louisiana. My secondary projects were dogs, photography, and leadership.

What was your favorite memory from 4-H? Where do I begin? My blood truly runs green and white. I have made lifelong friends, such as DeDe Field and Cameron Lowe, and lifelong mentors, such as Dr. Bob Mowry, Robin Lynn, and Mike Yoder. It truly confirmed my desire to follow in a career path that involved 4-H, now I am the SC 4-H Horse Program specialist and I get to live and breathe 4-H daily. It is truly about making the best better, including myself and now my own children. Life

has come full circle.

What part of your involvement in the NC 4-H Horse Program has impacted you most in life?

There is no one part – it all came together to mold me into my current self. The leadership, public speaking, and team work are probably the most impactful.

Are you still involved in the horse industry? If so, how?

Yes, I am an equine educator. I teach equine science, business and management classes and serve as director over the CU equine center. I am also the advisor to the CU Collegiate Horsemen's Association and the CU Equestrian team.

If you could be any animal, what would you be? A dog – I am friendly, loyal and love “my people,” but when danger is near my hackles are up.

NC 4-H Horse Program Upcoming Dates

| Event | Dates | Location | Contact |
|---|-------------------|-------------|------------------------------|
| State Horse Bowl and Hippology Exam/ID | March 7, 2015 | NCSU | Lori Stroud (919) 515-5788 |
| Holiday Classic Spring Horse Show | April 18-19, 2015 | Raleigh, NC | Richard Isley (336) 908-3302 |
| State Horse Judging Contest and Hippology Judging | April 25, 2015 | Raleigh, NC | Lori Stroud (919) 515-5788 |



NC 4-H Horse Program News

The North Carolina Delegation at the Eastern National 4-H Horse Round Up in Louisville, KY.

- The NC 4-H Horse Program rulebook has been updated and can be found here:
<http://equinehusbandry.ces.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/NC-4-H-Horse-Program-Official-Rulebook-2015.pdf>
- The NC State 4-H Horse Judging Contest is coming up on April 25, 2015! It will be held at the James B. Hunt Horse Complex in Raleigh, NC and reasons will be given on NC State University's campus. In case of inclement weather, the contest will be administered at NCSU by video. More information about the contest, the contest schedule, and the entry form (due April 10, 2015) can be found here:
<http://equinehusbandry.ces.ncsu.edu/equinehusbandry-horse-judging-contest/>
- The NC 4-H Horse Program Eligibility Card is available online. Each county has specific requirements regarding eligibility card requirements, so please check with your County 4-H Agent regarding those. Remember, eligibility cards must be signed by your 4-H Agent in order for you to be eligible to show at the district and state horse shows! More information can be found here:
<http://equinehusbandry.ces.ncsu.edu/2015/01/2015-nc-4-h-horse-program-eligibility-card/>
- Updated information is available for the 2015 NC 4-H Horsemanship Camp in Ellerbe, NC on June 14-20. The manual, camper application (due May 1, 2015), junior leader application (due April 1, 2015), adult volunteer application (due April 1, 2015), and other paperwork are available here:
<http://equinehusbandry.ces.ncsu.edu/equinehusbandry-4-h-horsemanship-camp/>

Fall 2014 National Contest Results

| | Quarter Horse Congress | Eastern Nationals |
|-----------------------|---|---|
| Hippology | 1 st place team | 3 rd place team |
| Horse Bowl | 1 st place team | 2 nd place team |
| Horse Judging | 5 th place team | 1 st place team |
| Communications | 1 st & 4 th place indiv. presentation | 2 nd place indiv. presentation |
| | 2 nd place team presentation | 2 nd place team presentation |
| | | 1 st place communication team |

Full results can be found here:

<http://equinehusbandry.ces.ncsu.edu/2014/11/nc-4-hers-complete-a-successful-fall-competition-season/>

NCSU Extension Horse Husbandry Staff Changes

NC 4-H Horse Program News

Over the past several years, EHH has undergone several staff changes. Here is a summary of those changes:

Departures:

Dr. Bob Mowrey, Extension Horse Specialist- Dr. Mowrey retired in January of 2012, after 30 years with NCSU. Bob and his wife, Peggy, are the owners and operators of Hickory Mountain Antiques in Pittsboro, NC. Bob remains connected with the horse industry as an AQHA judge and clinician.

Jessica Hicks, Extension Technician- Since leaving EHH in December of 2013, Jessica and her husband, Norm, welcomed a baby boy to their family. Riley Reagan Hicks was born Monday, January 19, 2015 at 2:55 am. Mr. Riley was born at 37 weeks, weighed 8 lbs, 1 oz and is 20 inches in length. Jessica frequently volunteers her time at 4-H events, so we are looking forward to seeing her and meeting Riley.

Robin Lynn, Extension Technician- Robin retired with twenty-five years of service in February of 2014. Robin continues to serve as the coach for the NCSU Western Equestrian Team. Robin and her husband, Curtis, are busy owning and operating Sandy Forks Quarter Horses and are happily expanding their operation.

Dr. Mike Yoder, Extension Specialist- Dr. Yoder began his new position as the NC 4-H and Family and Consumer Sciences State Program Leader on December 1, 2014. Be sure to congratulate Dr. Yoder on his new appointment when you see him at future state 4-H events.

Dr. Amy McLean, Extension Specialist- Dr. McLean was just named the International Marketing Director for the American Quarter Horse Association. Good luck to Dr. McLean as she begins her new position in Amarillo, Texas.

Hires:

Lori Stroud, Extension Assistant- Lori began working in EHH mid-July 2014. Lori graduated from NCSU with a degree in Agricultural Education and taught middle school for 18 years. She is a former Gaston County 4-H'er and former coach and leader from Johnston County. She is excited to not only help the NC 4-H Horse Program maintain its level of excellence but also expand and improve.

Marion Quattlebaum, EHH Student Worker- Marion began working in EHH in April of 2014 and is a former 4-H'er from Union County. Marion was instrumental in organizing the 2014 NC State 4-H and Southern Regional Horse Shows. She is the President of the NCSU Western Equestrian Team and will be graduating in May with a degree in Animal Science and a minor in Extension.

Taylor Knittel, EHH Student Worker- Taylor started with EHH in December of 2014 and is a former Johnston County 4-H'er. Taylor was most recently a member of the State 4-H Horse Judging Team, but has also competed Nationally in Horsebowl, Hippology and Team Presentation. Taylor is a Junior majoring in Animal Science.

In Loving Memory of Stone Pope

Our thoughts and prayers are with Shane and Holt Pope of Shane Pope Quarter Horses in Conway, SC as they continue to go through this difficult time. Their son, Stone, unexpectedly passed away earlier this month. You can read more about the Popes here <http://www.equinechronicle.com/in-loving-memory-of-stone-pope/> and you can donate to the Pope family through the Heart of Stone Fund website here <http://www.heartofstonefund.com/>. The generosity and support of the members of the horse industry has been tangible and we are confident that the love and kindness toward the Popes will continue to radiate.

Tori Colvin wins her 4th consecutive Hunter Spectacular

Tori Colvin won her 4th consecutive Hunter Spectacular at the Winter Equestrian Festival on February 14th, her 3rd consecutive win aboard Ovation, a 15-year-old warmblood gelding. Read more about her win here <http://www.chronofhorse.com/article/hunter-spectacular-belongs-tori-colvin> and watch the 17-year-old riders phenomenal Handy Hunter round here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PvZIIxNb2m8>.



Above: Shared Belief defeats California Chrome (2014 Kentucky Derby winner) in a highly anticipated match-up in the San Antonio Stakes on February 7th. Watch the race here <http://www.bloodhorse.com/horse-racing/race/USA/SA/2015/2/7/8/san-antonio-invitational-s-gr-ii>

2nd horse tests positive for EHV-1 in Virginia

2 horses in Virginia have tested positive for equine herpesvirus-1, causing a neurologic disease known as equine herpesvirus myeloencephalopathy (EHM). Both horses are under quarantine. Read more about the cases here <http://www.thehorse.com/articles/35347/additional-neurologic-ehv-1-case-confirmed-in-virginia>.

EIA outbreak in Californian racing quarter horses

Since 2012, 34 racing Quarter Horses in California have tested positive for equine infectious anemia (EIA), a fatal blood-borne disease, similar to human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). Read more about the outbreak here <http://www.thehorse.com/articles/35347/additional-neurologic-ehv-1-case-confirmed-in-virginia>.

Meeting Ideas

- Play horse-themed jeopardy (or any theme!) Here is an awesome pre-made horse jeopardy game, complete with a score keeping system and a choice of how many teams are playing!
<https://jeopardylabs.com/play/horse-jeopardy>
- Have a guest speaker talk to your group. Some good choices are:
 - a local veterinarian
 - an equine chiropractor
 - a fireman or EMT
 - a feed company rep
- If you have horses available, go out to the barn and take your horse's vital signs. Compare them to the normal ranges!
- Check out this "Zoonotic Disease Detective" activity from Michigan 4-H! It really helps to learn bio-security procedures!
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/uploads/236/60789/MI_4-H_Zoonotics-WEB.pdf

West Palms Show Scholarship

West Palms Events has announced a new scholarship program aimed at younger riders who have the ambition to compete at top hunter/jumper shows, but don't necessarily have the financial resources required. Three annual \$6,500 show scholarships are going to be awarded to riders 25 and younger who demonstrate a commitment to their sport and a desire to pursue a professional equine career. The scholarship can be used at any West Palms Events managed show. Read more here:

<http://www.chronofhorse.com/article/west-palms-events-offers-show-scholarships>.

For the Leaders

Service Ideas

- Make "bedtime bags" for children at homeless shelters. Include items such as a stuffed animal, a blanket, a book, and a toothbrush and toothpaste!
- Make care packages for the troops! Our men and women overseas get a lot of packages sent to them around Christmastime, but they really slow down during the rest of the year. Think about sending some during the spring. Find more information here:
<https://operationshobox.com/how-you-can-help/care-packages/>.
- Volunteer at a local food pantry. They always need help shelving and sorting donations.
- Make braided dog toys for shelter dogs! Find out how here:
<http://moderndogmagazine.com/DIYUggaToy>



Get Ready for the NC State 4-H Horse Judging Contest!



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.....Contest!

We need a name for our new newsletter! If you have any good ideas, follow the link and submit them to us! The form will be open until March 20th. Get creative!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1LmWt137MHHa_PrBe5G7Xfa4WP0R81NDFNY9Aww

Special Thanks

To Lori Stroud for her constant guidance and wisdom and to Kristine Vernon for so graciously letting us feature her.

The Fun Stuff

Place this class of Arabian geldings. Tweet us your placings with #ArabianGeldings.



We're on Social Media!

Facebook: NC 4-H Horse Program

Twitter: @NC4HHorse1

Pinterest: NC 4-H Horse Program



Advertisements

Check out the Trot to
Trophy app!

Trot to Trophy is a mobile game with an educational intent, encouraging players to learn and master the ways of the equine world. Horse 101, if you will! Grab life by the reins and learn how to care and provide for your horse. Train them and test their skills by going up against the evil Luchador in order to take his place as the one true champion! This game is a great way for the students who already know a lot about equine science and horse-care to move quickly through the phases and “own” horses and compete. But it is also a great learning tool for those students who need some practice learning the terminology, learning about equine anatomy and basic health care, while playing mini-games and having fun.

NCSU's Dr. Shannon Pratt-Phillips is a Game Designer and Subject-Matter Expert for Trot To Trophy. The app is designed for both iPhone and iPad and is available on iTunes for \$3.99. Proceeds from downloads go back to the NCSU Animal Science Department. To learn more about the program and to view screenshots, go to www.trottotrophy.com