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Above: American Pharoah, ridden by Victor Espinoza, becomes the first horse in 37 years to sweep the Triple Crown. See page 3. (Image courtesy of CNN)

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New for 2015

The patterns for the State Show classes are now posted online here:

[Show Patterns](#)

NC 4-H Horse Program Newsletter



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The Winners' Circle

2015 NC 4-H Horse Program Scholarship Winners



Anna Ahlers

Anna is the daughter of Kem and Kathy Ahlers. She is a member of Hunting Ridge 4-H Club of Wake County, lead by Beth Morgan. In the fall, Anna will be attending North Carolina State University to major in Biomedical Engineering. Anna has been extremely active in the NC 4-H Horse Program, competing in Horse Bowl, Hippology, Horse Judging, and 4-H horse shows with her Quarter Horse, Clyde. Most recently, Anna traveled with the NC State Hippology

team in 2014, winning high individual at both the All American Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, Ohio and the Eastern National 4-H Horse Round-Up in Louisville, Kentucky. Congratulations on all your accomplishments, Anna! We are very proud of you and wish you all the best as you begin college.

Bradley Kay

Bradley, a Polk County 4-Her, is the daughter of Toby and Emily Kay. She will be attending Brown University this fall to major in Neuroscience and/or Psychology, in preparation for a doctorate in something related to Animal Behavior. She then plans to pursue a career in animal protection. Bradley is a member of the Bridle Bunch 4-H Club, lead by Shannon Ross Smiley, and has been very successful in 4-H contests, including Hippology, Horse Bowl, Public Speaking, Presentation, Team Demonstration, Project Records and Horse Judging. Most recently, Bradley competed at the 2014 All American Quarter Horse Congress and at the 2014 Eastern National 4-H Horse Round-Up in Individual Presentation, bringing home a 1st and 2nd place finish respectively. Congratulations, Bradley! We are very proud of you and your accomplishments and we wish you a successful college career!



Ride the Pattern Clinics at the State Horse Show

New for the 2015 NC State 4-H Horse Show will be three different "Ride the Pattern" clinics designed to give exhibitors some pointers on how to perform patterns for the show and how the classes will be judged. Clinicians will use demonstration riders and or horses to exhibit the ideal pattern work for the class or course. AQHA's "Ride the Pattern" clinics were the inspiration for these events.

Schedule

Wednesday July 8, 2015

3:00 PM: Showmanship – Barn E Ring
Clinician: Joy Bunn

5:00 PM (or at the conclusion of class 20): Working Hunter Over Fences – Main Arena
Clinician: Lesley Jenks

Thursday July 9, 2015

4:30 PM (or 30 minutes after the conclusion of class 32): Trail – Far ring behind Barn E ring
Clinician: Shane Young

2015 Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championships and Motel Information

20 rooms (15 Double and 5 King) have been reserved under the group name "NC 4-H Delegation" at the Comfort Inn in Perry, GA. If you are interested in booking one of these rooms, the cut-off date for reservations is July 13, 2015. The hotel has a 24-hour cancellation notice. The room rate is \$75.65 per night plus tax.

Comfort Inn & Suites, 201 Lect Drive, Perry, GA, 31069
(478) 987-8777 or (478) 987-2724
GM.GA698@choicehotels.com

The [2015 Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championships](#) will be held July 29-August 2 in Perry, GA. Florida is the host state. The website with information about the show, including the class list, rulebook and other information is <http://www.animal.ifas.ufl.edu/youth/SRHC/>.

Over "Herd" 4-H Horse Program News

State Show Accommodations and Camper Information

In accordance with State 4-H Horse Advisory Board recommendations, we have negotiated a reduced rate standard room with Ramada Inn Blue Ridge for \$79.00 per night plus tax. Ramada Inn Blue Ridge, 1520 Blue Ridge Rd, Raleigh, NC 27607 (919) 832-4100. When making reservations request the block code: **GC1507NCSTAT**. **Rooms have been reserved for the State Show on a first-come basis.** Camper hookups will be available at the fairgrounds on a first-come basis at \$25.00/night. Reservations will not be accepted! Fees will be collected daily by the fairgrounds security force. Campers are not permitted to use stall electricity outlets. Thirty-nine full service camper hookup spaces with both electricity and water are located behind the covered outdoor arena against the chain link fence. Approximately twenty-five additional full service hookup spaces are located on top of the hill, and approximately twenty-five full service camper hookup spaces are located on the east side of the main arena across Youth Center Drive on the North Carolina State Fairgrounds. **For additional information, contact the Horse Complex Office at [919.839.4701](tel:919.839.4701).**

Consignment Booth

Clean out your closets, trailers and tack rooms! The 4-H Consignment Shop will again be held during the State 4-H Horse Show. If you wish to consign items, there is an online method to register and tag your items. A 20% consignment fee for sold items supports the NC 4-H Horse Program Educational Events Fund traveling teams. Link to the online registration site: <https://sites.google.com/site/consignitpro/>

Operating hours for the Consignment Shop:

Wednesday - 10:00 am to evening,
Thursday/Friday/Saturday - During Show Hours,
Sunday 9:00am to 12:00pm

EHV-1 Quarantine in VA Lifted

The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services have cleared a Prince William County farm quarantined on May 21 for a post-mortem neurologic EHV-1 positive. The horse had not traveled off the farm and also tested serologically positive for EPM. For more information, visit: <http://www.thehorse.com/articles/35931/ehv-1-quarantines-in-california-virginia-lifted>

2015 Triple Crown

American Pharoah was worthy of a repeat of Horse of the Month honors after he became the first horse in 37 years to win the elusive Triple Crown! On June 6, he won the mile-and-a-half Belmont Stakes in commanding fashion, leading the whole route and pulling away to cross the finish line five-and-a-half lengths ahead of second place finisher, Frosted. He has since enjoyed a slew of media attention, being featured on the Today Show the morning after his win, various other talk shows, and the cover of Sports Illustrated. He has gained sponsorships from Monster Energy and private jet firm Wheels Up, and he could possibly become the first racehorse to appear on the Wheaties box. American Pharoah will race through the end of this year, with his next start likely being in the Grade 1 \$1,000,000 Haskell Invitational at Monmouth Park in New Jersey on August 2nd. The ultimate goal is to run in the Grade 1 \$5,000,000 Breeder's Cup Classic on October 31st at Keeneland Racecourse. He will then be retired and enter stud at Coolmore's Ashford Stud in Lexington, Kentucky. Relive all 3 of his Triple Crown races here:

<http://tinyurl.com/aptriplecrown>



Straight from the Horse's Mouth

Pros and Cons of Joint Injections

Joint injections are common for performance horses, but they come with many advantages and disadvantages. Catch up with some of the pros and cons here:

<http://www.thehorse.com/articles/22037/joint-injections-pros-and-cons>

Getting Longer Strides

This article from Horse and Rider written by Angie Cannizzaro, a champion Western Pleasure futurity trainer, demonstrates how to lengthen your horse's stride at the walk, jog, and lope. Many horses will simply speed up when asked to extend, rather than reaching forward in a clean, smooth gait. If extending strides is a troublesome area for you and your horse, check out the tips Angie gives here:

<http://horseandrider.com/article/longer-strides-16272>

NC News Spotlight

Double L Bar Cowboy Mounted Shooters

Double L Bar Shooters is producing a Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association sanctioned event featuring riders dressed in period and contemporary western costumes. Riders on horseback shoot balloons from their galloping with six guns, rifles and shotguns using safety blanks. Combines shooting Skill with horsemanship against the clock. Don't miss this thriller!

August 14-15 at the James B. Hunt Horse Complex. Each night begins at 6 p.m. **No spectator admission charge for this event.**
<http://www.doublelbarshooters.com>

Tweet, email, or Facebook us your placing!

Hunt Seat Equitation

The Judges Card

Below is the link to a Hunt Seat Equitation class on video from the All American Quarter Horse Congress. Before you begin judging, make sure...

- You know the criteria for judging hunt seat equitation
- You know the scoring system
- You have reviewed your penalties, faults, and disqualifications
- You have set up your judging pad with the correct pattern

Here is a good review webpage from extension: <http://www.extension.org/pages/72312/judging-horse-events-hunt-seat-equitation#.VYrTd1VVhBc>

Have you reviewed? Good! Now here's the class!

<https://www.facebook.com/Equestions/videos/vb.170623366418636/510385399109096/?type=2&theater>

Tennessee Walking Horses Official Placing and Reasons

Please see the [May Newsletter](#) for the class.

Official placing: 2-3-1-4

Cuts: 1-4-2

Let's take a brief look at some grants and criticisms of last month's Tennessee Walking Horse class. The class was very clearly a top-pair class. I personally saw it as a logical 3rd place horse and an obvious bottom to finish out the class.

Our 1st place horse was very similar to our 2nd place horse, which is why there is only a 1 cut between them. The roan had greater depth and substance of body and was longer and fuller through the hip. It is apparent that the #3 horse was more nearly level of the topline. Overall, #2 and #3 were an extremely strong top pair and were very ideal Walking Horses.

The 3rd place horse still maintained the look of a Walking Horse, but was less refined. We would have liked to see his neck come straighter and higher out of his chest and for his topline to be more nearly level. The bay was cleaner through the throatlatch than our 2nd place horse, however.

The 4th place horse, another black, had to go at the bottom of the class today. He lacked breed character and structural correctness across the board. He was long through the back and loin and stood downhill. His neck was short and tied in low to a steep shoulder. He was a horse that didn't really belong in the class. You could have just as easily put him in a different breed class because there is nothing about him that screams "Tennessee Walker." He did, however, have a more appropriate tailset than our 3rd place bay.

*Please note, these reasons are not in proper contest format – they are just a brief description of what I saw when placing the class. Can you write a formal set of reasons for this class?

The "Mane" Events

Event	Dates	Location	Contact
4-H State Horse Show	July 8-12, 2015	Raleigh, NC	Lori Stroud (919) 515-5788
4-H State Communications Contest	July 18, 2015	Raleigh, NC	Lori Stroud (919) 515-5788
Southern Regionals 4-H Horse Championships	July 29-August 3, 2015	Perry, GA	Lori Stroud (919) 515-5788

We're on Social Media!

Facebook: [NC 4-H Horse Program](#)
 Twitter: [@NC4HHorse1](#)
 Pinterest: [NC 4-H Horse Program](#)
 Instagram: [@NC4HHorse1](#)

What IS That?

How good are you at identifying horses by their color? We all know bay, chestnuts, and blacks, but horses come in many different colors. Try naming these!



1



2



3

Answer Key – May Edition



1. American Pokeweed
2. Rhododendron
3. Bracken Fern

All these poisonous plants are found in North Carolina! Check your pastures frequently!

A Bit More

Horse Costume Class Ideas

If you're entered in the costume class at the State Horse Show, but haven't decided on a costume yet, then here's the column for you!



"Great with Kids"



Sea Horse



Piñata



Harry Potter



Dorothy and the Cowardly Lion



Statue of Liberty



Anna and Sven from Frozen



Safari Guide and Giraffe



Little Bo Peep and her sheep

Advertisements



Don't Be A Pretender, Wear a Contender by Lami-Cell!

Partrade would like to give all 2015 NC State 4-H Horse Show exhibitors the opportunity to win a Contender Helmet by Lami-Cell!

All exhibitors will be entered to win 1 of 4 helmet gift certificate drawings held throughout the show.

Two drawings held during Friday night's opening ceremony and two drawings held during the Saturday evening program.

Partrade Trading Co
in Kinston, NC
is a proud sponsor of
the NC 4-H Horse
Program



The 4-Hers at Camp Millstone learning how to judge horses

Instagram Contests at the 2015 State Show!

We will be holding 4 super cool Instagram contests during Wednesday July 8, Thursday July 9, Friday July 10, and Saturday July 11 of the 2015 NC 4-H State Horse Show!

You will need to complete the task for that day, post an Instagram of it, and tag @nc4horse1 and #ncstateshow15. The first person to Instagram a picture of themselves completing the task will win an awesome prize pack!

The tasks will be released at the show!



2015 NC 4-H Horsemanship Camp