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Above: NC 4-H Horse Program graduates and 4-Hers (front row, left to right) Kasey Boger (Catawba Co.), Laura Dickerson (Chatham Co.), (back row, left to right) Chloe Pacyna (Wake Co.), Anna Ahlers (Wake Co.), Hannah Sather (Wake Co.), and Bradley Kay (Polk Co.) won a combined \$8,500 in scholarships from North Carolina 4-H.

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The Winner's Circle

2015 AQHYA World Championships Results, 2015 NC 4-H Scholarship Winners, 2015 State Portfolio Winners, 2015 Artistic Expression and Creative Writing Contest Winners

North Carolina was well represented at the recent American Quarter Horse Youth Association World Show Educational Contests in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. NC Youth competed in Horse Judging, Impromptu Public Speaking and Horsebowl.

Eight NC youth competed in the Horsebowl Contest. The team of Alamance County 4-H'ers Alexandria Knudson, Rachel Rezin and Mattie Thompson and Wake County 4-H'er Hannah Sather captured first place team awards. Along with their coach, Lindsay Riddell, the youth were presented with trophy buckles, jackets and medallions. The team also earned a bronze Quarter Horse trophy.

The other NC team placed third overall and was comprised of Maddie Edwards and Laura Dickerson from Chatham County and Mina Greenlee and Megan Downs from Johnston County.

The NC Horse Judging Team was made up of Johnston County 4-H'ers Megan Downs and Mina Greenlee, Chatham County 4-H'er Maddie Edwards and Wake County 4-H'er Hannah Sather. Megan Downs placed 2nd in Halter Judging and was the 3rd High Overall Individual. Maddie Edwards was 10th in Halter Judging. The team placed second in Performance Judging and fifth in Oral Reasons.

In the Impromptu Speaking Competition, youth randomly drew three topics and had five minutes to prepare a speech on their chosen topic. Maddie Edwards placed seventh for her speech on what event she would like to see added to the Youth World. Mina Greenlee placed ninth with her speech about her involvement in the Quarter Horse Association and how she connected with the 2015 theme: "Building the Future Piece by Piece." Megan Downs was awarded tenth place for her speech on where she sees the Quarter Horse Association in fifteen years.

Congratulations to everyone and we are proud of all your hard work and dedication!



From left to right: Picture 1 - Judging team (coach Lori Stroud, Maddie Edwards, Megan Downs, Mina Greenlee, and Hannah Sather); Picture 2 - 3rd place Horse Bowl Team (Maddie Edwards, Megan Downs, Mina Greenlee, and Laura Dickerson); Picture 3 - Champion Horse Bowl Team (coach Lindsey Riddell, Alexandria Knudson, Mattie Thompson, Rachel Rezin, and Hannah Sather)

2015 NC 4-H Scholarship Winners

The NC 4-H Scholarship and Awards Reception was held during 4-H Congress in July. These outstanding 4-H'ers and active participants in the NC 4-H Horse Program were recognized for their academic achievements and awarded with the following scholarships that total \$8500.

Scholarship	Recipient	County	Amount
4-H Horse Program	Anna Ahlers	Wake	\$1000
Robert N. Wood Collegiate	Anna Ahlers	Wake	\$1000
4-H Horse Program	Bradley Kay	Polk	\$1000
Edmund & Elizabeth Aycock	Laura Dickerson	Chatham	\$1000
North Central District 4-H Horse	Laura Dickerson	Chatham	\$500
Lyman B. Dixon	Kasey Boger	Catawba	\$1000
Edward H. Leagans	Kasey Boger	Catawba	\$500
Rudolph Carl Ellis	Hannah Sather	Wake	\$1000
North Central District 4-H Horse	Chloe Pacyna	Wake	\$500
Robert N. Wood Collegiate	Ashley Oyler	New Hanover	\$1000

Where Are They Now?

Jessica Hlebak



Jessica Hlebak and her Tennessee Walking Horse,
The Great Sensation

Each month we profile a former NC 4-H Horse Program member to catch up with them and highlight some of the amazing things our graduates go on to achieve!

Job Title and Place of Employment:
Owner/Trainer at Self Made Farm

What years were you in NC 4-H? 1999-2007

What activities/contests did you participate in? I participated in Horse Camp, Horse Judging, Hippology and Horse Bowl along with showing at the District, State and Regional Shows.

What are your favorite memories from 4-H? I have too many favorite memories to count! Judging trips in the van with Bob, getting to attend Quarter Horse Congress and Eastern Nationals, and all of the lifelong friendships that I made over the years.

What part of your involvement in the NC 4-H Horse Program has helped you most in life? The people of the program are what have helped me the most. I was able to make connections that have lasted into adulthood. These connections have helped me to network with even more people which has been instrumental in building my business.

Are you currently involved in the horse industry? If so, in what aspect? I am still heavily involved in the horse industry. I own and operate Self Made Farm where we train and show Tennessee Walking Horses. I also judge and am a member of the Board of Directors for the Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders and Exhibitors Association.

If you were an animal, what would you be? A horse, of course!

Thank you to Jessica for taking the time to answer our questions!

The Mane Events

Upcoming Events and Activities

Event	Dates	Location	Contact
Volunteer Conference of Southern States	October 1-4	Eatonton, GA	Harriett Edwards (919) 515-9548
CALS Tailgate	October 3	Raleigh, NC	Shannon McCollum (919) 515-8486
All American QH Congress Educational Contests	October 13-15	Columbus, OH	Lori Stroud (919) 515-5788
NC 4-H Ambassador Program Fall Deadline	October 15	Raleigh, NC	Shannon McCollum (919) 515-8486
NC State Fair and Alley of Breeds	October 15-25	Raleigh, NC	
Introductory Horse Judging Short Course	October 24-25	Raleigh, NC	Lori Stroud (919) 515-5788
Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup Educational Contests	November 6-8	Louisville, KY	Lori Stroud (919) 515-5788
4-H State Council Conference	November 14-15	Raleigh, NC	Sarah Kotzian (919) 515-8480
Open Horse Show Judges' Certification	November 21-22	Raleigh, NC	Lori Stroud (919) 515-5788
Horse Bowl Questions Due to EHH	January 4, 2016	By email	Lori Stroud llstroud@ncsu.edu
Tri-State Horse Leader's Conference	Jan. 16-17, 2016	Greensboro, NC	Lori Stroud (919) 515-5788
Youth Horse Bowl, Hippology, and Judging Training Clinic	January 23, 2016	Raleigh, NC	Lori Stroud (919) 515-5788
NC State Horse Bowl Contest	March 5, 2016	Raleigh, NC	Lori Stroud (919) 515-5788
NC State 4-H Horse Show	July 6-10, 2016	Raleigh, NC	Lori Stroud (919) 515-5788

2015 State Portfolio Winners

The 4-H Portfolio (formerly known as Cumulative Record) is an accumulation of up to three years of 4-H project work in a major project area. Records are submitted in age categories of 13-15 and 16-18. This year, the following youth were named State Winners in the Horse Portfolio:

13-15	Award	Recipient	County
	Gold	Nicole Worth	Johnston
	Silver	Victoria Robey	Currituck
	Bronze	Micah Furr	Rowan
16-18	Award	Recipient	County
	Gold	Sophia Sharp	Catawba
	Silver	Kasey Boger	Catawba

2016 Youth Horse Bowl, Hippology, and Horse Judging Training Clinic

Youth and adults interested in learning how to excel as competitors and coaches in competitive 4-H, FFA and inter-collegiate horse judging contests are invited to attend the training session on **January 23, 2016 at North Carolina State University**. The clinic participants are divided into three categories based on their experience level (beginner, intermediate, and advanced) and are then divided into break-out groups that allow for individual attention and hands-on, critical thinking activities.

The topics for our horse judging groups include judging Hunter in Hand (beginner), USEF Hunter Under Saddle (intermediate), and judging and scoring Western Horsemanship (advanced). All experience levels will also develop oral reasons on their classes.

We hold a mock Hippology contest where participants of all experience levels are able to take a Hippology exam, IDs, and stations in a constructive, learning-centered environment.

Our Horse Bowl portion of the clinic involves randomized teams within experience levels playing each other in a "mock contest" format! Participants will learn about scoring, rules, and the type of questions to study for and expect in a real contest!

Our instructors for 2016 include Alaina Cross (NCSU Extension Associate - NC 4-H Horse Program), Lori Stroud (NCSU Extension Assistant - NC 4-H Horse Program), Taylor Knittel (NCSU Student Worker - Extension Horse Husbandry), and many former NC State Horse Bowl, Horse Judging, and Hippology team members! (Specific instructors to be announced.)

The fee for the clinic is \$10.00 per person. Checks should be made payable to NCSU and can be paid the day of the clinic. Coaches and parents are welcome to attend with youth, at no charge. The link to the registration is posted below:

[Youth Educational Contest Clinic Registration](#)

Over Herd

NC 4-H Horse Program News

2015 State Artistic Expression and Creative Writing Winners

Thank you to all the youth that participated in the Artistic Expression and Creative Writing Contests. Artistic Expression submissions were judged during the State 4-H Horse Show in July. A special thank you to our volunteer Lissy Newton, for all her hard work organizing the event, securing judges and tabulating the results! A complete list of winners is available on the NC 4-H Horse Program website, under [NC 4-H Horse Program Educational Contest Results](#).

Here is a summary of the winners in each category:

Category	Name	County
<u>Artistic Expression</u>		
Junior Sewing	Michaela Quinlan	Wake
Senior Sewing	Caroline Sinden	Burke
Junior Craft	Annemarie Akers	Granville
Senior Craft	Shelby Balmas	Cabarrus
Junior Drawing	Micah Ellington	Harnett
Senior Drawing	Kirsten Gregory	Chatham
Jr. Digitally Altered Photo	Annemarie Akers	Granville
Sr. Digitally Altered Photo	Kaylyn Gise	Union
Junior Painting	Willow Gatewood	Rockingham
Senior Painting	Madison Dahl	Union
Junior Photography	Abby Holsomback	Granville
Senior Photography	Cara Neely	Rockingham
Junior Poster	Allison Akers	Granville
Senior Poster	Shelby Balmas	Cabarrus
<u>Creative Writing</u>		
Junior Essay	Allison Akers	Granville
Senior Essay	Ashley Oyler	New Hanover
Junior Poetry	Ella Holsomback	Granville
Senior Poetry	Lauren Winslow	Pasquotank
Junior Short Story	Annie Winter	Wake
Senior Short Story	Chloe Pacyna	Wake



Above: Chatham County 4-Her Maddie Edwards teaches clinic participants about judging stock type halter at the 2015 youth clinic.

BLM Begins Emergency Round Up of Nevada Wild Horses

Due to drought conditions in Nevada, the Bureau of Land Management has begun rounding up and providing emergency care for 80 to 100 wild horses. This is occurring in the Cabin Spring Area, about 30 miles northwest of Ely and began on September 25th. Drought conditions are being closely monitored but are worsening. Water remains limited at the spring, which is the only perennial water source for 16 miles. The Cabin Spring area is being supplemented with water troughs, but even that is not quite enough. Seven horses have died and four more were euthanized due to poor body condition and/or acute injuries. Hay and water is being used to round up the horses with a body condition score of 1 to 3. Wild horses with a BCS of 2 or less are at risk of death if they remain on the range. Horses removed from the range will be transported to the National Wild Horse and Burro Center, 20 miles north of Reno in Palomino City, Nevada. They will be prepared for the BLM's adoption program.

<http://www.thehorse.com/articles/36485/blm-begins-emergency-wild-horse-gather-in-nevada>

Valegro

Valegro is a 2002 KWPN (Dutch Warmblood) gelding ridden by British equestrian Charlotte Dujardin. The pair currently hold the world record for all three Grand Prix dressage levels:

- Grand Prix - 87.460%, set December 2014 at the London Olympia (previous record holder - Charlotte Dujardin and Valegro, 87.129%)
- Grand Prix Special - 88.022%, set April 2012 at the Hagen CDI4* (previous record holder - Edward Gal and Totilas, 85.708%)
- Grand Prix Freestyle - 94.30%, set December 2014 at the London Olympia (previous record holder - Charlotte Dujardin and Valegro - 93.975%)

Below is a link to their world record-setting freestyle performance at the 2014 Olympia. They also won gold for Great Britain in Individual and Team Dressage at the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

[2014 London Olympia CDI-W Freestyle Dressage - Valegro](#)

Behind the scenes, however, the horse affectionately known as Blueberry is so much more than an Olympic Games, World Games, and World Cup Final champion. He is loved by fans and his team, both young and old - including Luca, the 15-month-old son of team veterinarian Andrew Buthe. He was Luca's first mount and "he absolutely lights up when he sees Blueberry." We can all agree that Luca is one lucky kid!

[Blueberry the Babysitter](#)

[10 Reasons Why the World Loves Charlotte and Valegro](#)



Above, Left: Charlotte and Valegro compete in the 2013 European Dressage Championships freestyle competition. Above, Right: Luca Buthe gets a ride on Valegro after winning his 2015 European Championships title. Also pictured are Charlotte and dad, Andrew Buthe DVM.

Straight from the Horse's Mouth Horse Industry News

New Portuguese Breed Has Old Roots

An island called Terceira in the Azores in Portugal is home to a small but growing population of the world's newest breed of equine: the Terceira Pony. The breed was formally recognized last year, but has been a large part of agricultural and cultural activities on the island for centuries. The current population numbers about 100 ponies. Researchers at the University of Azores conducted a study on the ponies. DNA was collected from 52 ponies, and 28 body measurements of 30 different ponies were taken to construct a phenotype of the breed. The average pony is about 12 and a half hands tall. The DNA testing showed genetic diversity similar to the Lusitano and other breeds of the Iberian region of Europe. To promote and preserve genetic diversity, the stud book of the Terceira Pony will remain open for three years to allow for the breeding of horses of different origins and phenotypes.

<http://equusmagazine.com/article/newly-recognized-breed-roots-29013>

NC News Spotlight

Blister Beetle Poisoning Kills 5 Horses

North Carolina officials issued a stop-sale order on all alfalfa hay received from Kansas. 5 horses have died of blister beetle poisoning in our state. All 5 were fed alfalfa hay originating from Kansas that was sold at either Murphy Farm Hay and Feed in Louisburg or Jones Farm Hay and Feed in Middlesex. Murphy Farm Hay and Feed distributed the alfalfa to Jones Farm Hay and Feed. The store owners voluntarily recalled the hay when they learned about the possible contamination and are cooperating with inspectors from the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Notification of owners who may have purchased the hay has begun. Agriculture commissioner Steve Troxler has said that department feed inspectors are conducting tracebacks to determine if any other feed stores in state purchased alfalfa hay from the same source in Kansas.

Blister beetles contain a poisonous chemical called cantharidin that causes blisters on the skin within hours of contact. When ingested, cantharidin is lethal in doses as small as half a milligram per kilogram of body weight - about 125 blister beetles for an average-sized horse. The toxin negatively affects the horse's digestive and urinary systems and death can occur within 72 hours of ingestion. The toxin is still potent in dead blister beetles. [NCDCA Press Release](#)



Left: Blister beetle, courtesy of NCD&CS.

Alley of Breeds at the NC State Fair

The North Carolina Horse Council will be conducting an “Alley of Breeds” designed to introduce new-comers to the diversity of the horse in a comfortable and backstage setting. Raleigh families, youth groups, 4-H and FFA groups, Girl/Boy Scouts, and field trip school groups are welcome to contact the North Carolina Horse Council to make a reservation for a special showing of the Alley of Breeds. **This educational exhibit will be open all 10 days of the Fair from 9 am to 6 pm. The NC State Fair runs from October 15-25, 2015 in Raleigh.**

The participants will be able to see and touch live horses and talk with horse specialists from 10 unique breeds and if desired may sign up for a free 5 Minute Riding Lesson. On Wednesday, October 21-24 only, a live Parade of the Breeds will be held at 5:15 pm. Each participant will come away with a folder including information on the Distinguishing Features, Origin, Size and Color of 10 distinct breeds along with a fun coloring page of each breed. In addition, facts about the Horse Industry in North Carolina and the Horses’ role in agriculture will be presented. During their time at the Hunt Horse Complex the students will also have the opportunity to hunt for the Red Horse Shoe and win a large stuffed horse! We hope to make everyone’s trip memorable and draw our young people outdoors into the wonderful world of horses and NC agriculture.

Don’t let your youth group miss out on this exciting and new educational event at the 2015 North Carolina State Fair: “Nothing Could be Finer than a Horse in Carolina”. Call 919-854-1990 or email cheryl@nchorsecouncil.com to schedule your groups’ private showing.

Horse Show Patterns Survey Results

Over the last several years, most large breed circuits and horse shows have chosen to post patterns online, prior to the start of the show. Since this practice is gaining in popularity, the members of the 2014-2015 NC 4-H Horse Program Advisory Council voted to post patterns before the start of the 2015 NC State 4-H Horse Show. The patterns for Showmanship, Equitation, Horsemanship, Trail, Ranch Horse, Adaptive and Versatility classes were available for download on the 4-H Horse Program website starting June 25, 2015. After the show concluded, exhibitors and parents were invited, via email, to participate in a survey to evaluate the impact and outcome of exhibitors having access to patterns prior to the show. The survey was developed using Qualtrics, an online survey software, and the survey was available for one month.

Thirty-five youth, including 9% Cloverbud, 6% Little Britches, 37% Juniors and 49% Seniors completed the survey. Of those 35 youth, 33 accessed the patterns and 31 practiced the patterns before arriving at the show. Thirty-seven adults, including parents, club leaders and Extension Agents completed the survey.

Youth and adults answered similar questions regarding how having access to the patterns prior to the show impacted different variables (Table 1). When asked to respond, using a scale of 1 (minimized or made less) to 5 (maximized or made greater), mean responses of both the youth and adults were as follows:

The Right Lead Tips and Tricks for Club Leaders

Service Spotlight

Heifer International is an organization that helps promote sustainable agriculture in third world countries. “We empower families to turn hunger and poverty into hope and prosperity – but our approach is more than just giving them a handout. Heifer links communities and helps bring sustainable agriculture and commerce to areas with a long history of poverty. Our animals provide partners with both food and reliable income, as agricultural products such as milk, eggs and honey can be traded or sold at market. When many families gain this new sustainable income, it brings new opportunities for building schools, creating agricultural cooperatives, forming community savings and funding small businesses.”

Money donated to Heifer International can be given as a flat donation or you can purchase an animal to send to a family. Animals and their prices range anywhere from honeybees (\$30) and a flock of chicks (\$20) to a pig (\$120) and a heifer (\$500). The organization has helped 22.6 million families lift themselves out of poverty. Their “teach a man to fish” philosophy empowers not only families, but entire communities. Consider fundraising for Heifer International to help end poverty while promoting agriculture.

<http://www.heifer.org/>

Table 1

Youth and Adult responses regarding how access affected their/their child’s show experience

	Anxiety	Comfort	Stress	Fun	Show Ability	Ability to Learn
Youth	1.85	3.45	1.85	3.91	4.21	4.63
Adults	2.11	4.20	1.94	3.83	4.17	4.34

When asked, *Would you like to see patterns several days before every horse show in the future*, 100% of adults and 97% of youth said yes; 3% of the youth said no.

Based on survey responses from both exhibitors and adults, providing early access to patterns for the 2015 NC State 4-H Horse Show provided several benefits and was a positive experience. It created lower anxiety and stress levels for youth. In addition, early pattern posting also increased the ability of youth to learn the patterns and show their horses.

Tennessee Walking Horse Halter

The Judges Card

Tune up your judging skills!



Back to the Basics: Stock Type Halter - Answer Key

Please see the [August Newsletter](#) for the quiz.

1. Horse 2
2. Horse 1
3. Horse 1
4. Horse 2
5. Horse 1
6. Horse 2
7. Horse 1
8. Horse 2
9. Horse 2
10. Horse 1
11. Horse 1
12. Horse 1
13. Horse 1
14. Horse 1

We're on Social Media!

Facebook: [NC 4-H Horse Program](#)

Twitter: [@nc4horse1](#)

Pinterest: [NC 4-H Horse Program](#)

Instagram: [@nc4horse1](#)

What IS That?

How well do you know your breeds and their countries of origin? Test your knowledge with this short quiz!



A Bit More

Horse Bowl Practice Question

What are the 2 nutrients required for life by horses in all situations?

Previous question: What is the TPR of a mature horse at rest?

Answer: Temperature - 99-101 degrees Fahrenheit, Pulse - 35-45 beats per minute, Respiration - 8-16 breaths per minute

Answer Key - August Edition

Can my horse eat that? Potato - no (choking hazard); Chocolate - no (is toxic, similar to dogs); Watermelon - yes; Broccoli - no (can cause severe gas in large quantities); Coca Cola - yes; Muffins - yes. **The main thing to remember when feeding treats is MODERATION!**



Above: NC 4-Hers participate in the Parade of States at the 2015 Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championships in Perry, Georgia.



Tri-State Horse Leaders' Conference

Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina are teaming up to host the Tri-State Horse Leaders' Conference January 16-17, 2016. The event will be held at the Guilford County Extension Office in Greensboro, NC. The conference will feature speakers and topics for both new and veteran horse club leaders. This event will also feature a certification for Equine Measurers and a NC 4-H Steward Training. Rooms have been reserved at:

Holiday Inn Express & Suites
3111 Cedar Park Rd.

Greensboro, NC 27405

Phone: [336-697-0101](tel:336-697-0101) / Fax: [336-697-0103](tel:336-697-0103)

\$84.99/night plus 12.75% tax

28 rooms have been reserved for check in Jan 15 and check out Jan 17. The cutoff date for this block is 1/1/16. Rates after 1/1/16 are \$104.00. Be sure to ask for the Tri State 4-H Horse Leaders Conference rate when booking your rooms.

Registration forms will be made available soon- please check the EHH website for updates!



**Equestrian Western Club at NC State and
North Central District 4-H**

Holiday Classic Open Horse Show

Saturday & Sunday December 5th & 6th 2015

Gov. James B. Hunt Horse Complex

Divisions Include:

**Over fences, Field Hunter, Huntseat, Western
Pleasure, Working Western, Non-trotting/Saddleseat,
Dressage Suitability**

****New This Year! ****

***4-H Alumni Horsemanship and Huntseat Equitation
Class***

**Will be held Saturday Evening after regular program!
Start Time: Pending**

Class Entry Fee: \$9.00/class

For Updates:

<http://www.holidayclassicopenhorseshow.com/>

Looking to be a class, division, or show sponsor?

Please Contact:

Richard Isley (336) 908-3302

Eric Tedder (919) 427-7621

Email equestrianwestern-club@ncsu.edu

Advertisements

Boots-n-Buckles 4-H Club Fun Show

The Stanly County Boots-n-Buckles 4-H Club is holding a Fun Show (featuring Western, English, Gaited and Games classes) on October 17 at the Stanly County Fairgrounds. To download a copy of the class list and to learn more details about the show, be sure to visit their Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Boots-N-Buckles-4H-Club-1404166533190955/timeline/>

NCSU Introductory Horse Judging Short Course

October 24-25, NCSU Campus

This short course is designed for individuals with limited horse show judging experience, coaches of youth judging teams, FFA instructors and all individuals interested in becoming judges or in attending the Open Horse Show Judge's Certification Clinic. Emphasis will be placed on teaching the judging systems appropriate for judging various classes in the western, hunt seat, saddle seat and non-trotting divisions. For more information, including registration forms and hotel information, please click on this link:

<http://equinehusbandry.ces.ncsu.edu/equinehusbandry-horse-judging-short-course/>

Open Horse Show Judges' Certification Clinic

November 21-22, NCSU Campus

The 31st Annual North Carolina Open Horse Show Judges' Certification Clinic will be held on North Carolina State University's Main Campus in Raleigh, NC. This clinic is designed to provide individuals who are, or aspire to be, horse show judges with practical "hands on" experience in judging saddle seat, hunt seat, non-trotting and western classes. Participating judges will have an opportunity to judge 20-26 conformation and performance classes, complete a required 50 question exam in each of the four divisions, and receive certification in these four divisions. For more information, including registration forms and hotel information, please click on this link:

<http://equinehusbandry.ces.ncsu.edu/equinehusbandry-open-horse-show-judges-certification-clinic/>