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CALENDAR

- July 12 - 3rd Quarter OHHA Meeting
Members are always welcome for lunch and
the general session at noon., please RSVP by
calling the OHHA office at 614-221-3650
- July 24 - Ohio State Racing Commission Meeting
10 a.m. Rife Center, Room 1948
77 S. High St., Columbus, OH
- August 28 & 29 - Summer Mixed Sale
9:30 a.m.
Champions Center
Springfield, Ohio

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From Your OHHA President, Kevin Greenfield

Over the last four years I have been your President, the advent of VLT legislation has allowed the OHHA to experience unprecedented growth and development. Membership has nearly doubled to around 4,000 members. Stakes programs such as the Ohio Sires Stakes, The Buckeye Stallion Series, the Fairs, the State Fair Stakes and the Ohio Breeder's Championship have all experienced significant growth in purses and participation. Breeder's Awards have added a much needed revenue stream to Ohio breeders. The OHHA Health and Retirement Programs and On Track Sulky Insurance are three of the finest programs in North America for horsemen and women. Finally, OHHA efforts to enhance the good will of the industry have been implemented, such as Charity Night at Scioto, Racing With the Stars along with other marketing efforts, have resulted in Ohio being at the forefront of growth in the industry.

None of this success would be possible without the tremendous efforts of your OHHA staff, Board of Directors and volunteers who freely give their time to aid the sport they all love. I truly would be remiss not specifically mentioning these people, because without them, Ohio would not be the program it has become. It all starts with our staff who do not get enough recognition for their splendid efforts.

Renée Mancino, your Executive Director, runs the agency on a day to day basis. Renée is a tireless worker and a staunch advocate for OHHA. She has put together a staff that is experienced, works well together and achieves results. She has been instrumental in installing the latest technology in the office which allows your staff to meet the ever changing needs of our membership. Renée is also well connected with important leaders in our industry and keeps track of trends and changes in the laws and the happenings at the Ohio Legislature. Renée does an outstanding job handling the sometimes thankless day-to-day challenges that arise in our industry.

Cheri Johnson is your Office Administrator. Many times she is the first contact you have when you call or contact our office.

Cheri is tasked with many of the administrative day-to-day duties that are essential to our membership. Suffice it to say, they are too numerous to mention in this letter. Cheri has been instrumental in the smooth operation of the office.

Regina Mayhugh is your Communications Director. She is responsible for overseeing the OHHA magazines, newsletters, stallion directory, press releases along with several other tasks too numerous to mention. Our membership is well informed and current on all the latest developments thanks to Regina.

Linda Nance is your Benefits Administrator for the Harness Horsemen's Health and Retirement Programs. Under Linda's direction and with her expertise, the programs have grown in stature and are well run. Linda is a tireless worker who contributes significantly to the success of our Association.

Deborah Martinez-Morales is our Senior Accountant tasked with overseeing all of the income and expenses that flow into or out of the Association. Her efforts are critical to the Board and staff and allows them to make informed and responsible decisions with how to spend money on the programs we administer. Deborah has been a valuable addition to the association.

Susan Schroeder is your Project Coordinator. Susan's duties include a myriad of things from administering the Breeder's Awards Program to supervising our Racing With the Stars Program to being our Fair liaison. Susan is out in the field this summer promoting harness racing in Ohio for OHHA. The experience she has brought to OHHA has been invaluable.

Hard at work again this summer are the two Ohio Fair Racing Conference Regional Coordinators, Bill Peters and Todd Brown. Bill and Todd are responsible for coordinating efforts between the fair boards and horsemen to put on great racing programs at the 22 OFRC fairs. They not only work the summer months but also spend the off season interacting with their fair boards to make sure everything runs smoothly when race day comes around.

The Ohio fairs Racing with the Stars interactive exhibit has grown so popular that OHHA has added more staff to be able to accommodate all the race days that have been requested. The eye catching red and black tent has become a gathering spot at each fair for fans to be educated and entertained. New activities this summer include texting trivia and a contest where fans can "own" a horse for a race with the winner receiving a prize package that includes a \$25 gift card to their local grocery store. Thom Pye and Kim Sloan have returned to work the tent again this summer and are joined by

Taylor Johnston and Keith Gisser. These 4 individuals work hard on race day and are also sending our press releases both pre and post fair to the fairs local media outlets as well as industry sites. They are spreading good news about harness racing at the grass roots level and we thank them for their efforts.



Your Track Representatives are Amy Hollar at Northfield Park and Brett Merkle at Scioto Downs, Miami Valley Gaming and Hollywood Dayton Raceway. Amy and Brett handle the day to day issues of horsemen and women at the tracks and have done so in splendid fashion for several years. Many times they have the thankless job of being put in a position as a liaison between track management and horseman to try to resolve issues that arise from time to time. Their efforts are to be applauded.

Finally, I would be remiss not mentioning the work of your Board of Directors and your Vice President, Steve Bateson. The OHHA has grown and is tasked with numerous important financial and industry responsibilities in which it must act prudently and progressively. Your Board members volunteer their precious time to meet and make these important decisions without remuneration. It is because of their love and dedication that you enjoy the benefits the Association has to offer.

Vice President Steve Bateson deserves special mention. Steve developed the Buckeye Stallion Series program which filled a major void for an intermediate stakes program for two and three year olds which has grown dramatically in popularity. Over the last four years, Steve has sacrificed work and pleasure time to work long hours for the Association on numerous important issues for the benefit of the Association and its members again, with no remuneration. We are lucky to have him as part of our Association.

In closing, I want to thank again each and everyone of our staff, Board Members, Officers, and volunteers of the OHHA for making Ohio the premier program for Harness Racing in North America!

Regularly Scheduled Ohio Racing Commission Meeting Recap

from Tuesday, May 22, 2018

by Renée Mancino

In normal business for the Commission the [Executive Director's Approval items were introduced and the April 24, 2018 Minutes were offered for ratification](#). On the minutes, clarification on the prior month's consideration of the Edward Telle and Peggy S. Dupler-Telle v. Merkle matter was provided regarding suspension of both licensees without judgement satisfaction. The O.A.C. 3769-15-31(B) (2) Fair Waivers submitted for applying preference on Fair entries were discussed in the approval items. No documents relative to the approvals were provided or disclosed to those in attendance. The Racing Commission unanimously ratified the Executive Director's Approval items and April 24th Meeting Minutes.

[The 2018 costs for medication and testing were outlined and discussed](#). In considering Resolution 2018-04 Cost of Testing, the Racing Commission set out the 2017 testing costs of one drug test per race deducted from the purse pool per race from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 as \$1,735,775.50 at pari-mutuel racetracks and \$49,649.68 at County Fairs. The OSRC costs were approximately \$385,000. To commence July 1, 2018 the new testing fee deducted will be; \$188.80 per Standardbred race and \$181.40 per Thoroughbred race. The cost per race is higher for Standardbred testing due to the sixty-seven racing fairs, which increases the amount as compared to Thoroughbred testing. The Racing Commission unanimously ratified Resolution 2018-4 approving the costs to be deducted from the purse pools per test for July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

[Director Soobeng Tan appeared to present the Ohio Department of Agriculture's Analytical Toxicology Laboratory's \(ATL\) 2017 annual report](#). The Director outlined that the lab has held the RMTCLab accreditation since 2015 and continues to hold the "gold standard", ISO/IEC 17025 Accreditation since 2010, which is the best and highest standard accreditation

available for a drug and testing lab. Director Soobeng Tang provided the 2017 testing statistics. 21,681 tests were performed at the seven commercial racetracks and 67 County Fairs, 11,118 blood tests, 8,082 urine tests, and 2,481 TCO2 tests. In 2017, 134 of those were considered positive tests with 61 Thoroughbred and 73 Standardbred positive tests, or a rate of 5.4 per 1,000 tests. Standardbred numbers included, 8,528 blood samples, 5,969 urine samples, and 2,212 TCO2 tests with 73 positive tests, or 4.3 per 1,000 tests.

Of the tests, 1 was an ARCI Class One substance (highest potential for performance enhancement), 9 were Class Two, 13 were Class Three, and 86 were Class Four (therapeutic medications), with 8 non-classified substances. 53% of the positive tests were non-steroidal, anti-inflammatories (Flunixin, Phenylbutazone) with 13 being "stacking" violations, with more than one NSAID present. Compared to the 2016 statistics, the positive test rate per 1,000 tests were slightly up. 2016 saw 83 positive tests, with 48 Standardbred and 35 Thoroughbred, or 3.8 per 1,000 samples tested.

Director Tan provided the human sample test statistics for 2017. 101 urine samples were collected with a positive test finding in 16 of those tests for a rate of 15.8%.

[Eldorado Scioto Downs' Senior Vice President Operations East Region, Glenn Carano and Racing Operations Manager, Stacy Cahill appeared to provide an update on the facility plans](#). They brought an artist's rendering of the renovations scheduled to be completed at the facility (seen below).



The 59-year-old, 3,500 seat Grandstand would be replaced by an open-air grandstand with an 800-person capacity. The new grandstand would be placed in the area that the temporary grandstand (which seats 300) is currently located, more forward on the property overlooking the racetrack. The grandstand concessions and mutual windows will remain in their existing locations. Ms. Cahill emphasized that the view to the racetrack would be excellent for patrons. The process of relocating the utilities located under the existing Grandstand would commence after completion of the 2018 racing season. The old Grandstand and Penthouse demolition would occur after racing in 2019 and the new grandstand would be in place for the 2020 racing season.

A recap on the horse racing fatalities was provided by Dr. James Robertson to date. It was noted that the numbers reported are for training and racing related catastrophic breakdowns analogous to the Jockey Club's reporting requirements, sudden deaths that occur during or after a race. There were four Thoroughbred and one Standardbred fatalities. Year-to date totals were, sixteen Thoroughbred fatalities and four Standardbred racing related fatalities statewide.

The Monthly Racing Commission financial report was provided with revenue positive through April due to the Casino Commission being up and Fines having increased. Although revenue is commensurate with last fiscal year, expenses are up 7% over the previous fiscal year with payroll and maintenance down 8%. Overall revenue is up \$80,000 through April. Expenses for the office lease will decrease significantly with the reduction in space and a yearly price reduction from \$96,000 a year to \$38,000 a year. The Ohio State Racing Commission Operating account balance is \$2,069,000 Million.

The Racing Commission adjourned into Executive Session to discuss, employment hiring, and employee-related compensation. Upon conclusion of the Executive Session there would be no further business, so the Motion and Vote was taken to adjourn into Executive Session and conclude the meeting.

For a transcript of the meeting contact the State Racing Commission. The next scheduled Racing Commission meeting date is July 24, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Riffe Center, 77 S. High St., Columbus, Ohio.

Have you been to a county fair yet? Make sure you and your friends visit the Racing with the Stars tent! It is filled with even MORE fun than in 2017! A new hit this year is text trivia! Spread the word. Lots of fun and prizes!



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Get to Know Your Legislator

Senator Bob Hackett State Senator for the 10th Senate District

Senator Bob Hackett currently represents all of Clark, Greene and Madison Counties, which encompasses approximately 330,000 people. Bob is a lifelong resident of the district where he attended London High School and served as Captain of the undefeated football team. This achievement earned Bob All-League and All-State Honors, which led to his recent induction into the London High School Sports Hall of Fame. Bob continued his education at Columbia University, where he received his B.A. in Economics; earned All-Ivy Honors in football and was awarded top scholar of the football team. Following college, Bob returned to the district and worked in agriculture for six years and then began his career in the financial services industry – becoming the founder of Central Ohio Financial Management Group LLC, where he has remained for the past twenty six years.



Having served as a Madison County Commissioner and now in the Ohio Senate, he has enacted safeguards to preserve rural traditions which are important to the region. As a County Commissioner, Bob was successful in incorporating zoning system changes, which created a comprehensive plan which preserves agriculture. This plan is highly praised throughout the state and currently serves as a role model for other counties. In addition, Bob worked to successfully attract new industry to the region and further created solutions which avoided increases in local taxes. Bob was a driving force behind the County Employee Benefits Consortium of Ohio (CEBCO), which through competitive bargaining has saved participating and non-participating counties thousands of dollars toward their healthcare costs.

As a State Senator serving his first term, Bob's priorities are to stimulate the economic growth of our state, exercise fiscal responsibility, lessen the tax burden on our citizens and maintain jobs. Currently, Bob serves as Chairman of the Finance Health and Medicaid Subcommittee, Chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, Vice Chairman of the Insurance and Financial Institutions Committee; and as a member of the Health, Human Services and Medicaid, Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs and Ways and Means Committees. Furthermore, Bob has achieved a perfect attendance voting record.

Bob has served in numerous leadership roles, including positions with the Madison County Hospital; Choctaw Lake Property Owners Association; Madison County Farmland Preservation Task Force; the Entrepreneurship Institute of Ohio; Watchdog of the Treasury and is currently a member of the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC). Bob supports many community organizations, including The Mercator Club; The Madison County Hospital Foundation; Madison County Historical Society; Madison County Friends of the Park; Madison County Chapter of National Association of Mental Illness (NAMI) and A Friend's House – a local domestic violence shelter.

Bob's election to the Ohio Senate is a culmination of his political and professional experiences. Bob is a member of Saint Patrick's Parish in London, and most importantly to him are his wife of more than 25 years, Sue, their son, Seth, daughter-in-law Lauren and his granddaughter, Preslee.

- bio is from the office of Senator Bob Hackett



*OHHA sends our
condolences to family
and friends of
James M. Folk,
Stella Hagemeyer and
Antoinette Linden*

2018 Foal of the Month

**It's a Colt!
Truly Noble**

Nob Hill High- Truly Rosa
Submitted by Brian Boring, Jennifer Vollmer

Send in your foal photos to
rmayhugh@ohha.com! Your photo may just be
in the next OHHA publication!



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Grove City, OH 43123

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All P.A.C.E.R. donations go to a candidate's campaign funds. The OHHA offices receive calls every week from state legislators asking for campaign donations as they attempt to raise campaign financing throughout the year.

A special Thank You to those who donate!

*Corporate checks are not acceptable for PAC donations- LLC checks only are acceptable for PAC donations

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Ohio Track News

Racing Milestones - Congratulations to Young, Wrenn & Wright!

Kato Young began his racing career in 2017 with his first start at Jackson County (Wellston, OH) Fair, July 17, 2017. His first 2018 start was June 17th at the Pickaway County Fair, where he also had his first career win driving Heavy Duty K for trainer Steve Carter.

Peter Wrenn reached his 10,000th career win on June 19th at Hoosier Park. He has become the 14th driver to reach 10,000 driving wins.

Mariah Wright started her driving career with a bang! Her first drive was in the Ladies Pace at Paulding County (Paulding, OH) Fair on June 13th where she won. She raced again in the Ladies Pace Series at Putnam County (Ottawa, OH) Fair on June 26th for her second start and second win!

Buckeye Stallion Series

The three-year-olds have had a great start. The two-years-olds started their series July 3rd.

Congratulations to the winners so far:

3-Year-Old Colt Pace	May 5	Charlie Call Home, Big CC's Rock, Cass Delight Rock
	June 8	Gotarockinmypocket, Harambre Deo, Goingtocalifornia
		Yankee Osborne, Modern Rock As, Panimal Kingdom, Dancin Dragon, Goingtocalifornia, Rock On Creek
3-Year-Old Colt Trot	May 5	Jeffrey P, Ride The Rails, High Defination As, Priest Man, Last Mission
	June 14	Jeffrey P, Showboat, Sugar Top, High Defination As
3-Year-Old Filly Trot	May 7	Infrontandforgetit, Bigs MVP, Moments Of Fire
	June 12	Kellie's MVP, Nice And Shiny As, She's On A Mission
3-Year-Old Filly Pace	May 7	Osborne's Ellie, Crosswind Butercup, Velocity Gretchen, Our Miss Reese
	June 1	Tura Lura Lural, Kay Again, Just Zip It, Velocity McSweets

Upcoming Buckeye Stallion Series Races:

2-Year-Old Colt Trot

July 3 & 18	Scioto Downs
August 7	Champaign Co. Fair
September 19	Delaware Co. Fair
October 6	Final at Northfield Park

2-Year-Old Colt Pace

July 5 & 17	Scioto Downs
August 7	Champaign Co. Fair
September 20	Delaware Co. Fair
October 6	Final at Northfield Park

3-Year-Old Trot

July 11	Scioto Downs
September 16	Delaware Co. Fair
October 6	Final at Northfield Park

3-Year-Old Colt Pace

July 21	Scioto Downs
September 17	Delaware Co. Fair
October 6	Final at Northfield Park

2-Year-Old Filly Trot

July 12	Scioto Downs
July 24	Lake Co. Fair
August 7	Champaign Co. Fair
September 19	Delaware Co. Fair
October 6	Final at Northfield Park

2-Year-Old Filly Pace

July 10 & 19	Scioto Downs
August 7	Champaign Co. Fair
September 20	Delaware Co. Fair
October 6	Final at Northfield Park

3-Year-Old Filly Trot

July 18	Scioto Downs
September 16	Delaware Co. Fair
October 6	Final at Northfield Park

3-Year-Old Filly Pace

July 26	Scioto Downs
September 17	Delaware Co. Fair
October 6	Final at Northfield Park

Points for the Buckeye Stallion Series can be found on the OHHA website www.ohha.com/horse-nomination-lists---standings.html

OHHA Recognizes June Outstanding Groom Award Winners

Mario Zito received the June Outstanding Groom Award for Northfield Park. Mario is 14 years old and grooms for Lisa Zgodzinski. "I never have to worry about him not showing up. He is very responsible and a hard worker. He displays proper behavior and is willing to work both day and night. He also has a great personality," shared Zgodzinski.

The Scioto Downs groom winner for June was Eileen Washington, from Clarksburg, Ohio. Dan Ater is her trainer and shared, "She is responsible for eight horses as well as other team entries on race day. She also fills in as shipper as she is needed." Eileen has been a groom since 2005 and started because of her love for horses. When Eileen isn't with the horse she is a taxi driver for her children, getting them to their various activities such as softball, baseball, cheer and anywhere else they need to go. In her limited spare time, Washington likes to go horseback riding.



Eileen Washington is the winner of the 1st 2018 Outstanding Groom award at Eldorado Gaming Scioto Downs, coincidentally she also grooms the People's Horse, Lucky Lime. Photo by Brett Merkle

Congratulations to both of these grooms and thank you for the hard work you do taking care of your horses and helping the stable run smoothly.

Trainers / Owners, don't forget to see your OHHA track representative to nominate your groom by filling out the 2018 Outstanding groom award application. Applications can also be found on the OHHA website under For Horsemen - Ohio Groom Appreciation Award (<https://www.ohha.com/for-horsemen.html>)



Mario Zito, Photo by Amy Hollar

Horsin' Around With- Eileen Washington

by Regina Mayhugh

I had previously interviewed with Eileen for the Horsin' Around With column. Here is a little more about Eileen.

Eileen is from New Holland, Ohio and has been a groom for two years. She works for Dan Ater Stable. She loves horses and enjoys what she does. The first horse she cared for was Can't Best My Art. She said one of the challenges in her job is breaking babies. "Where do I even start with breaking babies? It is hard to work seven days a week for 365 days a year. If you don't love the horses you are not in the right business," Eileen shared.

Eileen shared some of her favorite horses. "Lucky Lime He's technically my work pet. Kiss of Terror - He definitely has a one of a kind personality. Lieutenant Steve- I would swim him everyday and he would just cannonball into the pool. I would be soaked the rest of the day. I nicknamed him Scuba Steve."

Besides working with horses, Eileen's hobbies include softball, traveling and photography. Her favorite food is pizza and favorite television show is The Walking Dead.

Do you know a groom, breeder, owner, trainer or just someone involved in the business that would like to be highlighted in one of the OHHA publications? Contact the OHHA office or email rmayhugh@ohha.com.



Upcoming Fair Racing Dates

County / Independent Fairs July 15 - October

July	15	Franklin	16	Meigs
	16	Franklin and Ottawa	17	Meigs & Darke
	17	Ottawa & Carroll	18	Darke
	18	Fayette & Crawford	20	Lorain & Allen
	19	Warren & Crawford	21	Lorain, Monroe, Defiance & Allen
	21	Fayette, Union & Knox	22	Monroe & Darke
	22	Union	23	Darke
	23	Seneca & Knox	24	Defiance
	24	Lake, Knox, Seneca & Shelby	27	Morrow & Noble
	25	Lake, Shelby	28	Morrow & Noble
	27	Pike	29	Stark & Hancock
	28	Pike & Summit	30	Stark, Van Wert & Hancock
	29	Preble	31	Mahoning & Van Wert
	30	Wood, Columbiana & Preble	September 1	Richwood, Mahoning, Fulton & Geauga
	31	Columbiana, Wood & Auglaize	2	Richwood & Washington
August	1	Auglaize & Greene	3	Mahoning & Washington
	2	Greene	4	Fulton
	3	Athens	6	Hardin
	4	Athens & Ross	7 / 8	Morgan
	5	Ross & Richland	11	Wayne & Williams
	6	Richland	12 / 13	Wayne, Guernsey & Wyandot
	7	Champaign	16	Delaware
	8	Cuyahoga, Attica & Champaign	17	Delaware & Ashland
	9	Ashtabula, Hartford, Attica & Champaign	18 / 19	Delaware
	10	Astabula & Hartford	20	Delaware
	11	Hartford	21 / 22	Tuscarawas
	12	Mercer & Muskingum	23	Tuscarawas / Montgomery
	13	Mercer, Miami & Muskingum	29 / 30	Coschocton
	14	Henry & Miami	October 1	Coschocton
	15	Henry	10/11	Fairfield

2018 OHHA Membership Application

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Paulding's 2018 Racing Season Is In The Book

By Thom Pye

Paulding County Fair wrapped up its 2018 Ohio Fair Racing Conference Season with a fine evening of stakes, fun, and weather. Under a bright blue sky that made you "squint when you look at it" the Speed Committee offered nine locally-sponsored races over the well-manicured oval.

The OFRC \$3,225 3-year-old filly pace division first race was won by Bard and Tena in 2:03.2h as Ryan Holton catch drove the daughter of Feelin Friskie-Breathless Beauty for owner Mandy Jones of Greenville.

The second division, in memory of beloved resident Marie Davis, was taken by George Hensley's Princess Rougarou as last-minute pilot Ammon Hershberger hopped aboard the Bob Ward-trained filly by Big Bad Jon and snapped off a mile in 2:04 flat.

The 3rd OFRC filly pace division went to George Mijal's Believe in Waco (Believeincruiser-Waco Sharon) in a quick time of 2:02.2h as Michigan teamster Art Mc Ilmurray brought the Steve Novak-conditioned lifetime winner of \$140,000 plus home in 1:00.3 to hold off Eden's Lucky Charm (Big Bad John) and Beau Brown.

Pierce Henry got the seat on Steve Bateson/Jason Brewer's JL Striking Firefly in the \$3,215 OFRC 3-year-old filly trot and took the Jeff Brewer-trained daughter of Winning Fireworks to a new lifetime mark of 2:05.3 - last quarter in :30.2 - in her seasonal debut and illuminated the toteboard with a nice payoff of \$51.60 to win.



It was a happy crowd after Lori Davis' Upfront And Gone and Pierce Henry posted the fastest mile of the day as the Chad Williams-trained 3-year-old paced in 2:03.4h for his first win of the season. Photo and caption by Thom Pye.



Photo by Susan Schroeder.

Trainer and part owner Jim Mullinex of Wauseon rocked a maiden conditioned race with Absolut Rocks as he drove the 3-year-old Rockin Image gelding in 2:03.1h for his premier appearance of 2018.

The Paulding County Free For All Pace was testament to what an excellent job everyone connected to the track did as owner/trainer Gary Gilliland of Malinta, Ohio's 10-year-old Arizona Dawn and catch-driver Cameron McCown sizzled the timer with a mile in 1:58.3h. Out For A Rip (Roy Burns) was second as Light Up The Sky (Luke Hanners) was third... but there was not one cent bet to win on Arizona Dawn!

And in the Season's finale the Ohio Ladies Pace Series was a dawn of a new day as owner, trainer, driver 25-year-old Mariah Wright of Defiance Ohio deftly guided her gelding Star Chaser to victory in 2:03.4h (last half in :59.4) and scored her very first win in her very first driving attempt. Royal Delta with veteran Emily Hay was second as Casimir Oprea (Mandy Jones) rounded out the top three. Mariah paid a hefty \$68.00 to win too... now that is the Wright stuff.

It was a great time for all as we saw some quality racing, met new and old friends, and learned even more in this trivia-laden head of ours when a determined 9-year-old pointedly corrected me: "It's Pauldin'."

The Circle is complete at Circleville

By Thom Pye

The Pickaway County Fair hosted the Ohio Colt Racing Association from Saturday, June 16th through Monday June 18th and there were some surprisingly fast miles to start the three-

day event.

Trackmen kept the 72-year-oval in good shape over the winter and the very first race on Saturday, June 16, a \$2,667 division OCRA for 2-year-old pacing colts, introduced fans to the Clarence Foulk-owned/bred/trained BBlack Hole (Mr Apples-Feel The Thunder) as Brendan Johnson took the colt to victory with a mile in 2:03.1h, last quarter in :29.1 over a surface listed as "good."

Jeremy Smith piloted trainer/owner Jim Arledge Jr and Sharon Edelman's 3-year-old gelding Cinder Lane Holden to a new tab of 2:01.2h in a \$2,850 OCRA division as the 3-year-old gelding threw a last panel of :29.4 to hold off Will Of Fortune (Trevor Smith) and Ken Holliday aboard Uber Hanover.

Roger Hughes Jr. unleashed another 2-year-old trotter as he won by 6 with his gelding Rockys Wedding (Dontyouforgetit) in the \$2,798 OCRA division clipping off a mile of 2:06.4h.

Kayne Kauffman made the 19-mile trip south from Scioto Downs and scored the first of his three diving wins with Mike Guest's United Bi in the 1st division of the Macs Classic Open Trot. Macs Classic was a beloved equine resident of the Pickaway County Fairground who held court in Circleville for 18 of his 26 years teaching many a youngster "the ropes" in caring and driving a horse.

The day's 6th race, a \$2,850 OCRA division for 3-year-old colts, saw Dan Noble deftly team the Jim Pollock Jr- conditioned Reagan's Avenger over Dancing Dragon (Jason Brewer) and Pacin To Paydaze (Jeff Nissonger) as the Mark Ford-owned altered son of Dragon Again paced in a very quick 1:59.3h.

There were 15 well-contested races on a warm and enjoyable afternoon at Circleville.

It was a great day of racing, fun, and prizes on Sunday, June 17 as the Circleville oval offered a 9-race card including 7 Ohio Colt Racing Association stake races for young trotters and pacers.

The first division of the Bill Mayhugh Memorial conditioned pace was won by the 10-year-old Redbud as owner/trainer/driver Nick Turley of Columbus guided the gelding to a time of

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2:01.3h over Miss Meeko and Gorgeous Jimmy.

Bryan Weaver drove his pupil Missions Delight to victory in the \$3,487 OCRA division for 3-year-old trotting fillies as the daughter of Manyofmanymissions went a mile in 2:06.2h for owner Donna Anderson of Stoutsville.

The 2nd division of the Mayhugh was taken by the Scott Mc Quinn trained and driven Arringos as he won easily with the Keven Mc Quinn of Lebanon-owned gelding in 2:02 flat.

It started out as another fun day at the races for lifelong Circleville resident Tom May. May had been coming to the fairgrounds as a member of 4H, competing and showing, for years and one of his aspirations was to be in the Winners Circle.

When his name was announced to “come on over... you are going to be Racing with The Stars!” he was the first to arrive at the tent. As the 7 participants randomly drew their number to be matched with their horse for the race May was undeterred

when he pulled out the 6.

And when owner/driver Kato Young of Chillicothe shook loose from the rest of the 3-year-old OCRA trotters and stopped the timer in 2:04.4h with his gelding by Break The Bank, #6 Heavy Duty K, it was May that gave the loudest “whoop” in the grandstand.

As May’s wish came true and he posed with the other smiling well-wishers in the Pickaway Fairgrounds winner circle, it is he that is the happiest of all. Because for Tom May from Circleville, the Stars truly came out that day.

The Pickaway County Fair wrapped up its 2018 racing season as Sean Mayhugh with fellow speed committee members Sherri Fisher and Tami Hartman put together another enjoyable card of Ohio Colt Racing Association’s youngsters including a classically-fought Ohio Ladies Pace Series and a very competitive \$8,500 Steamin’ Demon Pace on Monday, June 18.



POP!!! AND ON TOP!!! In a matter of seconds Dan Noble takes the lead in the \$8,500 Steamin Demon with Jamestown, Ohio resident Rebecca Dwyer’s Chance I Might. Photo and caption by Thom Pye.

In the first \$2,986 OCRA two-year-old filly pace Dan Noble took Vin Conte’s daughter of Pet Rock-Belle, Marie Adorabella, into the Winners Circle by sizzling the half-mile oval in 2:02.3h over Martys Dream Girl and Rose Run Ultimate for her very first stake win.

Noble would take the 2nd half of the double with Lisa Gosselin of Eaton, Ohio’s Christina One (Dragon Again) in the \$3,468 OCRA filly pace as well when the Pat Melloy Jr-trained

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3-year-old added a new tab 2:01.2h over I'm Flying Free and Dragon Me Down.

David Swaney took his own and trained Big Bad John 3-year-old filly Milly B Gone and was gone in her \$3,468 OCRA division as she took a new lifetime mark over Grays Slick (Noble) and Bad Tigress(Bothman) in 2:02.3h over the Centerville oval.

The Mark Winters Sr.-conditioned How About Murph (Allamerican Native) and Jeff Nissonger took her 2-year-old \$2,986 OCRA pace with a time of 2:03.4h.

The Ohio Ladies Series produced another battle when veteran Emily Hay sent the team of owner Luke Hanner and trainer Alicia Hanner's Light Up The Sky wire-to-wire and held off an "upstart" first-time driver Amy Eubank and Art Degree in a scorcher of a mile in 2:02.1h. The 12-year-old Four Starzz Shark-Far Ahead Hanover by Abercromie gelding boasted a lifetime mark of 1:49.4f and had a tailor-made trip yet nobody bet him to win... WELL, I WAS TOO BUSY!!!

The Racing With The Stars contest brought another new face into the Winners Circle when participant "Feel Good" Phil Good enjoyed the win when the Jim Arledge Jr-trained Woodyoucolorwithme (Woodstock-Color My World) took her \$2,986 OCRA 2-year-old filly division in 2:05.1h. Jeremy Smith did the driving honors aboard the novice pacer.

In the Season's finale, the \$8,500 Steamin' Demon Pace, Scioto Downs' leading driver Dan Noble put Chance I Might right on the front and cut a rugged mile of 1:59.2h but Shawn Barker II staged a rockin' and a rollin' rally to get them in a photo.



Pickaway County 4-H clubs participate in the annual Outhouse Race. Photo by Thom Pye

Entertainment abounded with The Pickaway County High School Harness Challenge as four schools sent out their most-courageous teachers - along with a most-professional driver for support - and produced a closely-fought contest.

And although it was an uncharted race for the annual Pickaway County 4H Outhouse Race in the 11th, it was a mad dash to the wire and quite the relief when it was over.

Putnam County Fair concludes its 2018 Racing Program

by Thom Pye

Ottawa, Ohio - They had a watchful eye out for the weather as an early downpour put "a little water" on the track.

"We had an awful lot of rain this morning," said one worried volunteer as he stood by the fence. "We don't need any more. The track crew's been out there for awhile."

And through the diligent efforts of everyone involved, including a steadily drying westerly wind, announcer Doug Ballinger called the first race Western Ohio Colt Racing Association two-year-old pacers for the post parade, on schedule, at 5:00 p.m. Then it was Gerald Mijal's Tanner J who covered a mile in 2:03.2 for trainer Steve Novak as driver Art Mc Ilmurray idled him home by 8 open lengths.

The \$5,510 WOCRA 3-year-old filly trot put everyone one their toes in the grandstand as it was a rousing stretch drive between Ed Greeno Jr aboard Trot LLC's Dontstopdreaming (Dontyouforgetit) and eventual victor David Myers's Thisishe (My MVP) before a photo separated their noses.

Officially Nub, the Cameron McCown-trained and driven 3-year-old Art Official gelding, made the track crew's efforts official when he won the \$4,145 WOCRA by 15 as he paced the mile in 1:59.3, last quarter in :28 flat. CG's Boy Toy (Roger Hughes Jr) was 2nd as Park Official with Jeff Nisonger took 3rd. "Nub" would give Mc Cown a three-in-a-row driving triple for the day.

The Mark Winters Sr.-conditioned Dontforgetyourluck in the \$5,510 WOCRA 3-year-old filly trot gave Jeff Nisonger the first of his four-in-a-row as the LMN Bred Stable's daughter of Dontyouforgetit bested Momentsoffire and Party

Upfront in 2:07.

Nisonger and RJ Jetpac fired off an impressive mile in 2:00.2 in \$4,680 WOCRA 2-year-old colt pace as they sprinted home in :29.4, by six, over Doug's Jaxx (Duke Sugg) and Jim Tom driven by Mark Winters Jr.

The race was in honor of retiring Director Eleanor Risser's 36 years of service to the Putnam Fair.

Rockin M (Pet Rock) and Nisonger clipped off a handy mile in 2:01 for owners Rose & Berger Farms LLP of Xenia in the WOCRA 3-year-old cold 2nd division.

Indiana trainer and native Mervin Schmucker had driver Pierce Henry aboard Fix Up Farms' Mystical Rock in the 1st division of the Signature Series. The 5-year-old gelding by Rockin Image paced to victory in 1:59 and added to his lifetime winnings of over \$325,000.

The 12th race 2nd Signature Series division saw a game Light Up The Sky (Luke Hanners) cut the mile before being collared at the wire by Splended Party (Dan Venier) and winner Twinspeak as Jack Daily and the Randall Bond-owned 5-year-old gelding by Well Said stepped off a mile in 2:00.

Jeff Nisonger scored his fifth win of the day in 2018's season finale he when brought Scott Hagemeyer's 3-year-old gelding Pacin To Paydaze (World Of Rocknroll) home in 2:01.2 for trainer Mark Winters Sr. in the \$4,145 WOCRA 3rd division.

And as the smiling crowd walked out of the Putnam grandstand saying their goodbyes, most of them added "see you next week at Marion."



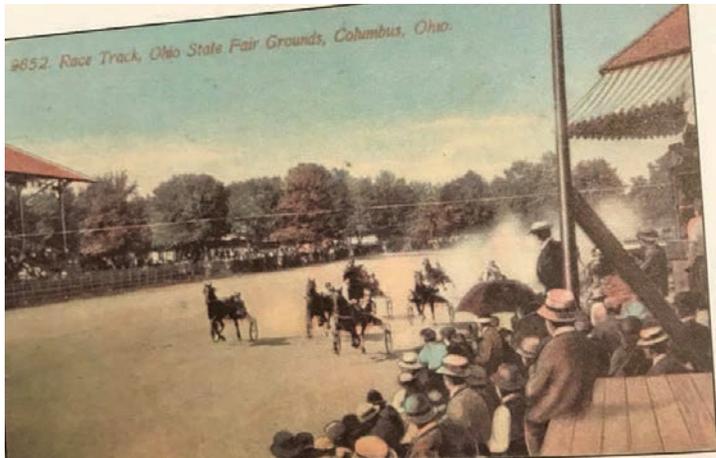
The Signature Series Pace comes off the last turn and heads for home. Photo and caption by Thom Pye

Ohio Harness Racing History

Have you joined the Ohio Harness Racing group on Facebook? www.facebook.com/groups/OhioHarnessRacingHistory/ There have been many historic photographs and stories shared on this page. Thank you to everyone who has contributed! Feel free to post stories and photos to the Ohio Harness Racing History Facebook page or email them to rmayhugh@ohha.com. We might just use share your posts in our publications! Here are some items that have recently been posted on the Ohio Harness Racing Facebook group. Thank you everyone who has shared! Looking forward to seeing more posts.

Post Card of The Ohio State Fair Grounds. Most of the years I announced there I did so from the Infield Stage. Only called one year atop the Grandstand.

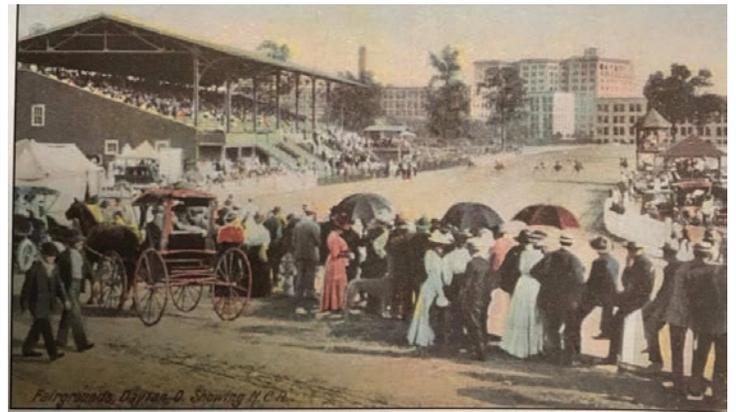
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Race Track, Ohio State Fair Grounds - Columbus, Ohio

Postcard showing the Montgomery County Fair Grounds in Dayton, Ohio.

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Fairgrounds, Dayton, Ohio Showing N.C.R. building (National Cash Register)

A 1925 view of harness racing at the Warren County Fair in Lebanon. *Dayton Daily News Archive*

The first Warren County Fair was held in September of 1850 at a farm owned by John Osborn located at the end of East Main Street in Lebanon. A newspaper story from the period deemed it a "respectable exhibition."

The first fair brought in \$354.50, of that \$214 came from membership fees, \$25 from the Shaker Society and \$115.50 from the county treasury, according the Warren County Fair website. The membership dues in 1850 were \$1 a year.

Soon after the fair moved to the present location on North Broadway Street. In 1852, the society leased 10 acres of ground and put up a fence and building on the property which is part of the current fairgrounds. Admission to the fair was 15 cents.

- Posted by Eileen Waple

Raceway Park's parking lot is at capacity on the evening of April 9, 1962, as spectators come to watch the horses race. The decade before, the cars were the thing to watch on the track as Raceway Park was opened in 1949 for stock car racing. The Blade/Archive File Photo

- Posted by Eileen Waple



Tetrick vs. Tetrick Pro-Am Challenge Held at Eldorado Scioto Downs

by Regina Mayhugh

In June, OHHA took part in two charity events that were held at Eldorado Scioto Downs. The first charity event was the Tetrick vs. Tetrick Pro-Am Challenge on June 19th. Two charities, New Vocations Racehorse Rescue and Harness Horse Youth Foundation (HHYF), each raced for the \$5,000.

Two teams, consisted of Tim Tetrick with co-captain Aaron Merriman representing New Vocations and Trace Tetrick with co-captain Dan Noble represented HHYF raced with a roster of amateur drivers. "Despite Trace's team sweeping all four pro-am races, Tim's team was more consistent overall and pulled out a slim 2 point win," shared Brad Conrad.

The winnings for each charity were donated from The Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association and the drivers. What a great event and opportunity to give back to these two charities!



Tim Tetrick, Aaron Merriman, Dan Noble and Trace Tetrick.
Photo by Conrad Photo.



The winning New Vocation team. Photo by Conrad Photo.



The team representing Harness Horse Youth Foundation.
Photo by Conrad Photo.

Charity Night at the Races

Photos by Conrad Photo



Make a Wish interviews with Wendy Ross.



Charities stand in the winner's circle to cheer on their horse!

OHHA Hosts Sixth Annual Charity Night at the Races

by Regina Mayhugh

It was an exciting and crowded evening at Eldorado Scioto Downs on Saturday, June 23rd as twenty charities attended the races for the 6th Annual Charity Night at the Races hosted by the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association (OHHA).

Ohio horsemen hosted these charities as they enjoyed a meal and an evening on the patio watching races. They also experienced harness racing up close through paddock tours and starting gate rides, allowing representatives to experience behind the scenes of harness racing action.

The charities also shared information about their organizations with the crowd of fans through interviews in the winner's circle by Wendy Ross, USTA Social Media Director, throughout the evening. Many charities also had an information table set up where fans came down to visit.

Prior to the event there was a random draw to match the horses in the 6th and 8th race to the participating charities:

Horse Number - Charity - Horse Race 6

- 1 - Canine Companions for Independence - JD's Chancey Design
- 2 - Columbus Zoo - Just Bettor
- 3 - The American Red Cross - McWilliam
- 4 - ALS Association, Central & Southern Ohio Chapter - Artistic Director
- 5 - Haven House of Pickaway County, Inc. - Waterside Champ
- 6 - Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Central Ohio - Rocknroll Reality
- 7 - Make a Wish, Ohio, Kentucky & Indiana - Ashlee's Four Star
- 8 - JDRF Diabetes Foundation - Twin B Hollister
- 9 - Alzheimer's Association - Brooklynite
- 10 - Mid-Ohio Foodbank - Onefinejimmerjohn

Race 8

- 1 - Touching Little Lives, Inc - Judge John
- 2 - St. Patrick School - Shocking Image
- 3 - Pickaway County Special Olympics - Mosee Terror
- 4 - Ohio FFA Foundation - Gareth Nourrir
- 5 - New Vocations Racehorse Adoption Program - Cosmicpedia
- 6 - St. Vincent dePaul Society - St.Denis/Holy Family/Immaculate Conception - Bottom Deals
- 7 - Ohio 4-H Youth Development - Lyons Again
- 8 - Arthritis Foundation, Central Ohio - Grantor Hanover
- 9 - Ronald McDonald House of Central Ohio - Uncle Hal
- 10 - Parkinson Foundation Ohio- Strother

In race 6, Waterside Champ (Camotion - Lasting Light) led the race

with Dan Noble in the sulky as they made their way to the winner's circle in 1:52.2, earning \$5,000 for Haven House of Pickaway County. Waterside Champ is trained by Virgil Morgan Jr. Haven House is in Circleville, Ohio and provides shelter and services for victims of domestic violence. They also provide shelter for homeless women and children within the community. Haven House touches the lives of approximately 600 households each year and their goal is to help these victims get into permanent housing where they can lead a productive and violence free life.

Not far behind, Kayne Kauffman drove Just Bettor (Bettor's Delight - Just Great), trained by Gregory Luther, into second place in 1:52.4 where the Columbus Zoo took home \$2,500 in winnings.

The 3rd place winnings of \$1,250 went to ALS Association, Central & Southern Ohio Chapter when Artistic Director (Art Director - Demotta Bing) came in third in 1:53.0 with Jeremy Smith in the sulky. Artistic Director is trained by Chris Short.

The second charity race, the 8th, saw the same winning driver/trainer combo in the winner's circle as the 6th race when Dan Noble brought Lyons Again (Dragon Again - A Filly To Fear) home for the win for trainer Virgil Morgan, Jr in 1:52.4 while earning \$5,000 for Ohio 4-H Youth Development.

The next big winner of the 8th race was the Arthritis Foundation of Central Ohio earning \$2,500 when Grantor Hanover (Camluck - Gurthrie Hanover) and Tony Hall came in 2nd place in 1:53.0 for trainer Kevin Johnson.

The final big winner of the evening was new to Charity Night, Pickaway County Special Olympics, another charity out of Circleville, Ohio. They earned \$1,250 when Mosee Terror (Western Terror - Shimmer) and Josh Sutton came in 3rd in 1:53.1 for trainer Gregory Luther.

"Our group thought the event was absolutely fantastic. We had a great time and really enjoyed the racing and being able to walk through the paddock. All the people at Scioto Downs were so helpful and our hosts were wonderful. Our group would love to be a part of this event for the foreseeable future!", Jeremy Joyce, Services and Support Administrator and Special Olympics Coordinator shared.

Ken Terpenning enjoyed the opportunity to be a host for the evening. "It is so awesome to be able to be a part of something so wonderful! To see all those smiling faces and knowing the good coming out of it (from our horse community) was reward enough for me," shared Terpenning.

While these six charities took home the larger winnings, the charities who did not make the top three

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Charity Night at the Races is a one-of-a-kind event. As a person who works in the non-profit sector, I never imagined myself going to the race track for an event, but it was a rewarding experience for both me and my organization. The Alzheimer's Association loved the opportunity to not only raise awareness for our cause and network with other organizations, but the chance to learn about the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association. We are already looking forward to next year!
- Caitlin Purk, Alzheimer's Association

"Charity Night at the Races was a fantastic experience and St. Patrick School was honored to be a participant. Thank you for allowing us to participate."
-Debbie Adamczak, St. Patrick School

"Everyone who attended had a fantastic time and loved being able to learn more about horse racing and all that goes into being a owner, trainer and so on."
-Lindsey Beggin, Ronald McDonald House of Central Ohio.

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also took home \$1,000 each. A total of \$31,500 was donated among twenty charities throughout Ohio.

The OHHA would like to thank everyone who helped make Charity Night at the Races a success! Thank you to the charities for participating, to the horsemen who hosted the groups, Chris Page who donated whips to the children in attendance, Bob Mount for the starting gate rides, Kim Schneider and Jayme Laing for providing paddock tours, Jessica Schroeder and Aimee Hock for coordinating starting gate rides, Brad Conrad for photographing and Eldorado Scioto Downs Racino staff and management team for hosting the event and everything they did to allow OHHA to host such a great evening at the races!

Meet the Charities Who Participated in Charity Night at the Races

Information gathered from Charity Night at the Races participants and their organization websites.

How many of you were in 4-H in your youth, or maybe you are currently involved? Did you know that 4-H started in Ohio? The program was founded in Clark County in 1902, but today the organization has expanded to all fifty states across the United States as well as over eighty countries in the world. The 4-H program offers unlimited opportunities to youth, from learning about agriculture to becoming a leader. The opportunities are available to both the rural and non-rural communities. In 1945, the Ohio 4-H Foundation was founded to help fund various opportunities that are offered to 4-H members and to enhance the 4-H program. They specialize in youth development and raise funds to help youth succeed. "The Ohio 4-H Youth Development Program empowers young people with the skills to lead for a lifetime," shared Beth Frey.

The ALS Association, Central and Southern Ohio Chapter, is one of thirty-nine chapters across the United States. They work to serve those living in 55 Ohio counties that have been diagnosed with ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis), also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. This disease is terminal, and once diagnosed, the typical life span is generally only 2 to 5 years. This chapter was formed in 1983 and their mission is to discover treatments and a cure for ALS, and to serve, advocate for, and empower people affected by ALS to live their lives to the fullest.

Alzheimer's Association Central Ohio Chapter is a non-profit organization supported in part by the Ohio Department of Aging, Franklin County Office on Aging, Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging, Franklin County Senior Options, SourcePoint, and Union County Senior Services. Funding for programs and services is achieved through individual, foundation and corporate support as well as fundraising events. Their mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

The American Red Cross of Central Ohio chapter has been serving the community for 102 years. Nationally the American Red Cross has been serving those in need since 1881. Their mission is to prevent and alleviate human suffering during emergency situations. They rely on volunteers and the generosity of donors. The Columbus office serves 45 counties from

Northwest Ohio to Central and Southeast Ohio. Their services include emergency response, health and safety education, free senior medical transportation, prevention education and blood drives.

The Arthritis Foundation began in 1948 because of the high number of people suffering from arthritis, but very little was being done about helping people with the disease. Today the Arthritis Foundation serves over 50 million Americans and is the largest national voluntary health agency addressing all forms of arthritis in adults and children. Arthritis is the nations number 1 cause of disability. The Arthritis Foundation's mission is to help people with arthritis to live life to the fullest by easing their pain and creating a path toward patient wellness.

Big Brothers Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio Sisters of Central Ohio is all about helping children to succeed. The organization began in Columbus in 1933. They have made a difference in more than 100,000 children's lives. In 2017 they served over 7,000 children through their community and school based mentoring programs. They rely on volunteers to become part of the children's lives to provide support, encouragement and help them to succeed.

Canine Companions for Independence is an organization who works to improve lives by offering people with disabilities with highly trained assistance dogs. These dogs provide more than just physical assistance, they also provide emotional support. Canine Companions for Independence was formed in 1975. They rely on volunteers to nurture, raise and train these dogs for future placement.

The Columbus Zoo and Aquarium welcome over 2.3 million visitors, supports conservation projects in over 40 countries, create once in a lifetime memories for families, saves wildlife and so much more. Their mission is to lead and inspire by connecting people to wildlife. They have been in the community since 1927.

Haven House of Pickaway County, Inc. became incorporated in 1992 and is located in Circleville, Ohio. They are a service agency for victims of domestic violence. They provide victims with safe shelter, counseling, court and victim advocacy, crisis intervention and more. They also provide referral services to assist families that are seeking assistance to escape and prevent family violence. They provide shelter to homeless women and children in the community. They touch lives of approximately 600 households per year. Their goal for these families and individuals is to help them get into permanent housing where they can live a productive, violence free life.

JDRF, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, has lead the search for a cure for Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) since they were founded in 1970. JDRF works every day to change the reality of this disease for millions of people, and to prevent anyone else from ever knowing it by funding research, advocating for government support of research and new therapies, ensuring new therapies come to market and connecting and engaging the T1D community. JDRF was founded by parents determined to find a cure for their children with T1D, JDRF expanded through grassroots fundraising and advocacy efforts to become a powerhouse in the scientific community with more than 100 U.S. locations and six international affiliates. We've funded nearly \$2 billion in research to date and made significant progress in understanding and fighting the disease. We must keep up the pace of funding so progress doesn't slow or stop entirely.

The mission of Make-A-Wish® Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana is to grant the wishes of children battling life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope strength and joy. They serve children between the ages of 2-1/2 and 18. When a wish is granted, the child feels stronger, more energetic and is more willing and able to battle their life-threatening medical conditions. For many of these children, this marks a turning point in their fight against their illnesses. The wish experience works in concert with the child's medical treatment and allows them to feel better, emotionally and physically. However, a wish has the potential to impact far more people than the wish kid and their family. Make a Wish also unites communities. Hundreds of local volunteers lend their time in helping deliver wishes.

Mid-Ohio Foodbank provides food to a half million people each year by partnering with more than 650 community partners across central and eastern Ohio. Since 1980, the Foodbank has joined food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, produce markets, senior centers, and after-school programs to make food accessible to those in our communities who are hungry. In the past year, the Foodbank distributed 70 million pounds of food enabling its partner charities to provide more than 155,000 meals every day. Mid-Ohio Foodbank is a member of Feeding America.

New Vocations was founded in 1992 to rehab, retrain and rehome racehorses retiring from the track. They take in both Thoroughbreds and Standardbreds from any track in the United States. Horses are donated to the program and evaluated for soundness, temperament, trainability and suitability as a riding horse and are broke to ride. Once they are ready they will be available for adoption. New Vocations has placed over 6,000 retired racehorses since opening their doors. They have facilities in Lexington, KY, Laurelville, OH, Medina, OH, Xenia, OH, Hummelstown, PA, and Saratoga, NY. Once horse are adopted into approved homes, they are followed up on for one year. Horses adopted through New Vocations can always come back to the program. On average they place over 100 Standardbreds into approved homes a year.

For 60 years, the Ohio FFA Foundation has been committed to providing opportunities for FFA members. The Foundation is a cooperative effort among education, business and industry to support and inspire Ohio FFA members. Over \$650,000 is generated annually for FFA leadership programs, awards and incentives. FFA is a dynamic youth organization within Agricultural Education that changes lives and prepares students career success. The National FFA Organization is dedicated to preparing members for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture. Over the past 90 years, the FFA and agricultural education have grown to encompass all aspects of agriculture. Ohio is home to more than 25,000 FFA members, making us it of the five largest FFA states in the country. Interest in the formation of a Foundation grew out of a desire of interested individuals and agricultural businesses in the 1940s to inspire members of FFA programs to work for high standards and goals and to recognize members for their high achievement. A committee of 24 interested individuals established the Ohio FFA Foundation in 1957. The mission of the Foundation is to develop partnerships that generate financial support for programs and services that benefit the approximate 25,000 FFA members, 309 chapters and 464 Ohio Agricultural educators.

Founded in 1981, National Parkinson Foundation Ohio is a community resource for individuals and families touched by Parkinson's disease (PD). They began with a focus on the Central and Southeast region of Ohio,

and over the past few years, due to awareness and outreach efforts, have increased their presence throughout Ohio. They currently support the over 27 support groups in the Central & Southeast Region of Ohio, and have been increasing their efforts to impact additional support groups. Their goals are to ensure individuals and families touched by PD have the support and resources available to be proactive in their care and have the tools needed to combat the disease.

Pickaway County Special Olympics, a new charity to Charity Night at the Races, has athletes who have competed on local and state levels in track & field, softball, basketball and bowling. They are both determined and dedicated to their skills. Pickaway County Special Olympics focus on all of the strengths of these athletes, showcasing what they can do rather than what they cannot. They have close to 100 active athletes and countless volunteers, made up by friends and family members. Their track & field team trains April through June and competes at a qualifying meet and state meet. There are two softball teams - one is a traditional team and the other a unified team (which consists of special Olympic athletes and partners). The unified team has brought home the State Championship Title in both 2005 and 2014. Pickaway County is also represented in softball by our individual skills team who focuses on learning and sharpening their skills and the fundamentals of softball such as hitting, running bases and fielding. Pickaway County has a traditional and individual skills basketball team. This organization depends on local donations and fund-raisers to pay for uniforms, sports equipment, tournament fees, travel, lodging and medals/awards.

For more than three decades, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio (RMHC) has been keeping families close at the Columbus Ronald McDonald House. They began as a grassroots movement established by a partnership between volunteers and local McDonald's Owner/Operators, our charity has served thousands of families in their deepest times of need. The mission of RMHC of Central Ohio is to create, find, and support programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children and their families. Each year, over 4,500 families stay at the Columbus Ronald McDonald House, spending over 35,000 nights at our home-away-from-home. This organization consists of 22 employees, more than 6,000 volunteers and annually they serve 4,500 families.

St. Patrick School is located in London, Ohio and has been educating students since 1874. They teach the "whole child"- academic, social, emotion and spiritual. Their goal is to serve the community by partnering with local charities. They have completely a variety of service projects through their involvement in other organizations.

The chapter of the St. Vincent dePaul Society's mission is dedicated to feeding, clothing, housing and healing individuals and families in their community who have nowhere else to turn for help. They seek to form relationships with these individuals to help them become more self-sufficient. The chapter helps individuals on an as needed basis. This past year they have helped people with rent so they could remain in their homes, food for their families, school supplies for their young children, utility costs and needed home furnishings. They have helped people who were unable to pay for their prescriptions and a local family who was displaced due to a fire. They also helped a veteran with food and money to pay for his propane for the winter.



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