Ohio Standardbreds & Friends recently showcased the breed at the Kentucky Horse Park

By Debbie Schiff

Nine Standardbreds went to the Kentucky Horse Park April 21-23 with Ohio Standardbreds & Friends (OSAF) to participate in a weekend of breed demonstrations. Demonstrations were at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday.

Horses that took part in the demos were Stud’s Hooligan - jumping, AllAmerican Legacy- Costume, Moonlight Fantasy- Ranch Pleasure, Lace N Ribbons- Dressage, Fox Valley Lee- English Pleasure, Bella Americana- Gaited Saddleseat, Feelin Shady- Hunter Under Saddle, Powerlifter - Trail and Silver Match- Saddleseat.

This marked nine years for several of these horses having participated in demos at the park. Several of the horses were adopted through New Vocations Racehorse Adoption Program which continues to help sponsor the OSAF group as they promote the breed through demos, their Summer Show Series, Breyerfest, the Standardbred World Show and other public events.

The group was able to reach out to lots of people not only through the demonstrations which showcased the versatility, demeanor and loving spirits of the breed, but also in the Big Barn where visitors came to meet the Standardbred Ambassadors up close.

Up next is the start of the OSAF Summer Show Series with shows May 7th and June 11th at the fairgrounds in Lancaster, Ohio and August 5th & 6th at Eden Park in Sunbury, Ohio. A free jumping clinic will be held on August 6th at Eden Park through the generous donation from New Vocations Racehorse Adoption Program. Horse Show judge and clinician Katie Render-Griffiths will be

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Defiance County Area Horsemen’s Association Strengthens Fair Racing

by Regina Mayhugh

Horsemen’s associations can be a very valuable tool to providing a great harness race program in a county, besides the fun fellowship opportunity it provides to horsemen. The Defiance County Area Horsemen’s Association (DCAHA) is a great example of how these organizations can be a benefit to the harness racing industry.

Formed in September of 2010, the DCAHA began when sixty people were brought together at the Eagles Lodge in Hicksville, Ohio by Bill Peters and Jim Volkert. The group came together to save racing at the Defiance County Fair. “The fair board at the time was threatening to cease racing at the fair”, shared Bill Peters, DCAHA Treasurer. Following that meeting the newly formed association took over the finances of the fair’s harness racing program with the agreement that the association had three years to prove that the races could make money for them.

“The Association financed the races at the fair from 2011 thru 2016. We are now in the process of transitioning the responsibilities of sponsoring the races back to the fair board in 2017,” said Peters. Chris Webb, DCAHA Secretary shared “Since the fair board is taking over this year we are concentrating on conducting the races and less on fund raising.” In 2017, there are currently around twenty members. The officers have remained the same since 2010, include President Kevin Appel, Secretary Chris Webb and Treasurer Bill Peters.

The association holds a variety of fundraisers throughout the year to raise money. “We have held reverse raffles, golf outings, and silent stallion auctions for fundraisers and have many generous people and businesses that give us donations,” commented Peters. The money raised in 2016 was used for overnight race purses at the Defiance County Fair as well as to enhance the purses for the late closure and Signature Series races. Besides donating to the fair purses, the association also offered a variety of giveaways to fans during the fair to promote. Those who paid to sit in the grandstand were entered into drawings during the races for prizes such as 32

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From Your Executive Director

Renée Mancino

2017 Racing Stakes and Fair Season Facts

At the April 2017 Board Meeting the OHHA Board allocated the Fair Purse and Support monies from the VLT revenue share. The Fair Purse allocation was increased by the Board slightly to $6,200 per division and the Fair Support was again authorized at $11,000. Keep in mind there are two new racing Fairs in 2017 to total 67 Fairs that race. The OHHA Board also allocated up to $3,500,000 to supplement the top tier Ohio Sires Stakes purses for 2017.

Fair Purse and Support increases were seen in Feature Fair Race Grant Support (10%), On-Track Insurance (2.4%), and Fair Support (4.1%). The Board approved payment of Two Days of On-Track Insurance for each of the sixty-seven Racing Fairs again in 2017. The overall support for all sources for 2017 is $4,429,164 from the Ohio Horsemen’s VLT Net Revenue Share.

Note that the overall increase for the Fairs in 2017 year-over-year was 4.2% with the Ohio Fairs Fund down for 2017 and stretched thinner with two additional racing Fairs. The amount allocated to the Fairs exceeded the 2016 VLT Ohio Net Revenue Share year-over-year gain of 4%. Total revenue to the Fairs from the Ohio Fairs Fund and Ohio Horsemen’s VLT revenue share for 2017 is $5,246,885.95.

Ohio is still #1 in the Standardbred Business Nationwide. For the third straight year Ohio topped the list for number of mares bred to Ohio Registered Stallions as reported by the 2017 United States Trotting Association’s official Registrar’s Report. Ohio has been #1 in mares bred to Ohio stallions for the third year, nationwide in 2014, 2015, and 2016. In 2014, 2,615 mares were bred to Ohio Stallions, 2015 saw 2,478 mares bred, and 2016 mares bred was 2,463. In 2013 Ohio was in second place behind Pennsylvania by 364 mares bred and ahead of Indiana by 236 mares bred. The Ohio foal crop seems to have stabilized and is holding somewhat steady varying by 150 horses total over the three-year span, with last year’s variance of 15 foals. 2017 saw over 505 checks mailed out to those that bred mares to Ohio’s Registered Stallions. Distributing $1,000,000 to those 505 individual recipients helped Ohio agriculture breeding sector with checks that were based on the foal’s Ohio Stakes earnings ranging from the program minimum of $50 to the top-level checks for the highest Ohio Stakes earning horses of approximately $40,000. The Breeder’s Awards payouts were approximately 5% of the horse’s stakes race earnings when calculated out. Ohio is #1 in number of foals born. Ohio is #1 in number of registered owners of Standardbreds, and Ohio is #1 in the number of Fairs that have racing with 67.

Included with this article is a three-year comparison of the various stakes race nominations that are available in Ohio. All but the Ohio Sires Stakes program are administered by the OHHA. The Ohio Sires Stakes nominations were up 4.8% with 1,148 total horses nominated. The inaugural year for the Buckeye Stallion Series had 1,222 horses nominated with the Ohio Fairs Championship having 862 horses nominated across the Board for a 7.8% increase in nominations. The Ohio Fair Racing Conference had 1,042 across the board nominations nominated with the Ohio Fairs Championship having 862 horses nominated across the Board for a 7.8% increase in nominations. The Ohio Fair Racing Conference had 1,042 across the board nominations nominated with the Ohio Fairs Championship having 862 horses nominated across the Board for a 7.8% increase in nominations. The Ohio Fair Racing Conference had 1,042 across the board nominations nominated with the Ohio Fairs Championship having 862 horses nominated across the Board for a 7.8% increase in nominations. The Ohio Fair Racing Conference had 1,042 across the board nominations nominated with the Ohio Fairs Championship having 862 horses nominated across the Board for a 7.8% increase in nominations. The Ohio Fair Racing Conference had 1,042 across the board nominations nominated with the Ohio Fairs Championship having 862 horses nominated across the Board for a 7.8% increase in nominations. The Ohio Fair Racing Conference had 1,042 across the board nominations nominated with the Ohio Fairs Championship having 862 horses nominated across the Board for a 7.8% increase in nominations. The Ohio Fair Racing Conference had 1,042 across the board nominations nominated with the Ohio Fairs Championship having 862 horses nominated across the Board for a 7.8% increase in nominations. The Ohio Fair Racing Conference had 1,042 across the board nominations nominated with the Ohio Fairs Championship having 862 horses nominated across the Board for a 7.8% increase in nominations. The Ohio Fair Racing Conference had 1,042 across the board nominations nominated with the Ohio Fairs Championship having 862 horses nominated across the Board for a 7.8% increase in nominations. The Ohio Fair Racing Conference had 1,042 across the board nominations nominated with the Ohio Fairs Championship having 862 horses nominated across the Board for a 7.8% increase in nominations. The Ohio Fair Racing Conference had 1,042 across the board nominations nominated with the Ohio Fairs Championship having 862 horses nominated across the Board for a 7.8% increase in nominations.

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see everyone at a racetrack or fairgrounds near you!
Regularly scheduled Ohio State Racing Commission (OSRC) Meeting recap from Wednesday, May 10, 2017 meeting at the Columbus Riffe Center.

In normal business for the Commission the Approval of the April 24, 2017 OSRC Minutes and ratification of The Executive Director’s Report items were handled. No documents relative to the approvals were provided or disclosed to those in attendance. The Racing Commission unanimously ratified the April Minutes and Executive Director’s Report items.

Discussion concerning Scioto Downs Grandstand. Vice President and General Manager of Eldorado Scioto Downs Troy Buswell and General Manager of Racing Operations Stacy Cahill appeared to discuss the agenda item concerning the Scioto Downs Grandstand. Mr. Buswell reported that in conjunction with a routine inspection of the Racing property their report showed that the grandstand’s concrete decorative façade was deteriorating and there were concerns that it could cause problems during the live racing meet. The Grandstand itself was reported to be structurally sound, but with the short timeframe to the live summer meet opening, the only potential course of action was to partition off the grandstand area and limit access to the structure to only Eldorado employees. The partitioning included installation of netting around the structure as a safeguard to any employees on the grandstand property. The Eldorado Scioto Downs rented tents to relocate access to the pari-mutuel wagering, concessions, and other amenities housed in the grandstand to the grandstand apron. The apron, Clubhouse, patio area, and Penthouse remain fully open and operational. The Eldorado hasn’t fully determined what their course of action will be and were awaiting a full review and assessment prior to making any decisions. Upon completion of that process they will have more information and update as they decide upon their course of action.

Director Soobeng Tan appeared to present the Ohio Department of Agriculture’s Analytical Toxicology Laboratory’s (ATL) 2016 annual report. The Director outlined that the lab has held the RTMC lab 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 Soonbeng Tang provided the 2016 testing statistics. 21,633 tests were performed at the seven commercial racetracks and 63 County Fairs, 10,850 blood tests, 7,628 urine tests, and 3,155 TCO2 tests. Standardbred numbers included, 8,359 blood samples, 5,584 urine samples, and 2,893 TCO2 tests. In 2016 83 of those were considered positive tests with 35 Thoroughbred and 48 Standardbred positive tests, or 3.8 per 1,000 tests. Compared to 2015 statistics the positive test rate per 1,000 tests was down 22%. In 2015 there were 114 total tests were considered positive tests, 64 Standardbred and 53 Thoroughbred samples, which equated to 4.9 per 1,000 samples tested.

Director Tan provided the human sample test statistics for 2016. 148 urine samples were collected with a positive test finding in 21 of those tests for a rate of 14.2%. In 2015, 104 urine samples were collected, 21% of those (22) resulted in positive human tests. Of the tests they are primarily, cocaine derivatives, oxycodone, and THC (marijuana).

The 2017 costs for testing and medication were outlined and discussed. In consideration of Resolution 2017-7, 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 July 1, 2018. The cost of testing deducted from the purse pools will be; $179.00 per Standardbred race and $169.50 per Thoroughbred race. The cost per race is higher for Standardbred testing due to adding in the testing costs for the sixty-seven racing fairs, which increases the average costs over the course of a year as compared to the Thoroughbred testing. The Racing Commission unanimously ratified Resolution 2017-3 approving the costs to be deducted from the purse pool per test for 2017-2018.

The Racing Commission’s Consulting Veterinarian, Dr. Robertson provided the details on the horse racing related catastrophic fatalities for 2017. For the month of April there was 1 Thoroughbred fatality and no Standardbred fatalities. The 2017 year-to-date totals 7 Thoroughbreds and 1 Standardbred.

There was no monthly status update on Permit Holder and Horsemen’s Agreement Negotiations between Belterra Park and the Ohio Horsemen’s Benevolent Protective Association (OHBPA).

In the matters of Keith Kash and Michael J. Dowdall the Commission considered Settlement Agreements negotiated by Ohio Principal Assistant Attorney General Michael Rzyzme.

In the case of Mr. Dowdall there were four pending cases they reached settlement on. (1) December 2016 fighting charge where Mr. Dowdall began shouting obscenities and threatened bodily harm to a driver as the horses pulled up by the paddock after a race at Northfield Park. Four races later, he entered the Northfield Park drivers room and began taunting and provoking the same driver causing a physical altercation. (2) February 2017 incident where Mr. Dowdall refused to comply with the request of the State Veterinarian and his assistants during the post-race urine collection procedure. (3) March 2017 incident where Mr. Dowdall threatened the State Veterinarian regarding a matter that took place on 2/28/17. (4) October 2016 Methocarbamol positive on Lookingforadventure, at a concentration of 60.4+-11.5 micrograms per milliliter of urine, which was over the regulatory threshold of 1 micrograms per milliliter. The infraction was the second Class IV Methocarbamol positive within 365 days for Mr. Dowdall who had previously received an April 2016 positive on the horse Legal Process of L.4+-0.2 micrograms per milliliter of urine. The April infraction penalty was a $1,000 fine, horse disqualified and, purse redistribution.

Mr. Dowdall agreed to a settlement with the Ohio State Racing Commission for the four pending cases. He agreed to a fine of four thousand dollars ($4,000.00) to be paid to the Commission by September 1, 2017. He agreed to return the purse of seven thousand dollars ($7,000.00) for the positive test per ruling NFLD-2016-211 to be paid to Northfield Park by May 29, 2017. Mr. Dowdall also agreed to turn in his 2017 Ohio licenses to the Commission by May 29, 2017 and not apply for a new Ohio license before May 30, 2018. The Racing Commission unanimously ratified the terms of the Settlement Agreement.

The claim reflected that Mr. Kash failed to conduct himself in a professional manner on December 28, 2017 when he shouted obscenities and used a racial slur directed at another driver after the Third Race on 11/12/16 as the horses pulled up by the paddock. In settlement on the pending matter Mr. Kash agreed to a twenty (20) day full suspension from 06/01/2017 - 06/20/2017 and a fine of one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) to be paid to the Commission by June 20, 2017. Mr. Kash is barred from all tracks governed by the OSRC during his suspension. Any horses under his care that he wants to transfer must be approved by the judges or the OSRC. The Racing Commission unanimously ratified the terms of the Settlement Agreement.

For a transcript of the meeting contact the State Racing Commission. The next scheduled Racing Commission meeting date is June 20, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 1948, Riffe Center, 77 S. High St., Columbus.
Groom Appreciation Awards

Kato Young, from Chillicothe, Ohio won the Miami Valley Groom Appreciation award. He has been a groom for three years for the Steve Carter Farm. His reliability is what makes him an asset to the farm! Congratulations, Kato!

The Northfield Park Groom Appreciation Award went to Courtney Blodgett, from Cortland, Ohio. Courtney began as a groom in 2009. “Courtney is an asset to my stable because she goes above and beyond her call of duty. Because of my medical circumstances, she has really stepped up and gone beyond her expectations of being a groom and has truly ensured that our stable could continue running. She has also done this while going to college full time at Kent State Trumbull,” stated the late Lee Blodgett. Congratulations, Courtney!

Thank you to both grooms for their dedication to their job and the industry! Be sure to contact Brett Merkle (Scioto Downs) and Amy Hollar (Northfield Park) to nominate your grooms!

Miami Valley Awards

Charmed Life mare wins the Miami Valley Distaff in 1:53.2.
Driver: Chris Page
Trainer: Rene Allard

Lady Shadow picked up the win in the Sam Chip Noble Memorial in her season debut.
Driver: Yannick Gingras
Trainer: Ronald Adams

Helen Carlo and Gregg Keidel presented Trace Tetrick with the 2017 Leading Driver award at Miami Valley Raceway.

Photo by Conrad Photo.

Helen Carlo and Gregg Keidel presented Tyler George with the 2017 Leading Trainer Award at Miami Valley.

Photo by Conrad Photo.

Beyonces Rockn Breaks Track Record at Northfield Park
Ayers Ratliff

Beyonces Rockn crossed the finish line faster than any other mare in the history of Northfield Park when she won the $14,000 F&M Open Handicap in 1:51 on Saturday (May 27). The clocking formally broke the 1:52 record for five and up pacing mares, which was held by three different horses: Hidden Land (Don Irvine Jr.) from 2015, and Devil Child (David Miller) and Love Forbidden (Aaron Merriman) in 2016. The partnership of Burke Racing Stable LLC, Weaver Bruscemi LLC, M1 Stable LLC and RTC Stables Inc. own Beyonces Rockn. Ron Burke is her conditioner and Ryan Stahl was in the sulky for the winning drive.

Beyonces Rockn (Rock N Roll Heaven-Im Betting On You-Bettor’s Delight) started from post seven. She left from the gate and sat fourth through the initial :27.1 quarter. Stahl moved her coming to the half. She brushed to the front and never looked back through times of :56.1, 1:23 and 1:51, besting her competition by 12 ¾-lengths. Beyonces Rockn now has seven wins in 19 starts this year. Saturday’s victory represents her 16th career score and bolstered her bankroll to $178,492. She was heavily favored and returned $2.60 to win.

Beyonces Rockn and Ryan Stahl won in 1:51 at Northfield Park. The mile is the fastest mile ever at Northfield Park by a mare. Photo by JJ Foto.
Defiance County Horsemen’s Association  
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instructing the clinic. OSAF will participate in Breyerfest 2017 with 15 Standardbreds. This will be year #3 for the group and they did so well last year in their performances and got such great response from the crowd that they were invited back before they left last year. Many comments were made about how well behaved the horses were and how nice everyone presented their horses. The group will also participated in meet and greets at Eldorado Scioto Downs on two different nights giving the public a chance to talk about the breed and learn how they can adopt a racehorse after their racing careers.

A Poker Run and Just For Fun Show will be held at Cashmans in Delaware, Ohio on August 26th. This will be a fundraiser for the 2017 World Standardbred Horse Show that will be held October 13-15th at Eden Park, Sunbury, Ohio. OSAF is looking for sponsors for the World Show and will be happy to send you information. You can contact Debbie Guiles Schiff on Facebook or on Ohio Standardbreds & Friends or the World Standardbred Horse Show Facebook pages.

Ohio Standardbreds & Friends from cover....

 Mercer County Matinee Fun!  
by Emily Hay

May 28th Mercer Co. Harness Horsemen’s Association (MCHHA) held its annual Matinee. There were fourteen races with an average of three horses per race.

It was nice to see few of our upcoming drivers Dalton Walls and Pierce Henry as well as those who have been around to teach the young ones such as Everett Crowe, who is 85 years old, who was also there to drive his horse.

The food stand was organized by Sandy Smalley. Homemade pies were at the top of the favorites along with chicken and sloppy joe sandwiches and few other grab and go foods.

Brad Conrad was on hand to take win pictures. Local horsemen sponsored each race and winners 1st-3rd choose their prize with options being a water bucket, soap and sponge, saddle pad, sweat scraper or wall clocks.

The big raffle winner item of the day was $100 won by Steve Boroff. The WOCRA and OCRA donated a few passes and three lucky winners went home with two passes each. As Katie Meddles said “it’s more fun to go to races with a buddy than alone.”

A pizza party was held Monday after the Matinee for all that helped. Hope to see everyone at the Celina races!
Horses of the Past- Can you name the horse?

This trotter in Fayette county was known as “the best racehorse bred in Fayette county” in 1905 by the Columbus Dispatch. He finished first in the Hoster Brewery Stake at Columbus Driving Park (on Livingston Ave.) and won a heat in Lexington, KY in 2:07 1/4, earning him the title of “Fastest Trotting Stallion in 1905”.

Glenwood M: This was a year before Major Mallow first stepped onto the racetrack. He foaled in 1899, bred by Charles W. Mark who was a horsemen/ farmer near Jasper Mills, who operated Glendon Stock Farm. Glenwood M. was the most successful offspring of Bobby Burns. He was a small frail horse, so Mark sold him and his dam Nelly Bly in 1899. Once he matured and looked more like a racehorse, Mark purchased him back at a public sale for $235. He raced twice as a 3-year-old placing in third both times and as a 4-year-old won four of his eleven starts in New York, Ohio and West Virginia in 1903. In 1904 he finished first in nine races and twenty-eight heats at Ohio county fairs. 1905 was his big year winning five of eight multi-heat races on the mile tracks as a 6-year-old, including Detroit, Providence, Columbus, Cincinnati and Lexington. This was the year he was titled the “Fastest Trotting Stallion in 1905”, when he won a heat in Lexington, Kentucky in 2:07 1/4, earning him the title of “Fastest Trotting Stallion in 1905”. If he won a heat in Lexington, Kentucky in 2:07 1/4, earning him the title of “Fastest Trotting Stallion in 1905”. Glenwood was later retired and sold in 1907 to Josef Potocki of Austria and became an important sire to many European trotters.


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Peter Scott: raced from coast to coast in 1915. He had seventeen wins and one second with fifty winning heats. He won $50,535 in one season, which was a record until 1926 when the Hambletonian had large purses. His owner Henry Oliver did not have a farm, so he stood Peter Scott at Walnut Hall Farm for a few seasons.

From 1898-1901 this gray filly from Fayette county raced. Her sire was Bobby Burns (one of leading sires in Fayette county 1890-1910) and dam was Silver Tail. Imp Leamington, a Thoroughbred from Ross county, was her grand-sire.

Annie Burns: She was owned and bred by W. E. Taylor. She was referred to as a “bad actor” because she constantly broke her stride racing, however she was successful in her four years racing. Even though she tended to break stride, she raced well in 1900 and earned $10,025 that year, making her the year’s leading money winner. She did come in second, third and fourth quite a bit, but was racing for good money during those races. At the time, she was the first harness horse bred in Fayette County to achieve national recognition on the racetrack.

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Peter Scott: raced from coast to coast in 1915. He had seventeen wins and one second with fifty winning heats. He won $50,535 in one season, which was a record until 1926 when the Hambletonian had large purses. His owner Henry Oliver did not have a farm, so he stood Peter Scott at Walnut Hall Farm for a few seasons.

From 1898-1901 this gray filly from Fayette county raced. Her sire was Bobby Burns (one of leading sires in Fayette county 1890-1910) and dam was Silver Tail. Imp Leamington, a Thoroughbred from Ross county, was her grand-sire.

Annie Burns: She was owned and bred by W. E. Taylor. She was referred to as a “bad actor” because she constantly broke her stride racing, however she was successful in her four years racing. Even though she tended to break stride, she raced well in 1900 and earned $10,025 that year, making her the year’s leading money winner. She did come in second, third and fourth quite a bit, but was racing for good money during those races. At the time, she was the first harness horse bred in Fayette County to achieve national recognition on the racetrack.

Info from article "Looking Back: Who was Annie Burns?" by John Leland for the Record-Herald.

TRIVIA QUESTIONS:

How did the Ohio Department of Agriculture and Ohio Fairs Begin?

Answers revealed in July Issue of the Buckeye Harness Horseman

1.) Before the Ohio Department of Agriculture, it was called the Ohio State Board of Agriculture. What year was it organized?

2.) What was the main goal of the Ohio State Board of Agriculture?

3.) Who was the first President of the board and what commodities did he raise?

4.) What year and location was the first Ohio State Fair?

5.) How many cities hosted the Ohio State Fair? Can you name them?
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September 18
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Facebook: AshbulaFair

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August 4 & 5
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Attica Independent Fair Attica, OH
August 9 & 10
www.atticafair.com

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August 1 & 2
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July 18
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Champaign County Fair Urbana, OH
August 6, 8, 9, 10
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July 9 & 10
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Columbiana County Fair Lisbon, OH
July 31 & August 1
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September 30, October 1-2
www.coshoctoncountyfair.org
Facebook: Coshocton-County-Fair

Crawford County Fair Bucyrus, OH
July 19 & 20
Facebook: Crawford-County-Fair

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www.cuyahogacountyfair.com
Facebook: cuylfair

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August 18, 19, 24, 25
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August 22 & 25
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Delaware County Fair Delaware, OH
September 17, 19, 20, 21
www.delawarecountyfair.com
www.delvironjugs.com
Facebook: littlebrownjugs

Fairfield County Fair Lancaster, OH
October 11, 12, 13
www.fairfieldcountyfair.org
Facebook: Fairfield-County-Fair-Lancaster-Ohio

Fayette County Fair Washington, OH
July 19 & 22
www.fayettecofair.com

Franklin County Fair Hilliard, OH
July 16 & 17
www.fcfair.org
Facebook: FranklinCountyFairOhio

Fulton County Fair Wauseon, OH
September 2 & 5
www.fultoncountyfair.com
Facebook: FultonCountyFair

Geauga County Fair Burton, OH
September 2
www.geaugaCountyFair.com
Facebook: GeaugaFair

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August 2 & 3
www.greenecountyfairgrounds.com

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September 13 & 14
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August 30 & 31
www.hancockcountyfairground

Hardin County Fair Kenton, OH
September 6 & 7
www.hardincountyfair.org
Facebook: hardinCountyFair

Harrison County Fair Woodsfield, OH
August 22 & 23
Facebook: MONROE-COUNTY-FAIR

Montgomery County Fair Dayton, OH
July 13
www.montcofair.com
Facebook: Montgomery-County-Fair-Fairgrounds-Dayton-Oh

Morgan County Fair McConnelsville, OH
September 8 & 9
www.morgancountyfair.com

Jackson County Fair Wellston, OH
July 14 & 15
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www.loraincountyfair.com
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Madison County Fair London, OH
July 8 & 9
www.madisoncountyfair.com
Facebook: MadisonCountyFairOh

Mahoning County Fair Canfield, OH
September 1, 2, 4
www.canfieldfair.com

Marion County Fair Marion, OH
July 3 & 4
www.marioncountyfairgrounds.com
Facebook: Marion-County-Fair-Marion-Ohio-29620577912

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August 17 & 18
www.themeigscountyfair.com

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Facebook: Mercer-County-Fairgrounds-Celina-Ohio

Miami County Fair Troy, OH
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www.miamicountyfair.com
Facebook: MiamiCountyFair

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Facebook: Muskingum-County-Fair

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August 28 & 29
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Facebook: Ottawa-County-Fair

Paulding County Fair Paulding, OH
June 13, 13, 14
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Facebook: Pickaway-County-Fairgrounds

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www.richwoodindependentfair.com

Ross County Fair Chillicothe, OH
August 5 & 6
www.rosscountyfair.org
Facebook: RossCountyFair

Seneca County Fair Tiffin, OH
July 24 & 25
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Facebook: SenecaFair

Shepherd County Fair Sidney, OH
July 25 & 26
www.shelbycountyFair.com
Facebook: Shelby-County-Fair-Sidney-Ohio

Summit County Fair Northfield, OH
July 29
www.summitfair.org
Facebook: summitcountyfair

Stark County Fair Canton, OH
August 30 & 31
www.starkcountyfair.com
Facebook: StarkCountyFair

Tuscarawas County Fair Dover, OH
September 22, 23, 24
http://www.tuscarawascountyfair.com/
Facebook: Tuscarawas-County-Fair-Agricultural-Society

Union County Fair Marysville, OH
July 22 & 23
www.ohiounioncountyfair.org
Facebook: ohiounioncountyfair

Van Wert County Fair Van Wert, OH
August 31 & September 4
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July 17
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Facebook: Washington-County-Fair-Grounds

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Tyler Bates

Tyler Bates Stable
Gibsonburg, OH

How many horses are you currently training? 14

What horses have been favorites over the years? J W Shooter. I drove him for John and Larry Wilkin in my teens and he was the 3-Year-Old Colt Pacer in the WOCRA. I was able to repeat this with Windswept Song the next year with my dad as trainer.

Share something about one of your current horses: Three Card tries hard every time he is out.

Do you have any other hobbies besides harness racing? Shooting, fast cars and weightlifting

Do you have family / friends involved in harness racing? My Grandpa, Glen Bates and his sons, grandchildren and seven other family members have all earned their licenses to drive: Don Bates, Bill Bates, Trent Bates, Chad Williamson, Cody Williamson and myself. My Grandpa’s uncle, who raised Grandpa, was killed driving a horse at the Converse fair. As far as friends, the people you race with week in and week out become your friends. The people you train for and train with you are your friends. I think as far as driver / trainer friends, I would say Dan Venier is a special friend. We share our faith as well as many other common interests.

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Tell me a little about your experience driving? How long have you been driving and how did you get started? I drove my first horse for my Dad at 16, I am 53. Now days, I mostly drive the ones starting out or the ones with problems, then turn them over to a catch driver.

Share something about one of your current horses that you have personally owned: We bred, trained and raced a colt named Nansiren several years ago. We sold him and he went to Delaware where he ended up making almost half a million. He would be my favorite!

Looking for horsemen to feature in the upcoming issues. Are you a trainer, groom, owner or have another profession in the industry, contact us and you could be the next featured horseman (or woman)!

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Darke County Harness Horsemen’s Association Held Annual Matinee
by Emily Hay

Darke County Harness Horsemen’s Association held its annual matinee on May 21st at the Darke County Fairgrounds. There were over 50 horses entered with 14 races for the day. Darke County Board member Dick Delk held to his job of making burgers and hot dogs. It was a big day for burgers and dogs with an estimated 200 burgers and 100 hotdogs sold. He has been the grill master at the matinee for twelve years.

Tim Harless was the track man and Doug Balanger was the announcer. A great job was done by everyone who helped. There were a lot of new horses behind the gate and few youth drivers out on the track, including Dalton Walls, Justin Belanger, Hunter Myers, Pierce Henry and Mandy Jones.

They association held a 50/50 drawing, a silent auction for VIP booth tickets at Hoosier Park and dining coupon. A swag bag full of goodies from OHHA, Midwest Harness and Hoosier Park was also given away.

It turned out to be a very nice day for the horsemen and fans making it a great kick off to the 2017 racing season. The Darke County Fair’s new manager and avid harness fan Brian Rismiller was also at the matinee showing his support.

Congratulations to Josh Sutton on his 4,000th win May 25th at Scioto Downs!

Congratulations to the connections of Wind Surfer for his 50th Career Win in April!

Upcoming Sales / Events

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Do you remember your first horse’s name?

Ohio Standardbred & Friends Horse Show
Fairfield County Fairgrounds- Lancaster, OH

Spring Issue
Ann Marie Zenoni

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Charlie Guiler

Rescator
Leslie Daniels-Yoder

Pine Lane Susie
Ann Hillibrant

Miami Valley Lady Deb Rush

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Name that Horse!

**Lookout Macatoo:** “I had a brother of his who was named Macaroo,” - Chris Hope

**Lil’ Day Drinkin:** “He was named for the days we used to go boating.” - Walter Haynes

**Big Bad Brycerboy:** “I have a Big Bad John and his name is Big Bad Brycerboy. My grandsons name is Bryce and I have called him Brycerboy since birth. Thus the name.” - Robert Mason

**AnightwithWilma:** “The breeder told me that he was up all night with his wife waiting for the mare to foal. His wife’s name is Wilma.” - Jill Arnold

**Real Wicked:** “We race a BBJ colt named Real Wicked. When we got him as a yearling he was so rotten that we gelded him the first month we had him. Now he is as sweet as sugar and the name really doesn’t fit.” - Allison Elizabeth

Have a fun name to share and maybe a story behind it? Comment on the Facebook link, call the office or send an e-mail to rmayhugh@ohha.com. Thank you for sharing!

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**Regina's Equine Spotlight**

**Meet “Willy”**

Colt by We Will See out of Arion

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