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CALENDAR

October 24th
4th Quarter OHHA Board Meeting
General Session at 1:00 p.m.
2237 Sonora Dr. Grove City, OH 43123
Members are always welcome for lunch and the general session at noon. Please RSVP by calling the OHHA office at 614-221-3650

October Date TBA
Ohio State Racing Commission Meeting
Riffe Center, 77 S. High Street
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Buckeye Stallion Series
Top 15 Points- Point Earners before Delaware County Fair

2CP
1- YANKEE BOOTS
2- UNLIKEANYOTHER
3- BOM BAY ROCK
4- CAVIART COOPER
5- ZIP ZIP WILL
6- BLACK HOLE
7- OHIO VINTAGE
8- VAN DIESEL
9- MR JUDGE
10- MCAIR
11- BEACH CAMO
12- ROCKETTE BABY
13- BLUE ON BLACK
14- HULKING
15- DRAGON PURPLECHIPS

2CT
1- JOE GOTTA GO
2- SV PAYTON PLACE
3- BUCKEYE ON BROADWAY
4- ROSCOE VILLAGE
5- STARS AN STONES
6- SURPRIZE MISSION
7- STATE OF MY HEAD AS
8- HALL N BRO
9- SEAL SNIPER
10- LUCKYCOMPETE
11- VOYAGE TO PARIS
12- COUNT’S CHIP
13- MASTER MALIN
14- EMERALD EYES
15- KANDY MAC

2FT
1- SUPREME LADY
2- GAYLE KAYE
3- LADYCALLSTHESHOTS
4- ILIANORA
5- FOOLMEGYPSY
6- PRECIOUS DIAMOND

2FP
1- COOKIES EMPIRE
2- ATLANTIC STAR
3- BET YOU IM ROCKIN
4- BEAUTIFUL LIZ
5- MCSTUNNING
6- IFEELLIKESASSY
7- AMBITIOUS LILLIAN
8- BROWN MAGIC WOMAN
9- MACH THE ROCK
10- MY HEARTS ROCKIN
11- DEVIOUS DAME

3CP
12- NATIVEANDUP
13- SMARTYS FILLY
14- WINE OR WOMEN
15- CORNERD BEACH
7- FEEL INVINCIBLE AS
8- FINGERINTHEFROSTIN
9- SHES GOT BLING
10- SHES LOVELY
11- FLAWLESS STONE
12- TWENTYFOUR K MAGIC
13- SUGARCREEK STORM
14- DAKOTA DAWNE
15- MAKING DREAMS

3FP
1- VELOCITY MCSWEETS
2- VELOCITY TRELIFIC
3- JUST ZIP IT
4- TURA LURA LURAL
5- VELOCITY GRETCHEN
6- OUR MISS REESE
7- KAY AGAIN
8- CROSSWIND BUTERCUP
9- KNOCKOUT QUEEN
10- OSBORNE’S ELLIE
11- WE SEE EMOJIS
12- DRAGON DAMSEL
13- CATALINA CRUISER
14- MOONSHINE CHARLEIGH
15- TIFFANY ROCKS AS

3CT
1- HIGH DEFINITION AS
2- JEFFERY P
3- SHOWBOAT
4- SUGAR TOP
5- WHITMAN SPUR
6- PRIEST MAN
7- DECASHBRO
8- IN MY DREAMS
9- LAST MISSION
10- RIDE THE RAILS
11- DISTORTED DREAM

3FT
1- TROPICAL SPLASH AS
2- CAVIAR’S TRIUMPH
3- CHEER THE STORM

Jug Prayer Breakfast
Wednesday, September 19

Join us in the Hospitality tent across from the Log Cabin at 7:30 AM, Wednesday, September 19th for a FREE breakfast.

Gary Cartwright is sure to inspire us with a great message on the Power of Prayer and Our Legacy. Gary is a true Man of God and a big advocate of OHHA. Our Prayer Breakfast were his idea. He did all the groundwork for our first one four years ago, and he makes the trip to Delaware every year to be part of our ministry.

Of course, we will praise God with the beautiful music of the Truitt Family. Come and pray with us for good racing and the safety of everyone at the fairgrounds.

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Get to Know Your Legislator

Representative Scott Lipps
62nd House District

State Representative Scott Lipps is currently serving his first term in the Ohio House of Representatives. He represents the 62nd Ohio House District, which includes much of Warren County.

As a native of Southwest Ohio, Rep. Lipps was raised in Miamisburg, Ohio. After graduating from Miamisburg High School, Rep. Lipps attended the College of Wooster. After his time at Wooster, Rep. Lipps pursued a graduate degree (Masters) at DePaul University in Chicago, IL.

Rep. Lipps has been blessed with several successful businesses and many opportunities to serve his community over the last 25 years. He has also been involved in philanthropy (Masons and Shriners), professional organizations (NFIB State Board, Optimists and Rotary Club, Farm Bureau, among others) and in public service (Franklin City Council and Mayor).

Rep. Lipps currently resides in Franklin.

Representative Brian Hill
97th House District

State Representative Brian D. Hill is currently serving his third term as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives, after being appointed to serve for the duration of the 129th General Assembly. He represents the 97th House District, which includes Guernsey County and most of Muskingum County.

Prior to joining the Ohio House, Representative Hill served as a Muskingum County commissioner for more than six years. His service to the public also includes work as a board member for the Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative, where he not only interacts with legislators at various levels of government, but meets with community members to discuss electric service and deregulation.

Before his work as county commissioner, Representative Hill worked at ADM Alliance Nutrition in Zanesville, where he assisted farmers in a six-county region on the production and nutrition of livestock. A two-time graduate of The Ohio State University, he has his associate degree in applied science and his bachelor’s degree in animal science. Additionally, he is a member of the Muskingum County Farm Bureau and Muskingum County Cattlemen’s Association, Ohio Cattlemen’s Association, National Cattlemen Association, and the National Rifle Association.

Representative Hill raises beef cattle and grows crops at the family farm he co-owns and has helped to manage with his father since 1980. He lives with his wife and three children outside of Zanesville.

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David Staats

Meet Ohio Harness Horsemen Association Member David Staats. He may not own horses, but he is involved with harness racing in Ohio. Staats has groomed and trained horses in the past but for the last couple of years he has been working the fairs, not only in his hometown of Bucyrus, but throughout the state.

Staats is an Associate Fair Judge. This summer he has worked at ten Ohio fairs; Marion, Carrollton, Bucyrus, Mt. Vernon, Berea, Mansfield, Wellington, Richwood, Kenton and Findlay. Prior to fair season he also assisted Bill Peters and Todd Brown at the Upper Sandusky matinée and during the qualifying races at Delaware he had the opportunity to be a timer.

He is also a Speed Committee Member at Bucyrus. As a Committee Member he has worked hard to make the races a success. One of the things he has focused on is securing sponsorships for the program. He has accomplished securing a sponsorship for the winner’s circle and money donations, which are used to purchase items to give out to the fans.

He is the Vice President of the Home Talent Colt Stakes circuit. That position sparked his interest in becoming a judge. “I live in small town and there are not many race horse owners here. I have always been interested in what goes on in the judges’ box,” shared Staats. “When I joined the Home Talent board one of the fair members asked me if I’d be interested in being one of their Associate Judges. I said yes, and it went from there.” He continued, “I enjoy it. I later realized there a need for judges. There are a lot of trainers out there but not many judges.”

Cleon Woods

Ohio Harness Horsemen Association members come from all over the country. Cleon Woods, Caw Stables, may not be a Buckeye, but he does enjoy owning Ohio bred horses. He is from Jackson, Mississippi and has an Ohio bred racing here and doing well on the Ohio Fair circuit this summer.

As of August 23rd, Mi Amada Juinita (Big Bad John-Mi Amada), 3-year-old filly pacer, has 8 Ohio Fair Stake starts with 6 of them being wins. Her wins include Wellington, Jefferson, Mansfield, Mt. Vernon, Bucyrus and Cortland. At Hilliard she finished 2nd. She is also sitting in the top 5 in points for the Ohio Fairs Championship Race. He has not made it up to Ohio yet to watch her race, but you can bet if she gets in the Fairs Final he will be here cheering her on!

Woods has owned harness race horses for 7 years. His first horse was Hoosier Jared, an Indiana bred colt. Freddie Patton, Sr. introduced him to the sport. Patton has been in the industry for 40 years as an owner, trainer and driver.

He plans to take the Presiding Judge test for the fairs. Staats enjoys the fair atmosphere and the people he works with, “I work with great judges all summer. Gene Wiley has taught me a lot. I give a lot of credit to him for what I have been able to do”.

When Staats isn’t in the judging stand or watching races for fun, he is golfing, going to the movies or hanging out with friends. “90% of my life involves racing. I enjoy reading old books, watching races, reading USTA newsfeeds and following racing related posts on Facebook”, shared Staats. This summer he also volunteered as a host at the OHHA Charity Night at the Races where he shared the sport with many who are not involved in it.

Having new people in these positions is very important to the industry. It is exciting to see people interested in being involved in more than just the horse aspect of the industry. A special thank you to those who encourage others to pursue these positions and mentor them along the way. Best of luck to you, David in pursuing your dreams!

Wood loves the horses. One of his favorite stories is that of Greyhound and the struggles that he overcame. Mi Amada Juanita had some struggles herself. “She overcame a lot of adversity but now is doing great”, shared Woods. He acquired Mi Amada Juanita when he contacted a gentleman who was selling a few horses. He has also trained and driven horses. Someday he would like to become a breeder.

Some personal information about Woods, his favorite food is baked fish, typically Tilapia or Catfish. Woods is also a dog trainer. “I do mainly obedience training and I own Rottweilers,” said Woods. He also raises English Game Fowl chickens.

Best of luck to Woods and his Ohio bred Mi Amada Juinita for the rest of the season! Hope you make it up to Ohio this October for the Ohio Fairs Finals!
This month’s Equine Spotlight horses were nominated via the Ohio Harness Horsemen’s Association Facebook Page. If you would like to nominate a horse for the Equine Spotlight, either share on the Facebook page or send an email to rmayhugh@ohha.com. Don’t forget to send photos too!

Looking For Zelda
(Break The Bank K - My Way K)
Nominated and photo submitted by Raymond Lance

Looking For Zelda broke a 16-year-old track record for 3-year-old filly trotters at Northfield Park on August 20. She won her leg in Ohio Sires Stakes on July 13 and August 20. She also won the Scarlet & Gray Invitational on April 27 at Miami Valley.

As of August 22, her 2018 earnings are $104,019 with 8 starts, 4 were wins. She is owned and bred by Robert Key and trained by Norm Parker.

McPansy
(McArdle - Panti depressant)
Nominated and photo submitted by Gestin Delelles

McPansy won her first two legs of the 3-year-old sire stakes and broke the record at Miami Valley for fastest 3-year-old filly. “She is such a lovable mare, she means the world to me. You couldn’t ask for a better horse to groom,” shared Delelles.

This year is her first-year racing and she has earned $46,500. She has 6 starts and 3 wins as of August 22. Her Ohio Sire Stakes wins were May 4th and June 22nd. McPansy is owned by Emerald Highland Farms and trained by Brian Brown.

Blasco
(Manofmanymissions - Zakanaka)
Nominated by Angela High, Photo by Conrad Photo

Blasco is a 3-year-old trotting colt. “His record speaks for itself”, stated High.

As of August 22, his 2018 earnings are $26,894, with 13 starts and 7 wins. His six wins include Zanesville, Attica, Bowling Green, Tiffin, Marysville, Bucyrus and Marion. He is owned, trained and driven by Bud High.

Rock On Line
(Rock N Roll Heaven - Kandy’s Delight)
Nominated and photo submitted by Greg Alper

“Rock on Line as been tearing it up all summer in Ohio. He has won 3 of his last 4 starts, including two at Scioto Downs and he broke the track record at the Xenia fair,” shared Alper.

As of August 22, his 2018 earnings are $59,476 with 20 starts. He finished 11 of those in the top 3. He is owned by Rob Zink and Ken Terpenning and trained by Dan Noble.
Lincoln Center is Breaking Barriers in Dressage
By Dot Morgan

Lincoln Center was purchased in the spring of 2013 by Ed Gretzinger’s Big Bang Racing after a disappointing 2 yr old season in Ontario. The flashy son of Mach Three competed at Raceway Park for Pat Karcher and then at Northfield Park for Tye Loy, but he only managed to earn $2,004 in 11 starts. Needing a career change, Gretzinger sent Lincoln Center to New Vocations in 2014.

Upon breaking him to ride, New Vocations trainer Jennifer Daniels found the gelding to be so quiet and agreeable that she recommended him as a potential husband horse to Mary VonHacker of Bellbrook OH. Lincoln Center, aka Trooper, was supposed to be brought along as a gaited trail horse, but circumstances revealed he had other talents.

“My husband didn’t catch the riding bug,” says VonHacker. When her other horse had to be sidelined due to Lyme disease, she found that Trooper had potential for dressage. “Though he raced on the pace, he has always preferred to trot on the lunge. I just worked on him relaxing and being soft under saddle and let him decide his preference.”

Fast forward four years. After getting Trooper established in his trot, Von Hacker spent a lot more time developing his canter. Obviously, a canter under saddle is alien to an ex-harness racer, but with patience and skill they can learn to be comfortable at a that gait, as well. VonHacker and Trooper have polished their skills at numerous dressage clinics and are now competing in both dressage and over low jumps.

VonHacker enthusiastically says, “Trooper has smarts. Everyone from his dressage clinician to his trainer is impressed with his willingness and intelligence. He is calm and super brave even in the chaos at a show. I plan to continue with dressage and hope to eventually do lower level eventing.”

The intended Husband Horse has definitely become this wife’s partner. “He is a true family member,” she says. “He has far exceeded my expectations and is breaking down barriers against the breed with all of his progress!”

Adopter Mary VonHacker praises Lincoln Center as she works on developing his canter.
Henry County Does It Up Right
By Thom Pye

Napoleon, Ohio --- It was the 153rd Henry County Fair and the folks in this friendly city of 8,300 located 44 miles SW of Toledo went all in to make sure everyone had a good time. Speed Committee Director & Superintendent Jeanne Gerdelman, along with Fred Feppel, Tim Black, Jay Angler, and Dudley Shrider went above and beyond to make sure the racing fans were witness to good miles and kept entertained throughout the two-evening program on August 14th and 15th of Ohio Fair Racing Conference stakes.

In the month leading up to the fair, the local paper did weekly articles that showed the public how much involved the horsepeople and the fairgrounds were in the community. Even the weather cooperated for two fine cards of competitive miles and tight finishes over the newly-improved racing surface.

The results on August 14 were immediate: a large inquisitive audience filled the grandstand and lined along the fence to see the racing action which produced several track records for the 134-year-old oval.

Simplymission, a 3-year-old filly by Manofmanymissions-Lima Simplicity, trotted to an all-age track standard (set in 2005) as well as for 3-year-old fillies (dating from 1987) when the Charles "Clem" Lee Jr-trainee zipped by the wire with Cameron McCown in 2:00.3 to take her share of "Clem" Lee Jr-trainee zipped by the wire with Cameron McCown winged a mile in 2:00.3 in the $4,635 Officially Nub, with trainer/driver Cameron McCown winged a mile in 2:00.3 in the $4,635 OFRC 3-year-old colt paced over Conquer The Chance (Pierce Henry) and Olives Matter (Daniel Corfman) while the Art Official gelding threw a last quarter of :29.2 to open up ten on the field.

Dejarming Lady (Dejarmbro-SOS Alegrea) trotted off by 6 for Mike Wolfe, the first of 3 winning drives on the card, as the Craig Cornachi-one-trained 2-year-old beat Katie’s Encore (Tim Moore Jr) and Ed Greeno Jr. aboard Donati.

This was also the OHHA’s Racing With The Stars fan race and as Lori Davis, a player several times and now a winning contestant, walked to the Winners Circle wearing the number 4 she happily exclaimed “this is FUN!” And for Lori the good things to happen this evening were just beginning.

The Henry County Horseman Memorial Trot established another track record when Jim Mulinix’s Need A Winner (and who doesn’t) clipped off a mile in 2:01 flat with driver Duke Sugg (one of three wins on the night) in the stirrups. This was the 3rd track record for the 5-year-old gelding by Neely Dunn in his last 4 starts (the others being at Oak Harbor and Attica) as Mad Cow Lisa (David Lake) and Rompaway Beau (Art Mc I’llmurray) rounded off the top three.

On August 15th, despite some ominous-looking clouds, the fans returned and were rewarded with a seat-hanger in the $3,560 OFRC 2-year-old filly trot as Urban Buzz (Art Mc I’llmurray) and Breakhemagic (BJ Roberts) were noses apart in 2:08.4. After a judges’ print Urban Buzz, the Mike Sweeney-trained daughter of Full Count, took the trophy blanket. Luvcruchess (Cameron McCown) was third.

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Dancin' at the Darke
by Thom Pye

Greenville, Ohio --- The final two
days of the 2018 racing season at
the Darke County Fair, August 22 and
August 23, had everyone on their
feet and the stars really lit up the
sky.

The night opened up with a neck-
stretch as Linda Gosselin’s
Cinderlane Jade, with trainer/
driver Pat McElroy Jr., took the Tom
Hope Sr Memorial Pace in a mile
of 1:57.4 as the 6-year-old gelding
threw a last panel of :29 flat at ER
Myron (Joey Putnam) and Officer
Jones (Alesha Binkley) and four
others.

Owner/trainer Timothy Reck’s
Coloneys Best (Doug Rideout)
grabbed the Winners Over by
tossing a final quarter of :27.4
for a 2:00 flat first lifetime
track standard by 2/5th’s of a
second.

It was a neck that separated the
3-year-old Parshall Futurity in
1:56.3 but Black Magic Racing
LLC’s Ohio Prince (Ken Holliday)
won his 7th win in 16 2018 starts.
Indian Creek Kyla (Doug Rideout)
was 2nd as Just Chillin It (Jeff
Nisonger) cooled his heels in 3rd.

In Trouble Again and Jeff Nisonger
were on top by 11 1/2 lengths
at the wire as John Van Horn’s
51 Little Browns Jugs) amplifying
the crack of applause.

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But the best was yet to come.
On Thursday, with the grandstand
and Winners Circle decked out to
greet the visiting royalty, everyone
involved at the 148-year-old
Fairgrounds made sure it was a
night to remember.

Wonderous Sport with
trainer/driver Kayne Kaufman
commanded the first race with a
victory in 1:58.3 on top by 12 1/2
...just for fun.

The evening’s second race
required a photo print as Scott
Cisco and Indian Creek Farm’s
Captain Zamperini pried out a win
by a nose in 1:57.2 over Donegal
Jim (Dan Noble) as Noone To
Depend On (Kayne Kaufman) was
a neck back in 3rd.

From the Winners Circle
announcer Doug Ballinger turned
the mic over to Hall-of-Famer
Roger Huston with a listing of his
long and storied accomplishments
but the best intro was the reply
of Roger’s call of the Gene Reigle-
tained Life Sign’s 1993 Little
Brown Jug victory (one of Roger’s
51 Little Browns Jugs) amplifying
over the track.

As Roger’s dynamic voice
reverberated throughout the fair,
youngsters came running over
to the fence to see what was
happening as older folks quickly
legged it up to the track as well.

“Where’s the race?” a puzzled
lady asked as she looked around
the oval. “There,” someone
smiled as they pointed up to the
Press Box. “That’s Roger Huston.”
There was no one like Roger in his
prime.

The 2-year-old colt Parshall
Futurity saw the Nisonger Stable
LLC’s Sectionline Bogo and Jeff
Nisonger pace a 1:59.3 mile as the
altered son of McArdle-Armbro
Alto reeled in his 5th win in 9 starts
for his freshman year.

Nisonger would have the 2nd
of a three-bagger on the night
with Crosswinds Standardbred
Farm/Steve Sexton’s Smarty Filly
(by Pet Rock) as the Dave Elliot-
conditioned 2-year-old bested
Blooming Sunflower (Brady
Galliers) and Hardware Princess
(Ken Holliday) in 1:59.2 in the
Parshall 2nd division.

Darke County’s very own Annie
Oakley (1860-1926) at 4’ 11” was
a petite young lady with a lot of
talent. Fittingly, the Darke County
Fair’s Annie Oakley Shootout
that hosted the Ohio Ladies
Pace, had a few petite young
ladies with a lot of talent as well
as Alesha Binkley who guided
Terrorificvelocity to the wire by
1/4 in 1:57.1 over Make Three
Wishes (Miriah Wright) and
Woodecando (Ulrrika Karlsson)
while clipping off a last panel in :
28.2.

In the Racing With The Stars fan
contest Jim Miller of Riverside
had a night to remember when he
drew #1 Rainbow Design with
Chris Page. The 2-year-old gelding
by Tellitlikeitis ziped home in :
29.2 for a 2:00 flat first lifetime
victory over Northern Rock (Jeff
Nisonger) and Western Boots and
Scott Cisco in the 3rd Parshall
division. The affable Millers were
in great spirits as the longtime
fans joined in the winners circle
circle festivities for the very first time.

Most of the crowd rose when “he”
came out for the post parade:
Foiled Again, harness racing’s all-
time money winning horse with
over $7,500,000 on his dance card
and driver Chris Page let them
pay homage to the King. Perfectly
sitting in a pocket trip until they
hit the 3/4’s, the 14-year-old was
up and challenging and kicked in
a 28 last quarter to win by 2
in 1:56.2. Yes, 14-years-old and
he looks and races like a healthy
7-year-old and the fans showed
their appreciation to Ron Burke’s
star protege with a hearty round
of applause.

The fans in attendance were
treated to a track record
performance in the $25,000 Arnie
Almahurst when Ron Burke sent
out Chris Page aboard Lady’s Dude
and the $750,000 plus winning
7-year-old gelding trotted off by 8
1/4 in 1:55.3 to put his name into
the record books.

In the $45,000 Gene Reigle
Memorial Open pace it was a
near track record event as trainer/
driver Dan Noble went a mile and
then some with Richard Mishkin’s
Nuclear Dragon in 1:52.1 as
the 6-year-old Nuclear Breeze
gelding lived on the outside
before drawing away by 4 3/4 from
Dancin Yankee (Chris Page)
and the Ken Holliday catch-driven
Hunchie and just missed a new
track standard by 2/5th’s of a
second.

The 2018 Season finale was taken
by Richard Finrock’s Ghosts And
Legends as trainer Mike Polhamus
took the seat himself and won
by 6 over DL’s Whosur Judge
and Western Boots and
Scott Cisco in the 3rd Parshall
division. The affable Millers were
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circle festivities for the very first time.

A great night of fantastic racing.
And it’s days like these that keep
the fans coming back for more.
Nuclear Dragon wins Gene Riegle Memorial  
By Richard Stevens-Gleason

Racing at the Darke County Fair in Greenville, Ohio, came to a conclusion on August 23rd. The $45,000 Gene Riegle Memorial Pace was won by Nuclear Dragon. Starting from the trailing post seven, he was parked for seven-eighths of the mile and still pulled away for a relatively easy 4-3/4 length victory in 1:52.1 with Dan Noble in the sulky. Noble also trains this recent addition to his stable.

The $25,000 Arnie Almahurst trot was virtually over once Chris Page circled the field down the backstretch and pulled away for an 8-1/4 length win with Lady’s Dude, tripping the timer in 1:55.3.

This was one of three wins on the card for Page as he also scored with Foiled Again, who won for the 101st time in his career in a 1:56.2 mile, giving leading trainer Ron Burke two wins on the evening card.

In Parshall Futurity action hometown driver Jeff Nisonger won three of the four divisions for 2-year-old pacers, sweeping the filly division with Smartys Filly and Dragonfly. He also won with Sectionline Bogo in the colt series. Chris Page steered Rainbow Design to victory in the other contest.

In the 3-year-old Parshall trot, Doug Rideout swept the event with Uncle Leo and Mrs Darcy.

The Darke County horsemen would like to thank all their sponsors who continue to make this fair a successful endeavor.
The Racing Rookies 4-H Club had the opportunity to see harness racing first-hand at the Seneca County Fair in Tiffin, Ohio on July 23, 2018. The members were welcomed by the horsemen who offered help in any way they could. The members assisted in getting a horse ready to race that evening and were able to deck her out in ribbons and bows. They also bathed her after the race. The horse may have been a bit spoiled that night with all the brushing and walking she received. They were great paddock helpers. The group was very interactive and full of questions. It was a great experience for them.

There were other activities scheduled for the club members. They were part of a blanket presentation in the winner’s circle. They participated in a bouncy horse race and human bike races. They learned about retired racehorses and how they enjoy new careers after racing through various activities. They also met and sat behind retired racehorse Mr I Am. The horsemen had a carry-in style meal and invited the members to join them.

It was a fun filled day at the Seneca County Fair for the club and the excitement and activities continued at the Darke Co Fair where they had a booth in the Jr. Fair Building, participated in the Parade of Champions, and other fun activities that Tim Harless had planned for them. More on the Club’s Darke County Fair activities will be in the October issue of the OHHA News.

Racing Rookies has also been given sets of colors from: James Byers, Trace Tetrick, Andy Shetler and Brandon Bates. They also received a basket full of colors that Amy Hollar put together for them. Thank you to everyone who donated. They were greatly appreciated.
Steck and Schwartz Awarded Scholarships From Christian Harness Horsemen’s Association

Submitted by Lee Alphen

Parker Steck was awarded the Rambling Willie scholarship to pursue a nursing degree at Ashland University. Parker says, “In July of 2014 my entire family’s life was changed forever. While on his way to work, my older brother, Ryder, was involved in a car accident. He passed away on August 2, 2014. It was during those days at Grant Medical Center that I realized that becoming a nurse was what I wanted to do with my life.

My family has always been active in our church. I am raised to believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross to save me from my sins, and that He went to prepare a place for us to reign with Him forever. I also know God does not give you more than you can handle, but when you lose someone so young, so full of life, with such a bright future ahead of him many people may question God’s plan. Not my family! Of course, we miss Ryder and my parents still struggle everyday with their grief but have never wavered in their faith that God’s plan is not our business.

Going through life, I learned that we are not promised tomorrow. We may never get another chance to be kind to someone. That is why it is so important for me to be kind and forgiving. To be able to show people that even though bad things happen, we can stand strong in our faith that God knows what He is doing. Becoming a nurse is not just my dream. I believe it is God’s plan. I think He used the nurses who worked daily on Ryder to show me that this was my chance to give back to people who are hurting, sick, and even passing away.

I have worked hard throughout High School. It has not been easy to balance everything and at times, I was overwhelmed and tired. During those times, I remembered Ryder and his nurses. I thought about my Lord and Savior, and how He showed me light during the darkest time of my life. I would think about my parents and how they lost a piece of their heart when Ryder went to heaven but they get up and go to the barn every day and lean on God to help them through. I know I would not have made it through without God. It is my prayer that He is the One who shapes my character, and it is my hope that I can live up to all He has in store for me.”

Alexis Schwartz was awarded a CHHA scholarship to continue her studies at the University of Kentucky. Alexis says, “Throughout my high school career, I was able to form a closer relationship with God through a program called Fayette Christian Athletes. This group helped me understand more about giving to others. We donated time working at The Well serving food to those in need.

I am very thankful for the many connections I have made through school and working at Keeneland with the thoroughbreds. My long-term goal is to receive a job as a pharmaceutical sales representative. I believe though my hard work and determination and making connections, I will be able to reach this.”

“These horses, from the Mike Polhamus stable, were watching their buddies race at the Miami County Fair in Troy.”

- Submitted by Ray Eichenberger, Red Foot Racing Stables
It is time to submit Award Nominations for the 2019 OHHA Banquet. The following pages contain the nomination forms for those awards.

Remember the 2018 Outstanding Groom Award nomination forms are used each month to choose a monthly winner and will be used again to determine the Groom of the Year. To be considered for the 2018 Outstanding Groom Award to be presented at the banquet, be sure to turn the nomination form in to your track representative by October 1st. There is still time to nominate grooms for the monthly drawings that will be conducted the remainder of the year as well.

Next is the nomination form for the Terry Holton Youth Award. Think about those youth who are actively participating in harness racing. Grooms, drivers, breeders and any other task they are performing that shows outstanding service to the industry, be sure you nominate them!

The final nomination form is for the Dick Brandt, Sr. Extra Effort Award. Local Ohio horsemen’s associations and matinée clubs that have given the most to their county fair or local community are encouraged to apply. Be sure to share this form with those groups so they are aware of the opportunity. Horsemen can nominate these groups as well.

These forms are available on the OHHA website www.ohha.com.

ALL NOMINATION FORMS ARE DUE OCTOBER 1st!
Attention Trainers, Nominate Your Grooms! The OHHA Outstanding Groom Award is meant to highlight a groom that really goes above and beyond for their horses and the sport of harness racing in Ohio. You can include up to one more sheet of additional information if needed. Please be thorough, the more comprehensive the nomination is, the better chance your nominee has of being chosen.

Each month a groom will be chosen based on the merits of the application. In addition, this application will also be used to determine the Outstanding Groom Award that will be presented at the 2019 OHHA Annual Banquet. Please use one form for each groom and turn forms into your OHHA track representative.

Monthly winners will receive a $200 Visa gift card. Hollywood Dayton, Miami Valley Gaming and Scioto Downs will award 2 at each track. Northfield Park will award 6 throughout the year. Fair groom applications can be taken to the nearest track.

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Explain the role this person has in the stable:

How long have they been involved in harness racing? How did they get started?

What other activities are they involved in?

Any additional information you would like to share:
Nomination for the Terry Holton Youth Award

The 18th Annual Terry Holton Youth Award, is awarded to youth between the ages of thirteen and nineteen who have actively participated in harness racing during 2018, as a driver, trainer, owner, groom, breeder, official, race office/publicity assistant, track maintenance crew or any capacity that has provided outstanding service to harness racing. You can include up to one more sheet of additional information if needed. The more information you can provide for your nominee will help the committee to make a more informed decision. **DEADLINE OCTOBER 1, 2018**

I. Please fill out the following information about the person being nominated:

   Name:
   Location:
   Age:
   If in school, grade and name of school attending:

II. Explain the role this person has had in the harness racing industry in 2018.

III. How long have they been involved in harness racing? How did they get started?

IV. What other activities is the nominee involved in?

V. Any additional information you would like to share:

Nomination by:
Name:
Email:
Phone:
Nomination for the Dick Brandt, Sr. Extra Effort Award

The 17th Annual Dick Brandt, Sr. Extra Effort Award is being offered for the 2018 racing year in order to expand the OHHA’s commitment to county fair racing. Local Ohio horsemen’s associations and matinée clubs that have given the most to their county fair or local community are encouraged to apply. The award is based on current and new membership, involvement with their local fair board, participation in local matinées, community involvement, improvements to track and barn areas and assistance with the racing programs during fair week. You can include up to one more sheet of additional information if needed. The more information you can provide for your nominee will help the committee to make a more informed decision. DEADLINE OCTOBER 1, 2018

I. Please fill out the following information about the association being nominated:
   
   Name:
   
   Location:
   
   How many years has the association been in existence?
   
II. Tell us about the association. Include activities the association participated in during 2018. Include any community involvement, harness racing promotional activities, county fair involvement, relationship with the county fair board, track and barn improvements and involvement in the county fair’s racing program.

III. Any additional information about the horsemen’s association.
Ohio Breeder’s Awards Program Rules

(A.) A portion of the discretionary funds that are paid to the Ohio Harness Horsemen’s Association (the “OHHA”) by the Standardbred permit holders from the video lottery terminal wagering will be used to pay breeder’s awards to the owners of the dams of Standardbred horses that were born in 2013 and thereafter and are sired by a stallion that was registered as a Standardbred stallion with the Ohio State Racing Commission for the applicable breeding season. Breeder’s awards will be paid beginning with the 2016 racing season. No Later than December 31 of each year beginning in 2016, the OHHA will establish the total sum that will be paid as breeder’s awards with respect to races conducted during the next succeeding calendar year. “Breeder” is defined as any person(s), entity or entities listed as the Breeder on the registration certificate.

(B.) All horses born in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 that meet the requirements of subsection (A) will be eligible to earn breeder’s awards for the Breeder(s) of the foals without their dams being registered pursuant to subsection (C).

(C.) For mares bred in 2016 with foals of 2017 and thereafter, in addition to the requirements of subsection (A), the following eligibility requirements will apply:

1. The horse must be born in the State of Ohio and the dam must reside in the State of Ohio during the year of foaling for a continuous period that is not less than one hundred eighty-seven (187) days. Continuous residency is subject to exceptions for acts of God, medical emergency, or participation in an out-of-state public sale for a period of up to fourteen days. Valid exceptions must be reported on an Exception Waiver Form to the OHHA no later than 48 hours after moving the mare out-of-state and must provide full details for the exception to apply.

2. The dam of the horse must be registered with the breeder’s award program with the OHHA between September 1st and November 30th of the year of breeding. All forms necessary will be provided by the OHHA by request and will be available for download from the OHHA website. Beginning with mares bred in 2017 and thereafter, the breeder(s) of each horse must be members of the OHHA during the years the horse was born, and through that horse’s 3-year-old racing season. The only exception to the Membership requirement shall be with a deceased Member. At the time of death, the Membership requirement for an individual is omitted for the years following an individual’s death. Validly executed Assignments of Interest for Breeders Awards are accepted if signed by the Breeder(s) and only if the Breeders Award and the Breeder(s) are in good standing, with active Memberships at the time of Assignment on the Interest.

3. The information that is provided at the time of registration of the mare shall include the name and tattoo number of the mare, the name of the Ohio-registered stallion that the mare was bred to, the location in the State of Ohio where the mare resides or will reside during the year of foaling, the date when the mare began residency or is expected to begin residency in the State of Ohio, and the names and addresses of the Breeder(s) of the mare at the time of registration with the program. The form shall include a sworn verification-certifying residency pursuant to Paragraph 1, for the mare. At the time of registration of the mare the Breeder(s) shall also provide a completed I.R.S. W9 Form and Full Waiver and Consent to enter onto the resident mare’s property for residency verification purposes.

4. A registration fee of $20.00 per mare will be charged, payable to the OHHA at the time of registration, together with the OHHA membership fee if not previously paid.

(D.) Ohio breeder’s awards shall be paid only for two and three-year-olds racing in 2016 forward. Breeder’s awards will be payable for the following eight categories:

1. The Ohio stake races that will be counted in calculating breeder’s awards consist of:

(a) Legs, finals and consolation of the Standardbred De-
development Fund Races the, “Ohio Sires Stake” races,
(b) Legs and finals of the, “Buckeye Stallion Series” races
(c) The Ohio State Fair Stakeraces
(d) The Ohio Fair Championship
(e) The Ohio Breeders Championship StakeRaces
(f) Any other Ohio Breeder’s stakeraces
(g) All stake races conducted by county agricultural societies and independent agricultural societies with purse money provided in whole or in part by the Ohio Fair Funds
(h) Any other Ohio stake races that are approved by the OHHA no later than December 31st of each year beginning in 2016 for foals born the following year.

2. The award earned by each horse will be based on the purse dollars earned by that horse in Ohio stakes races each year compared to the total purse dollars earned by all of the horses in its category in Ohio stake races that year that are eligible to earn breeder’s awards, expressed as a percentage. The OHHA Board will establish the total amount of breeder’s awards for each category each year by December 31st. That percentage will be multiplied by the total dollars that are allocated to breeder’s awards for the horses in that category, with the result rounded to the nearest whole dollar.

Any breeder’s award that calculates to less than $50.00 will be treated as $0 earned and not be paid. If there are multiple Breeders, the Breeder’s Award check will be issued to the Breeder listed first on the Registration. If any or a portion of the Breeder’s Award remains unpaid due to the failure of the Breeder to supply all information requested by the OHHA upon request or the OHHA is unable to ascertain the whereabouts of the Breeder or his Beneficiary after sending a registered letter, return receipt requested to the last known address, and further diligent effort to ascertain the Breeder or his Beneficiary’s whereabouts, 1 year from the date the Breeder’s Award was payable the Award shall be forfeited in its entirety and revert-back to the Administrative Account used for the administrative expenses of the Program.

(E.) For mares that are registered with the breeder’s award program as described in subsection (C), the OHHA shall be entitled to visit the farm where a mare was reported to reside on one or more occasions to confirm the mare’s residency at that location during the year of foaling. If access to the farm or mare is denied, or if the mare is not residing at that farm and is not otherwise confirmed as residing in or has not resided in the State of Ohio during that time, the foal that is delivered by that mare with respect to that year of registration will not be eligible to the breeder’s award program.
### Ohio Breeder’s Awards Program Form

**1. Initial Mare Registration:** Due November 30th of the Year Bred

**2. Mare Residency and 187 Day Declaration of Residency:**
Due within 30 days of Beginning Residency in year of foaling, due May 1st, contiguous residency must commence before June 1st

### 1. INITIAL MARE REGISTRATION:
Complete 1 for Initial Registration

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### 2. 187 DAY RESIDENCY VERIFICATION:
Complete 1, 2, & 3 for Final Verification

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**If the Mare is a Permanent Resident at this Location Check the Box**

**3. CERTIFICATION:** Please Read, Initial, and Sign. Each applicable section must be completed in its entirety by the deadline stated. Any deficiencies will be considered an incomplete submission.

I hereby state that all information provided herein is true and correct. I further certify if the mare leaves the state for any reason I will notify the OHHA within 72 hours of return, complete and return the separate “Emergency Exception Form”. I understand that any false or fraudulent statements made by me or on my behalf may result in the automatic removal from the Breeder’s Awards Program and may be punishable under Ohio Law.

For verification purposes I consent to the OHHA entering upon the property, farm, or other residence and permit them to inspect any veterinary records or breeding or billing records, validate the mare’s presence at the location provided, and status. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless in law and equity the OHHA for any action that causes any damage to the OHHA, or any agent acting on behalf of the OHHA.

Failure to submit this form within the timeframe outlined in each section may result in the Mare or Breeder’s automatic removal from the Breeder’s Awards Program. The severity or frequency of any failure(s) may result in a bar and preclude future participation.

The Ohio Harness Horsemen’s Association reserves all rights including the ability to make changes to the program or abolish the program in its entirety in their complete and unfettered discretion. Program rules for the program year are included by reference herein. All decisions made by the OHHA on all matters concerning the Breeder’s Awards Program is Final. Any subsequent action or claim arising from the Breeder’s Awards Program must first be arbitrated prior to initiating any claim in Court or with any Administrative Agency. At law, the Court of Common Pleas of Franklin County, Ohio has exclusive jurisdiction over any claims.

**Signature:** (Breeder Listed First on Registration Only)  
**Date:** (mm/dd/yyyy)
The Buckeye Harness Horseman

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Attach any additional documentation as outlined in each section and a completed W-9. Return to the OHHA: Via Fax: 614-221-8726, Via E-mail: breedersawards@ohha.com, or First Class Mail (Postage Pre-Paid) 2237 Sonora Drive, Grove City, Ohio 43123. The official Post Office Postmark or receipt time stamp at the OHHA office (whichever is earlier) will be recognized as the return-date.

Ohio Breeder’s Award Program Form Revised 8-1-18

The Ohio Breeder’s Awards Program Form can also be printed from the OHHA website www.ohha.com under Ohio Breeder’s Award.

The W-9 form is also required to be on file. If you have sent in the W9 form previous years you do not need to resend unless there are edits. If this is your first time registering a mare then the W9 form is required. It can also be found on the OHHA website.

Please note the deadline for registration is earlier than last year and are DUE NOVEMBER 30th!
Ohio Harness Racing History

Little Brown Jug Throwbacks- Remember When???

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“Little Brown Jug Officials in the late 40’s,” submitted by Roger Huston.

Standing left to right: Joseph McGraw (Presiding Judge) Riley Couch (Starter), Joseph Neville (Impresario- Little Brown Jug), Tom Gahagan (Clerk of Course), Edward Keller (Race Secretary), Bob Jewell (Associate Judge) and Henry Knauff (President of USTA). Kneeling left to right: Frank Riley (Timer), Bill Jenkins (Timer), Dr. Fred Butler (Timer), Irv Carlisle (Manager), Henry C. Thomson (Director) and Wayne Groves (Associate Judge). Photo courtesy Little Brown Jug Society. The Little Brown Jug, The People Who Made It All Happen.

Little Brown Jug Memories
Shared by followers on Ohio Harness Horsemen’s Association Facebook page.

Chad Allan Ruth: Watched Life Sign win, parked every step of the way!!! Unforgettable! My first Little Brown Jug

Carol Nichols Shuman: Bret Hanover, first Jug. Watched them scrape the track and it was amazing. Favorite memories- T Cody, our home-bred, winning and set a World Record. Fan Hanover, despite the wreck, and Life Sign winning for Gene. I remember them bathing Watering Can, and she fired every time they got close to her hind end. Only place you can get close to so many good horses

Diane Winters: I never miss! Been attending since 1958 and have been an outrider 37 years!

Keith and Linda Streitenberger: Have attended 35 consecutive years, interrupted by Hurricane Irma last year. Will start a new streak this year. Life Sign was a monster. Also, Riyadh’s super quick dash from the gate from the 5 or 6-hole.

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