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NEW RACING SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2022

The David Snyder family and International Sound Corporation are pleased to announce the continuation of scholarship funding for students with involvement in harness racing. The Harold and Marcia Memorial Scholarship (formerly known as the HTA scholarships) will now be administered by the Harness Horse Youth Foundation beginning in 2022.

“HHYF is a great fit since they already have existing scholarships and an ongoing commitment to racing’s future. We are happy to find a suitable home” expressed David. “The scholarship is our way of honoring my parents and giving something back to the harness racing industry. I think Stan (Bergstein) would be pleased as well.”

Eligibility requirements for the Harold and Marcia Snyder Memorial Scholarship include:

- Applicant must be personally involved in the harness racing industry or have a relative involved.
- Applicant must demonstrate financial need.
- Applicant may or may not be pursuing a career in the harness racing industry.
- Applicant must be at least a high school senior.
- Applicant must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- Applicant must be (plan to be) enrolled as a full time student (minimum 12 credit hours).
- Undergraduate and graduate students are eligible.

In addition to the Snyder Memorial, HHYF also offers the Curt Greene Memorial and the Sweet Karen scholarships. All applications may be accessed through this link: <https://hhyf.org/scholarships/>

Potential applicants should also note that the deadline for each of the HHYF scholarships is June 1, 2022.

For further information about the new or existing scholarships, please contact the HHYF office.

KATIE EICK - HHYF SCHOLARSHIP EXTRAORDINAIRE!



The HHYF Scholarship Committee selected Katie Eick from Farmingdale, NJ as the recipient of both the 2021 Curt Greene Memorial and 2021 Sweet Karen scholarships! According to Katie, "Not only has HHYF had a positive influence on my life, but it has changed my entire life....without HHYF, I would not have met my best friends or been introduced to the sport that is slowly consuming my life in the best way possible or have traveled to some of my favorite towns...I am so thankful for all of the people I have met as well as the places and opportunities horse racing has led me to whether it be directly or indirectly." Katie is now in her final year of college but took time this summer once again to help out with HHYF programs. She even paused long enough for us to grab a quick picture of her check presentation!

30 YEARS OF HEROES

It's hard to believe but HHYF has been producing trading card sets for 3 decades - as our collectors and fans know, there may be repeat subjects but never the same card twice. Just a reminder that a set of HARNESS HEROES make a great holiday gift for the hard-to-shop-for racing fan on your list!

<https://hhyf.org/harness-heroes/>

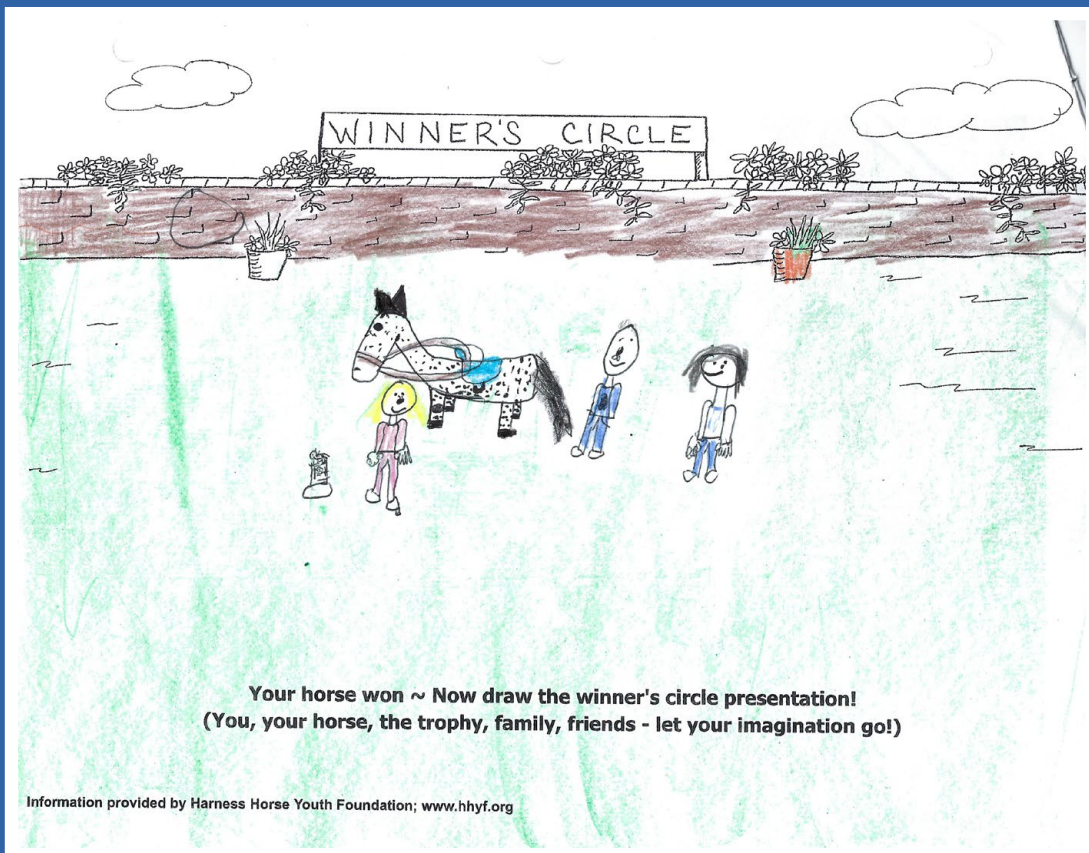
"Before I ever set my hands on a standardbred, I had a close friend who's step father worked in track maintenance.. He would take us to see the horses and he purchased and gifted me several sets of Harness Heroes cards from the track gift shop. I still have them and love them dearly. You could say they were my first real look at racing, and look at me now! So I thank you for that!" Michelle Hogan, harness artist

ACTIVITY BOX NEWS



Lots to share about HHYF's newest educational venture! First, our partnership with the Indiana Standardbred Association couldn't have had better results. All four 2021 boxes were distributed to each of Indiana's 92 county extension offices which resulted in an invitation to speak to a local 4-H club as well as to participate in the countywide Ag Day festivities for 600 third graders. Unfortunately, due a Covid19 spike, the Ag Days have been postponed until April 2022 but HHYF is counting the days until we get to share harness racing excitement with this crowd.

Second, check out the artwork of 8 year-old Kate Mauck who completed this artwork from Activity Boxes 1 and 2 with her depiction of the winner's circle and the breeding farm.



Third, a big shout out to Jeff Billings, the ag teacher and FFA advisor from the state of Delaware. Because we knew his vocation and that he is an avid owner of successful racehorses, HHYF had asked him to provide feedback on the boxes. He recently had his class do its first lesson from the Activity Boxes and he sent this report: "the students loved it. It went so well that I shared the link on some social media pages so hopefully it generates some orders." Well, thanks to Jeff, Activity Boxes have now been sent to even more states including Georgia, Idaho, Kansas, and Oregon.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN - WOO HOO -



Jay County Fairgrounds, Portland IN



Harrison County 4-H, Corydon IN



The Red Mile, Lexington KY

2021 SUMMER PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS!



Gaitway Farm



Manalapan NJ



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YOUNG rider readies a horse for harness racing.

HORSING AROUND

Youth equine camp coming to Bloomsburg

By DAN REILLY
Press Enterprise Sports Editor

BLOOMSBURG — There's a big difference between riding a horse and driving one.

There's also no way of knowing whether or not driving a horse is something that's desirable unless given the chance to do it.

Few people get the opportunity to harness race, but at the Bloomsburg fairgrounds on Aug. 16, kids who want to get acquainted with the sport can participate in the Harness Horse Youth Foundation's (HHYF) day-long camp.

"Society has changed so much in that most kids can't even touch a horse," HHYF executive director Ellen Taylor said. "If we have a small percent come out and get into the sport, that's what we're looking for."

It's the first time HHYF is bringing its tour to Bloomsburg. Last year's event was wiped out due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Before this year, the earliest HHYF camp was at Pocono Downs. Once Pocono Downs closed, Bloomsburg became the next-best destination to hold the camp, Taylor said.

The HHYF, based in Anderson, Indiana, has nine stops on its schedule this summer. Camps will be held at Le-



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TWO YOUNG riders groom a horse.

sey and Pennsylvania over the next few weeks.

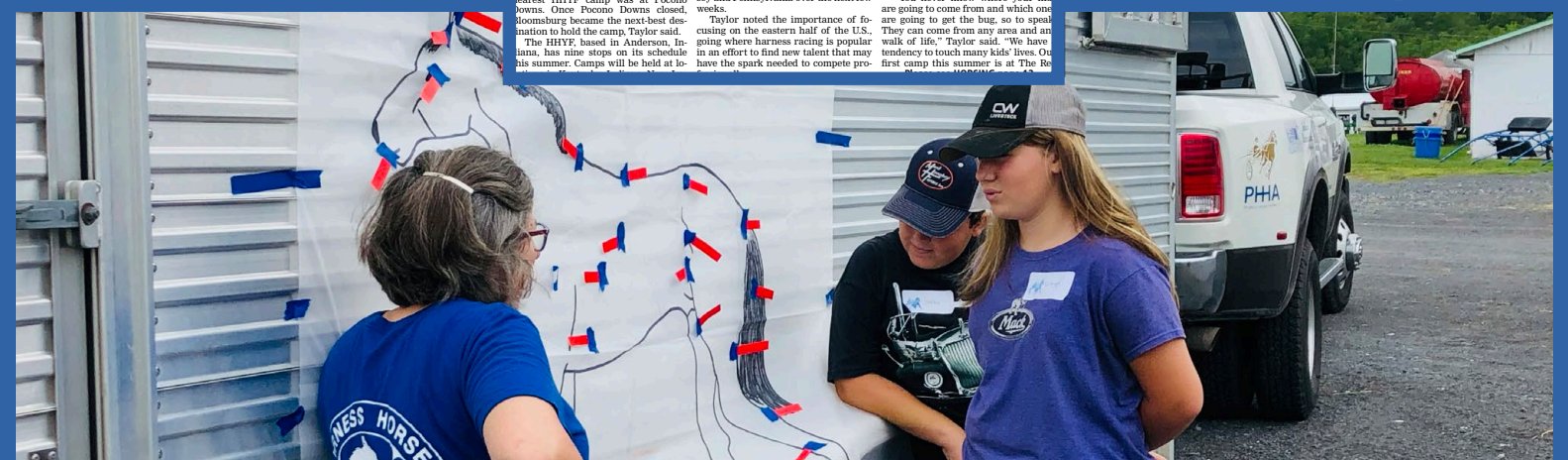
Taylor noted the importance of focusing on the eastern half of the U.S., going where harness racing is popular in an effort to find new talent that may have the spark needed to compete pro-

"You never know where your kid are going to come from and which one are going to get the bug, so to speak. They can come from any area and an walk of life," Taylor said. "We have tendency to touch many kids' lives. Our first camp this summer is at The Re-



Bloomsburg PA

Bloomsburg Fairgrounds,



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HBYF LOVES A PARADE



Earlier this fall, to commemorate Dan Patch's 125th birthday, HBYF and the Indiana chapter of USHWA collaborated by participating in the Dan Patch Community Festival Parade in Oxford, IN.. Volunteers included Sonora and Jeff Dever, Bryce Nickells, Abigail, Lydia and James Platz, Chloe and Sandy Tetrick, Bob Heyden, Ellen Taylor, and Hoosier Buddy on loan from Harrah's Hoosier Park. Biographical pennants were distributed along the parade route and were well received by both young and old. Many thanks to Gwen Erwood, Nat and Patty Hill, Lynn and Barbara Wilfong and John Wilson for their assistance with pennant production.



HAMBO HAPPENINGS



HBYF trustee Suzanne D'Ambrose spent Hambletonian Day sharing her love of arts and crafts by helping young attendees make their own horseshoe frames - many smiles resulted! And another young fan named Luke also had a special day as he was lucky enough to meet Dexter Dunn, have his trading card autographed and then have his photo taken with the life size cut out of the 2020 Driver of the Year!



HOOSIER PARK COMMUNITY NIGHT



Each year Harrah's Hoosier Park hosts a community family night, usually in conjunction with their Grand Circuit feature night. This year in the front paddock, HHYF set up five stations with various games and activities for all ages to test their harness racing knowledge. Blessed with our young experts Sonora Dever and Bryce Nickells who acted as hosts, HHYF provided lots of prizes and fun for those who stopped by. Later in the evening, General Manager Rick Moore and Race Marketing Manager/HHYF Trustee Emily Gaskin presented a \$5000 check to Executive Director Ellen Taylor!

HELP HHYF INCREASE OUR AWARENESS

HHYF is always looking for ways to help spread the word about our organization. We recently created many sizes of generic ads for use wherever there might be extra "free" space - on websites or in magazines and sales catalogs - really anywhere that might be appropriate to share our good work. If you have use for this, please use this link to find the ads camera ready for uploading <https://hhyf.org/support-hhyf/>



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