

THE NEWS LETTER

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Creating new generations of harness racing fans and participants since 1976 by providing unique equine experiences.

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2023 HHYF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Another stellar group of HHYF Scholarship recipients received their checks in August for the 2023/24 academic year.



Jonas Scott
(\$7000 Harold & Marcia Snyder Memorial) is attending Bucknell University and studying computer science and engineering.



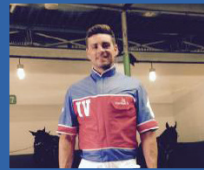
Daniel Eick
(\$5000 Harold & Marcia Snyder Memorial) is attending William Paterson University and studying biology and ecology.



Weston Copp
(\$3000 Harold & Marcia Snyder Memorial, \$1000 Sweet Karen Memorial) is attending University of NW Ohio and is studying diesel mechanics.



Samantha Bennett
(\$2500 Curt Greene Memorial) is attending Oklahoma State University and is studying ag communications and business.



Jim Marshall IV Joins HHYF Board

Jim Marshall IV is a multi-generational horseman and multi-decade HHYF volunteer. When he showed up to assist with driving at the Gaitway Farm program this summer, he was eager to help and full of ideas...and now a HHYF trustee! Jim says "I am looking forward to giving back to the industry

that has given so much to me and my family and grateful for the opportunity to grow personally while helping young people learn and develop through the HHYF program."



Sheerin Receives HHYF Service To Youth Award

In October at The Red Mile, Executive Director Ellen Taylor presented the 2022 HHYF Service to Youth Award to Dr. Peter Sheerin for his innovative and fun participation in his Shearin' Dr. Sheerin fundraiser.

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HHYF ALUMNI LIVING THEIR DREAMS

HHYF hates to brag but this year....

Robert Bath's trainee Dame Good Time won the Bluegrass.

Amanda Blackford scored her first win as the trainer of John Mac.

Travis Ceppaluni, now a Jackson NJ police officer, has received multiple commendations.

Molly D'Ago (aka Agostino) had her first label release "My Sweet Burning Heart".

Katie Eick is now the assistant to the race secretary at Freehold as well as social media specialist for the track.

Carter Pinske trained Mommamia Volo, the winner of the Kentucky Filly Futurity, the Bluegrass, and the Kentucky Sire Stake Final.

Marcela Riddick's script for the Writing Climate Pitchfest has moved into the semi-finals.

Dedrick Sanders' 2023 UDRS to date is .635 with 3 wins, 2 seconds, 1 third while competing at the Ohio fairs and working for Todd Luther Stable.

Ryder Skinner & Ethan Stafford were both inducted into the National Honor Society.

Charles Stewart III joined the 1000 Training Wins Club.

AJ Wright scored his first fair victory and received his Q license.



Bailey & Holthaus - Making HHYF Better

In April, HHYF hired the dynamic college English professor C J Holthaus from Missouri. She taught kids, drove the rig, provided outreach in addition to writing intense harness racing lesson plans for HHYF's new educational efforts which will be unveiled next spring! C J also learned to jog and care for the HHYF stable as well as experiencing nuances unique to racing.



In August, thanks to a referral from the American Horse Council, HHYF was lucky to find Makaya Bailey, a senior from University of Louisville who was seeking a marketing internship position. She's been busy with creating web and social media content as well as assisting with local community events.

Photo - McKayla Bailey (far right) served as lead ambassador at the Breeders Crown along with other HHYF representatives (L to R) Ruby Redmond, Matty Neafus and Rachel Deeter.

2023 HHYF Quotes:

I just wanted to personally thank you for inviting G to camp. He had such a great time! And he is so interested in harness racing!"

I am so impressed with all of the opportunities C had at Leadership and it was awesome to see his enthusiasm for the horses, and specifically harness racing, grow!

Wow, I have never touched a live horse before! (repeated many times over the course of the year)

Newsletter photos courtesy of Dean Gillette, Amanda Stephens, Walter Wlodarczyk, and HHYF

HHYF - A VARIETY OF HARNESS RACING



Harrison County Ag Days in Corydon IN is always fun! We compare race horses and drivers to human athletes!



Prairie Crossing Elementary School in Oxford IN in conjunction with Life & Times of the Great Dan Patch Festival!



Instant connections are often the case as at Shenandoah Downs in April.



Sometimes it's a strettchhh but comparing jog carts and race bikes is always interesting!



"I think I like these girls and the attention" says the horse used for the harnessing demonstration in VA!



Volunteers Vicky and Tim assist with bridling Homer at the Darke County program....sometimes it isn't easy!



Is everyone ready for a surprise quiz on harness parts?



C J repeats one of THE most important parts of harnessing is to make sure there is no tail hair caught under the crupper.

G EDUCATION & FUN FOR FUTURE FANS



John DeLong is just one of countless industry professionals to talk to the participants about his/her experiences in harness racing.



Aren't these smiles wonderful, and a big part of what HHYF is all about?



He's white, he's beautiful, but he is hard to keep clean! Homer gets his face washed after jogging.



Volunteer Vicky introduces Alisa and explains basic horse behavior and communication.



Trying the jog cart proper mount and arm extension just before the real jogging begins at Goshen Historic Track.



Cousins and sisters learning how to roll a proper stall bandage.



Missy doing her job of pacing and teaching with Volunteer Jim assisting with verbal instruction.



Onward! An interesting angle of track time at Gaitway Farm during jogging.



Teamwork makes dreamwork, especially at the Leadership Program which is a sleepover 5-day, 4-night camp jammed full of field trips as well as doing barn work for "their" stable!



HHYF encourages former campers to teach others. Young Sarah is a great example as she demonstrates putting on hoppers as Homer cooperates by lifting his hind foot.



Not much time to rest at HHYF!



Roy and Homer enjoy some afternoon grass with their HHYF caretakers at Crimson Lane Lane Farm, host of this year's Leadership Program.



A group photo after a great day at HHYF in Goshen NY!



After their training mile, Volunteer Driver Brandon and Miss Heather say "driving is a snap!"



Learning by doing...practicing pacing at Breyerfest in Lexington.



The lull before the charge of young Amish kids asking for HARNESS HEROES packs at the Hoosier Classic Sale.



Volunteers Jenn and Joyse - what a great time at the National FFA Convention again this year!



A special presentation by Far Out Farms LLC honoring Chris Wittstruck while HHYF was in Goshen...HHYF appreciates ALL of those who support HHYF financially.



Moonsville Conservation Club was just one of many organizations who requested HHYF care packages. Doesn't this little guy carry it well?



Harrah's Hoosier Park Fright Night People's Choice: and the winner is the Stewart Family and Starfire!



Everything Barbie (and Pink) presented by the Nickells and Tetrick families - the judge's first place pick from a group of very creative entries!



Thanks to the USA Equestrian Trust grant, HHYF purchased 9 new helmets this year.



2023 HHYF mission complete: happy campers and new fans for harness racing!



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2023 HHYF REACH

7 SUMMER PROGRAMS

Shenandoah Downs, Jay County Fairgrounds, Darke County Fairgrounds, DeLong Stable, Leadership Program, Goshen Historic Track, Gaitway Farms

Total attendance - 93

2 SCHOOL VISITS WITH HHYF STABLE MEMBERS

Prairie Crossing Elementary, Harrison County Ag Days

Total students - 730

8 OUTREACH EVENTS

Equine Affair, Diamond Creek Farm Open House, Breyerfest, East Rutherford Night Out, Hambletonian, Hoosier Park Community Night & Fright Night, National FFA Convention

Total estimated attendance - 100,000 plus

100 PLUS HHYF VOLUNTEERS

CARE PACKAGES DISTRIBUTED - 14

ISA Banquet, WCHA Banquet, OH Colt Racing Association Banquet, ISA Fair Bags, NJ 4-H Mini Horse Clinic, NJ Fair Winds Farm/SBOA Open House, DE Career Day, ME HHA, Goshen Historic Track, Moonsville Conservation Club, Monmouth County NJ 4-H Farm Tour, Hearts & Horseshoes Ground Driving Clinic, NJ Equine Advisory Board Awards Luncheon, Bill Galvin Racing Alliance

5 HHYF SCHOLARSHIPS

Total amount \$18,500

plus other organization selection assistance

DSOA & MSOA

32 recipients, \$57,400