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Just send text in the body of an email (no special formatting needed) and attach photos directly and be sure to put "Member News" in the subject line.

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Editor's Notes ...

Welcome to the new AUGUST issue of the newsletter. Obviously due to the heat there's not many driving things to do here in Florida over the summer, but I plan to use the summer issues to catch you up on driving news and share photos that you guys send me (*so send me photos!*)



Also, the most important thing I need to do now is to remind you that it's time to renew your annual Whips membership! After September you won't receive any news or notices unless you have renewed and when you do, you will also receive one of our cool new Florida Whips window decals. Also please note that the new default choice for receiving the news-

letter is the online edition (check out the *NEW FLIPBOOK!*). If you absolutely must have a hardcopy mailed to you please indicate this when you renew. Please provide us with an email address when you renew and you will automatically get notices to your inbox when the newsletter is online. The online version will have the latest most up-to-date info I can manage - it's also a whole lot prettier! (*you'll find the application on the website*)

Also, if you are a business card advertiser please send us new business card when you send in your contract for the new year. At only \$70 for a eighth page ad you can't beat it!

September's issue will include the new events calendar. It looks like there will be something happening in almost every region for almost every weekend. Enjoy the last few weeks of summer - it's almost driving time again!

:~ Deby

Camp Black Prong

Come one, come all to **Camp Black Prong** October 28th -30th, 2011. If you have ever been to camp as a kid and remember what a great time you had, we hope Camp Black Prong takes you back to those fun filled days. We're planning a full weekend of group lessons in the mornings with Bill Lower, Fred Merriam, Barry Hunter and David Jay, driving activities in the afternoons, camp fires & s'mores & movies & popcorn in the evenings.

If you just want to relax that's fine too. We're doing all the cooking which means you don't have to do anything but drive. Your \$200 registration fee also includes all meals and a stall for your equine. If you're bringing a spouse, friend, or gator without a horse, it is only an additional \$75 to cover their meals.

Black Prong Equestrian Center is graciously giving a discount on lodging if you choose to stay there. Call 352-486-1234 to make reservations.

They also have camper hook ups available if you travel with your own accommodations. It promises to be a fun filled weekend, no worries, no stress. Mark your calendar and get your registrations in early. There is no cancellation fee at this time.

Look for the registration form on line at www.flawhips.org or contact **Connie Thoreson** at cthoreson1@aol.com or Linda Evans at levans0277@aol.com

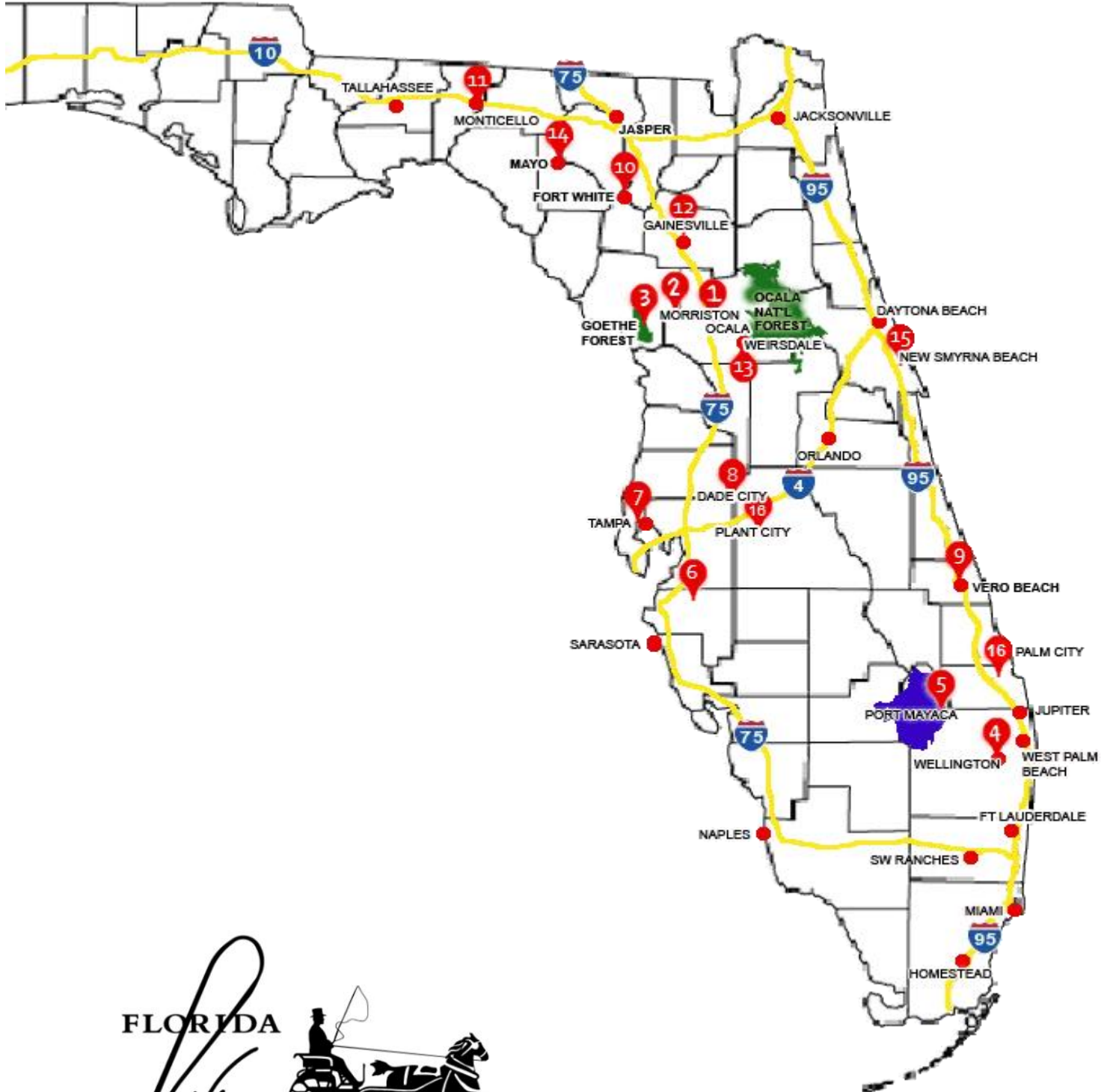
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Regional News ...

..... **Southeast Region Report**

An email blitz was sent out to local members, as well as members who attended last year's Wellington Pleasure Show in June.

We need at least 20 entries to make it "go" and we had that many respondents. Farm Credit once AGAIN has donated \$500 in prize money and gifts to this show, and there are lovely Championship Prizes, as well as Best Turnout, Best Young Horse, Special Dog, Sportsmanship, Best Draft donated by individuals and/or businesses.

If you are interested in sponsoring a class, please let us know. It is a lovely venue, with fantastic footing and professional horse show management. All information is on the FL Whips' website – so get your entries in!

Kathy Beeson
Southeast Region Director

..... **Northern Region Report**

The Northern Region Planning meeting was held at my place July 9th. We had a nice turnout but I wish more members would get involved with their club. *Hint! Hint!*

The calendar was almost full before we even got started promising a full season of driving activities for all.

Lynda Jowers is hosting a "play day" on Aug 28th. This is free and everyone is welcome. She will have gated hazards, cones and her dressage arena will be set up. Plan to be there by 8 am to beat the heat and finish around noon. Oct 28th -30th is Connie Thoreson's and Linda Evans Camp Blackprong.

If you ever went to camp as a kid you probably have ond memories of the fun you had. We hope this relaxing weekend of group lessons and group activities doesn't disappoint. See more about this at the end of this report.

Lynda's Iron Horse Driving Trial will be Nov 13th so put that on your calendar. This is always a fun, relaxed event, great for starting green horses. Jan 14th Bob Giles will host another clinic, subject to be announced later. Jan 28th & 29th the Tolmachs will once again be hosting the Metta Baxter class at Sante Fe Community College. This is a great introduction to driving for beginners. If you have a steady driving equine, please consider participating by bringing your animal for the students to learn on.

Last year, they almost had to cancel the class due to lack of horses. This event makes money for the club every year so we should support it. Not to mention that it brings new drivers into the sport. I took Beamer last year and the students oohed and awed over him like he was a rock star. He was so well behaved, it surprised even me!

On to March 31 and April 1st when the Northern Region is hosting the Black Prong Schooling ADT for Erica Mautlich and April 28th is the Steeplechase event. It will probably be the same format as last year since everyone seemed to enjoy it.

Now back to Camp Black Prong. Connie & I are working hard to make this event *fun fun fun* for everyone. No pressure, just a relaxing weekend with your friends and horses. We have group lessons planned from 8 am to 12 Sat & Sunday. You can schedule private lessons in the afternoons if you like but we're going to have fun driving activities planned for your enjoyment. Friday evening is a cookout and bonfire with S'mores. Saturday evening we'll have roast pork dinner followed by movies, games, etc. Sunday afternoon, we'll have some relaxed competition and followed by camp awards. Registration is \$200 per person which includes all meals, group lessons and 1 stall. If you are bringing a spouse, gator or friend that won't be driving, add \$75 to cover their meals and auditing.

Black Prong is giving Whips members a discount on housing so call them early to make those reservations. Look for a registration form on the Whips web page. I hope you all are keeping cool this summer and making sure your equine partners have plenty of fresh water. Drive early to beat the heat! I personally can't wait for the heat to let up and the parties begin!

Linda Evans
Northern Region Director

NEW! Driving Radio Show

<http://www.drivingradioshow.horseradionetwork.com/player.htm>

The Horse Radio Network (HRN) has launched its second new show this month, the Driving Radio Show, which is the first radio show of its kind to take a look at the world of carriage driving. From competition to recreational driving, the Driving Radio Show will cover all aspects of the sport. This weekly podcast is hosted by Four-in-Hand driver Dr. Wendy Ying and Glenn the Geek, HRN founder, and can be heard online at www.drivingradioshow.com, www.americandrivingsociety.com or www.drivingnews.us. It is also available as a free podcast on iTunes.

The first episode is live and features part one of a fascinating interview with David Saunders, former Coachman at the Royal Mews in London for Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Phillip, competitive driver and all around great horseman. Plus, a competition report from Driving News, an update from the American Driving Society, and Dr. Ying's first look at Traditional Chinese Medicine and the Five Elements.

"Being a recreational driver for twenty years I am thrilled to have a Driving Radio Show in the stable of shows on HRN. I am very excited to be working with Dr. Wendy Ying, who is great fun and highly regarded throughout the world driving," says Glenn the Geek who founded HRN three years ago. "If you are at all interested in driving, then this show is for you."

Driving Radio Show Facebook Fan Page: <http://www.facebook.com/drivingradioshow>
HRN's Twitter: <http://www.twitter.com/horseradio>

Drivin' Around ...

Carriage Driver in Charge of 'Drunk' Horse Arrested

14 July, 2011 <http://www.horseandhound.co.uk/news/397/308684.html>

A Kent (UK) man has been arrested for driving a carriage when drunk.

But police officers were in for a novel excuse when the man told them it was his horse that was inebriated.

The 61-year-old man was spotted by police driving his horse and carriage from Masons Hill, Bromley, to the Chequers pub, Southborough Lane, Bickley.

The officers followed the vehicle after noticing the driver was slumped in the carriage as it zig-zagged across the road on the evening of 10 July.

The man fell out of the carriage at the pub, telling police: "Yes, I'm drunk, my horse is drunk — so what are you going to do about it?"

He soon found out when officers arrested him on suspicion of being drunk in charge of a horse and carriage on a highway. He was taken to Bromley police station for questioning and issued with a £50 fixed penalty notice.

The horse was ridden home by a friend.

Heavy Horse Celebration

By Gordon Davidson

14 Jul 2011 <http://www.thescottishfarmer.co.uk/>

Majestic Clydesdales, petite Shetlands and hardy Highlands will gather at the National Museum of Rural Life at Kitchieside, East Kilbride (Scotland UK) for its Heavy Horse Show.

More than 60 Clydesdales are set to attend, and the event will feature displays in harness, a class for two-wheeled carts, an agility course for horse and carriage and general show classes.

Additional activity for families includes free pony rides for children and a tail-dressing workshop.

The show is on Sunday 17 July from 10am until 5pm.



Kitchieside's own Clydesdale Mairi and Maihri McDougal, both aged 12, prepare for the limelight

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STRIDE Driving Camp at the Florida Carriage Museum & Resort

Story by Barbara M. Brown

Photos by Barbara M. Brown & Hellena Smejda

I love it when a plan comes together. Our club had been developing the Camp for about a year. Our goal was to provide an educational weekend for drivers of all skill levels from May 20 – 22, 2011. I have been to the Resort many times, and I am always impressed by the beauty and serenity of the property. This made it easy to sneak in a mini-vacation in an idyllic setting with lessons, informative lectures, and a lot of good food and camaraderie among the drivers.

Our clinicians were both international champions. Muffy Seaton

(www.muffyseaton.com) is a four-time National Champion. She placed 3rd in the world at the Royal Windsor Horse Show in 1997. In 2005, she trained and qualified the pony who won the Gold Medal at the World Pony Championship in England. She is internationally known as one of the best clinicians and trainers. Her Shepherd's Purse Farm is near Aiken, S.C.

Shelly Temple (www.catalystdriving.com) has been USEF National Champion in the Combined Driving Single Pony Division, and was a member of the Bronze Medal winning U.S. Team for the World Pony Driving Championship held in Denmark in 2007. Shelly and her Morgan gelding Cooper were the 2009 USEF Reserve National Champions in the Single Pony Division. An American Driving Society "R" and USEF "R" judge, she is on the ADS Licensed Officials Committee and the USEF Driving Technical Committee. She teaches carriage driving and trains at Catalyst Driving Center near Aiken, S.C.

Each driver had a lesson with both Shelly and Muffy during the Camp. Their instruction was so easy to understand and implement that we didn't want to miss anyone else's lesson. It was like getting extra lessons for free! There was no "one size fits all" solution to each driver's questions. However, the clinicians were able to correct most of our problems with similar suggestions.

Our drivers ranged from beginner to advanced level, and their horses were an encyclopedia of breeds. The mother-daughter team of Grace Glavin and Elizabeth Getz drove their lessons with UVM Jericho, a 9 year old Morgan gelding. Grace recounted that they worked on better acceptance of the bit and bending with their horse. Their lesson with Muffy centered on a lot of half halts when they did a transition. Shelley emphasized keeping the contact on the reins, but also having an allowing hand.



Irene Gentile drives Rosebud, a 10 year old VSE mare.

More STRIDE photos on back cover!

NYC Carriage Horses Kick Back at Bethel NY Farm

By NewsCore

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<http://www.recordonline.com/>

MONTICELLO NY —Everyone needs a vacation — even a horse.

Working equines kick off their horseshoes and frolic freely at the Central Park carriage-horse version of Cancun — a farm in the Town of Bethel.



"They absolutely lose it for the first couple of hours," said carriage driver Frank Rodden, who runs the horse hotel for the vacationing beasts of burden.

Central Park carriage horses receive mandatory five-week vacations, though most spend months relaxing, Rodden said.

His deep-brown gelding, Jethro, horses around with light-brown mare Lucy during their pastoral getaway. Those Central Park stompers also play with retired carriage horses Finbar and Feinain on the 100-acre retreat.

Summer visitors chomp on grass all day, dine on hay, and sip water from a communal trough. Winter pensioners chow down on a special dish of oats, grain and molasses, which warms them up.

The massive animals — draft horses bred for carting — also munch on carrot and apple snacks. "They enjoy their work, they enjoy their time off, they enjoy their time alone, and they enjoy time with people. It's a perfect system," Rodden said.

The farm is a bit pricier than other equine resorts, Rodden said, since it costs him \$180 monthly per horse just for hay.

He argues the often-criticized horse carriage industry is misunderstood by detractors like state Sen. Tony Avella, a Democrat who proposed this month banning them from New York City streets.

Long before the city regulated carriages, owners gave their four-legged workers time off from the urban grind. "This has been going on since before I got into the business 25 years ago," Rodden said.

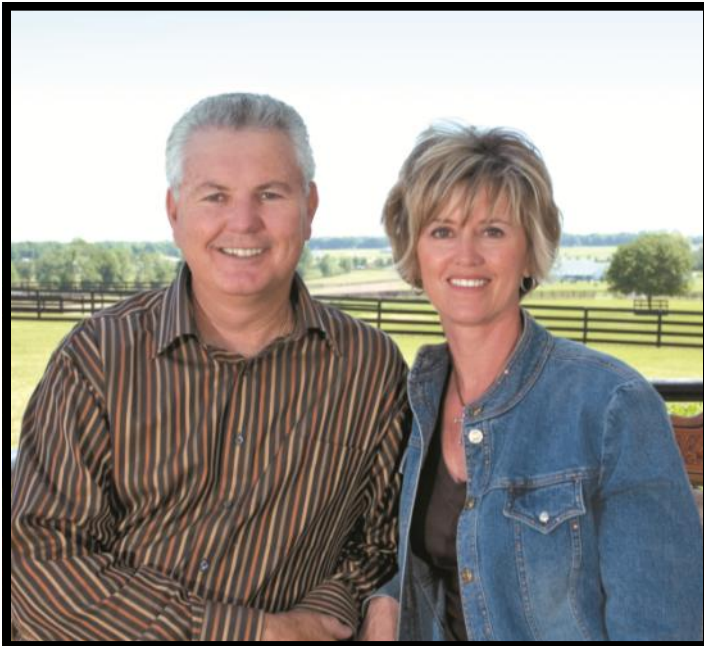
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The Grand Oaks Resort, home of the Florida Carriage Museum, has announced that Australian four-in-hand driver and CAA member Gavin Robson has joined their team.

Gavin has been driving since 1986 and won his first Australian Four-in-hand Championship in 1993. He first came to the U.S. to manage the driving program at the Grand Hotel on Michigan's Mackinac Island. With Larry and Marilyn Denny's Ohio-based team of Dutch Harness Horses, he represented Australia at the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games.

For years, the Grand Oaks has offered pleasure-driving instruction and training, and now the resort will be able to offer combined-driving training as well.

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8. PONY PROGRESSIVE CONES
9. NOVICE HORSE/PONY WORKING
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18. HORSE PROGRESSIVE CONES
19. PAIRS WORKING
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21. PAIRS CONES
22. PAIRS PROGRESSIVE CONES
23. TEAMS WORKING
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Carriage Rides at Hunter Jumper Classic a Labor of Love for Chester Woman and her Clydesdale

July 11, 2011 *The News Herald* (news-herald.com)
By Janet Podolak (JPodolak@News-Herald.com)

MORLAND HILLS OH - Michelle Nicastro and her 11-year-old Clydesdale mare, Ellie Bellie, are sure to be the star attractions for children during Saturday's Family Fun Day at the Chagrin Valley Hunter Jumper Classic. Top riders from across the country, including some who have been or want to be Olympic contenders, have gathered at Cleveland Metroparks Polo Fields each July for many decades to strut their stuff. Two Grand Prix competitions take place this year — a \$30,000 one at 2:30 p.m. Sunday and a \$25,000 contest at 2:30 p.m. July 23.

But Nicastro and Ellie Bellie have more modest aspirations. Between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, they'll take six people at a time around the show grounds in an open carriage for free 15-minute rides. The carriage is a German-made Hansmeier Leon, with an independent air ride suspension and disc brakes. "It's the cream of the crop for off-road driving," said Nicastro, explaining that even rough terrain smooths out when riding in this carriage.

As draft horses go, Nicastro said Ellie Bellie is a lightweight at about 1,800 pounds. Clydesdales, best known as the Budweiser horses, are the horses with feathering on their legs, Nicastro said. "They also are the most sensitive of the draft horses and live to please their owners and riders." During the carriage rides she'll give Saturday, Nicastro will talk about Ellie Bellie, the voice commands the horse knows and how to hold the reins when driving a carriage.

On Sunday, before the 2:30 p.m. Grand Prix, Nicastro and Ellie Bellie will bring in the guest of honor and perform a more elaborate driving demonstration for the crowd. "Driving a horse is a lot of fun, but it's also a lot of work," Nicastro said.

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Michelle Nicastro and her daughter Gabi Keglovic, 4, of Chester Township ride with their Clydesdale named Ellie Bellie pulling the Hansmeier Leon, a German-made racing carriage.

Enthusiasm at Miniature Horse Show in Lexington Isn't Small

By John Cheves — jcheves@herald-leader.com
Jul 10, 2011 <http://www.kentucky.com/>

LEXINGTON KY - Perched in a carriage, Casey Waxler of Pittsburgh expertly guided her horse, Winning Colors, through orange cones and other obstacles Saturday inside the Alltech Arena at the Kentucky Horse Park. It looked like a typical driving competition except for its reduced scale. Casey, 13, is a little smaller than many competitors. Winning Colors, standing 33 inches tall, is a lot smaller than most horses. He is, in fact, adorable. "He's a weed-and-feed," Casey's mother, Cathy Waxler, said admiringly of Winning Colors as the girl brushed the horse before their event.

"He mows your lawn and fertilizes it, too. What more could you want?"

Nearly 200 toddler-size equines are competing this weekend at the three-day Julep Cup 2011, sponsored by the Mid-America Miniature Horse Club. Miniature horses are bred to stand no taller than 34 inches at the withers. While ponies can look like beer barrels with stubby legs, the "breed objective" for miniature horses is the tiniest possible perfect representation of a horse: trim, muscled, squarely set. But small. They often are household pets or service animals, guiding the blind and working with therapy patients.

Fans of miniature horses say they hold several advantages over full-size horses, which stand twice as tall and weigh more than 1,000 pounds. Children can fall off a miniature horse without breaking bones. Miniature horses are friendly, but if one decides to kick you, it won't remove your head. They're cheaper to feed and easier to groom and transport. They can enter your home just like any pet without destroying everything you own.

Ashley Harris of Brookville, Ohio, is a professional horse trainer who began her show career at the age of 2. Harris, now 27, had nine horses entered. Some of Harris' miniature horses compete in jumping. They can clear a 44-inch-high barrier, which is considerably taller than themselves, the equivalent of an eight-foot jump to a regular horse, she said. "That's especially impressive when you consider that they don't have a rider on them urging them on, and we don't use whips," said Laura Mullins, the show manager. "It's a testament to their willingness to perform."



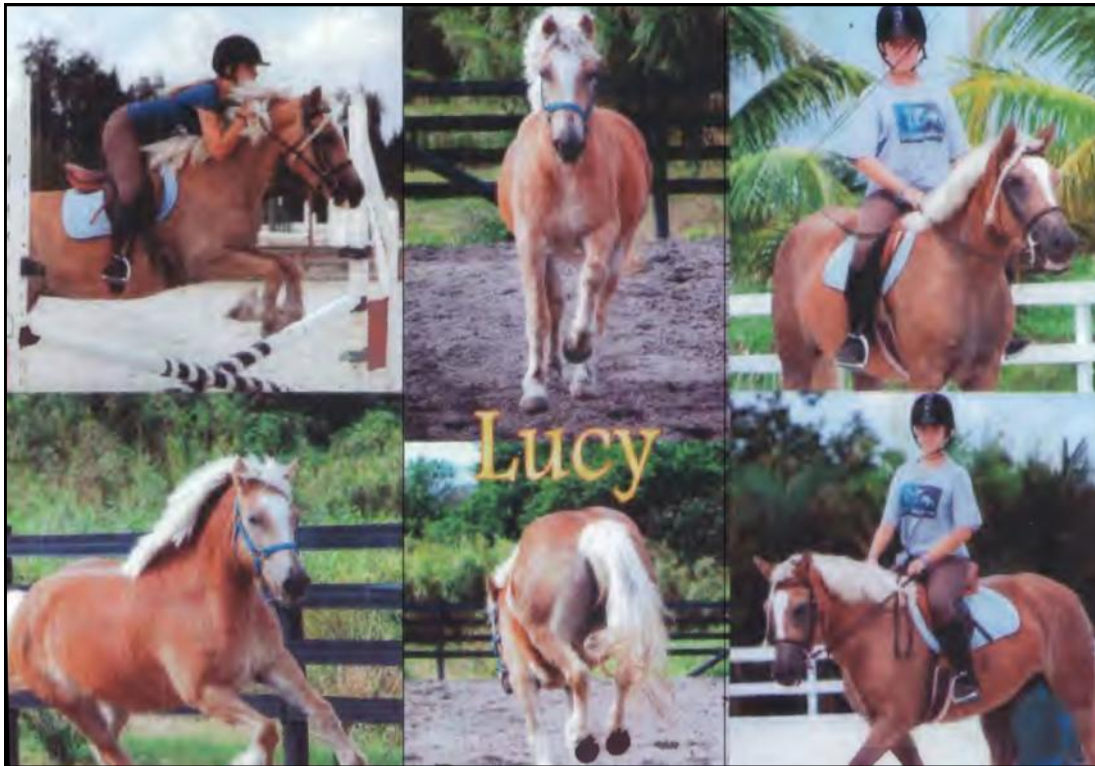
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Horse and Carriage Providing Evening Rides Through Downtown Dothan, Alabama

By Peggy Ussery

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DOTHAN AL - Sam loves cookies, apples and watermelon. Offer him some vanilla wafers and you'll probably have a friend for life. "Sam is nothing more than a 2,000-pound baby," owner Edwin Cherry said.

A 13-year-old Percheron, Sam stands 17.3 hands tall. Percheron horses – named for the region in France where they originated – have long been used as draft horses in Europe and the U.S., pulling carriages, stage coaches and hauling agricultural goods.

On the Horse and Carriage Service of Dothan's maiden voyage through downtown a few weekends ago, Cherry and Sam received a lot of attention from parents and children eating at a local restaurant. A man stepping out of a downtown bar flagged the carriage down to give him and his wife a ride. It wasn't long before pictures appeared on Facebook.

Cherry grew up around horses, working summers for a neighbor who raised and showed horses. As the current operations manager at Bay Limousine in Dothan, Cherry also knows a thing or two about driving people around. He regularly drives for clients renting one of the company's fleet of corporate vehicles, stretch limousines, party buses and charter buses.

A horse and carriage may seem like a step back, but Cherry hopes the unique ride will draw people who want to view downtown at a slower pace or just want to top off a special evening. "It's a pretty leisurely ride," he said. "You see things from a different light." Such horse-and-carriage rides are common in historic cities like St. Augustine, Fla., or larger cities, but Cherry knows in downtown Dothan business will be slow at first.

Riding around downtown, Cherry and Sam certainly get stares, a few waves and even some comments on Sam's striking appearance – which features a decorative tassel tied to Sam's mane. The carriages are lighted on the front and back so they can be seen as they travel at night. The only problem Cherry has encountered is a red light. The carriage doesn't trigger the lights to change the way a vehicle does, so the wait is a little longer. Cherry quickly decided on routes with right turns. "Sam is pretty patient," he said. "But waiting three minutes – for him that's too much."



Edwin Cherry and Sam
Horse and Carriage Service of Dothan

Carriage Driving Competition Draws Crowd to Lorenzo State Historic Site

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By The Post-Standard www.syracuse.com

SYRACUSE NY - Human participants adopt the fashions of the 19th century heyday of Lorenzo during the annual event that attracts upwards of 100 teams from across the United States. The horses vie for trophies and bragging rights in a grueling off-road marathon and skill-driving events.

A new event on Sunday will give drivers' dogs a chance to show off their carriage-riding skills for the first time, competition board president Carol Buckhout said.

There is no admission charge to watch the competition, but reservations are required for the opening night gala and for Saturday evening's "Bluegrass, Beer & BBQ."

Lorenzo was the home of Cazenovia's founder, John Lincklaen, and his descendents until the 1960s. The sprawling estate's carriage house and stables were filled with the family's own horses and carriages in the 1800s, but they disappeared with the advent of the motor car.

Sue Voss, one of the founders of the driving competition, and her husband, Jack Voss, recall hitching up her 20th anniversary gift horse, Starduster, and driving a carriage from their home in Oran Station to Lorenzo in 1976.

"People were so excited to see a horse and carriage on the grounds again," she said. The following year, she helped organize the first driving competition in 1977. About 20 teams showed up. This year, organizers expect five times that number of rigs.

The first event traditionally is the marathon Saturday morning, followed by skill competition, such as ring and obstacle courses where horses are judged on their agility and composure.

"The interest in the sport of carriage driving continues to grow and the reputation of Lorenzo helps," competition board president Carol Buckhout said.

Lorenzo Historic Site Director Barbara Bartlett said many visitors come to see the competition and stay to learn about Lorenzo.

"We have a visitor center that displays these vehicles (horse carriages) and sleighs," she said.

"We educate people as well about the history of carriage driving," she said. "The competition is a non-profit organization, which helps attract sponsors and donors."

She said to help celebrate the 35th anniversary, the Morrisville State College six-horse Belgian horse team will perform at 11 a.m. Saturday, or, in the event of bad weather, at 11 a.m. Sunday.

Buckhout said there will be a silent auction Friday to benefit the Root Farm in Vernon that provides equine-assisted therapy for individuals with physical, emotional or cognitive disabilities.

The Root Farm vaulting team also will perform at noon each day, she said.

Sue Voss said if you go, be forewarned: "Horses will change your life."

By R. Patrick Corbett - Contributing writer

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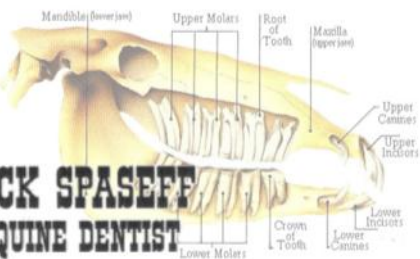
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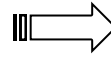


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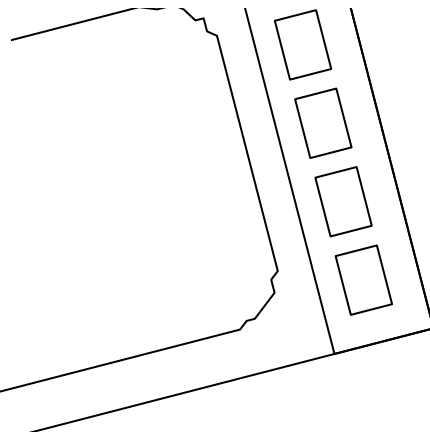
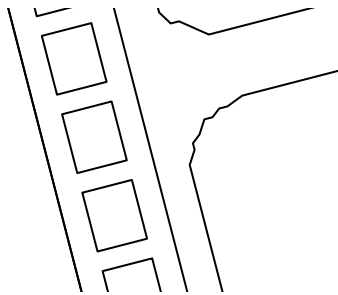
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