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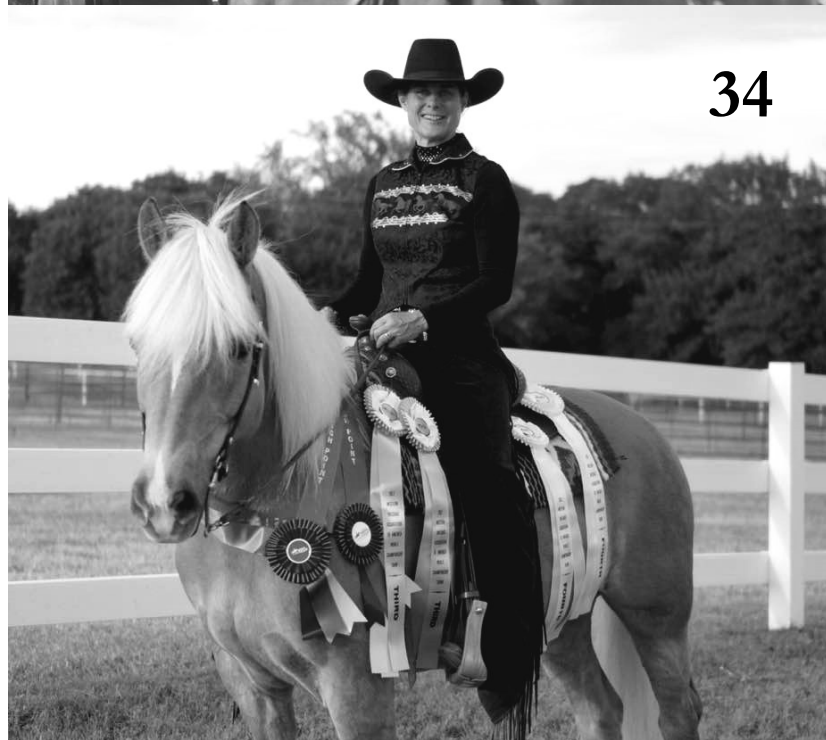
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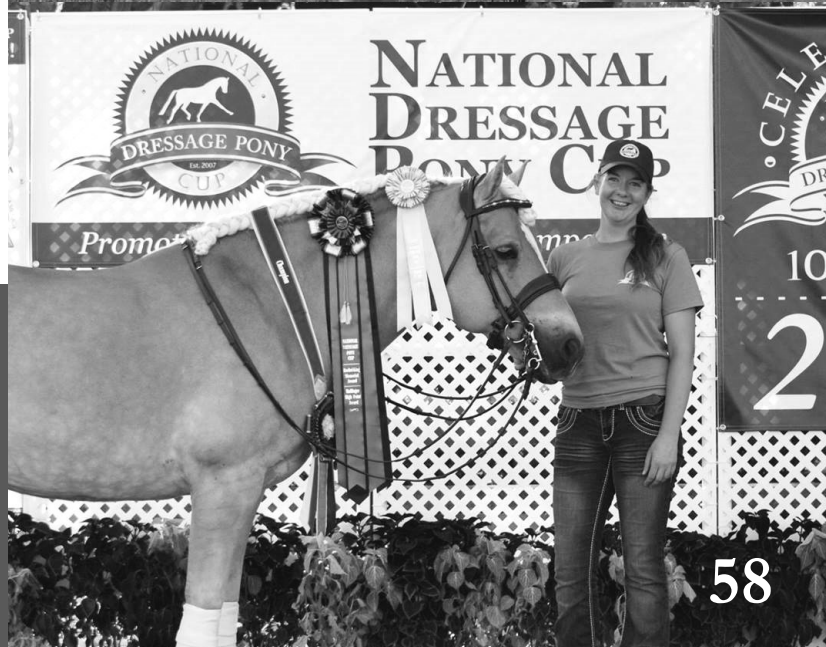
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From the President...

The summer has come and gone, the beautiful fall red, orange, and yellow colors have fallen from our hills to be memories to carry us through the winter months ahead. Another show season has concluded and Haflingers have represented themselves as well as any other horse breed in this country, across a diverse a group of equine sport disciplines. In addition to listing results of the AHR Futurity, the Haflinger Breeder's Cooperative Yearling Futurity, The Haflinger Hitch Championship Series, and the Hitch National Show at the Indiana State, this issue also highlights the success of Haflingers against many other breeds. We celebrate the success of our members like Suzannah Rogers, who captured the 2017 National Dressage Pony Rider Championship; the winners of the All-Breed Awards in Dressage, awarded by the United States Dressage Federation; Caraline Cornman, who won a second consecutive Junior Division Championship at The Walnut Hill Driving Competition; and Suzanne Morisse's success over the last two years, capturing a Reserve Championship and a Third place finish at the Western Dressage Association of America's World Show. I know there are more equine teams that have had great years and done well at shows during 2017; you will read about some of them in the pages of this magazine, and I hope that you will read about more in future issues. If you have had success in the show ring, please send us a write-up and pictures, if possible--we would love to publish your story and celebrate your success. On behalf of the Board of Directors, congratulations to all of our members that exhibit their equine partners across the large variety of equine sport disciplines that represents the versatility of the Haflinger!

Fall also marks the annual election of AHR Directors to the Board. In 2017, we had three seats up for election. Bill Ellingson, who has represented the Central Region for the last six years decided that family commitments prevented him from seeking re-election. We are sorry to see Bill leave the Board, and thank him for his years of service. We know that Bill is still committed to the breed and will be an active member as we move forward. Thank you, Bill! Kathie Hanson stepped forward to fill the Central Region Director position, running unopposed for the seat. She was elected and will serve a three-year term ending in 2020. Melanie Cornman's seat was up for re-election this year. Melanie stood for re-election to another term, and was opposed for the seat by Lou Sutton. Lou Sutton won the election and will serve a three-year term ending in 2020. The final seat up for election in 2017 was Susie Haszelbart's seat as the Western Region Director. Susie stood for re-election and was challenged by Dawn Ramsdell. Well, nobody can say that we do not keep things interesting in the Haflinger world. This election ended in a tie and our bylaws provide no method for breaking a tie. The Board met and discussed the options available to it to resolve the issue. Under the current bylaws the Board is authorized to have up to 12 members, so the Board voted to expand for 2018, adding one seat for the year and appointing Dawn Ramsdell to fill that seat. Additionally, the Board appointed Susie Haszelbart to a one-year term as the Western Region Director. The Western Region Director seat on the Board will be on the ballot in 2018 for a two-year term. Both ladies will have the option to run or not, as will any other candidates from the region. After the current seated Board resolved the election issue and the new Board members were seated, the Board took action expanding the Board to its full compliment of 12 members for one year by appointing Melanie Cornman to a one-year term.

With the newly elected and appointed Board members seated, the Board elected officers for 2018. The officers for 2018 will be:

- President Chuck Hendershot
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- Treasurer Dave Ayers
- Secretary Missy Shanahan

I would like to thank the Board for their confidence and also thank all the officers and Board members in advance for the time and hard work that they each put in to support the operations of the Registry and to continue to build and improve our operations and programs. I have said before we will not get everything right, but I can

Committee Chairs

tell you that all the members of the Board have their hearts in the right place and any mistakes made are in an effort to continue to improve the American Haflinger Registry and promote this breed.

The Board held its annual planning meeting the first weekend of November. We reviewed all of the standing committees, reviewed feedback and comments from the members at the annual meeting and throughout the year, and reviewed 2017 as we mapped a path forward and began the detail planning for 2018. We made a commitment to try to open more lines of communication and improve the information flow with members. We listened to your comments about a members' only section of the website and have started the project to update and create a members only section. The Board expects to have this completed in the first quarter of 2018. We are implementing a new credit card payment system and getting rid of PayPal. The new system will allow us to accept almost all credit cards for a small additional fee and make it easier for all transactions to be processed quicker and more efficiently. We are taking a hard look at all of our systems to make sure we are using our current software tools in the most efficient manner to provide service to you, and to make sure we are using the most cost effective software available for the required purpose. The Board has committed to a more timely publication of *Haflinger Horse* in 2018. We had a steep learning curve in 2017, with the entire publication moving to a new team. They have done a great job and with a year of operation under their belt, we are confident that we will achieve this goal. We are going to complete these initiatives while managing all of the current programs and putting on a spectacular National Show at the Kentucky Horse Park in July. So the plate is pretty full. You can see why we decided to expand the Board for 2018. However, we can still use more help. The committee chairs will be firming up their committees over the next few weeks and could use some volunteers. New people produce new ideas, and new ideas result in innovations that move us forward. So be heard and get involved. Since the meeting was held less than a week ago, we are still working on plans for 2018. I will be providing more information on these plans and other initiatives in communications to the members throughout the year.

2017 has not been all happy for our Haflinger family. We have said goodbye to some friends this last year much too early and long before we were ready to have them leave us to the toils of our earthly existence. I would like to express my condolences and the condolences of the entire Haflinger family to Dennis Miller, Whitney Davis, and Second Star Haflingers on the loss of Cindy Miller, to the Wondero family on the passing of Don Wondero and to the Schrock family on the passing of Rueben Schrock. All of these individuals have been active in the Haflinger world and left us much too soon. Along with our condolences, I send a wish that in addition to God welcoming them into his loving arms, he provides them with a good Haflinger that keeps the sun on their face and the wind at their back, while they dwell in the Lord's house. It is always a danger when you mention specific people that you miss someone and I take that risk here. So if I missed someone I should have known about, I am deeply sorry; it was not meant as a slight, I simply did not know. I am sorry, and sorry for your loss.

In closing out this letter, I will wish you and your families a wonderful, glorious and joyful holiday season. I look forward to talking to more of you this year, to working with this wonderful Board, to achieving our goals for 2018 and to improving the Haflinger Registry for all of us. See everyone on May 11th at the Spring Sale in Ashland, Ohio.

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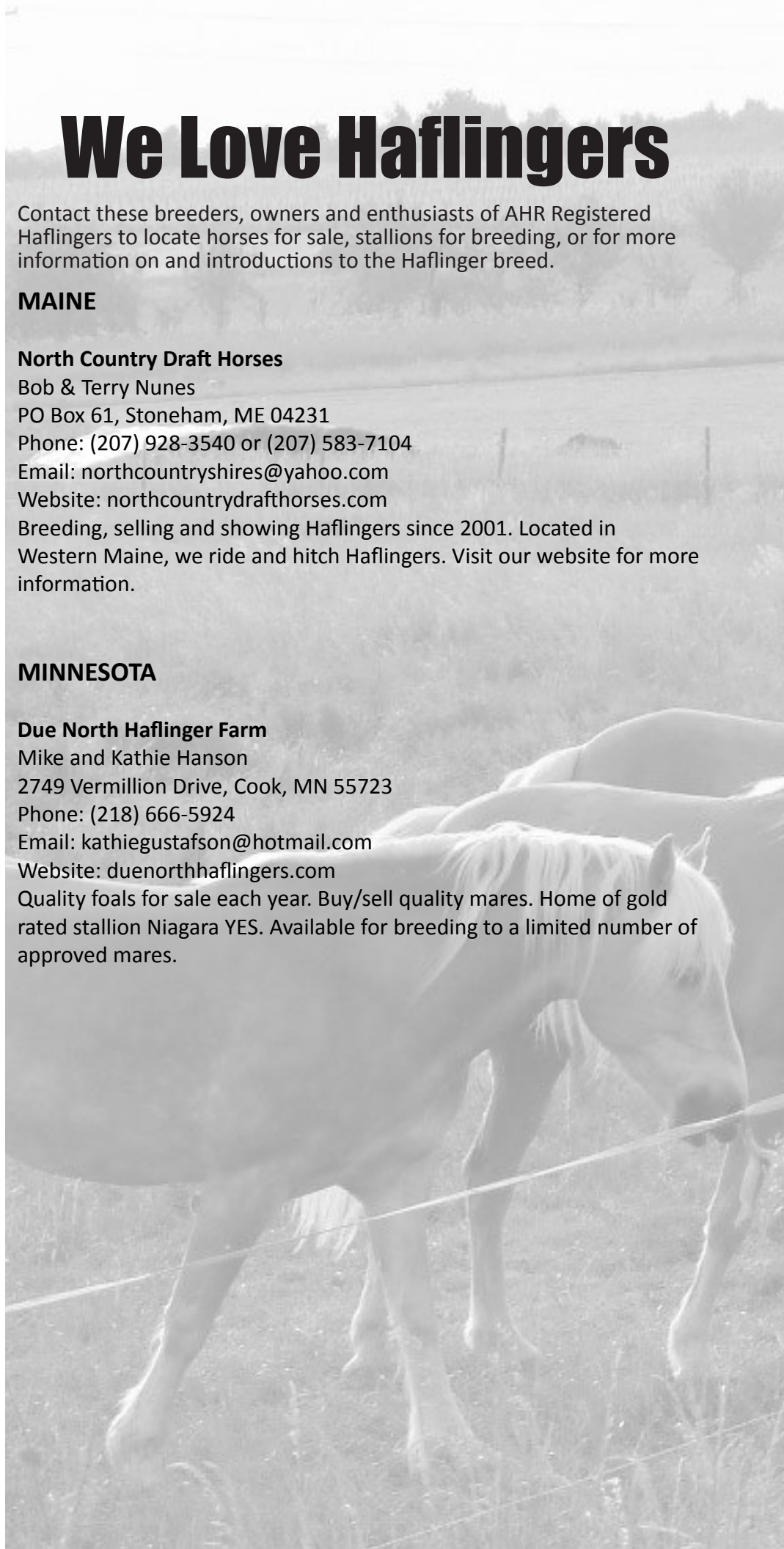
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MORVEN PARK HAFLINGER HIGH POINT AWARD

Rhonda Gould led a group of Haflingers that put their stamp on the Morven Park Pleasure Driving Competition for the second year! Rhonda, with a first and second in the obstacle class competitions and consistent placings in Turnout, Reinsmanship, and Working Class, captured the High Point Award for the breed. In addition to Rhonda's award, Hendershot Haflingers brought home the Single Horse Championship and Reserve Championship for the show. Caraline Cornman made a strong showing in the large pony and junior divisions, while Roy Gould competed in the Novice Whip Division. Watch for more on this show in the next issue.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The American Haflinger Registry Youth Committee and The American Haflinger Fund wish to congratulate Caraline Cornman from York, Pennsylvania (pictured left), and Anna Haszelbart from Elizabeth, Colorado (pictured right), for winning the 2017 the D. Lee Wilson Jr. Scholarship. This Scholarship recognizes exceptional youth members who excel in promoting the Haflinger breed around the country.



COAT COLOR STUDY

Adjunct professor Susan Youngren, Ph.D., at Stevenson University in Maryland has been investigating the genes involved in the dark and medium chestnut coat colors of Haflingers, as the breed does not carry the mutation associated with creme dilution. She has identified three genes that may be involved, but has only been working with ten horses from one farm. The genetics of this dilution gene suggests that it is dominant. She is hoping that some AHR members would be willing to send hairs from their horses. Horses may be either dark or medium color, but must be registered with AHR. She requires approximately four pulled mane hairs per horse, a picture, and a copy of their pedigree. Hair samples should be placed in a zip-lock bag and mailed to the address below. Photos and copies of pedigrees may be mailed or emailed. For more information or to submit your hair samples, contact:

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SQUAMOUS CELL CARCINOMA GENOME UPDATE

Many are aware of the on going study underway to determine potential genetic origins for the squamous cell eye cancers that have been reported in dozens of Haflinger horses. The veterinary research team has now relocated to UC Davis in California and is searching for more cases to include in their study and database of the horse genome. A database of non-affected Haflingers is now being built. Non-affected Haflingers must be at least thirteen years of age and be examined by an equine ophthalmologist. Reserachers are willing to conduct farm visits within a few hours of Davis. Additionally, those interested may help by sending in a a hair sample and either a consent form or pedigree and picture. The AHR office has consent forms that may be forwarded by mail or email. To participate or provide more data, contact:

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The Indiana Haflinger Horse Association's annual Member Fall Drive took place September 22-23 in Bridgeton, Parke County, Indiana. With planned routes through Parke County's famous covered bridges, this year's event offered an overnight stay with riding and driving on both Friday and Saturday. Participants enjoyed an included dinner on Friday at Collom's General Store, a group breakfast on Saturday morning, and a picnic along the drive on Saturday. There was even a picnic lunch provided for the horses!



around the world



TYROLEAN HAFLINGER FILLY AUCTION

In its 51st year, the Tyrolean Haflinger Filly Auction saw a large number of foals, passionate buyers and breeders, and good prices. More than 2500 buyers and visitors attended the auction, enthusiastically staying from the opening versatility presentation and remaining in their seats until the last filly sold. Bloodlines were varied and all sold equally well, with fillies selling to Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, Sweden, Great Britain, France, Italy and the Czech Republic. Despite the increased number of foals auctioned, the price averaged a good 2500 EUR. High high selling filly Odessa, sired by Liz Walzertraum, was sold for 12.400 EUR to a proud Mr. Erich Scheiber from Obergurgl in the Otztal. The filly was sold by Mr. Josef Wille jun from Wennis. Chairman Lukas Scheiber was as pleased as breeders, buyers and visitors after the auction. "I am proud of the breeders, all officials and Haflinger friends who support the Haflinger Horse Breeding Association Tyrol throughout the year to bring the Tyrolean Haflinger horse into focus. The efforts made by the Tyrolean Haflinger horse at home and abroad are paying off."

NAKURI WINS DRESSAGE AT WORLDS

Out of 41 entries at the FEI World Driving Pony Championships in Minden, not a single competitor scored under 50 penalty points, and only the top six finished under 55. The Haflinger stallion Nakuri and his German driver Herbert Rietzler, the 11th test of the day, scored a 50.67 to hold the lead. Rietzler, owns and operates Rietzler Pferd Hof, in Bayern, Germany.

TYROLEAN HAFLINGER STALLION SHOW

Held every other year in conjunction with the annual Tyrolean Haflinger Filly Auction, the Tyrolean Haflinger Stallion show took place at the Fohlenhof Ebbs on October 1. Separated into age divisions, 28 Tyrolean stallions and 9 from abroad were shown on the triangle, before the Champion and Reserve Champion in each class were presented in the arena.

For the Tyrolean classes, the 3 and 4 year old winner was Liz Winterzauber, sired by Liz. Walzertraum. The 5 to 7 year old winner was Liz. Sternwächter by Liz. Stainz. And the 8 to 16 year old winner was Liz. Walzertraum, sired by Liz. Wolfgang. For the Guest classes, the 3 to 6 year old winner was Liz. Starkwind, sired by Liz. Stainz, and the champion of the 9 to 17 year old class was Liz. Woodland, sired by Liz. Wolfgang.



Above left: high selling filly at the Tyrolean Haflinger Filly Auction, Odessa was sold for 12.400 EUR to Erich Scheiber. Above right, from top: Tyrolean Haflinger Stallion Show 9 to 17 year old Guest Class champion Liz Woodland, owned by Stal Beauvoorde; winner of the 3 to 6 year old Guest Class Liz. Starkwind.

committee updates

DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

As a reminder, all annual memberships expire on December 31st. You won't want to let your membership lapse, as all members will enjoy expanded benefits in 2018, including a new 10% discount on all advertising, as well as complimentary access to the upcoming Members Only section of haflingerhorse.com! Make the most of your membership, and renew today so you don't miss a thing! Look for the renewal form for 2018 that is included as an insert in this issue, or renew online at haflingerhorse.com.

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INSPECTION & CLASSIFICATION 2018

It is that time of year to start planning the Inspection and Classification of your special Haflingers.

The first step is to determine several potential program sites by Dec. 31.

Upon receipt of the requests, the committee will review submissions. All sites will be announced by the end of January, 2018. At this time each host group will be asked to supply firm numbers of horses to participate at the respective locations. Based on all of the above the committee will publish site location, dates and judges by April 1, 2018.

Questions and requests should be directed to Bill Hendershot at 607-504-5076 or billhendershot80@gmail.com or Ian Wengerd at 330-275-2975 or ian17@safecommail.com. To learn more about site requirements, or to submit your site request or site feasibility form, visit haflingerhorse.com.

YOUTH HIGH POINT AWARD DEADLINE CHANGE

We heard you! The deadline for submissions for the AHRY High Point Awards has been changed to December 31. Don't forget, winners in this program will be published in the AHRY Newsletter and the Haflinger Horse magazine!

IN THE NEXT ISSUE...STALLION ALLEY!

The winter issue of Haflinger Horse is the annual Stallion Issue, and we'd like to invite all owners of 2017 licensed stallions to submit a photo and brief details of your stallion for inclusion in the upcoming Stallion Alley feature. Black and white photos are complimentary, or you may upgrade to a color listing for only \$50!

Not licensed in 2017? License or renew for 2018 before the submission deadline and include your stallion as well! All submissions must be received by December 15th, so don't delay! Send photos of your stallion to magazine@haflingerhorse.com or mail your photo and write-up to Jessica Hanney, 10691 Sayers Road, Munith, Michigan 49259.

committee updates

NATIONAL SPORT HORSE SHOW NEWS

By Karen Young

Wow, have we been busy! Hardly a day goes by that our show committee hasn't discussed one thing or another as we're not only coordinating the show itself, but also talking to potential sponsors, advertisers, and vendors. After securing the Alltech Arena venue for July 5-8, confirmation of judges was next on our list. We're happy to present a fantastic lineup of performance judges with Susan Mandas (classical dressage), Shane Ledyard (English, H/J), Cindy Butler (western, W/D, trail) and Debbie Banfield (driving). The announcement of halter judge(s) pending completion of contracting will hopefully be old news by the time you read this. Please watch the show website at www.haflingernationals.com for more information.

Additionally, we've had a welcome reception by dressage riders who are looking to ride dressage both at our show and the Dressage Pony Cup taking place at Kentucky Horse Park the last three days of our show, so we anticipate Haflingers traveling on the grounds between the two arenas – even more advertising for the breed!

I took the time to personally visit the Alltech and stables this summer and it's pretty easy to get excited. We're so lucky to have such a place for horse lovers of all breeds and from all corners of the world. Being in the Haflinger breed for over 20 years, I've met a lot of people and seen a lot of changes. One constant is the absolute dedication Haflinger owners have to their horse's promotion, whether participating in local events or hauling to the Kentucky Horse Park for show or exhibition. The 2018 AHR National Sport Horse Show will truly be a special one and we're so excited to be helping you showcase your AHR registered Haflinger.

Speaking of showcasing, we plan to have an exclusive advertising area for use by exhibitors and sponsors of the show where they can share their farm brochures, business cards, and horse for sale ads. It's one way we'll be thanking those who bring their horses and send their dollars in support of the show. Anyone looking to sponsor may include their advertising material when mailing their check (payable to AHR NATIONAL SHOW) to Karen Young, 1001

Lacy Road, Skaneateles, NY 13152. Let us help you help us!

Lastly, in this season of giving and renewal, we'd like to remind all AHR members to contact us regarding volunteer opportunities by calling 315-246-2269 or visiting SignUp.com. You don't have to be an expert on anything – just a willing contributor of your time and effort. On behalf of the National Show Committee, I thank you and wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

POINTS AND AWARDS RECOGNITION

Awards for 2016 were mailed mid summer, and we're thrilled that participants were as excited about their recognition as we were about their accomplishments! We love the feedback, and we also love to see what you do with your beloved Haflingers.

Didn't participate last year? It's not too late to sign up and record your points and hours for 2017. Visit haflingerhorse.com to enroll today!

Hi Susie,

I want to thank you and Hendershot Haflingers for the personalized medallion and certificate you sent on to us. It's very motivating for me to do more trail riding!

Stu is at a small barn, there are just 6 horses, and the other horses compete and have ribbons and so forth. They are all very nice young ladies and horses. At 23yo, Stu is the oldest horse and I am, by far, the oldest owner(70yo). We don't compete. I laminated our certificate and put it up on our stall door and hung the medallion with it. I'm very proud of us.

Though I do a lot of groundwork and arena work all year, I only count the trail hours, and got off to a slow start this year for a number of reasons, but we will be on trail more this fall.

Thanks again and Happy Trails!

*Nancy Mores and Stu Sable
Wheaton, IL.*



Cindy Bates

September 8 · Purcell, OK

Received these awards for 2016, and would like to thank the AHR for making all of this possible. I absolutely love taking the Haflingers to the parades in an area that is definitively more into Quarter Horses and love hearing how beautiful they are, while people are trying to find out more about the breed. Once again, Thank you.



Jacque Luce Woodward shared Woodward Performance Haflingers's photo.

September 1

Thank You AHR! Well done!



Woodward Performance Haflingers

September 1

Very excited to receive these stall plaques rewarding our horses for their 2016 participation in the American Haflinger Registry Ambassador program. This is a point based system for various approved activities from showing to clinics to demonstrations. Well done AHR on your awards! Thank You!!



Tracy DiSabato Aust

September 2

Thanks AHR from Chief and me for the beautiful awards!! We have been logging this year as well and Wiz Bang LMP has been too 😊



Diane Mansur

September 4

Just received the 2016 Awards for our boys and they are great. Thanks to AHR for the awards for Neon Fire HIS (Blaze) Diamond Award in the Ambassador Performance Program and 200 hours in the Golden Path Program, Major's Amigo KH (Major) Diamond Award in the Ambassador Performance Program and 100 hours in the Golden Path Program, New Champion ODA (Champ) Sapphire Award in the Ambassador Performance Program and 100 hours in the Golden Path Program and Manfred 25 hours in the Golden Path Program. Let's see where we end up on 2017. Thanks to AHR for giving us the incentive to log the hours that we already ride and drive and encourage us to take out boys out and share them with the world.



Amy Wallace

September 2 · Springboro, OH

Thank you AHR for recognizing Nevie and me on our Golden Path Hours!!



Debbie Shoemaker North

September 1

Very classy and unique award! Thanks AHR! We're working on becoming 'diamonds' for 2017!



haflingers in history

FIRST STALLION LINES IN NORTH AMERICA

Tempel Farm imported the first of the A, M, N, and St-line stallions into the United States. The first stallions of those lines introduced to North America included Alpen Konig, Maestro, Naxos, and Starwonder. With his focus and detailed breeder, he had introduced all four of those lines between 1952 and 1958. The other three stallion lines, however, didn't make their way across the ocean until much later.

In 1975, the stallion Wandor was imported from Holland as a two-year-old by John Van Dongen. The first B-line stallion to arrive was Brunel Clifton, imported as a yearling by Ed Matz from England in 1986. The S-line stallion

Schonbin Honig was imported from Italy as a two-year-old in 1994 by Robert MacArthur, but he was gelded shortly after his arrival and was never bred.

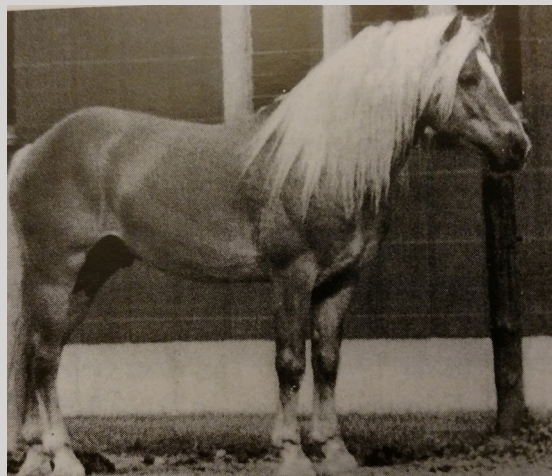
Although the United States followed the Austrian naming convention, it's worth noting that because there were no S-line stallions in the country, St-line foals were allowed to be named with just an S until the early 1990s. Breeders and owners now know that foals born prior to that time named with an S are really of the St-line.



Wandor, born in 1973 and imported from Holland in 1975 by John Van Dongen



The 1985 stallion Brunel Clifton, imported as a yearling from England by Ed Matz



Never used for breeding, the 1992 stallion Schonbin Honig was imported from Italy as a two-year-old by Robert MacArthur.

Golden Greetings

A new column sharing stories of how people became hooked on Haflingers!
To share your story and photo, visit haflingerhorse.com/golden-greetings

Fall 2017 Profile: Sue Kuzelka

I considered many breeds while looking for a second horse, but in the end, thought a Haflinger gelding might suit me. I liked the size, and temperament, and color. My grandparents are from Austria, so naturally, an Austrian horse seemed the direction I should take. I searched DREAMHORSE.com for months, looking for just the right horse. I wanted one a little older, well-trained, and quiet. I tried several geldings, but they just didn't seem right for me. In desperation I called my equine vet's office, and spoke with his office manager. She introduced me to Fran Cordes, a local Haflinger breeder and exhibitor, and thought he might have a horse that would suite me. He had a horse that was currently leased out for the summer show season, but when the season was over, it might be possible to purchase him.

I went to see Wiston, and rode him around in a round pen and arena. He seemed like a nice horse, but was much younger than I was looking for. Win was very quiet, willing, and kind. He was purchased by Mr. Cordes the previous year, at the Missouri Haflinger Auction, and brought to Illinois where he spent the winter growing up on the Cordes farm. Win grew a little too much, and soon became too tall to fit with the hitch team. I was very happy to hear that, as 14.2 hands was the perfect size for me!

Winston came home a few months later. In the spring, I sent him to a horse trainer, Ron Hooper from Sandy Lane Appaloosas. Mr Hooper was close, and he trained us together. The day he came back from training, we loaded up, and went to the Illinois State Stock Horse Association's 100 mile trail ride. It was a great way for us to learn more, and to explore.

In the 16 years since Wiston joined our family, he has been on many more 100-mile rides, as well as camping in Wisconsin, Illinois, and Indiana. He has learned to be a leader, and also lets timid horses rest their heads on his back while we are on trail. When he was younger, I would often trail ride with my very young daughter. She would ride my older half-arab saddlebred, and I would ride Win. When Cheyenne would act up, I would have my daughter put him directly behind Win. Now Win thinks all horses need to ride with their heads on his back, just behind my saddle.

He is such a good horse. He is the same horse every time we go out, even if we haven't been out in a month or two, or if we were out yesterday. Now at 18 years old, we are learning new things together. He has started to learn tricks, and is a very fast learner. I can't wait to find out what is in store for us as we continue to camp, trail ride, and learn together.



Walnut Hill

Where Champions Are Made



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Submitted by Caraline Cornman

For the past two years, I have had the honor of training and showing gold classified (83 points) Faith by Fire DAF for both pleasure and combined driving. Fire, also known as “The Great Fireball”, is owned by John and Michele Dunkel of Genesis Farm in Lapeer, Michigan. Although I only get her for about 4 months a year because we have to work around her foals and pregnancies, we have been able to do some fantastic Haflinger promotion all over the east coast.

This year, the highlight of our show season was the 2017 Walnut Hill Pleasure Driving Competition. It was the second time competing there for both of us, so we knew the grounds and had an idea what our competition would be going into it. We had our last CDE at the end of June, so we were able to spend the month and a half prior to Walnut Hill switching over from combined driving to pleasure driving mode. We spent that time working on our three trots, lots and lots of reinsmanship tests, and not cantering in cones (which is what we do in CDEs).

We had heard that it had rained all summer in New York, but didn't imagine it would be quite as muddy as it was. Needless to say, there were lots of trucks and trailers that needed to be pulled out by tractors... including ours. Even though we got off to a rough start literally as soon as we pulled in, things started to go uphill from there. Fire schooled beautifully on Tuesday, the day before the show started. She was very relaxed and ready to roll. On Tuesday, we also discovered there were several other Haflingers that would be beautifully exhibited at the show. Bill Hendershot drove his silver classified stallion Stelaka PHHF, Chuck Hendershot drove his silver



classified mare Lady Stelaka PHHF, Nicole Cable drove a silver classified gelding for the Hendershots, Nando's North Star HNMH, Brian Miteer drove his silver classified mare Bonita Rox PA, and Debbie North drove her beloved gelding Nanticoke.

Day one of competition was the reinsmanship class in our large pony division. We had a good drive on the rail before being lined up in the middle to do our reinsmanship tests. We were the last turnout to go, so we got to watch everyone else and see where they were struggling and excelling, so we could make our adjustments. Watching others must've been very helpful because our test was perfect. When our number was announced for the blue ribbon, I knew we were off to a good start.

The next day we had turnout. We have a pretty four wheel carriage, but everyone knows you can only win a Walnut Hill turnout class with unique, antique vehicles. My objective was to place in this class, which meant every part of my turnout had to be spotless and shined—seriously, not even a speck of dust. Much to my surprise, we actually managed to come out of that class with a third place ribbon.

Friday was a very long day because we had progressive cones class for our large pony division, and also all three classes for the junior division (turnout, reinsmanship, and times obstacles). We were in the first class

of the day for our large pony progressive cones class. We had the fastest time by nearly ten seconds, but due to my driver error, we knocked a ball on the last cone and ended up placing fifth in the class. It was still good enough to get us another point towards the division, but I was a little bit upset with myself for not getting her lined up correctly. Later in the morning we had our Junior turnout class. I had to rush to get my carriage and horse clean after the progressive class, and to change my outfit. Luckily I used a different harness for progressive so I didn't have to worry about getting that cleaned. We made it back over to the Walnut Hill Oval with no time for warm up. The junior classes can get rather chaotic with varying degrees of driver skill, and horse sizes. We had to stay on the inside of the track because there were so many minis and small ponies in with us. Once again I was surprised in a turnout class when they announced us for blue ribbon. Obviously during the lunch break I didn't actually have time to get any lunch because I still had two classes that afternoon. Our reinsmanship class was first. We had really good rail work, but not our best reinsmanship test, although we still managed to get a second place ribbon. Next was timed obstacles, which we won. Once they got everything cleaned out of the ring, they brought us back in the accept our championship trophy for the junior division.

Saturday was the fun day- the cross country day. The



course was about a mile long, over the hills and through the woods, with two water crossings. There are cones placed throughout the course, and the objective is to have no knockdowns or refusals, and to be as close as possible to optimal time. With Fire and me having a good bit of CDE experience, I knew we wouldn't have to worry about refusals and that the knockdowns weren't too much to worry about either. Our goal was to be as close as possible to optimal time, which was 5 minutes and 30 seconds. We pushed hard for about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the mile, checked our timer, and were about two minutes ahead. So we transitioned into our slowest trot, and I watched my timer as we neared the finish because I knew it would be close. I checked the official timer as we crossed the finish line, which stopped at 5:29.70. Not too bad. The announcer said that I had taken the lead, and now I just had to wait and watch how the other people finished. The next five or so people came in somewhere from 10-15 seconds off time, which is still good but didn't knock me out of my spot. I was still in first when the last person was nearing the finish, who I knew was going to be close. This driver had been driving his whole life and had tons of experience in this type of thing- and he is known to always be very very close to the time. As he got closer and closer to the finish I could feel my stomach start to knot as I watched the clock until it finally stopped. It stopped at 5:29.69. One

one hundredth of a second further away from optimal time than where I finished. It was pretty incredible that over a mile and through several different obstacles, our times could be that close. Regardless, we still got the blue ribbon, and knew then that we had also won the division. They brought us back in for the presentation and photoshoot with our trophy, with my horse, carriage, and harness covered in mud.

Sunday is the day that wraps everything up. We got everything cleaned again to go out on the pleasure drive, which you have to do in order to officially win a division. It was really nice to see so many people from the surrounding town come out to watch all of the carriages go down the road. At the very end of the day was the parade of champions, where the champion of every division comes back in the ring and is lined up together. The group was very diverse, from a four in hand coach of dutch warmbloods, to pairs of friesians, to myself and Fire, to a unicorn hitch of minis.

I was very excited to have our show season end in such a successful way. Winning two divisions with the same turnout at a prestigious show like Walnut Hill is pretty exciting, but adding to it that Fire really only has 8 months of driving training under her belt made it truly amazing. I am so looking forward to her coming back to me next year to see what all we can do to promote the breed in our 2018 show season!

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The Versatile Nunavik GF



Submitted by Mae Yoder

In the spring of 2009 our friend Theo Hug, of Grison Haflinger Farm in Quebec, Canada, approached my father about possibly purchasing a yearling stallion prospect from him, one that he thought quite highly of. We had owned Wise Investor NTF for quite a few years but had decided to slow down on the breeding side of things, therefore we sold him and just had a few broodmares that we would ride and drive on occasion, so it had been a good 10 years since we had a stallion on our farm. Finally, Dad told me, “if you want him, I’ll buy him.” You’re probably thinking wow, that’s what every horse lover dreams of hearing! I grew up with horses and handled them my whole life but I had very little experience handling a stallion, much less training one, so I was very hesitant, but decided here’s my chance. I had always dreamed of working with a stallion, but never really thought I would be capable of the task. But many times I would hear people say, “there is nothing quite like riding or driving a well-trained stallion.” I came to notice that most “performance superstar” horses, no matter the sport, discipline or breed, were in most cases stallions.

A few months later Nunavik GF was on his way to his new home in Ohio. For the first four years we had him we mostly just let him grow up. He was handled daily, but he sure wasn’t much to look at. He was one of those horses that took quite a few years to fully grow into himself to the eye, but he has always had the disposition well beyond his age, and that is what we saw that kept us hopeful that he could be a wonderful stallion

someday. Nunavik GF was AHR Silver classified as a 4-year-old, scoring 77 points with a 9 (out of 10) in movement.

As a 5-year-old, we had him sent to a local trainer for 30 days training. I remember going to pick him up after 30 days and the trainer's first comments were, "this horse rides like no other Haflinger I've come across!" I took him home and started working with him myself. Things didn't go all that smoothly at first, and there were many times I would have loved to throw in that white towel, if only someone would have given me the option to do so. Now that I look back, it wasn't that he was so bad or ill-mannered; mostly the problem stemmed from me not knowing how to handle the typical young stallion problems. Somehow I kept going and now I can say it was all worth it!

As a 6-year-old, Nunie was really starting to come together as a performance horse, and was much more filled out and finally had some muscle tone shining through. With the help and encouragement of our Haflinger friends, we decided to promote and show Nunie at a few breed shows. Emily Hummel of Walnut Ridge Farm had kindly accepted to show him for us.

The summer of 2014 Nunie went to live with Emily so they could get to know each other and work on a few things. He was a part of the Walnut Ridge show string. Not knowing what to expect that first time in the arena with 10-15 other horses walking and trotting by, we had our fingers crossed that he would hold true to himself and hold it together. The first show, the first class, with so many other horses and so much going on at once

can be stressful for any horse, let alone a young stallion who hadn't had much exposure off the farm yet. We were pretty confident that it would be a positive experience for him with the time and training we had put into him. He was a trooper, and didn't even bat an eye at all the pretty mares surrounding him. Much of this success goes to Emily as well.

His first show season we only entered him in the ridden W/T classes, and he had a very successful year with a few Grand Champion Stallion honors and a Best of Show. 2015 we decided he was ready to advance to the W/T/C classes and he didn't miss a beat. That year he stayed at home, and Emily would come down once a week to ride him and keep both tune with each other until the next show. People started to stop and notice him by his charming, kind face and his laid back, chill attitude. Many times, other competitors in the same class had no idea he was a stallion and more than once Nunie & Emily were boxed in on the rail by all mares! He won many blue ribbons in his English W/T/C in only his first year of advancing to the canter classes! Nunavik GF is an English/Dressage horse through and through, with his conformation, movement and the way he carries himself. It's definitely his favorite as well, and he fits the "classical" bill much more naturally than the "western."

Before the 2016 show season got under way Emily, informed us of a program they offer called The

Haflinger Championship Challenge (HCC) Versatility Award. To win this award your horse must have 100+ points in all disciplines Western, English and Driving as well as 25+ points in halter. There are a very select few Haflingers that can add this award to their name and it is a great honor, as it is no small feat! Each horse pinned lower than you in the class is worth one point

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and these points are only earned in a "point class." Only the major classes are point classes (open and equitation classes in both western and English, open driving, driven reinsmanship and a couple others). Nunavik GF already, in about 1½ year of showing W/T/C, had 100+ points in the English Division, so we had to focus on the western and driving, as well as halter. He was started lightly as a 4 year old to drive, but we had just ridden him for the last 2½ years. We had our work cut out for us to achieve this award, but we were up for it and we had no doubt that Nunie & Emily could do it! Let's not forget that we started breeding mares live cover in the spring of 2011, and each year since we bred around six mares live or AI. He knows when it's that time of the year, and well, he would like to be much more interested in looking at the pretty mares



around him than listening to his rider or driver and the task at hand. Thankfully we had a solid enough foundation on him at a young age that these moments of weakness are pretty minor and few and far in between.

So in 2016 we took Nunie out of his comfort zone and started showing him more in the western classes and entered a few driving classes. The driving was a pretty smooth transition and he kept true to his winning ways, although the western seemed to be his least favorite by far! Nunie is a what I call a “contact horse”, he prefers his rider to have a nice soft contact to his mouth, a rider that tells him exactly when to do what; he very much wasn't into this loose, floppy western rein, low headset, slow lope stuff. We also had to teach the neck reining, which was fairly easy

with the leg pressure that he already knew. We finally convinced him that it really wasn't all that bad and he sucked it up and did his job, but don't expect to find him doing any type of ranch work anytime soon though!

Last, but not least, we finally reached our goal at the end of the 2017 show season. Nunavik GF is the first and only stallion to have the Versatility Award, and it would not have been possible without quite a few people! First and foremost, Theo & Chantale (Grison Haflinger) for establishing such a fantastic breeding program. Nunie isn't the only bright star to have the suffix “GF” behind his name! A successful show record on a horse doesn't happen by the horse being just that good. There is always a great rider or driver behind it all! Emily has the talent to take a good

horse and make it great, and she did just that with Nunavik GF! We are so blessed to have a stallion that represents what we strive for here at Twin Maple Farm: size, conformation and disposition all in one, and passing all these traits and more to all his offspring.

Along with this nice accomplishment on the showing end of his resume, my favorite thing about this horse is his uncanny ability to use his expression to the point where he almost talks! I believe strongly in mixing things up for your horse, I always find it interesting how some high-level dressage horses are so well and precisely trained, yet when the step out of the dressage arena they freak out about the tiniest things. Obviously not all of them, but I have seen it myself on a few occasions. Sometimes it's good for both you and the horse to



just go for a ride, limit the schooling sessions and just go have fun! The first time I had Nunavik on a trail ride I was with about 50 other horses of all breeds, shapes and sizes. He was obviously pretty excited and was impressed with all these horses. As we headed down the trail I was about 2nd or 3rd from the front, and it had just rained quite a bit a few days before as we came to our first mud puddle. To his defense, it was pretty nasty. But as we approached it he took one look at it and stopped dead in his tracks as if to say “OMG! There is no way I’m going through this stuff, there has to be another way, you cannot expect me to go through this!” He wasn’t scared of it, he just couldn’t believe I was asking him to go through something like this. After a few minutes of him trying and failing to convince me there were

other options to avoid this mud I finally convinced him it will all wash off and likely won’t kill him, and he walked through the mud hole. He stayed at the very, very, tipsy edge of it, but he went through. Everyone who saw it started laughing. The look in his eyes was very much “I’m way too good for this!”

After about 3 years now of trail riding experience I think I’ve convinced him that I won’t let him die after a four-hour trail ride, no hill is too steep for a Haflinger (not even for him), mud, dirt and sweat will be washed off as soon as we get home, and it’s okay to follow, we don’t always have to be leading. Rest assured we are much more mannerly on the trails, and improving! Lakes, or not so muddy water, are loads of fun in his eyes!

At home in the barn, if it’s raining, just rained, or looks like rain,

he puts his head in the corner of his stall, “I’ll be staying right here where I will stay dry, thank you.” Every morning on my way to the barn he will run up to the corner of his pasture and greet me with a hearty “Good Morning,” and it’s the best start to my day! Falling asleep while taking a bath is pretty normal, yet he will most definitely inform you when the water is not quite the temperature he prefers. Yes, we are working on lowering the maintenance level!

The last two years Nunavik GF helped in representing the Haflinger at Equine Affaire in Columbus, OH, taking part in the breed demos each day. He and a few of his Haflinger friends were on a TV segment for “Good Morning Columbus” this year. Even just standing in his stall soaking in all the attention from people passing by, stopping to

pet him, selfies, and hugs, you name it he loves every second of it!

Every year a local group here in our area get together for what they call "Stallion Presentation Day." It is held at a local auction the last Saturday in January. This is an all breeds event where over 100 stallions are presented and offer a service fee. The money goes to a local need or family. It is a huge attraction each year. Dad was approached by one of the guys that helped start this event: "Hey, we need a Haflinger here next year!" So for the last two years Nunavik GF has been representing the breed as the only Haflinger there. Our area is very much dominated by large breeds, large and fast. Dutch Harness, Friesians, Standardbreds and Crossbreds and everything is strictly driving. So there was a slight change in pace when Nunie and I entered the ring. He was smaller, wasn't a black horse, had quite a lot slower way of going, was being ridden and not driven, and so on. As long as he wasn't asked to stand up close to one of those huge black Percherons, he was fine with enduring the freezing temperatures for a short while.


The Haflinger is very fortunate to have such a nice selection of beautiful stallions representing the breed the last few years! At the 2016 AHR Stallion Parade you could see for yourself, so many good quality stallions, none the same but they were all unique in their own way. Whether they perform successfully at open shows, breed shows, or just promote a nice disposition, size and conformation, each horse is special in their own way, to the people that own it, the people that train it (if they're not the same person) and to the people that see the horse for the first time. They may all see a different horse within. There is no show result, class placing, classification score etc. that solely defines that particular horse. These scores & placings are the opinions of 2-3 judges. Yes, it is by all means nice to win and that's what we work for, but there is much more to the horse, and that's the case with Nunavik GF. The wins are nice and rewarding but the best part about him are those simple moments on the trail with friends or wherever it may be where he will capture the attention of those around him with his quirky ways, common sense and his beautiful high maintenance self.



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Thank you Emily Hummel for all of your time and effort in showing Nunavik for us! We appreciate it greatly! Congratulations on all of your success, you both deserve it!



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Submitted by Suzannah Rogers

The excitement of waking up and knowing we leave for a national championship was unreal! We loaded up Rush on the trailer, said goodbye to my father and pets and jumped into the truck! It was going to take us 12 hours to get to our rest stop. The drive was very tedious. I filled my time by studying videos of me riding and then I worked on visualizing my rides. We finally made it to our rest area in Chandler, Indiana. Rush was so happy to get off the trailer, he rolled around in his nice big stall at the layover barn. We gave him hay, water and grain and said goodnight. The next day we had a lesson, he was amazing. He had lots of resting to do. I had a good feeling about the championships. The following morning, we rode again. He was a good boy and we loaded up and headed the rest of the way to Lamplight Equestrian Center.

Turning into the drive of Lamplight really made me feel like an important rider. All the riders here had trained and worked hard to be invited here. Rush was settled after a good long walk. Wednesday, we checked in with show coordinators. Our number was

466, that was our lucky number. Later that day, Rush and I rode and we were on fire! George Williams was there training other riders in the ring. There was a lot of pressure then. Rush and I had a lot of meditating to do before Saturday and Sunday. Thursday, we had our jog which was a cool experience. I had on a black skort from Kastel Denmark and a bright yellow sun shirt also from Kastel Denmark, with white converses and a black vest. I looked sharp, Rush looked very handsome. Friday, we had a run through with second level test 1. Saturday was the longest day ever; our class was the last of the day. I tacked Rush up and got myself ready and then we prayed to thank God for getting us here and wishing everyone luck and safety. I walked into the warm up and there I saw all of the competition. I knew I needed to focus on Rush and that's just what I did. We were on deck and the rider in front of me had a bad fall, which was very nerve racking for me. I trotted in the ring and I became so nervous. The bell rang and I picked up the canter and up centerline I went. I halted and saluted and then my nerves went away. I rode with power and precision. Coming up centerline I felt like our ride was terrific after I saluted I started crying, because I was proud

of Rush and myself. There were four more riders to go, I was so excited to have won the first day! Sunday I came back with more power and precision, I knew it was going to be a tough day. I did everything the same. After the last ride, my heart was beating so fast. I couldn't believe I had won! I was the 2017 USEF National Dressage Pony Rider Champion! I jumped off and hugged my pony. My mom, my trainer and the pony had tears in their eyes. It has been a dream to come to the championships and win! I kept asking myself did I really just win? I had one request from home. It was my dad's birthday and he wanted me to do my best. I did better than that, I won! After the victory gallop and all the pictures it was time to go home. We loaded Rush up into the trailer and came home. This was a dream come true!



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Haflinger and Hitch Pony Championship Series

FINALS



Submitted by Levi Myers,
HHPCS Secretary

The Haflinger and Hitch Pony Championship Series (HHPCS) wrapped up another successful year at the Keystone International Livestock Exposition! Congratulations to Shanahan Haflingers, 2017 Six Horse Hitch Champion, and Katy Day, 2017 Ladies' Cart Champion.

Since 2014, HHPCS has grown to include over 50 members and nearly 25 sanctioned shows each year. The mission of the Series is to promote the Draft Haflinger and other Draft Pony breeds that compete in both the six horse hitch and ladies' cart classes. To qualify for the finals, each year mem-

ber hitches and drivers compete to earn points at sanctioned shows that run year long and cross the country. This year, the finals were held at the Keystone International Livestock Exposition in Harrisburg, PA. The HHPCS Board of Directors would like to thank the K.I.L.E. staff for their hospitality and willingness to hold the finals.

Among the competing members, only six hitches and six ladies' cart drivers qualify for the finals each year. In the six horse hitch competition attending members were; Brugger's Other Farm, Crowl-Mathias Draft Ponies, Hefner Haflingers, Shanahan Haflingers, Stream-N-Acres, and Triple F Farm. The five ladies' cart drivers

that attended the Finals were; Amanda Hefner, Colleen Crawford, Katy Day, Lisa Vanderwall, and Penny Mathias. Each exhibitor traveled to and from multiple shows over the past year in search of points to qualify.

While at the finals, each competitor is given the opportunity to present their hitch or cart horse three different times; each time in front of a different judge. The judges look for movement of the horses (together and individually), presentation of the hitch, and ease of handling, among other things. The results of each hitch and each ladies' cart driver under each judge are listed below.

<i>Six Horse Hitch #1</i>		<i>Judge: Bryan Lynch</i>
1 st	Shanahan Haflingers	
2 nd	Hefner Haflingers	
3 rd	Stream-N-Acres	
4 th	Crowl-Mathias Draft Ponies	
5 th	Brugger's Other Farm	
6 th	Triple F Farm	

<i>Ladies' Cart #1</i>		<i>Judge: Bryan Lynch</i>
1 st	Katy Day	
2 nd	Amanda Hefner	
3 rd	Penny Mathias	
4 th	Colleen Crawford	
5 th	Lisa Vanderwall	

<i>Six Horse Hitch #2</i>		<i>Judge: Aaron Freitag</i>
1 st	Triple F Farm	
2 nd	Brugger's Other Farm	
3 rd	Shanahan Haflingers	
4 th	Stream-N-Acres	
5 th	Crowl-Mathias Draft Ponies	
6 th	Hefner Haflingers	

<i>Ladies' Cart #2</i>		<i>Judge: Aaron Freitag</i>
1 st	Katy Day	
2 nd	Colleen Crawford	
3 rd	Lisa Vanderwall	
4 th	Amanda Hefner	
5 th	Penny Mathias	

<i>Six Horse Hitch #3</i>		<i>Judge: Ryan Lindquist</i>
1 st	Hefner Haflingers	
2 nd	Stream-N-Acres	
3 rd	Triple F Farm	
4 th	Brugger's Other Farm	
5 th	Shanahan Haflingers	
6 th	Crowl-Mathias Draft Ponies	

<i>Ladies' Cart #3</i>		<i>Judge: Ryan Lindquist</i>
1 st	Amanda Hefner	
2 nd	Katy Day	
3 rd	Colleen Crawford	
4 th	Lisa Vanderwall	
5 th	Penny Mathias	

<i>Six Horse Hitch Total Points</i>		
1 st	Shanahan Haflingers	12
2 nd	Stream-N-Acres	12
3 rd	Hefner Haflingers	12
4 th	Triple F Farm	11
5 th	Brugger's Other Farm	10
6 th	Crowl-Mathias Draft Ponies	6

<i>Ladies' Cart Total Points</i>		
1 st	Katy Day	14
2 nd	Amanda Hefner	11
3 rd	Colleen Crawford	9
4 th	Lisa Vanderwall	6
5 th	Penny Mathias	5

Tie Breaker Judge: Aaron Freitag



Fierce Competition

Listed in the results it is easy to see how close the competition has become in the Haflinger and Hitch Pony Championship Series. The top three hitches ending in a three-way tie, proves how close each participant is in their class. The ladies' cart series speaks volumes about how far each individual driver has developed their animal to become outstanding in each and every way.

Final Thoughts

The 2017 finalists has, on average, 25 years of experience in breeding, raising, and exhibiting Haflingers and Draft Ponies. Their extensive experience drives them to success in this hobby. The Board of Directors of the HHPCS asked each participant at the finals on their final thoughts about the finals and some comments were:

"The level of competition has increased to a point where everybody is almost equal and it is coming down to the little things that each judge on how they prefer one hitch over another."

"Given the variability of each individual drive for each class it is difficult to tell when they might be successful and when not, but the suspense of not knowing results to the end of the finals has a certain air of mystery that we enjoy."

"It has taken a lot of time and effort from many people. We would like to thank our families for all of their help over the past show season."

Previous page: Amanda Hefner in Ladies Cart. **This page, from top:** Shanahan's winning Hitch, Stream-n-Acres Hitch, Colleen Crawford in Ladies Cart, Triple F Farm's hitch



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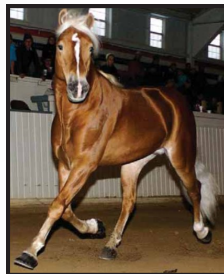
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It's About the Journey!

My Path to the WDAA World Show in Oklahoma

Submitted by Suzanne Morisse

I have had the good fortune of competing in the Western Dressage Association of America's annual World Show in each of the past two years, 2016 and 2017. That journey, from my little farm in the northern Upper Peninsula of Michigan, to Guthrie Oklahoma, was quite a long one. It began in my barn, on a frigid, wintery day in January 2016, when I was talking to a few of my closest friends. Just that summer,

I had completed the "L" program, the USDF program for training entry level dressage judges, and I had also attended a judging school run by the Western Style Dressage Association of Canada. I was talking to my friends about what I had learned in these two programs. Without much thought, I said to my friends "Wouldn't it be cool to take Sabreena to the Western Dressage World Championship show?" To my surprise they all looked and

me and said, "You should do it!" There was a long pause as I was processing the answer. Then I said, "Yup, I should. Sabreena would make a great little western dressage horse."

Sabreena is my twelve-year-old Haflinger mare. I knew that preparing for the World Show would be a huge commitment and that she and I would have some big hurdles to clear. But little did I know how many people would be involved to



help prepare Sabreena and me for this quest. They all became part of the team. For without these dedicated people, this journey may never have happened.

It was something of a miracle that I even had Sabreena. In 2012 I had sold her. I loved Sabreena and she and I had been very successful as partners in the show ring. But I had 3 Haflingers at that time and I needed money. I had a good friend, Emily, who just loved Sabreena and

wanted to buy her. I was reluctant to see her go but I knew she would have a very good home and I agreed to sell her. It was at this point that Sabreena's allergies began to manifest themselves. Emily lived next to a river and the bugs were very bad. Sabreena became miserable and she developed headshaking syndrome. We had her tested and found that she was allergic to no-see-ums, deer flies, stable flies, soy, and even a number of grasses.

It was clear that Sabreena could not continue to live by the river. In 2014, Emily decided that Sabreena would be better off with me and asked if I would like her back.

There was only one problem: I simply did not have the money to buy her back. My heart sank. But Emily wanted the best for Sabreena she insisted on simply giving her back to me. Sabreena and I were reunited again. I spent the next year getting Sabreena well and hoping

that her headshaking syndrome was being caused by her allergies, not the sun. I started her on allergy medication, changed her diet, had regular chiropractic and acupuncture care, massages, Qigong, and carefully watched her reaction to various things in her diet and environment. Through all this hard work, I learned how to manage her health issues.

So my first and biggest hurdle in preparing for the World Show was to see whether Sabreena would be able to go without her allergy medication long enough to show at the world show. Her allergies are fairly severe and the medicines seemed to have helped her tremendously. But her allergy medication is on the USEF forbidden list of drugs. The withdrawal period takes a full 6 weeks and I would have to carefully manage her diet and her environment to minimize her exposure to the many things that would set her off. We needed a plan and a miracle from God to get Sabreena through this period. Could we do it? As it turned out, after a lot of trial and error, we were able to manage her allergy problems, without her medication, by carefully controlling her diet and her environment. I am grateful to Bordertown Chiropractic, Blue Water Equine Hospital, and my dear friend Terri with her magic hand. This is the team effort that helped us past this first hurdle.

Now it was time to address the second major hurdle: Sabreena was going to need a good western saddle! Where was I going to find a western saddle that didn't put you in a chair seat, that had a narrow twist, and would fit a Haflinger? After doing some research

and asking around in the western dressage world, I came up with the name of Mike Corcoran, a saddle-maker in Texas who owns, rides, and shows Haflingers. I called Mike and learned that he would be in the mid-west in July and was willing to meet me in southern Michigan. It just so happened I was going to a show around that time at Wyn Farm near Williamston, Michigan, so we made plans to meet there. Mike, it turns out, had a western saddle that fit Sabreena and me perfectly. He let me use it to show in that day and, wow, my scores improved. So out with old saddle and in with the new saddle. I had my saddle! Yahoo!

Next, we needed to seriously ramp up our training. Sabreena and I had been riding with both Walter Zettl and Maryal Barnett before I sold her. Walter called her his star and Sabreena just loved him. I knew that Walter was open to Western Dressage because he taught the Parelli's for many years. But Walter lives 12 hours away and is no longer able to travel much. He remains an inspiration to me, and a dear friend, but realistically we were not going to be able to spend much time with him. Maryal, on the other hand, still conducts regular clinics at Brek-N-Ridge farm, owned by Karin Of-field, near Harbor Springs, Michigan, only about 80 miles away from me. She, too, is open to Western Dressage and, in fact, had attended the "train the trainer" program that

Western Dressage Association of Michigan put on in the spring of 2016. Maryal is a retired FEI "C" dressage judge and is an active "S" Judge. She is an instructor and examiner for the USEF "r"; "R" and "S" dressage judge training programs and is on the USDF "L" faculty teaching future dressage judges. She has been an important mentor of mine for many years.

“Sabreena needed this power and strength this year at the World Show to compete at third level - the highest level currently offered in western dressage”

So Sabreena and I attended Maryal's clinics for the next two years, usually two days each month. Under Maryal's watchful eye, Sabreena and I learned how to correctly ride the geometry of our third level tests, how to prepare for each movement, and how to end each movement correctly. We worked on both basic and strengthening exercises for collection, which is needed in the upper levels. Maryal's patient instruction and guidance were a major part of our success at the World Show. I only wish I could have taken her to the world show with me.

In between Maryal's monthly clinics, Sabreena and I also worked

with Elizabeth David at Tromble farm in Cheboygan, Michigan. Liz is one of Maryal's star students and has worked with Buck Brannaman, along with many other good trainers. She has a great eye and is a very talented young horsewoman.

Our next hurdle was finding local shows where we could practice and test our progress. I found that a lot of schooling shows in Michigan were offering western dressage classes. But I live in a fairly remote area in Michigan's Upper Peninsula and all of these shows involved lengthy drives. I felt I needed to focus on shows that offered at least 2 days of tests because I had to travel so far. After going to a few shows, I found Wyn Farm near Willimaston, Michigan. This facility has a beautiful show ground, good footing, wonderful staff, and – importantly for Sabreena and her allergies -- very few BUGS!!!! So, each month, from June through September, Sabreena and I made the six hour drive down to Wyn Farm to practice and to compete. These trips were invaluable to us. First, it gave us the ability to practice and perform in a full size dressage ring. Lack of this kind of space at home was one of the hardest things we had to overcome. Of equal importance, Wyn Farm made a point of bringing in very good judges. This meant that we were getting accurate and helpful feedback through our test scores and comments.

Sabreena and I practiced almost everyday starting in January 2016. We cross-trained as well, to help build strength and power. Sabreena needed this power and strength this year at the World Show to compete at the third level -- the highest

level currently offered in western dressage -- for there were 2 Prix St George horses and 2 solid 4th level horses in USDF world that were crossing over to western dressage and their riders had all earned USDF gold medals. One rider was showing two horses. Competition was going to be tough!

When it came time to plan our trip to the World Show, I turned the travel arrangements over to John, best friend, my fiancé, and my number one supporter. The task was mind-boggling to me but John made it look easy. He picked out several possible routes and we discussed what we thought would work best for Sabreena and me. We quickly decided against driving through Chicago -- too busy and too much traffic for us country folk! Instead, we chose a route that took us past Indianapolis and St. Louis.

It was a bit longer but less stressful. The plan was to cover 500 miles each of the first two days, staying at "horse hotels" each night, and then covering the final 300 miles on the third day. We would arrive at the Lazy E in Guthrie, Oklahoma

two days early. That would allow us all to rest before the competition started.

We decided that, on this long drive, we would stop every few hours and walk around -- yes all of us, even Sabreena. On the first day of our drive in 2016, near Salamoine, Indiana, John pointed out a large statue of a chicken along the highway. We should stop, I told him, because Sabreena wants her picture taken with the big chicken. This was the start of many pictures, along the way. What fun we had trying to find goofy statues and other amusing things to take picture of with Sabreena, everything from rearing stallions to dinosaurs. Sabreena loved getting her picture taken with all these different attraction and those stops quickly became a tradition for us in our travels with her.



This year we stopped for gas at a truck stop near Troy, Illinois. Two tour buses were parked near the gas pumps and people were everywhere. It was time for Sabreena to get out for her walk and I thought it would be a great way for her to be an ambassador for her breed. She was an immediate hit with the crowd. Sabreena loved visiting and we found out that the tour bus was headed to Shipshewana, Indiana for the afternoon. What fun. We have many little stories like this.

The Western Dressage World Show is held at the Lazy E Arena in Guthrie, Oklahoma the last week in September. Competitors come from all over the United States from coast to coast. There were riders from five Canadian provinces and even from New Zealand, this year! Over 40 breeds of horses were represented. The Show offers rail classes in suitability, western

dressage hack and equitation, plus pattern classes, for youths and amateurs. Dressage classes range from intro to third level with three divisions: open, amateurs, and youth. There are classes for gaited horses and physically challenged riders as well. The show begins on Thursday with the rail classes and pattern classes and concludes on Sunday evening with an awards banquet for the division championships, breed awards, and state awards.

We arrived at the Lazy E Arena on Tuesday afternoon that first year. "Wow!" is what went through my mind as we pulled into the driveway, actually a road, with the Lazy E Arena and show grounds on one side and the Lazy E Ranch on the other side. John and I found the show office, checked in, and settled Sabreena in her assigned stall. We stayed at the La Quinta in Edmond, about 20 minutes away from the

show grounds. At the highway exit to the hotel, there is a very large cross that was my inspiration every morning and evening.

Thursday was my day to focus on getting ready for the show and to find out more about the rail classes. That is when I ran into Elaine Ward, the founder of Western Style Dressage Association of Canada. She is an amazing instructor. I kept my fingers crossed as I asked her if she would be willing to coach me before my test each day. I was so excited when she said "Yes."

Friday morning I met up with Elaine at the warm-up ring. I was nervous and stressed because I had never competed at this level before. Elaine was like magic. She has a great eye and showed a remarkable ability to "tweak" Sabreena and me and yet keep things simple. My nervousness disappeared and she soon had Sabreena and me dancing



as one. I was able to stay focused and was able to ride the best test I had ever ridden. Sabreena and I placed as reserve champion on third level, test 1 that day. Saturday we managed to place as world champion in third level, test 2. Sunday we were fourth in a very close race for the championship spot. Sabreena and I placed as overall reserve champion in third level for 2016.

After this initial success in 2016, we decided to make the trip to Oklahoma for the World Show again in 2017. Once again, we had a blast finding places to stop and take pictures with Sabreena. We arrived at the Lazy E Arena on Tuesday afternoon and took the next day to settle in. On Thursday, I decided to try the open level hack class and managed to place third in a large carousel of horses and riders. Elaine again offered to coach me before

each test and met me in the main arena on Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons to help me warm up for each test. With her help, we placed 4th in third level test 2 on Friday. On Saturday, we placed third in third level test 3. And on Sunday we placed 4th in third level test 4. These results made us third overall in the division, despite very stiff competition from some very skilled and experienced open level horses and riders. Sabreena also won the Haflinger breed award and was the highest scoring Michigan horse. I sure was proud of my little golden pony. She worked her heart out for me. I had a blast competing this year and even learned a few things by watching the talented grand prix riders and their beautiful partnership with their horses in my division.

I have truly enjoyed my journey in Western Dressage. I have met so

many wonderful people and have made lots of new friends along the way. I have a better understanding of collection, engagement, thrust and throughness. Western Dressage has challenged Sabreena and me both physically and emotionally, showing us our strengths and weakness.

I love the freedom that western dressage offers, like the option of using a noseband and or browband. I like being allowed to talk to my horse in the show ring because, for me, this is an important part of my communication with the horse. I especially like the emphasis on harmony and lightness. I am hopeful that the Western Dressage Association of American will release its level 4 tests next year so that I can continue on my journey in western dressage.



OHA Fun Days



Submitted by Mae Yoder

Saturday August 19th the OHA Fun Days were held at Andrew & Linda Yoder's in Apple Creek, OH. The day welcomed us with chilly temperatures and cloudy skies, with a short rain shower before we departed for our morning drive. Typical Ohio weather though, the sun was brightly shining an hour later and we set out for a lovely stroll through the woods, farms and back roads of Wayne County. We had 7 driving turnouts, 3 singles along with 4 teams and 7 riders, arriving back at Twin Maple Farm around noon. After all the horses were settled in, everyone had brought their own lunch so after some noontime R&R the real fun began!

The games began with the riding obstacle course complete with pole bending maneuvers, a wooden bridge to cross over, going through a rope gate, transporting a tennis ball from the top of a cone to the other without getting off the horse (this is where a small, short horse came in handy!) a water hole and some speed to the finish line! All the final times were very close with only a few seconds between 1st and 5th place! In the end a clean course by Robert Eicher and 15 year old Fascara WSF his Gold classified mare came out on top!

Next up was the cart obstacle. Every year this is probably the most competitive course at Fun Day. This year we had 15 entries, everyone giving it their

all for bragging rights for the next year! If you would classify a "skilled driver" as a driver who will basically stop at nothing to go faster and outwit the other competitors to win, then there is a great deal of skill involved in the cart obstacle. To the rest of the people, you might just call them crazy. The funny thing is the horses seem to have the exact same mindset as the drivers do. They dig the speed and competition every bit as much as their driver does, which makes it all that much more fun to compete as well as watch! The course started with a full out gallop around the perimeter of the course then a few poles to weave in and out of, crossing the wooden bridge, a back up and the most exciting water pit!



The most challenging part of the whole obstacle was after the full speed run around the course you had to get your horse to come back down to maneuver all the smaller obstacles with “fast” still on their mind. Dan Yoder and his gelding Maple Grove Nate beat out 2nd place Betty Miller and her mare Cinderella CHF by 7 seconds. There was only 1 second between Betty and 3rd place! The top 3 placings completed the course with zero penalties.

The last course of the day was the team marathon. Mostly the same course as the cart obstacle but doing it with a team rather than a single horse as we did in the cart obstacle. This is always fun to watch and is just as crazy! With 6 teams taking the course,

Andrew Yoder's team of mares, Florel-la DCH and Cordella, had the fastest time, but had one teeny tiny penalty. This moved the second fastest time to 1st place, that being Robert Eicher driving Fascara WSF and Damita WULF, as they drove a clean course.

We had a few passing rain showers throughout the day but for the most part we had the perfect day with near perfect weather. After all the games were completed everyone gathered for dinner, where all the day's events were analyzed and dissected, along with lots of reminiscing of past Fun Days and what crazy happenings took part - some are pretty crazy! Winners were announced, and prizes were distributed. The high point horse of the day

was Maple Grove Nate, owned by Dan & Deb Yoder! I think it's pretty safe to say that everyone, in every aspect of the words, had a “Fun Day” of friendly competition and fellowship with friends, family, and our beloved Haflingers!! Thank you to everyone for coming, and hope to see you all again next year!

Above, opposite page: Mae Yoder with Nuna-vik. Above, this page, clockwise from top left: Dan Yoder driving Maple Grove Nate, Heather Raw driving Noble B S-SN with Emily Hummel navigating, David Miller driving his speedy team of geldings Art & Andy, Andrew Yoder driving his team of mares Cordella & Florel-la DCH, Robert Eicher riding his mare Fascara WSF

national hitch show results



Best of Breed Quasi's Easter Lilly TLC (NeuMaster JPH x Quasi TOF),
5 year old mare shown by Joey Lysinger, owned by Mangels Farms

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<i>Plc Horse</i>	<i>Exhibitor</i>	<i>Location</i>
Class: 1 - Stallion, 4 years and over		
1 Bravado	Donna Immel	Leaf River, IL
Award: Senior Champion Stallion		
Bravado	Donna Immel	Leaf River, IL
Class: 5 - Stallion, 2 years and under 3		
1 Wibo's Walk'n Sunshine HCS	Donna Immel	Leaf River, IL
Class: 6 - Stallion, 1 year and under		
1 Main Attraction 2SH	Dennis Miller	Churubusco, IN
2 Warbucks BOB	Dave Brugger	Clayton, MI
3 Will's Trump of the Ridge	Steve Mangels	Oak Ridge, MO
4 Will's Mellow of the Ridge	Kevin Heintz	Wayland, MI
5 Wasati SSA	Bill Jameson	Greentown, IN
Class: 7 - Stallion Foal		
1 Mischief Managed DJM	Darla Mangels	Jackson, MO
2 Majority Rules 2SH	Dennis Miller	Churubusco, IN
3	Allen Snow	Shelbyville, IN
4	Allen Snow	Shelbyville, IN
5 Bravado's Benevolence HCS	Donna Immel	Leaf River, IL
Award: Junior Champion Stallion		
Main Attraction 2SH	Dennis Miller	Churubusco, IN
Award: Reserve Junior Champion Stallion		
Warbucks BOB	Dave Brugger	Clayton, MI
Award: Grand Champion Stallion		
Main Attraction 2SH	Dennis Miller	Churubusco, IN

Award: Reserve Grand Champion Stallion

Warbucks BOB Dave Brugger Clayton, MI

Class: 12 - Stallion under 3 years owned in Indiana

1 Majority Rules 2SH	Dennis Miller	Churubusco, IN
2 Wasati SSA	Bill Jameson	Greentown, IN
3 Main Attraction 2SH	Dennis Miller	Churubusco, IN

Class: 13 - Mare, 5 years and over

1 Quasi's Easter Lilly TLC	Steve Mangels	Oak Ridge, MO
2 B Dazzle of Genesis	John Dunkel	Lapeer, MI
3 Rachel's Foolish Rose	Dennis Miller	Churubusco, IN
4	Bill Powell	Portland, IN
5 Contilda of the Ridge	Steve Mangels	Oak Ridge, MO
6 Bubbles DJM	Darla Mangels	Jackson, MO
7	Darrin Bookman	Mansfield, OH
8 Cameo	Dennis Miller	Churubusco, IN

Class: 14 - Mare, 4 years and under 5

1 Reckless Rose 2SH	Dennis Miller	Churubusco, IN
2 Lauravin of the Ridge	Steve Mangels	Oak Ridge, MO

Class: 15 - Mare, 3 years and under 4

1	Bill Powell	Portland, IN
2 Rebecca PFH	Steve Mangels	Oak Ridge, MO
3 Brandi DFHF	Kevin Heintz	Wayland, MI
4 Rose Anne	Chelsea Render	Chelsea, MI

Award: Senior Champion Mare

Quasi's Easter Lilly TLC Steve Mangels Oak Ridge, MO

Award: Reserve Senior Champion Mare

B Dazzle of Genesis John Dunkel Lapeer, MI

Class: 18 - Mare, 2 years and under 3

1	Rockin Rose 2SH	Dennis Miller	Churubusco, IN
2	Lil's Azalea of the Ridge	Steve Mangels	Oak Ridge, MI
3	Betsy Ann SSY	Chelsea Render	Chelsea, MI

Class: 19 - Mare, 1 year and under 2

1	Carbon Copy 2SH	Dennis Miller	Churubusco, IN
2	Sugar Dixie Chick	Dave Brugger	Clayton, MI
3	Lady's Liberty DJM	Darla Mangels	Jackson, MO
4	Candy's Chaos HHFARM	Dave Backman	Waterloo, IN
5	Lil's Carly of the Ridge	Steve Mangels	Oak Ridge, MO
6	Firearms 2SH	Dennis Miller	Churubusco, IN
7	Leap of Faith RT	Lisa VanderWall	Wayland, MI
8	April Snowflake SSH6	Blackloon Reserve Haflingers	Rockford, OH

Class: 20 - Filly Foal

1	Queen of the Ridge	Steve Mangels	Oak Ridge, MO
2	Lace of the Ridge	Steve Mangels	Oak Ridge, MO
3	Lorna Doone HCS	Donna Immel	Leaf River, IL

Award: Junior Champion Mare

Carbon Copy 2SH	Dennis Miller	Churubusco, IN
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Award: Reserve Junior Champion Mare

Rockin Rose 2SH	Dennis Miller	Churubusco, IN
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Award: Grand Champion Mare

Quasi's Easter Lilly TLC	Steve Mangels	Oak Ridge, MO
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Award: Reserve Grand Champion Mare

Carbon Copy 2SH	Dennis Miller	Churubusco, IN
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Class: 25 - Mare under 3 years owned in Indiana

1	Rockin Rose 2SH	Dennis Miller	Churubusco, IN
2	Carbon Copy 2SH	Dennis Miller	Churubusco, IN
3	Caperdonich HLH	Mahkalea Young	Thorntown, IN
4	Angel's Envy HLH	Kevin Prather	Thorntown, IN

Class: 26 - Registered Gelding, 5 years and over

1	Neiman's Nate	Tim Arnold	Clayton, IN
2		Ross Baldner	Mansfield, OH
3	Willo's Captain CHA	Megan Arnold	Clayton, IN
4	Alfaro of Genesis	Brandon Berry	Rockford, OH
5	Alfie CRHF	Brandon Berry	Rockford, OH
6	What Now RVD	Steve Mangels	Oak Ridge, MO
7	Noble's Champ	Shanahan Hflngs	Mechanicsburg, OH
8	Will's Captain HD	Steve Mangels	Oak Ridge, MO
9	Waylon CLA	Bill Jameson	Greentown, IN

Class: 27 - Registered Gelding, 4 years and under

1	Will's Lightning HD	Steve Mangels	Oak Ridge, MO
2	Willard CLA	Bill Jameson	Greentown, IN
3	Wibo's Regal Heir 2SH	Dennis Miller	Churubusco, IN
4	Words of Wisdom 2SH	Dennis Miller	Churubusco, N
5	Abu DJM	Darla Mangels	Jackson, MO
6	Bravado's Beaugard HCS	Donna Immel	Leaf River, IL
7	Wil U B Mine HCS	Donna Immel	Leaf River, IL

Award: Grand Champion Gelding

Neiman's Nate	Tim Arnold	Clayton, IN
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Award: Reserve Champion Gelding

Will's Lightning HD	Steve Mangels	Oak Ridge, MO
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Class: 31 - Mare & Foal of current year

1		Steve Mangels	Oak Ridge, MO
2	Rachel's Foolish Rose	Dennis Miller	Churubusco, IN
3	Leora WSA	Donna Immel	Leaf River, IL

Class: 32 - Produce of Dam

1	Calypso 2SH	Dennis Miller	Churubusco, IN
2	Lady's Liberty DJM	Darla Mangels	Jackson, MO
3		Steve Mangels	Oak Ridge, MO
4		Bill Jameson	Greentown, IN
5	Bubbles DJM	Weston Mangels	Jackson, MO
6		Chelsea Render	Chelsea, MI

Class: 33 - Get of Sire

1	Wibo van de Schuttersweg	Dennis Miller	Churubusco, IN
2		Steve Mangels	Oak Ridge, MO
3		Bill Jameson	Greentown, IN
4	Bubbles DJM	Darla Mangels	Jackson, MO
5	Bravado	Donna Immel	Leaf River, IL

Class: 34 - 3 mares owned by the same exhibitor

1	Calypso 2SH	Dennis Miller	Churubusco, IN
2		Steve Mangels	Oak Ridge, MO
3		Chelsea Render	Chelsea, MI
4		Allen Snow	Shelbyville, IN

Class: 35 - Stallion and 3 mares owned by the same exhibitor

1	Calypso 2SH	Dennis Miller	Churubusco, IN
2		Steve Mangels	Oak Ridge, MO

Award: Best of Breed

Quasi's Easter Lilly TLC	Steve Mangels	Oak Ridge, MO
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YOUTH DIVISION*

Plc Exhibitor *Location*

Class: 36 - Youth Decorating 10-14 years

1	Clare Heintz	Wayland, MI
2	Steve Mangels	Oak Ridge, MO
3	Blackloon Reserve Haflingers	Rockford, OH

Class: 37 - Youth Decorating 15-18 years

1	Steve Mangels	Oak Ridge, MO
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Class: 38 - Youth Showmanship 10-14 years

1	Steve Mangels	Oak Ridge, MO
2	Clare Heintz	Wayland, MI
3	Blackloon Reserve Haflingers	Rockford, OH

Class: 39 - Youth Showmanship 15-18 years

1	Steve Mangels	Oak Ridge, MO
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Class: 40 - Junior Driving Competition, Team (10-14 years)

1	Blackloon Reserve Haflingers	Rockford, OH
2	Clare Heintz	Wayland, MI
3	Steve Mangels	Oak Ridge, MO

national hitch show results

Class: 41 - Junior Driving Competition, Team (15-18 Years)

- 1 Steve Mangels Oak Ridge, MO
- 2 Austin Arnold Clayton, IN

Class: 42 - Junior Driving Competition, Cart (10-14 years)

- 1 Clare Heintz Wayland, MI
- 2 Steve Mangels Oak Ridge, MO
- 3 Blackloon Reserve Rockford, OH
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- 4 Blackloon Reserve Rockford, OH
Hafingers

Class: 43 - Junior Driving Competition, Cart (15-18 years)

- 1 Steve Mangels Oak Ridge, Missouri
- 2 Allen Snow Shelbyville, Indiana

HITCH DIVISION*

Plc Exhibitor

Location

Class: 44 - Mens' Cart

- 1 Dennis Miller Churubusco, IN
- 2 Steve Mangels Oak Ridge, MO
- 3 Dave Brugger Clayton, Michigan
- 4 Clare Heintz Wayland, Michigan
- 5 Tim Arnold Clayton, IN
- 6 Ryan Hefner Lima, Ohio
- 7 Kevin Heintz Wayland, Michigan
- 8 Jim Wobler Leaf River, Illinois
- 9 Bruce Berry Rockford, Ohio
- 10 Nick Clark Greentown, IN
- 11 David Render Chelsea, Michigan

Class: 45 - Ladies' Cart

- 1 Colleen Crawford Clayton, MI
- 2 Amanda Hefner Lima, OH
- 3 Whitney Davis Churubusco, IN
- 4 Katlyn Shanahan Mechanicsburg, OH
- 5 Megan Arnold Clayton, IN
- 6 Mangels Oak Ridge, MO
- 7 Beth Steward Mansfield, OH
- 8 Kathy Heintz Wayland, MI
- 9 Chelsea Render Chelsea, MI
- 10 Trisha Berry Rockford, OH
- 11 Sarah Bookman Mansfield, OH

Class: 46 - Team of Geldings

- 1 Scott Hefner Lima, OH
- 2 Dennis Miller Churubusco, IN
- 3 Steve Mangels Oak Ridge, MO
- 4 Kevin Heintz Wayland, MI
- 5 Chelsea Render Chelsea, MI
- 6 Campbell Parrish Mechanicsburg, OH
- 7 Tim Arnold Clayton, IN
- 8 Nick Clark Greentown, IN
- 9 Sarah Bookman Mansfield, OH
- 10 Brandon Berry Rockford, OH

Class: 47 - Unicorn Hitch

- 1 Kevin Heintz Wayland, MI
- 2 Ryan Hefner Lima, OH
- 3 Dave Brugger Clayton, MI



From top: Blair Purcell for Second Star Hafingers in Mens' Cart; Colleen Crawford for Brugger's Other Farm in Ladies' Cart; Scott Hefner for Hefner Hafingers in Team Geldings



From top: Stream-N-Acres' Unicorn Hitch; Four Horse Hitch by Stream-N-Acres; Shanahan Hitch's Six Horse Hitch; Mare Team shown by Brugger's Other Farm

Class: 47 - Unicorn Hitch (continued)

- 4 Bob Shanahan Mechanicsburg, OH
- 5 Molly Moffett Mansfield, OH
- 6 Tim Arnold Clayton, IN
- 7 Jim Wolber Leaf River, IL
- 8 Blair Purcell Churubusco, IN
- 9 Chelsea Render Chelsea, MI
- 10 Laura Clark Greentown, IN
- 11 Steve Mangels Oak Ridge, MO

Class: 48 - Four Horse Hitch

- 1 Kevin Heintz Wayland, MI
- 2 Bob Shanahan Mechanicsburg, OH
- 3 Dave Brugger Clayton, MI
- 4 Molly Moffett Mansfield, OH
- 5 Tim Arnold Clayton, IN
- 6 Steve Mangels Oak Ridge, MO
- 7 Blair Purcell Churubusco, IN
- 8 Scott Hefner Lima, OH
- 9 Brandon Berry Rockford, OH
- 10 Jim Wobler Leaf River, IL

Class: 49 - Six Horse Hitch

- 1 Kevin Heintz Wayland, MI
- 2 Bob Shanahan Mechanicsburg, OH
- 3 Steve Mangels Oak Ridge, MO
- 4 Dave Brugger Clayton, MI
- 5 Sarah Bookman Mansfield, OH
- 6 Jim Wolber Leaf River, IL
- 7 Scott Hefner Lima, OH

Class: 50 - Team of Mares

- 1 Dave Brugger Clayton, MI
- 2 Sarah Bookman Mansfield, OH
- 3 Chelsea Render Chelsea, MI
- 4 Jim Wobler Leaf River, IL
- 5 Dennis Miller Churubusco, IN
- 6 Lisa VanderWall Wayland, MI

Class: 51 - Mare Cart

- 1 Dave Brugger Clayton, MI
- 2 Whitney Davis Churubusco, IN
- 3 Lisa VanderWall Wayland, MI
- 4 Steve Mangels Oak Ridge, MO
- 5 Ryan Hefner Lima, OH
- 6 Molly Moffett Mansfield, OH
- 7 Darla Mangels Jackson, MO
- 8 Kiersten Fross Greentown, IN
- 9 Jim Wobler Leaf River, IL
- 10 Sarah Bookman Mansfield, OH
- 11 Allen Snow Shelbyville, IN

Class: 52 - Combined Six Horse Hitch Hitch

- 1 Bob Shanahan Mechanicsburg, Ohio
- 2 Ryan Hefner Lima, Ohio
- 3 Kevin Heintz Wayland, Michigan
- 5 Dave Brugger Clayton, Michigan
- 6 Jim Wolber Leaf River, Illinois
- 7 Sarah Bookman Mansfield, Ohio
- 9 Steve Mangels Oak Ridge, Missouri

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Senior Weanling Fillies

- 1 Apotheosis of Genesis (Alfa of Genesis x Aura of Genesis), owned and bred by John Dunkel – **SENIOR WEANLING CHAMPION**
- 2 Cherri Berri of Showme (Newman RVM x Crista CEH), owned by Samantha Kline and bred by Brian & Dana Mitteer
- 3 Losin' Money YES (Stelaka PHHF x Lap of Luxury YES), owned and bred by Dirk & Karen Young

Senior Weanling Colts

- 1 All Bets-R-Off of Genesis (Alfa of Genesis x Faith by Fire DAF), owned and bred by John Dunkel - **SENIOR WEANLING RESERVE CHAMPION**
- 2 Streetsmart HOF (Standard of Excellence x Damita WULF), owned and bred by Robert Eicher
- 3 Stolen Honor HOF (Standard of Excellence x Fascara WSF), owned and bred by Robert Eicher

Junior Weanling Fillies

- 1 Cash Flow TPH (Alfa of Genesis x Cashmere of Genesis), owned and bred by Melanie Cornman - **JUNIOR WEANLING RESERVE CHAMPION**
- 2 Vivian of Excellence (Standard of Excellence x Velvetana), owned and bred by Robert Eicher
- 3 Lakeside Breeze MJW (Aligator GF x LaDot HFB), owned by Julie & Joe Sanders and bred by Mike and Jacque Woodward
- 4 Amber Gio THE (Arno van het Nieshof x Andromeda of Genesis), owned and bred by Erwin Slabaugh
- 5 Classy Constantina MCHF (Amazing Gold MMH x Camry MCHF), owned and bred by Binnie Ann Masters
- 6 Eureka YRF (Nordtirol x Ever After Via Tophat), owned and bred by Ian Wengard

Junior Weanling Colts

- 1 American Vision (Accolade of Genesis x Vision of Excellence), owned by Dirk & Karen Young and bred by Robert Eicher - **JUNIOR WEANLING CHAMPION**
- 2 Ante Up (Arno van het Nieshof x Reagan TOF), owned and bred by John Dunkel

From top: First place Senior Weanling Filly, Senior Weanling Champion, and SIP Champion, Apotheosis of Genesis; first place Senior Weanling Colt and Senior Weanling Reserve Champion, All Bets-R-Off of Genesis; first place Junior Weanling Filly and Junior Weanling Reserve Champion, Cash Flow TPH.





Yearling Fillies

- 1 Clairvoyance of Genesis (Alfa of Genesis x Caro CAF), owned and bred by John Dunkel - **CHAMPION YEARLING**
- 2 Rialta Rose HOF (Accolade of Genesis x Rina WULF), owned by Paul & Sue Reukauf and bred by Robert Eicher
- 3 Orchid Bliss (Starlook x Orchidee), owned by Robert Schaedle III and bred by Josef Hoeller
- 4 Love it or Leave it THE (Arno van het Nieshof x Liberty), owned and bred by Erwin Slabaugh
- 5 Viktoria HOF (Accolade of Genesis x Vision of Excellence), owned and bred by Robert Eicher
- 6 Leprachaun BHF (Aviator GF x Lili Mist BHF), owned and bred by Owen & Esther Yoder
- 7 Serendipity (Standard of Excellence x Solero TOF), owned and bred by Justin & Jennifer Piper
- 8 Miss Mad-a-lyn CRHF (Alfa of Genesis x Miss Maxi), owned and bred by Robert McCorry
- 9 Heidi GHF (Accolade of Genesis x Hit NTF), owned and bred by Rhonda Gould/Mandy Durose

Yearling Colts

- 1 Nando's Nittany Knight (Nando x Limited Edition), owned and bred by William Hendershot - **RESERVE CHAMPION YEARLING**
- 2 Noah New of Showme (Newman RVM x Synthia of Excellence), owned and bred by Brian & Dana Mitteer
- 3 Alakazam (Amor x Oktavia), owned by Robert Schaedle III and bred by Albert Aufderklamm
- 4 Nautical Adventure MJW (Nostalgic DFM x La Dot HFB), owned by Julie & Joe Sanders and bred by Mike and Jacque Woodward
- 5 Neeko of RKFH (Nordtirol x Hint of Excellence), owned and bred by Ronald Kutz
- 6 Almanzo of New Horizons (Aviator GF x Myriam GHJ), owned by George & Brenda Macomber and bred by Mary Procopio
- 7 Brixon (Bolero x Quintessa), owned by Robert Schaedle III and bred by Georg Holler
- 8 State of the Art New Horizons (Stellar TVR x R Noble Rose APF), owned by George & Martha Gugel and bred by Mary Procopio

From top: First place Junior Weanling Colt and Junior Weanling Champion, American Vision; first place Yearling Filly and Champion Yearling, Clairvoyance of Genesis; first place Yearling Colt and Yearling Reserve Champion, Nando's Nittany Knight

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Yearling Colts (continued)

- 9 Amontee BHF (Aviator GF x Flawless WSF), owned and bred by Owen & Esther Yoder
- 10 A Spartan of Genesis (Arno van het Nieshof x Mint Julip MLF), owned by Melanie Cornman and bred by John Dunkel

Two-Year-Old Fillies

- 1 A Perfect Reflection MHS (Niagara YES x Angel of Trisanna TOF), owned and bred by Robert McMillan & Linda Parsons - **RESERVE CHAMPION 2 YR OLD**
- 2 Flamboyance of Genesis (Alfa of Genesis x Faith By Fire DAF), owned by Erwin Slabaugh and bred by John Dunkel
- 3 Rock My World New Horizons (Stellar TVR x R Noble Rose APF), owned and bred by Mary Procopio
- 4 Exquisite of Nordtirol (Nordtirol x Ever After Via Tophat), owned and bred by Robert Eicher

Two-Year-Old Colts

- 1 Notorious of Genesis (Niagara YES x Aura of Genesis), owned and bred by John Dunkel - **CHAMPION 2 YR OLD**
- 2 Nacho New of Showme (Newman RVM x Synthia of Excellence), owned and bred by Brian & Dana Mitteer

Three-year-old Fillies

- 1 Miss Bluegrass MHS (Armani KCH x Mon Amiee RKH), owned and bred by Robert McMillan & Linda Parsons - **CHAMPION 3 YR OLD**

SIP CLASS

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| 1 | Apotheosis of Genesis | Dunkel |
| 2 | American Vision HOF | Young/Eicher |
| 3 | Cash Flow TPH | Cornman |
| 4 | All-Bets-R-Off of Genesis | Dunkel |
| 5 | Cherrie Berrie of Showme | Kline/Mitteer |
| 6 | Losin' Money YES | Young |
| 7 | Ante Up of Genesis | Dunkel |
| 8 | Streetsmart HOF | Eicher |
| 9 | Stolen Honor HOF | Eicher |
| 10 | Vivian of Excellence | Eicher |

From top: First place Two-Year-Old Filly and Reserve Champion Two-Year-Old, A Perfect Reflection MHS; first place Two-Year-Old Colt and Champion Two-Year-Old, Notorious of Genesis; first place Three-Year-Old Filly and Champion Three-Year-Old, Miss Bluegrass MHS



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Breeders Cooperative
Yearling Class
2017*



Clairvoyance of Genesis - 1st - \$1200
Alfa of Genesis x Caro CAF
John Dunkel



Nando's Nittany Knight - 2nd - \$1000
Nando x Limited Edition
William Hendershot



Noah New of Showme - 3rd - \$800
Newman RVM x Synthia of Excellence
Brian Mitteer



Viktoria HOF - 4th - \$600
Accolade of Genesis x Vision of Excellence
Mabel Eicher



Love It Or Leave It HTE - 5th - \$400
Arno van het Nieshof x Liberty
Erwin Slabaugh



Miss Mad-a-lyn CRHF - 6th - \$250
Alfa of Genesis x Miss Maxi
Robert McCroly



A Spartan of Genesis - 7th - \$225
Arno van het Nieshof x Mint Julep MLF
Melanie Cornman



Almanzo of New Horizons - 8th - \$200
Aviator GF x Myriam GHJ
G & B Macomber



Standing Ovation NW_HRZN - 9th - \$175
Stellar TVR x Ricola DTA
Marcy Segel



Neeko of RKFH - 10th - \$150
Nordtirol x Hint of Excellence HOF
Ron Kutz

The 2017 Haflinger Breeders Cooperative competition was held at Windy Knoll Farms in Sullivan, Ohio on August 25-26, 2017

Judges officiating were:
Pepper Proffit
Sara Campbell
Larry Thurber

All Breed Awards

The USDF All-Breed Awards are designed to recognize the accomplishments of specific breeds in dressage. Requiring a minimum of eight scores from four different shows and from four different judges, with two scores over sixty percent at the highest test of the level, and a median score over sixty percent, all which must be earned at recognized shows when competing against all breeds of horses, simply qualifying for these awards is a major accomplishment. Congrats to the 2017 American Haflinger Registry All-Breed Award Winners!

N'Tempo SSH1 and Linden Thompson

1st Place Second Level Adult Amateur and
1st Place Second Level Open
Median Score: 64.390

N'Tempo SSH1 or "Beau" (2009 Gelding by Nickerson SSF - out of Malta's Margie CAF [Afghan II]) and I found each other in September of 2012. He was an un-broke 3 year old and I was eager for a project. I sought out Petra Warlimont (Evergreen, -CO) to help me put him on the best path possible for dressage in hopes to move him up through the levels. Petra is an accomplished young horse trainer who regularly and effectively imports young Hanoverians and sells them into the US market. In the beginning Beau and I felt a bit intimidated by the size and scope of her program, but soon found our place. For the last five years Petra and I have worked tirelessly to be able to access the talent and athleticism that Beau possesses, while dealing with and nurturing his over-active, sensitive and stubborn mind. Because Beau and I now live in MI and Petra is still in CO, I connected with Laurie Moore (Grand Rapids, MI) to help us continue to progress Beau. This year the three of us have guided him through his best season, yet. This year Beau and I won 5 Dover Medals (an award designated for Adult Amateurs who win the Dover 2nd level test 3 class at USDF rated shows), beating many warmbloods and older horses throughout the season; we finished 3rd overall at the National Dressage Pony Cup Championships at 2nd level (AA) and 4th at 1st level (AA); we placed 5th overall at the GAIG/USDF Region 5 Championships at 2nd level (AA); and we dabbled in just enough 3rd level for me to earn my USDF Bronze medal. Beau is currently schooling flying lead changes, improved collection and lateral work so we can compete at 3rd and 4th levels next season.

The USDF All Breeds program is a wonderful way to recog-



nize the breeds of horses who don't traditionally do dressage. It takes an incredible amount of hard work, determination and GUTS to go out and compete a Haflinger against a Warmblood or Thoroughbred. All Breeds is a great way to recognize that hard work as one must earn a qualifying average score to be recognized. I am THRILLED at the numbers and participation level this year and am honored every year to be a part of this program. I appreciate that the Registry continues to recognize all of the effort and grit that goes into showing dressage at this level and I am excited that the future of the Haflinger in dressage looks bright!



Adrenaline Rush and Suzannah Rogers
 1st Place Second Level Junior/Young Rider
 2nd Place Second Level Open
 Median Score: 63.333
Photo by Emma Miller/PS Dressage



Noble Champion and Jennifer Grossman
 2nd Place Second Level Adult Amateur
 3rd Place Second Level Open
 Median Score: 63.142

Stevie Nicks and Benjamin Pfabe/Julie Madriguera
 1st Place First Level Open
 Median Score: 66.398

NIC Dreamy Guy (Taavi) and Elizabeth Ketterer
 1st Place First Level Adult Amateur
 2nd Place First Level Open
 Median Score: 66.223
and
 1st Place Training Level Adult Amateur
 1st Place Training Level Open
 Median Score: 68.864



I found NIC Dreamy Guy while on a "haflinger" buying trip to Ohio with my mom in September of 2014. I sought out the breed because of their reputation as willing, versatile mounts with personality. I named him "Taavi" because it means "dearly loved", which I knew he would be from the moment I set eyes on him! We got to know one another over that first fall and winter, and then got down to business on dressage basics the following spring when we moved to Black Star Farms and started working with trainer Colleen Haveman Forton. Taavi quickly proved to be the most willing horse I've had - he loves to learn and tries incredibly hard. We did not show in 2016 due to an injury he sustained 10 days prior to our first show, which was a major bummer after a year of hard work! So that made our show season this year that much more anticipated. All that hard work paid off and we were fortunate to do very well at 5 USDF shows at Training and First levels. Our many highlights are listed in the yearbook.

*The USDF All Breeds Awards are very special to me as it helps to further legitimize the haflinger breed to the national dressage community. These results are published by the USDF and people from around the country will see our scores in the annual yearbook, which are very competitive when compared with other more "traditional" breeds competing in dressage. Doing well with a "non-traditional" breed helps other people across the country see that it's possible to compete in and do very well at USDF shows without a fancy imported horse, and that a haflinger is a dressage force to be reckoned with! **Photo by Diana Hadsall***

Opposite: Linden Thompson at N'Tempo SSH1, photo by Diana Hadsall. Above, from top: Adrenaline Rush and Suzannah Rogers, photo by Emma Miller/PS Dressage; NIC Dreamy Guy and Elizabeth Ketterer, photo by Diana Hadsall; Haflinger Friends! Tracy DiSabato-Aust and Wiz Bang LMP and Elizabeth Ketterer with NIC Dreamy Guy at the USDF Region 2 Championships.

Wiz Bang LMP and Tracy DiSabato-Aust

1st Place Vintage Cup First Level Adult Amateur

2nd Place First Level Adult Amateur

4th Place First Level Open

Median Score: 63.088

Wiz Bang LMP and I are honored to represent the American Haflinger Registry as the winners of the 2017 USDF AHR All Breed Vintage Cup 1st Level, and 2nd place winners of the AHR All Breed Amateur 1st Level. This in our first year together and first year showing First Level at USDF recognized shows. It's fantastic that the American Haflinger Registry has the professionalism, and commitment to its members to offer these awards at the national level of the United States Dressage Federation. I'm very grateful.

We are jokingly called "Team AARP" as my age and Wiz's combined are 80 years! It's such a joy to ride him, and it's wonderful to be able to work together, re-inventing ourselves, at our ages toward the goal of winning an AHR All Breed Vintage Cup, especially for me as a "mature" rider yet "newer" competitor.

I constantly hear "your pony is so cute!" But don't let his adorable looks fool you! "Mr. Wiz" who has "been there and won it" including at least 20 National Haflinger titles is totally committed and works his heart out, both in and out of the show ring. He was not the least bit intimidated at his first pony cup or regional championship shows this year. Where he took first place in Training Level Test 2 at the NDPC against 18 other horses from 13 states. This amazing "ambassador" pony, who is smart, sane, and safe, is a true testament to the versatility and awesomeness of the breed. Credit also goes to exceptional training from Woodward Performance Haflingers and Renee Peters Dressage. Other awards this year include: First Level Dressage USDF Horse Performance Certificate, USDF Rider Performance Award, Mid Ohio Dressage Horse Performance Award, and Mid Ohio Dressage Rider Bronze Medal.

Thanks again AHR!

Stellar TVR and Tracy Rowe-McEwan/Mary Procopio

3rd Place First Level Open

Median Score: 65.093

Our nine-year-old stallion, Stellar TVR (Straden x Chione/Altess), had great success at recognized shows this year with scores to 70+% and a median score of 65.093 his first season showing first level! This is Stellar's second show season with rider/trainer Tracy Rowe, and they reached our goal of placing well in in both the All-Breeds year-end Awards for the Haflinger breed, as well as the open year-end awards out of all breeds. Stellar and Tracy also placed very well in the year-end standings for the National Dressage Pony Cup, with a median score of 68.091. He is currently advancing in his training and we are excited about show season 2018! These year-end awards are very meaningful to us, as they provide a goal for us to work towards throughout the entire year and allow us to showcase our breed and demonstrate what they are capable of in the dressage



world. We greatly appreciate the American Haflinger Registry's support of the USDF All-Breeds Awards Program, and of the Haflinger Breed Award they provide for the National Dressage Pony Cup.

Above, from top: Tracy DiSabato-Aust and Wiz Bang LMP, photo by Susan Stickle; Stellar TVR, owned by Mary Procopio, and trainer Tracy Rowe, photo by MV Photography.



Arthur WH and Karen Walling

1st Place Vintage Cup Training Level Adult Amateur
 2nd Place Training Level Adult Amateur
 3rd Place Training Level Open
 Median Score: 66.364

I purchased Arthur to use for Dressage the spring of 2016 from a friend of mine who had owned him about 3 years but had only ridden him a couple of times. I had been playing around at training level for a few years and was looking for a smaller horse. We started competing at Training level at B rated shows in 2016 and won Hi point adult amateur training level. In 2017 we got serious about showing USDF approved shows at training level. At the B rated shows we moved up to 1st level where we won almost every class we showed in. We qualified for the 2017 Oregon Dressage Society Championships where we competed and took 8th place. Quite a thrill against all those big warmbloods. We also qualified for the 2017 Region 6 Championships at Training Level and received 9th place in a class of about 30 horses. Not bad for a 13.3 hand pony! We worked very hard to get where we are this year and are very excited about winning the 2017 Adult Amateur Vintage Cup at Training Level.



Afghan NTF and Alice Morse

2nd Place Vintage Cup Training Level Adult Amateur
 3rd Place Training Level Adult Amateur
 4th Place Training Level Open
 Median Score: 65.890

In October of 2014 I went looking for a small (I'm 5'4"), safe (I'm now 69), fun horse. I'd never ridden a Haflinger, but I've always bought horses because I thought they were suited to my current equestrian endeavor. Since I evented for many years, a lot of my horses, including six homebreds, have been thoroughbred or part TB. I found Afghan NTF (aka Taka) at Jennie Deephouse's Dreamfield Manor Farm. Taka has a great attitude and is a lot of fun. He does Parelli, long lines, and this year we moved up to First Level Dressage. We have won awards at Introductory and Training Levels.

I'm a big supporter of breed organizations. I currently own a 27 year old homebred thoroughbred who is now retired, a Heritage Friesian pony, a New Forest Pony, and a Haflinger; the last three compete in the USDF All-Breed Awards. Taka is my fun horse. We will go however high we can; but mostly we will have fun.



Just See Me Jimma and Nancy Saunders

4th Place Training Level Adult Amateur
 6th Place Training Level Open
 Median Score: 62.955

Above, from top: Karen Walling and Arthur WH; Alice Morse and Afghan NTF; Haflinger Friends! Elizabeth Ketterer with NIC Dreamy Guy and Linden Thompson with N'Tempo SSH1 traveled together to the National Dressage Pony Cup

Anastasia of KHA and Jessica Hanney
5th Place Training Level Adult Amateur
7th Place Training Level Open
Median Score: 62.692

"Anna" and I have been together for nearly ten years now, and after she nursed me back to health and riding following several hip surgeries, this was the first show season where either one of us was fit enough to think about attending USDF shows, let alone qualifying for All Breeds. I had no idea when the season began that we'd far exceed any goal I could dream of setting for the year. To begin, we achieved our first qualifying scores for regionals, only to continue to improve each time out, finishing the season with scores over 70%. And before I even realized it, we had our eight scores, qualifying us for All Breeds for the first time ever. To finish in the top five in our division means a great deal, and represents in my mind just how much we accomplished and how far we have come together!

Cassandra OOS and Jan Chambers
3rd Place Vintage Cup Training Level Adult Amateur
6th Place Training Level Adult Amateur
8th Place Training Level Open
Median Score: 60.910

Our goals for this year's show season were for Cassandra OOS and me to move up to First Level, to qualify for Regionals, and for me to receive my Rider Performance Award at First Level. While there is still room for improvement, we did make the move to First Level. We qualified for Regionals at Training Level, however I opted not to attend Regionals. Showing is expensive and we competed at four recognized shows over the summer. I felt I met my goal by qualifying and could not afford another show. However, what I am the most proud of is that I received my USDF Rider Performance Award at First Level and all of my scores were with my sweet Cassandra.

Cassandra OOS is a wonderful partner. I bought her after a bad fall and I needed a horse that would help me to get my confidence back and allow me to have fun again. She has done all that and more. She is steady, forgiving and takes everything in stride. The All Breed Awards are a great incentive to show and to know you are competing with other Haflingers for year-end scores. I love it when there are several Haflingers at the shows, and all of them are putting in solid performances. It is a great way to increase the visibility of the breed.

Willo-The-Wisp BBR and Grace Bergstrom
1st Place Training Level Junior/Young Rider
5th Place Training Level Open
Median Score: 63.523

Nautilus Too and Jennifer Ault
2nd Place Training Level Open
Median Score: 67.806



*AHR congratulates all of the
All Breed Award winners
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Above, from top: Jessica Hanney and Anastasia of KHA, photo by Diana Hadsall; Jan Chambers and Cassandra OOS.

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Owned by Genesis Farms and bred by Rozena Maricke

SILVER CLASSIFIED



B-Dazzle of Genesis: 80 Points – Silver Classified
2011 Mare
Sired by Windstar Van Ootse and out of By Design of Genesis
Owned and bred by Genesis Farms, John and Michele Dunkel



Marlena of Genesis: 80 Points – Silver Classified
2014 Mare
Sired by Almquell and out of Marah
Owned by Kathie Hansen and bred by Andrea Mussigana

CLASSIFICATION RESULTS

SILVER CLASSIFIED



Starnberg MHS: 78 Points – Silver Classified

2014 Stallion

Sired by Strippoker and out of RylenaVanTolberg

Owned by Montel Hafingers and bred by M. und Hermann



Leading Lady HTE: 77 Points – Silver Classified

2015 Mare

Sired by Aviator and out of Liberty BHF

Owned by Wengerd Family and bred by Erwin Slabaugh



Miss Bluegrass MHS: 77 Points – Silver Classified

2014 Mare

Sired by Armani KCH and out of Mon Amiee RKH

Owned and bred by Montel Hafingers



Lorena's Loving Faith: 76 Points – Silver Classified

2012 Mare

Sired by Nasdaq Hits Again GFH and out of Lorena-Lee GF

Owned by Michelle Lynn Harper and bred by Mandy Durose



10 years of Dressage Pony Cup

From first-timers to seasoned veterans, everyone agrees that it's worth the trip for the best show in the country!

Here's what some participants at the 2017 National Dressage Pony Cup had to say....

Worth the Drive

First time attendees Julie Blair and her mare Loyal Lisa DCH (“Roxy”), along with Julianne Bedel and Weasel RWF (“Ivy”), and their trainer Shannon Cessna, had been planning since mid-winter to make their biggest trek of the year from northeast Ohio. Also making their first trip, Tracy DiSabato-Aust knew when she first acquired Wiz Bang LMP in November 2016 that she wanted to attend the National Dressage Pony Cup. Their 200-mile one-way trip required extra planning to cross state lines and keep things running at home, but Tracy was familiar with the route since her son attended the University of Kentucky.

Junior rider Suzannah Rogers brought Adrenaline Rush all the way from South Carolina, but when she first attended the Pony Cup last year she knew she would always want to come back! So determined to make the trip a reality, Suzannah made a plan to earn money every month to help her parents pay for the show.

Lindy Thompson and N'Tempo SSH1 (“Beau”) made their second consecutive trip to the Pony Cup, and Lindy says they will always go back to what she describes as the “best show I’ve ever been to in my 23 years of showing dressage.” Her first trip to the show in 2016 was three years in the making, a dream that started in 2014, when she and “Beau” still lived in Colorado. By 2015 Lindy had moved to Michigan - a significantly shorter driver - but Beau was still out west. So when Beau joined Lindy in Michigan in 2016, they were finally able to make the 11 hour trip to Kentucky.

Lindy and Beau didn’t travel alone this year, however, as Liz Ketterer and NIC Dreamy Guy (“Taavi”) joined them for the pair’s first trip to the event. After their plans to attend in 2016 were hindered by an injury, this year’s trip was also a long time in the making! Liz spent the weeks ahead of the show acclimating Taavi to orange Gatorade so he’d be more encouraged to drink on the road, and on July 4th they headed to Lindy’s place so both boys would be ready to leave at 3:45



Above: Linden Thompson and N'Tempo SSH1 and Elizabeth Ketterer and NIC Dreamy Guy are loaded up and ready for an 11 hours haul to the Kentucky Horse Park. Left: Emilie Goddard and Abbercrombie of Deer Haven pose with their awards following a successful show.

am on July 5th. Despite the long haul, both boys traveled great.

Another team whose plans for this show spanned years, Mary Procopio had always wanted to attend Pony Cup, something she mentioned early in Stellar TVR’s training with Tracy Rowe. For a then-green horse, however, the dream was going to take much more training and experience before taking him to such a show. After a season of showing at recognized shows in 2016, 2017 would be the year they made the six-hour haul, the greatest distance they traveled this season.

Also making a long road trip to participate, Emilie Goddard had an 18-hour trip from Vermont to Lexington. Although she’s attended the Pony Cup four times previously while living in Kentucky, this was her first opportunity to show with her own horse, Abbercrombie of Deer Haven (“Crumble”). While Emilie said this was the farthest she had ever traveled for a show, she was accompanied by her trainer who was familiar with the route, having previously taken clients to Kentucky Horse Park for USDF Finals.

Not Your Average Dressage Show

When asked what makes this show different, Lindy had extensive praise: “Jenny Carol does a phenomenal job of making pony riders feel super special and important. For years she has been developing a show that is

(first and foremost) friendly and has a great atmosphere or community and sportsmanship. I’d love to say that you find that at every USDF show, but this specific show is a wonderful exception. And then she goes over the top with awards. The ribbons and trophies are always gorgeous. The awards ceremony tops any Regional awards ceremony on the fun and feeling important scale. She always hires BIG NAME judges who take the job very seriously. There is no “judging down because they are ponies”. The judging is stiff and the competition gets better and better every year! Over the last couple of years, Jenny has secured the USEF Network and the NDPC has been live streamed, which is super cool. Axel Steiner does a great job commenting and does fun, informative interviews at the breaks to highlight all the different breeds that are represented. It’s also very much a championship feeling... but not intimidating. It’s special.”

Emilie agreed, noting that while she always loves showing, this particular show is simply the most fun she’s ever had. “The venue is incredible, the staff is over-the-top helpful, and it’s just a wonderful experience overall,” she described. Mary concurs, saying that this is the largest show she’s been to in any region, and describing it as the pony and small horse equivalent of the US Dressage Finals. She described the event as “nonstop excitement.”



Left: Shannon Cessna with Julianne Bedel's Weasel RWF and Julie Blair's Loyal Lisa DCH, Open Intro Reserve Champion and Champion, respectively. Right: Lindy Thompson with N'Tempo SSH1, third place in the Second Level Adult Amateur division, photo by Susan Stickle.

Liz says that, of course, the ponies also make this show different. But Liz, Julie and Julianne all found the representation of breeds refreshing, commenting on the variety of shapes and sizes not normally seen at dressage shows, including a large number of Haflingers! Suzannah agreed, adding that while the show is obviously different because it's all ponies, she had no idea that there were so many ponies in the dressage world. She also loves the encouraging feeling amongst competitors, saying that everyone is just so happy to be there competing.

The Best Part

For an event so exciting and different from the others, it might be hard to pin down the best part. Tracy said her favorite part was definitely the friendliness, including everyone from the show staff to the technical delegate, and from constructive judging to supportive fellow participants. Lindy used the exact same words, and said her favorite aspect was the friendly environment, and she also mentioned excited competitors and supportive judges and staff. Julianne also said her favorite part about the show was the friendly and welcoming staff, ever-generous with help, advice, and a welcoming attitude. Liz agreed that the comradery among other riders is something unique to this event. Emilie also had the same praise for the supportive environment, adding that new acquaintances made at prior shows have become old friends she

looks forward to seeing. It seems it might not be so hard to find the best part after all.

Success All Around

While the supportive environment makes for a fabulous experience no matter how the ribbons fall, Haflingers were very well-represented amongst some very stiff competition. Julianne's Ivy, ridden by Shannon Cessna, had a safe and fun show that she described as a success for that reason alone, but they also finished as Intro Open Reserve Champion and sixth in the Open Training Level division. Shannon's other ride, Julie's mare Roxy, came away the Intro Open Champion, and they also placed fourth overall in Open Training Level. Mary Procopio's Stellar, ridden by Tracy Rowe, did very well while also jumping up from training to first level – the opposite of what most competitors do at such a tough venue! He was also the lone Haflinger to show in the breed division, winning Reserve Grand Champion, Reserve Champion Mature Horse, and Champion Stallion against all breeds! Liz and Taavi also had a remarkable outing, finish 5th overall in both Training and First Level, in what was only their third show together! Tracy and Wiz also had a hugely successful show, with Tracy adding that winning Training Level Test 2 was as much of a shock for her as it was to place 4th overall in the Training Level Championship. Lindy, who travels without a coach, said coming in 3rd overall in the Second Level division

was incredibly rewarding, highlighted by a win in Second Level Test 3. Suzannah, despite feeling distracted prior to the show and not at her best in the ring, felt that nerves got the best of her in the big ring with the live video streaming. However, a credit to her skill as a rider, she and Rush won the FEI Pony Division! Emilie came to the show with many memories from the past, but her goal for the weekend was to bring her Deer Haven Farm born and bred gelding home with the Rachel King Memorial Award. Rachel, a huge advocate of Pony Cup, was Emilie's employer for many years, and somebody she considered family. Emilie and Crumble had a great show, finishing in fifth in the Third Level Open division, winning the Haflinger Breed Award, and ultimately being presented with the Rachael King Memorial Award.

Looking Ahead

When asked if they were planning to attend the show next year, everyone gave the same resounding YES! Jenny Carol has done a fantastic job building a can't-miss event. Haflingers were very well represented in 2017, and with the AHR National Sport Horse Show running concurrently at the same venue next year, hopefully there will be even more in attendance in 2018!

19th Annual Great Lakes Haflinger Association Registered Haflinger Show

Submitted by Teri Ashcroft

The 19th Annual GLHA Registered Haflinger Show was held at St. Joseph Grange Fairgrounds in Centreville, MI on July 7 & 8, 2017. Other than a storm moving through on Thursday night and threatening skies the weather cooperated and we had another great show.

The show was announced by Larry Smith for the first time this year. He did a great job and provided some history on Haflinger owners and shows in his announcing.

Our judge this year was Ryan Burger, DVM from Ohio, who judged all classes except for the 6 Horse Hitch on Friday night. That class was judged by Mervin Hershberger, who also served as our ringman. Their work was cut out for them as our exhibitors put on a show with impressive Haflingers and turnouts. The show features 13 draft classes and 13 pleasure classes. Dr. Burger stated that our Unicorn Class was the best unicorn class he has ever seen. Kudos to those exhibitors.

Friday evening wrapped up with the Fun Auction and Dinner, with a lot of fellowship and good food. The dinner was provided by Shipshewanna Harness. Our thanks to Bob Schrock and his wife for preparing and serving this dinner for us. It was greatly appreciated and enjoyed. Bidding on the fun auction was spirited and we were able to raise \$1534.35, all of which goes to support the show.

Saturday began with the 6 Horse Hitch being judged by Ryan Burger. The show concluded with the Ladies Draft Team. New this year, was a Draft Class High Point Championship sponsored by Bob Crawford of Shady Maple Haflingers. Exhibitors were automatically entered in nine of the draft classes and were awarded points for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. At the end of the last class, winners were announced as follows: Tied for 1st were Hefners and Bruggers, with 3rd place going to Florys. An additional \$600 in premiums were paid out in this championship.

Congratulations to all three!

We were a double point show again this year for the Haflinger and Draft Pony Hitch Classic Series. The winners of the 6 Horse Hitch competition were:

Friday - Triple F Farms - Kevin & Michelle Flory - Kevin Flory driving

Saturday - Stream-N-Acres - Clare & Kathy Heintz - Kevin Heintz driving

We were pleased to have an increase in our youth exhibitors this year, in both draft and pleasure. This is the future of the Haflinger breed and we hope to see even more in the future.

We would like to invite Haflinger owners to consider our show next year. We would especially like to see more participation from pleasure exhibitors. Our show is a fun show and a good place for those starting out to come and get some show experience, as well as a showcase for the serious exhibitors.

GLHA thanks all the Exhibitors for participating and for all the hard work they put into getting their horses and equipment ready to put on a quality show. It is a pleasure to work with them.

We also thank all our volunteers, class and premium sponsors, advertisers, and everyone who contributes in some way to making the show a success. Thank you to our judge, ringman, and announcer for a job well done. Thanks to Bob and Sharon Crawford for their work in keeping the ring in great condition for showing.

Next year will be our 20th Anniversary of GLHA's Registered Haflinger Show. We hope to have an especially great show for our anniversary.

Congratulations to all exhibitors and we hope to see you, as well as new exhibitors again next year. Good luck at your future shows!

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19TH ANNUAL REGISTERED HAFLINGER SHOW
SHOW RESULTS**

CLASS 1 – LADIES HAFLINGER DRAFT CART

*1st Place Award Sponsor – Country Road Haflingers
Premium Sponsor – Michigan Great Lakes International Draft
Horse Show & Pull*

- 1st Bruggers Other Farm: Colleen Crawford
- 2nd Ryan & Rene Hefner: Amanda Hefner
- 3rd Triple F Farms: Michelle Flory
- 4th Stream-N-Acres: Lisa Vanderwall
- 5th Arnold Haflingers: Megan Arnold
- 6th Bruggers Other Farm: Beth Arnold
- 7th Shanahan Haflingers: Kate Shanahan
- 8th Mangels Farms: Tessa Mangels
- 9th Stream-N-Acres: Kathy Heintz
- 10th Carriage Springs Farm: Donna Immel

CLASS 2 – OPEN PLEASURE WORKING – LADY TO DRIVE

*1st Place Award Sponsor – Brugger's Other Farm – Dave &
Phyllis Brugger*

Premium Sponsor – Great Lakes Haflinger Association

- 1st Rocking Horse Farm: Billie Newsted
- 2nd Rocking Horse Farm: Leah Ecker

CLASS 3 – MEN'S HAFLINGER DRAFT CART

*1st Place Award Sponsor – Great Lakes Haflinger Association
Premium Sponsor – Michigan Great Lakes International Draft
Horse Show & Pull*

- 1st Bruggers Other Farm: Dave Brugger
- 2nd Stream-N-Acres: Kevin Heintz
- 3rd Mangels Farms: Garrison Mangels
- 4th Triple F Farms: Kevin Flory
- 5th Ryan & Rene Hefner: Scott Hefner
- 6th Arnold Haflingers: Tim Arnold
- 7th Shanahan Haflingers: Bob Shanahan
- 8th Carriage Springs Farm: Jim Wolber

CLASS 4 – OPEN PLEASURE WORKING – MAN TO DRIVE

*1st Place Award Sponsor & Premium Sponsor – Fox Creek
Haflingers – Fred & Teri Ashcroft*

- 1st Rocking Horse Farm: Jim Newsted

CLASS 5 – JACK/JACKIE BENNY – DRAFT

*1st Place Award Sponsor – Stream-N-Acres – Kevin Heintz
Premium Sponsor – Michigan Horse Council*

- 1st Mangels Farms: Matt Ruch
- 2nd Carriage Spring Farms: Donna Immel
- 3rd Brugger's Other Farm: Teri Poley

**CLASS 7 – JUNIOR YOUTH HAFLINGER CART – AGES 7 TO 12
YEARS OLD**

*1st Place Award Sponsor & Premium Sponsor – Fellows
Registered Haflingers – Leon & Gerry Fellows*

- 1st Stream-N-Acres: Hope Vanderwall
- 2nd Stream-N-Acres: Luke Vanderwall

CLASS 8 – PLEASURE WORKING – YOUTH – HAFLINGER

1st Place Award & Premium Sponsor – Skip & Shelly Clark

- 1st Rocking Horse Farm: Makenna Beggs
- 2nd Rocking Horse Farm: Hannah Beggs

**CLASS 9 – SENIOR YOUTH HAFLINGER DRAFT CART AGES 13
TO 17**

*1st Place Award Sponsor – Hickory Lane Haflingers – Kevin &
Melanie Prather*

Premium Sponsor – Michigan Horse Council

- 1st Triple F Farms: Lauren Flory
- 2nd Carriage Springs Farm: Seth Wolber
- 3rd Arnold Family Haflingers: Austin Arnold

CLASS 11 – HAFLINGER DRAFT TANDEM

*1st Place Award Sponsor – Stream-N-Acres/Clare & Kathy Heintz
Premium Sponsor – Great Lakes Haflinger Association*

- 1st Ryan & Rene Hefner: Scott Hefner
- 2nd Bruggers Other Farm: Dave Brugger
- 3rd Triple F Farms: Grant Flory
- 4th Mangels Farms: Garrison Mangels
- 5th Stream-N-Acres: Kevin Heintz
- 6th Carriage Springs Farm: Jim Wolber

CLASS 12 – ENGLISH PLEASURE WALK/TROT

1st Place Award & Premium Sponsor – Skip & Shelly Clark

- 1st Rocking Horse Farm: Jim Newsted
- 2nd Stream-N-Acres: Hope Vanderwall
- 3rd Rocking Horse Farm: Mackenna Beggs
- 4th Rocking Horse Farm: Hannah Beggs

CLASS 13 – YOUTH HAFLINGER DRAFT TEAM

*1st Place Award Sponsor – Penn Grove Haflingers – Bill &
Shirley Powell*

Premium Sponsor – Great Lakes Haflinger Association

- 1st Triple F Farms: Lauren Flory
- 2nd Stream-N-Acres: Hope Vanderwall
- 3rd Carriage Springs Farm: Seth Wolber
- 4th Arnold Family Haflingers: Austin Arnold

CLASS 14 – PLEASURE PAIR WORKING

*1st Place Award & Premium Sponsor – Michigan Horse Council
Premium Sponsor – Great Lakes Haflinger Association*

- 1st Rocking Horse Farm: Jim Newsted

CLASS 15 – MEN'S HAFLINGER DRAFT TEAM

*1st Place Award Sponsors – Pine Ridge Farm – Ancel & Sherry
Renner*

Premium Sponsor – Great Lakes Haflinger Association

- 1st Shanahan Haflingers: Cambell Parrish
- 2nd Triple F Farms: Kevin Flory
- 3rd Ryan & Rene Hefner: Scott Hefner
- 4th Stream-N-Acres: Kevin Heintz
- 5th Bruggers Other Farm: Dave Brugger
- 6th Arnold Haflingers: Ralph Whitaker
- 7th Mangels Farms: Joey Lysinger
- 8th Carriage Springs Farm: Jim Wolber

CLASS 16 – HAFLINGER 6 HORSE HITCH

*1st Place Award Sponsor – Michigan Horse Council
Premium Sponsor – Great Lakes Haflinger Association*

- 1st Triple F Farms: Kevin Flory
- 2nd Bruggers Other Farm: Dave Brugger
- 3rd Shanahan Haflingers: Bob Shanahan
- 4th Stream-N-Acres: Kevin Heintz
- 5th Mangels Farms: Joey Lysinger
- 6th Carriage Springs Farm: Jim Wolber
- 7th Ryan & Rene Hefner: Scott Hefner

CLASS 17 – CLOVERLEAF

*1st Place Award Sponsor – Skip & Shelly Clark
Premium Sponsor – Great Lakes Haflinger Association*

- 1st Rocking Horse Farm: Leah Ecker
- 2nd Rocking Horse Farm: Jim Newsted
- 3rd Stream-N-Acres: Hope Vanderwall
- 4th Rocking Horse Farm: Billie Newsted
- 5th Rocking Horse Farm: Hannah Beggs
- 6th Stream-N-Acres: Luke Vanderwall

CLASS 18 – CONES – PLEASURE OR DRAFT

*1st Place Award Sponsor – Great Lakes Haflinger Association
Premium Sponsor – Great Lakes Haflinger Association*

- 1st Stream-N-Acres: Hope Vanderwall
- 2nd Stream-N-Acres: Kevin Heintz
- 3rd Carriage Spring Farms: Lindsay Carlson
- 4th Triple F Farms: Kevin Flory
- 5th Rocking Horse Farm: Jim Newsted
- 6th Beth Arnold

CLASS 20 – HAFLINGER 6 HORSE HITCH

*1st Place Award Sponsor – Great Lakes Haflinger Association
Premium Sponsor – Farm Bureau Insurance/Brent Leininger*

- 1st Stream-N-Acres: Kevin Heintz
- 2nd Ryan & Rene Hefner: Ryan Hefner
- 3rd Shanahan Haflingers: Bob Shanahan
- 4th Bruggers Other Farm: Dave Brugger
- 5th Mangels Farms: Joey Lysinger
- 6th Triple F Farms: Grant Flory
- 7th Carriage Springs Farm: Jim Wolber

CLASS 21 – WESTERN PLEASURE – WALK/JOG

*1st Place Award Sponsor – Great Lakes Haflinger Association
Premium Sponsor – Great Lakes Haflinger Association*

- 1st Rocking Horse Farm: Makenna Beggs
- 2nd Rocking Horse Farm: Jim Newsted
- 3rd Rocking Horse Farm: Hannah Beggs

CLASS 22 – HAFLINGER FOUR HORSE HITCH

*1st Place Award Sponsor – Great Lakes Haflinger Association
Premium Sponsor – Great Lakes Haflinger Association*

- 1st Ryan & Rene Hefner
- 2nd Stream-N-Acres: Kevin Heintz
- 3rd Bruggers Other Farm: Dave Brugger
- 4th Triple F Farms: Grant Flory
- 5th Shanahan Haflingers: Kate Shanahan
- 6th Mangels Farms: Joey Lysinger
- 7th Carriage Springs Farm: Jim Wolber
- 8th Arnold Family Haflingers: Megan Arnold

CLASS 23 – WESTERN PLEASURE – WALK/JOG/LOPE

*1st Place Sponsor – Great Lakes Haflinger Association
Premium Sponsor – Skip & Shelly Clark*

- 1st Rocking Horse Farm: Leah Ecker
- 2nd Rocking Horse Farm: Jim Newsted
- 3rd Stream-N-Acres: Hope Vanderwall
- 4th Rocking Horse Farm: Hannah Beggs

CLASS – 24 – PLEASURE DRIVE & RIDE

*1st Place Award Sponsor – Skip & Shelly Clark
Premium Sponsor – Great Lakes Haflinger Association*

- 1st Rocking Horse Farm: Billie Newsted
- 2nd Rocking Horse Farm: Leah Ecker
- 3rd Rocking Horse Farm: Jim Newsted

CLASS 25 – HAFLINGER DRAFT UNICORN

*1st Place Award Sponsor – Jim, Marjorie & Ashleigh Weeden/
Lockerby Lur Struthan Reg. Haflingers
Premium Sponsor – Great Lakes Haflinger Association*

- 1st Ryan & Rene Hefner: Ryan Hefner
- 2nd Shanahan Haflingers: Bob Shanahan
- 3rd Stream-N-Acres: Kevin Heintz
- 4th Triple F Farms: Kevin Flory
- 5th Bruggers Other Farm: Dave Brugger
- 6th Mangels Farms: Joey Lysinger
- 7th Carriage Springs Farm: Jim Wolber
- 8th Arnold Family Haflingers: Megan Arnold

CLASS 26 – LADIES HAFLINGER DRAFT TEAM

*1st Place Award Sponsor & Premium Sponsor – Great Lakes
Haflinger Association*

- 1st Bruggers Other Farm: Colleen Crawford
- 2nd Triple F Farms: Michelle Flory
- 3rd Arnold Haflingers: Megan Arnold
- 4th Shanahan Haflingers: Kate Shanahan
- 5th Stream-N-Acres: Lisa Vanderwall
- 6th Ryan & Amanda Hefner: Amanda Hefner
- 7th Carriage Springs Farm: Donna Immel

*JUDGES – RYAN BURGER & MERVIN HERSHBERGER
RINGMAN – MERVIN HERSHBERGER
ANNOUNCER – LARRY SMITH*

Playing Around in the Pacific Northwest

Submitted by Jillian Santi

Our first outing of the year was in March to the NW Horse Fair and Expo in Albany, Oregon. I took both Starwars TOF and Starshine TOF. They were great and I had quite a few children clamber aboard Star, who has always been so good with little ones. This was the start to a very fun 2017 with the Haflingers.

The previous summer, in 2016, I won the Novice Division of the Ranch Horse Challenge in Ellensburg, Washington, with Starwars TOF. 2017, I would have to participate in the Open Division, which included actually roping a live cow. Some of these cows are upwards of 700 lbs. and I felt twenty-year-old Star shouldn't

have to be trying to drag one around. And even though I had never roped a live cow, nor had my mom's very laid-back trail Haflinger, Ner TSH, aka Nemo, he was taller, heavier, and younger. So why not? At 14, he'd never had a rope thrown from him nor chased a cow. I also knew for Nemo to be competitive, pony boot camp was going to be a requirement; i.e., some good conditioning. So two weeks before the Challenge, I started practicing roping a dummy cow head, and Nemo slimmed down and sped up. In between, the Ranch holding the Ranch Horse Challenge competition was also doing a clinic. I figured Nemo needed to at least see a real live cow in person before the actual competition. At the clinic, he was as good

as gold. Nothing phased him and he seemed to like cow cutting, though he lacked Star's speed. Finally the cows were let loose for roping. It was like a rodeo. A herd of nine pretty wild Corriente and Longhorn-cross steers tore around the arena, with cowboys chasing madly after trying to rope the ornery critters. After a bit of watching, I figured I might as well try. Nemo, to my surprise, had some speed and despite no understanding, took me right up on a cow. I missed, and missed again, and again... but then it happened! My rope went around a cow's horns and I dallied. Nemo sat back as I stopped him and I waited to see what his reaction would be when the cow hit the end of the rope. Of course, being Nemo, his reaction was spot on.... he



held the cow and worked back and forth, ensuring that the cow did not wrap the rope around behind him. We managed to rope different cows three times and I felt pretty comfortable. Nemo would do just fine for me; not that we would be competitive, but that he'd keep me safe.

I signed up for the Challenge, which consists of Roping, Agility, Trail, and Cow Cutting. In the Open Division, we would be competing against seasoned cowboys and horses. Each event is scored as well as timed. Speed was then essential, something Nemo had never demonstrated a lot of because for my mom, slow and steady was top priority. The final scores would be from the best two out of the three shows.

The first class of the first show was the Roping. We had to "pen" the cow, "work" the cow, drive it around a barrel, then rope the cow. I did not understand that if you couldn't get the cow around the barrel, you could still rope it. So I spent my 2 minutes 30 seconds trying to get the bugger to go around the barrel... It kicked Nemo

and even tried to catch him with his horns. I never even swung my rope and time was up! I was so disappointed, but I had learned a little. Cutting went ok, Nemo was good, but we placed middle of the group. The next day we had Trail and Agility. Nemo loved Trail; his ears were forward as he excitedly watched ahead for each element of the course. Teeter totter, log pull, creek crossing, bridge, and other obstacles, all with speed. The final event was Agility; and despite doing well, he stepped out in one turn and got a five second penalty. I was super pleased and knew we could do better.

Two weeks later, we participated in the second show. I managed to rope a cow, but ran out of time before we could back up, pulling the cow, and then go forward, dragging the cow. And actually, at one point I caught the rope around a hind leg and had to get off and disentangle him. You can watch this class on: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nrFQY_UTVv8 I sped up during the Trail class and moved up to Second. Nemo did better in the Agility as well, and again did

okay in the Cow Cutting. In the last and final competition, I actually placed Eighth in the Roping, beating my boyfriend! For the final scores, Nemo was Champion for the Agility division! He got Second in Trail, and Fourth in Cow Cutting. When all the scores were tabulated, Nemo came in Second over-all. Only one professional cowboy, who rides the range for a living, beat us. Way to go, Nemo!!!

With the show season almost over, I entered Starshine TOF, aka Stralen, Starwar's mini-me, in the last dressage show up at the Whidbey Equestrian Center. He had done very well last year in his one and only show at Training Level. In February, I taught him flying changes and decided it was time to move up. He was now five and I entered him in Third Level, Test 3. He was super. His scores ranged from 64% to 67.4%. Stralen is one hard little worker and already working on his two tempi changes. With his progress, I plan to take him up a couple more levels next year. You can see one of his rides at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m-Y69X6LyUg>



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Ada Anemone, owned by Jan Milo, doing barrels at Lake County Fair with Juli McGonnell.

Adrenaline Rush and Suzannah worked hard for two years and finally competed FEI Pony. They were invited to the USEF Festival of Champions 2017 and won the FEI pony division! He is truly her best partner!

Aftershock MJW (A Rock x Cocoa Chanel) is a 5 year old do it all type gelding! He is bred, owned and trained by Woodward Performance Haflingers in Coshocton, Ohio. 'Red' as he is called in the barn (as his birthday is the same day as the great racehorse Secretariat, who was called 'Red') is a barn favorite. Red's favorite job is to be petted. Honestly, he is the most calm, sweet, and affectionate horse. A big boy at 61 inches, he is a gentle giant. Red had several areas he shined in this year along with several different riders. His main rider was youth rider Janay Fetzer. The pair has done it all. This year they decided to try Western Dressage. While Red is for sure a Western horse, he proved to be just a little to calm and slow for the bigger gaits required in this discipline. They came home with several placings however and had nice comments on his steady pace! Red also was a go to horse for Ty's friend, Cooper Sanders. Cooper needed a leadline horse and Red was just the horse for the job. The pair ended up doing in hand trail, showmanship, and leadline together! Adult rider and trainer, Jacque Woodward uses Red for everything. This year, she was able to show him to several first place finishes in western walk/jog! The judges commented on how slow and steady Red was. He kept his pace and likes to go sloooow! She also uses him as a horse to start young horses with out on the trail and he has earned over 50 trail hours through the AHR recreational points program!

Alf TC and Archie TC in one of many parades in Oklahoma 2017. Driven by Cynthia Bates- owned by Rocky and Cynthia Bates of Poverty Hill Farms.





Amazing Gold MMH (A Rock x Libby Gold MMH) or 'Pip' as his barn name is a 6 year old gelding owned and trained by Woodward Performance Haflingers in Coshocton, Ohio. Pip is trainer Jacque Woodward's personal horse. This year Pip tried a variety of disciplines! First the pair did cattle sorting! Pip proved to be a confident and 'cowy' horse able to turn the cows and keep them in line! They also showed in Western Dressage. Pip had some very nice scores, earning him the Western Dressage Haflinger High Point Open Award for the two day show! Pip still stays as Jacque's main trail horse and covers many hours on the trail!

Amber RVA, owned by Beth DenBesten, started the 2017 show season off at the MODA schooling show, this Diamond in the Rough's first official show. Ridden by Jacque Woodward, she placed 1st in Intro A with 59.375% and 2nd in Intro B with 62.50%. Unable to ride due to injury, Beth kept exposing her girl to the show environment by showing in hand. At Buckeye they placed 2nd in Dressage In Hand with 67.6%, 5th in Trail In-Hand, and 4th in Halter. At Central Ohio they placed 1st in Dressage In-Hand with 65.29%, 3rd in Trail In-Hand, and 4th in Halter. At the Dressage at Waterloo July, ridden by Nicole Hauseman, she won her four Intro tests with scores of 68.75%, 67%, 67.5% and 65%. Finally, Beth was cleared to ride, so she attended the GLDC Schooling Show in August, scoring 59.7% in Intro A, 61.9% in Intro B, and placing 2nd in Equitation.

A Perfect Reflection MHS (Niagara YES x Angel of Trisanna TOF) Owned by Montel Haflinger Stables: Central Ohio Show: 1st Two Year Old Filly Class, Futurity: 1st Two Year Old Filly Class and Two Year Old Reserve Champion. photo by Melanie Cornman.

Amigo AMS won the Ladies Pleasure at the Boone County Fair and Open Western Pleasure at Central Ohio. Owned by Shady Grove Haflingers

Anastasia of KHA and Jessica Hanney achieved more goals than they set this year at USDF shows at Waterloo! Aside from winning numerous blue ribbons, the pair earned scores over 70%, were the National Dressage Pony Cup High Percent and High Point Champions at the August Waterloo Show, and also won the National Dressage Pony Cup Waterloo Series Championship. "Anna's" repeated success was rewarded with the USDF Horse Performance Certificate at Training Level, and also earned Jessica her USDF Rider Performance Award. They finished fifth in the USDF All Breed Awards at Training Level for Adult Amateurs and seventh in the Open Division. Additionally, Anastasia earned the 2017 AHR Diamond Ambassador Award and she was the first horse ever to earn the AHR Ambassador Lifetime Achievement Award.

Armani KCH (A Rock x Luncinda Kay WMH) 14 Year Old Silver Classified Stallion. Central Ohio Show: He was shown by Bob McMillan in the 3 year old and older in hand trail class where he placed 2nd. Linda Parsons rode Armani to 1st place in Ridden Trail, 1st Over 45 Class, 1st Place Ridden Trail w/t, and 2nd place in the training w/t/c class. Throughout the show Armani and Linda placed in a total of 12 classes.

Axel Foley KCH and Sydney Kerr had a quieter show season than normal. Instead of showing nearly every weekend April to November., they cut back and did a few big things. They competed at the University of Findlay Ranch Horse show, and did their first boxing class. They came in 3rd in team penning. They competed in their first mini trial at the starter level in May and finished 3rd out of 10 against some serious eventers, after going clear in stadium and cross country. They went to their first breed show at the Buckeye. Sydney is very proud of how they cleaned up, and most proud of their 1st place in Horsemanship. At their second mini trial in September, they took 5th out of 15, with a substantially better dressage score. Bitten by the eventing bug, they're looking forward to a winter of working on eventing and hopefully a sanctioned event next season!



Balladeer WRR, owned and bred by Carolyn Gilmore, earned his 2017 Sapphire AHR Award by participating in two Clinton Anderson 3 Day Clinics and carrying me through all breed events in the Sierra Nevada with the Backcountry Horsemen of California. He has blossomed as a trail horse and is quite handsome as well!



Belle of the Ball was exhibited by Deborah Stevenson at the National Dressage Pony Cup in Lexington KY, where they won Champion Introductory Adult Amateur and High Point Adult Amateur Champion!

Berkshires Tradition HNMH, owned by Troi Harrell and being ridden by Callee Parkinson, was the 2017-2018 Queen of the Indian Territory Roundup Club, in Purcell, Oklahoma. This mare has been doing trail, Drill Team, parades riding and Driving. She has been an excellent Representative of the breed.



Bonita Rox PA, shown by Brian Mitteer at the Villa Louis Carriage Classic in Prairie du Chien, WI. Concours d Elegance winner and 3rd overall in the Antique Vehicle Division. Photo by Smugmug.



Cashmere of Genesis (Arno van het Nieshof x Caro TOF) , a 79 point silver classified mare, was driven by Caraline Cornman to a dressage win in the preliminary single horse division at Pine Tree CDE in Southern Pines, NC. They earned a score of 48.67 (67%) at Cashmere's first CDE.

Cassady of Sugar Creek, ridden and show by Hannah Beecher, who was thrilled she won reserve champion in her age group!



Cheri Lynn Rose CEH and Amy Hanney had a very successful return to the show ring after a hiatus in 2016. They began by dabbling in Western Dressage, where they earned scores to 71.75%! Following that, they made the jump back to the USDF dressage arena, where they still earned scores over 70%. Their scores not only brought home the Waterloo Introductory Champion ribbon, but were also high enough over the entire season to win the Waterloo Series Reserve Championship neck sash with an average score of 67.282%. They ultimately made the jump to Training Level, achieving scores over 69% and also earning Amy's USDF Rider Performance Award Certificate. Their impressive season also resulted in "Callie" earning the 2017 AHR Diamond Ambassador Award milestone.



Fath by Fire DAF (Arno van het Nieshof x Febe Ze NTF), the 83 point gold classified mare driven by Caraline Cornman, won the preliminary single pony division at Metamora CDE in Metamora, MI. They won dressage, had the best cones run of all competitors, and were second on marathon. They also won the intermediate level combined test at Metamora. Additionally, they won both the junior division and their large pony division at the prestigious Walnut Hill Pleasure Driving Competition in Pittsford, NY. Faith by Fire DAF is owned by John and Michele Dunkel of Genesis Farm in Lapeer, MI.

Final Challenge BW6 and Beauty, 1st place mare team with Dave Brugger driving.

Floridian AFH was the overall driving champion at the Boone County Open Driving Show. She won the 18" Hunter Fences and Novice Rider Pleasure at Central Ohio. Owned by Shady Grove Haflingers.

Flyaway (Amerigo x FRUHLINGSDUFT) is a young imported 3 year old filly owned by Max and Patti Montoya of Frog Hollow Farm in Hebron, KY, and shown by Woodward Performance Haflingers in Coshocton, Ohio. This impressive mare continued her winning ways in 2017 by being named the winner in her 3 year old age class at the Buckeye Haflinger Show, and was named Reserve Champion Mare overall! She was also a second place finisher in the in hand trail class for ages 3 and over. Flyaway also stepped away from the Haflinger arena and entered some open shows this year, in which she was a Reserve Champion Mare overall as well. Fly has been lightly started under saddle in 2017 and we are excited to see her continue as a riding and driving horse!

Hefner Haflingers attended 13 shows (in 4 states, OH, MI, IN, PA), hooking the 6 horse hitch 25 times! They qualified for the HHPCS finals in both the 6 horse hitch and the Ladies Cart (Amanda). With a main crew of 5 (Ryan, Amanda, and Scott Hefner & Levi and Logan Myers), they had help with a crew that included Rene Hefner, Carliegh Hefner, Cory and Melissa Myers, Logan Rinehold and Kristopher and Kenny Bonningson, and they had 2 horses lent to them by Wright's Haflingers.

Knight Hawk, driven by Colleen Crawford to a 1st place in Ladies Cart for Bruggers Other Farm. Colleen has driven in this class 31 years. This was her 1st win!

Ladee of Excellence won the Boone County 4-H show in her first time showing as a single driving horse. Owned by Shady Grove Haflingers.

Lady Aphesian MDH at Buckeye in the greenies class, shown by Juli McGonnell.

Lexi MDH and Lady Aphesian MDH after team halter at Lake County Fair, with Juli McGonnell.

Lietzl WGF, shown by owner Lib Kettering, was the 2017 Western Dressage Champion.

Loyal Lisa DCH, aka Roxy, is owned by Julie Blair and ridden by her trainer, Shannon Cessna of Cessna Stables in Lodi, OH. Besides the local dressage show series, Shannon and Roxy showed at the National Dressage Pony Cup where they were the Intro Open Champion and placed fourth overall in Open Training Level. Shannon and Roxy finished the season competing at First Level.

Mandolyn RVRW, the multi National Champion mare, placed well in driving and halter this year at all of the shows she attended with owner Duane Stutzman. They finished off the year by winning Best of Show over all breeds at the Coshocton County Fair and are looking forward to 2018!

Mary Lou GHF and Rhonda Gould came away from the Morven Park Pleasure Driving Competition with a first and second in the obstacle class competitions and consistent placings in Turnout, Reinsmanship, and Working Class, ultimately capturing the Haflinger High Point Award!

M-Erik Van Den Horse and Haleigh Gantner really pushed themselves to new limits! They tried Cowboy Mounted Shooting for the first time this year! They also qualified and competed at the Ohio State Fair for Western Dressage, English Equitation and Hunter Under Saddle. They were very pleased with their rides and their placings! They did many clinics and worked very hard at many local shows to improve their Western and classical Dressage scores. They enjoyed doing a little cow sorting and even practiced roping! Haleigh feel very blessed to have this wonderful horse in her life! His continual drive and determination encourages her to keep improving every day! He is willing to try anything that she asks of him and gives it all 110%!

Miss Bluegrass MHS (Armani KCH x Mon Amiee RKH) 3 Year Old Mare, owned by Montel Haflinger Stables. Central Ohio Show: 2nd in the 3 year old mare class and 1st place in the 3 and older in hand trail class. Futurity: 1st in Three Year Old Halter Class, 1st in Three Year Old Performance Class and Three Year Old Champion Photo by Melanie Corman.

Mitzi's Mandolyn, owned by Carolyn Gilmore, earned her 2017 Sapphire AHR Award by participating in 3Clinton Anderson Clinics and a trail obstacle clinic as well. She has been a wonderful example of our Haflinger breed in poker rides and other all breed events. She is feminine and charming and always turns heads!

Nacho and Mara Tillman wanted a break from high school competition after winning the MIHA State High School Championship in Saddleseat Pattern in 2014 and 2015. Mara wished to pursue her artwork, focus on school and finding the right college. That was perfect for her sister Claire because she wanted Nacho back with her at the Equestrian Center at Albion College where she was working, before entering grad school this fall. Nacho loved hanging out with his thoroughbred friends at Albion but by early summer Mara wanted him back. This is the struggle when two sisters share one very special Haflinger! Claire is good at sharing, so Nacho came home. To keep him in shape, Mara trained with World Champion Appaloosa circuit equestrians Jessica and Katie Knoll of JSK Performance Horses in Hart, MI. Amongst the colorful and spectacular horses of JSK fame, Nacho became a favorite with the lesson students and even was the vehicle for giving Jessica Knoll her first jumping lessons. With work schedules there was not a lot of time to show this summer, but Mara was able to work the Mason County Saddle Club into her schedule and she and others from JSK had a really great summer showing in Ludington, MI. Mason County Saddle Club is one of the oldest and most active equine organizations on the west side of Michigan. The competition is always intense and the show bill is varied, giving riders a wonderful opportunity to tune up their skills for larger shows. Class sizes are large and you compete against many breeds and rider abilities, even rider/horse combinations who have won multiple national and world titles. If you place in the top 5 at a MCSC show you can be very proud. Mara and Nacho had a good season at MCSC. They only missed one of the six shows. They consistently took second place in Saddleseat Equitation but the highlight was in English Pattern at the June show when Mara placed second in a class of 17 ahead of her sister. Claire rode her pattern first





and then handed Nacho over to Mara. When the placings were announced Mara came striding out of the ring with a huge smile and she quipped, "well Claire, sometimes the student does surpass the master." We all laughed, but deep down I was especially proud that Mara openly acknowledged that her sister has been her inspiration and teacher. These girls have been so lucky to have the best pony in the world. He has brought us together as a family, taught us valuable lessons and given these girls confidence and too many awards to count. He will forever be the horse of our hearts and I am grateful for Nacho every day.



NIC Dreamy Guy and Liz Ketterer had a busy season, which included attending NDPC at the Kentucky Horse Park where they placed 5th in both Training and First in the adult amateur divisions; earning median scores from the whole season of 68.454% at Training and 66.223% at First; achieving high scores of 70.6% at Training and 68.6% at First; attending the USDF Region 2 Championships and placing 16th out of 54 at Training level AA and tied for 21st out of 44 at First level AA; being ranked in the top ten NDPC national standings at both Training and First level adult amateur; placing in the top 5 for USDF All Breeds Haflinger Awards at Training and First levels; and meeting and befriending numerous haflinger enthusiasts from around the region!



Noble Hero RCB being ridden by Rocky Bates, followed by Alf TC and Archie TC being driven by Cynthia Bates, all owned by Rocky and Cynthia Bates of Poverty Hill Farms in Purcell, Oklahoma, after the Lindsay, OK Founder's Day Parade.



Notting's Spirit GFH owned by TLC Stables and shown in 2017 by their student Madalyn Norton. This handsome 2012 gelding was shown in Intro Classical and Western Dressage scoring well for his first season in the show ring with mid 60's to low 70 scores! He also successfully competed in halter, English walk trot and western walk jog. We couldn't be happier with his first season out. He is also offered for sale or lease.



N'Pressive owned by Sirens Song Farm. Squishy set foot in the show ring for the first time ever this year. He succeeded in everything from western dressage to English, halter to trail. He was unbeaten in his halter classes, ultimately winning the HCC year end halter championship, the central show champion gelding and the reserve best in show at central. He also ended central with two walk trot high points. He is finishing out the show season learning to jump and drive.



N'Tempo SSH1 and Lindy Thompson attended the National Dressage Pony Cup Annual Show (KY) - 3rd Place (final) 2nd level AA & 4th Place (final) 1st level AA; achieved their highest score at 2nd level (test 3) of 72+% at a USDF rated show in Grass Lake, MI; traveled to CO for training and competed in the USDF Region 5 Championships - 5th Place (final) 2nd Level AA Championship; and debuted at 3rd level and rider (Lindy) earned her USDF Bronze medal on N'Tempo, who she has personally ridden and trained to this point (under the watchful eye and assistance of her coach/trainer Petra Warlimont [CO] and coach Laurie Moore [MI]). Photo Taken by Meghan Vorce.

Quasi's Easter Lilly LTC (by NeuMaster JPH out of Quasi TOF), Best of Show 5 yr old mare from Lysinger-Evans Farms, owned now by Mangels Farms.

Radiance of New Horizons, Chela, made her USDF first level debut and received scores for owner Tori Morrissey' bronze medal. Photo credit Kelsie Lynn Rumisek.

Ressonance of New Horizons completed her debut undersaddle show season with owner Shelby Blades. At the Alaska Dressage Association Spring Festival I, they finished Overall High Score Champion (73%), Training Level Senior High Score Champion (73%), Introductory Level Senior High Score Champion (72.75%), and finished first place in all classes. At the Alaska Dressage Association July Jubilee I, they finished Training Level Senior High Score Champion (63.913%), and again placed first place in all classes. Finally, at Alaska Dressage Association's Biggest Event Ever, they were Overall High Score Champion (66.154%) and Training Level Senior High Score Champion (66.154%). They were also named Alaska Dressage Association's 2017 Training Level Champion!

Shasta and Susie Haszelbart traveled from Colorado to compete at the Buckeye Haflinger Show in Ohio and the Carriage Association of America Carriage Festival at the Kentucky Horse Park. Shasta achieved the Haflinger Championship Challenge Top 5 in the Driving Division and the Sr. Mare Halter Division. In addition, she won Reserve Champion Driving Division at the Buckeye Show. In Kentucky, Shasta accomplished 1st in the Wicker Phaeton Picnic Class and Reserve Champion Wicker Phaeton Division. Anna Haszelbart drove Shasta in the Attendant Class and placed 1st and received a beautiful CAA plate & ribbon.



Skipper CAH (Saphir x CLARA BELL DEE-S) a 12 year old gelding has had quite the year! Skippy is owned by 7 year old Ty Woodward of Woodward Performance Haflingers in Coshocton, Ohio. Ty spent the year showing Skippy in hand in showmanship and halter, as well as in hand trail. He also rode him in walk trot classes at several shows 8 and under and 10 and under classes. Skippy carried Ty to a top 5 Haflinger Championship Challenge award this year, and also a first place walk/trot at the Coshocton County Fair! Skippy is also a great driving horse, as well as a seasoned trail horse for Ty, however this year Ty also let an older rider, Olivia Ringenberg, try out Western Dressage Classes! Not only did the pair win their first ever test with scores above 70% both days, they came home with the Youth High point for Saturday, AND Sunday AND were the Overall Youth High point for the entire Buckeye Equestrian Events Dressage Show! Way to go to this great little horse!

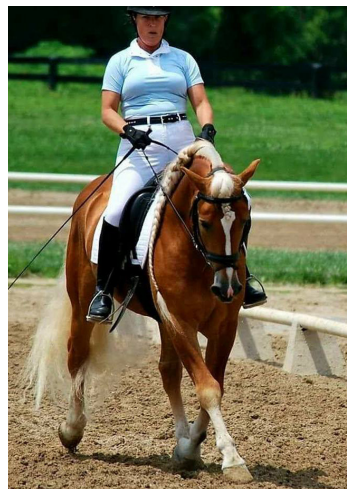


Stand Scout of Showme was brought to his first Haflinger show this year by one excited Hannah Beecher. She is very thankful that Showme Haflingers went above and beyond by giving away a second colt to her! She was beyond ecstatic when he took 1st in his halter class!



Stardust of Excellence won High Point Gymkhana Champion at Central Ohio. Owned by Shady Grove Haflingers.

Starnberg MHS (Strippoker x Rylena Van De Tolbert) Silver Classified three year old imported stallion. Central Ohio Show: 1st place 3 year old stallion and Reserve Champion Stallion.



Stellar TVR (Straden x Chione/Altess), a 2008 Austrian imported stallion owned by Mary Procopio/New Horizons Farm LLC and trained/ridden by Tracy Rowe made his first level debut at recognized shows with scores to 70+% and numerous first place wins in both the pony and open divisions. He received his performance certificate for earning ten or more scores at first level above 60%. Stellar also attended the National Dressage Pony Cup for the first time this year. He showed successfully under saddle in addition to winning overall Reserve Grand Champion in the Dressage Sport Horse Breeding Championships, as well as Reserve Champion Mature Horse and Champion Stallion!

Stroke of Luck, a 2 year old stallion owned by Leisure Lane Haflingers and Sirens Song Farm. Lucky made his versatile debut in the show ring this year, finishing with several championships including the junior horse stallion/ gelding halter Haflinger Championship Challenge year end championship.



Sugar Dixie Chick, 2nd place yearling filly owned by Glen Yoder.

Sucha Doll RWF (18 years old) and Anna Haszelbart (16 years old) won Reserve Grand Champion 4-H Halter Mare at the Elbert County Fair in Colorado. It was stiff competition against Quarter Horses, Appaloosas, Morgans, Arabians, Pintos & Paints. Anna had the only Haflinger and was so excited to win her 1st Belt Buckle!

Waldo of RKFH, bred by Shady Grove Haflingers, is owned by Lauren Steiner. "Junior" won Riding High Point Champion and Western High Point Champion at Central Ohio.

Warbucks BOB, reserve champion stallion, owned by Glen Yoder and shown by Mark Kukal

Wil-Von Mikas RVH owned by Sirens Song Farm. Von traveled with the High Flying Haflingers drill team again this year. He also made his debut in the pleasure driving and, outside of the Haflinger shows he competed in Ranch Horse classes and trail riding adventures. He will finish up the show season with a hunter show in November.

Wiz Bang LMP & Tracy DiSabato-Aust completed their first official year showing together and first year for either at USDF recognized shows, and also the first year for Tracy at First Level Dressage. At the National Dressage Pony Cup, they earned 1st Place Training Level Test 2 and 4th Place overall for the Training Level Championships. He was the second oldest pony participating at the show! Wiz earned his USDF Horse Performance Certificate 1st level for attaining 10 scores of 60% or higher, including 4 from highest test of the level, from 4 different judges, at 4 different competitions (this is a lifetime award earned in one year), and also earned Tracy her USDF Rider Performance Award 1st level. They also placed 1st for USDF AHR All Breed Vintage Cup 1st Level and 2nd for USDF AHR All Breed 1st Level. They qualified for and participated at the USDF Regional Championship. They won the Mid Ohio Dressage Association Rider Bronze Medal 1st level as well as USDF Recognized Division Horse Award 1st Level. They also earned the Ohio Dressage Society's Bravehorse Show July NDPC High Point Pony Award. In total, they earned 48 points for a Diamond AHR Ambassador Award and reached 120 hours in the Golden Path program. Photo by Andrew Peppercorn.

Carriage Springs Farm Year in Review

So much excitement here at Carriage Springs Farm this year with our herd of 24 registered Halfingers. It was difficult to choose what to share as it is all so special. We participated in two parades, the first one just down the road a mile where we were able to showcase our breeding program by including two foals with their moms in the hitch; the Leaf River Daze Parade.

This year's show season for Carriage Springs Farm took us to Southern Illinois (Martinsville), twice to Michigan (Centreville Shows), once to Morris, IL, (Grundy County Fair), to our longest and largest fair (took 19 horses with 40 class entries) in Belvidere, IL at the Boone County Fair competing for our fifth year in a row, to the National Haflinger Show in Indianapolis during the Indiana State Fair, to Sandwich, IL for the DeKalb County Fair and to Wisconsin to represent the Haflinger breed in the Baraboo Circus Parade. We truly love to share these very special horses with all of the attendees and talk to them about the Haflinger breed. We are blessed to have these wonderful horses in our lives and honored to call them ours.

The judge asked each entrant to tell their story of their carriage. I told the story of having one of only two remaining original limestone carriage stoops in Ogle County Illinois and our desire to find a carriage to go with the stoop; subsequently having the carriage, a 1905 runabout, restored to its original condition by Ben Yoder of Spring Valley Buggy Shop in Brodhead, WI and driving it with one of our beautiful Haflingers. It was so exciting that hubby, Irwin, won the blue ribbon in this class this year, driving Rosalyn HOF.

July 22, 2017 was the Fifth Annual Baraboo Circus Parade, our second parade of 2017. The Circus Museum brings out the most beautiful and road worthy of all of their antique circus wagons to be pulled by horses in the parade. We were honored to be chosen to participate. Carriage Springs Farm Haflingers were selected to drive the Hanneford Circus's Bandwagon.

We also drive the typical hitch wagon classes at Carriage Springs Farm. Here is our entry for the Eight Horse Hitch Class bringing home the blue ribbon at the 2017 Boone County Fair.

The obstacle class competition at the Boone County Fair is the closest we come to a timed race. It is always fun to watch the various breeds of team compete. Here is Carriage Springs Farm taking first place.

For the third year in a row Bravado, was awarded 2017 Senior Champion Stallion at the National Haflinger Show in Indianapolis. He is trained to drive and ride and is a super personality with a great mind and temperament. Classified in 2014 as a four year old with 80 points, High Silver, he is owned and standing at Carriage Springs Farm, Leaf River, IL to a select few outside mares.

Carriage Springs Farm had their final show of 2017 on September 8, 2017. It was the DeKalb County Fair in Sandwich, IL. Our entries placed first and second in each of our classes. We had so much fun visiting with attendees and talking to them about our Haflingers.





Walnut Ridge Farm Year in Review – by Heather Raw

Walnut Ridge Farm had another fun and successful year! The farm participated in a wide variety of activities and were able to show off the wonderful haflinger to thousands of people in both the United States and Canada. Activities range from drill team performances, expo demos, CDE’s, breed shows, hunter/jumper shows, hunter paces, 4-H, trail riding and overnight camping.

The High Flying Haflinger Drill Team performed at expos “The Mane Event” in Canada and “BreyerFest” at the Kentucky Horse Park. The Golden Pony Express Drill Team preformed as part of the “Parade of Breeds” also at the Kentucky Horse Park and at the Brecksville Kiwanis Club Horse Show in Ohio. At the Ohio Equine Affaire, our golden horses demonstrated the versatility of the breed in many clinics and breed demos. They even got a chance to be on TV as part of the “Good Morning Columbus” news show.

We traveled to Maryland for the Elk Creek CDE, Indiana for the Indiana CDE, and just around the corner, to Windy Knoll in Sullivan Ohio, for the Great Lakes Area Driving Series (G.L.A.D.S). As many of you are aware there were less breed shows this year, so it freed up some time, and we were able to fit in a camping trip with our horses to Cook Forest. Our riders and horses were able to enjoy the trails and a fun card game of 20,000 around the campfire at night. It was a nice change from the hustle and bustle of the performances and showings that go on year-round.

The Walnut Ridge Farm had a great show season with too many awards and accomplishments to list so we would like to give a **BIG CONGRATULATIONS** to our 2017 string of horses, drivers, and riders!

2017 Horses: Mackinac RM, Noble B S-SN, All American Ladd WRF, A Cool Dude WWH, Lucy’s Alexia WRF, Gretchen RVM, Marissa ODA, Glinda RVM, Like A Charm KCH, Gabby RVM, Arlen NHH, Nelson Trotter, Maretta PHHF, Augusta ABE, Lavinia-Lena YES, Beauty’s Lady RVH, Lietzl WGF, Excellence Defined HOF

2017 drivers and riders: Paul, Lou, Heather, Emily, Gina, Erin, Lib, Nicole, Leah, Kelly, Anya, Anna, Ellie, Elliot, Payton, Peyton, Madigan, Brynn, Tess, Megan, Jenna, Claire, Kate, and Mark.

All the of the farm riders and I, would also like to give a great big **THANK YOU** to the Sutton, Cooper, and Schindler families, for without you none of this would be possible.

Stream-N-Acres Year in Review – by Clare & Kathy Heintz

We have been promoting Haflingers for over thirty years. The Heintz family proudly has 3 generations now showing Haflingers.

Grand kids Hope and Luke VanderWall show their Haflingers in 4H every year in both riding and driving.

The work for our successful 2017 season started in April conditioning our horses for the hitch. Many miles were covered by Kevin, driving down our country roads. He drove 6-8 horses almost every night.

All our hard work did not go unnoticed. We went to 12 shows traveling over 4,200 miles with two trailers. We won the six horse hitch 7 times and the four horse hitch nine times. Also won numerous other classes in youth, men's & women's cart, tandem, team and unicorn.

At Indiana State Fair the Haflinger Draft National Show, we proudly won the Four, Unicorn and Six horse hitches. Our grand daughter Hope VanderWall won the Bud Jameson Honorary Youth cart and was the overall Jr Youth Champion exhibitor.

Then it was on to Keystone International to the Classic Six finals in Pennsylvania. Another successful show and good times with the other five finalists. We have been to the finals three out of four years and were very happy to finish as Reserve Champion in the Classic Six this year. Congratulations to all the finalists.

Special thanks to all that helped us have a successful year. Kevin Heintz, Lisa, Hope & Luke VanderWall, Lonnie Miller (we never lost a shoe), Kris Modreske, Dr Jim Connell, Bob Crawford, Lois and Stan Oxender, Mark Kukal and many others. We even had the Harper family come all the way from Idaho a 26 hour drive to help us at a show.

Our string of hitch horses included Angie CLA, Apocalypse of Genesis, Aslon CEH, Brandi DFHF, Magnificent LCO, North Star MID, Wilder Willy, and Wonder Kid POF

Looking forward to 2018 for more great times with family, friends and Haflingers!!



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Aristocrat TOF

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Breeder: Otto Schweisgut, Austria

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Precious MSC

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Adanac

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Aristocrat TOF	Afghan II	Rialta	Tudor Oaks Farm, Inc.	(847) 304-5639
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board minutes

Members Spoke . . . Board Heard: *A summary of meetings by the Board of Directors*

June, 2017

Seven board members met via phone and reviewed reports from the recently completed stallion showcase, fun auction, and AHR sale. Additionally, committee reports for upcoming events including: judging clinic, classification, futurity, annual meeting, and national show were reviewed. A nominating committee was established to prepare ballots for the election of three seats (i.e., Central Region, Western Region, and one At-Large) for the Board of Directors.

July, 2017

Nine board members met via phone to discuss the still unresolved federal vet bill from the May AHR sale. The judges' clinic and classification events are scheduled for July 27 in Ashland, OH. The futurity committee reported 56 Haflingers enrolled. Plans continue to be finalized for the August event. The decision was made to hold the annual membership meeting will be held in conjunction with the futurity. Members are being notified of the date and time via the magazine, social media, and the website. The nominating committee proposed a timeline for biographies to be returned, ballots printed, and ballots returned. The proposed timeline was approved by the Board. The national hitch show will be live streamed. Indiana State Fair's Haflinger show director has requested a donation of up to \$700 toward the live stream. Golden Path and Ambassador Awards have been organized and will be sent directly to recipients. The show committee continues plans for the 2018 event.

August, 2017

Nine board members met via phone to discuss the renewal of the AHR liability insurance policy, conclude federal vet billing for the sale, and hear last minute updates from the futurity committee's plans. The Board authorized the Treasurer to pay the federal vet bill and to take the required action to renew the insurance policy. The annual membership meeting will be August 25, 2017 at 6:30 pm at Windy Knoll Farm. Reservations were not required for the event. Election timelines have been altered to allow for the late magazine publication.

Annual Membership Meeting

Approximately 40 members and guests attended the Annual Membership Meeting on Friday, August 25, 2017. Following a few Futurity announcements by Mary Procopio and National Show announcements by Karen Young, Chuck Hendershot introduced Board Members present and excused. He also shared that Golden Path and Ambassador Awards were in route to recipients.

An interim report on registry activity was presented to members. Qualifying that the numbers are only current to the third quarter, AHR has 76 licensed stallions, registered 40 2017 foals, and completed nearly 400 member transfers plus about 60 for non-members. Roughly 20% of those paperwork transactions had "problems." Members are encouraged to include all paperwork, signature, and proper fees when submitting their transactions. This will greatly expedite processing. Membership continues its downward trend with about 600 current members (including 51 lifetime).

Despite the downward trends in membership, licensing, registrations, and transfers, AHR is financially better positioned after the tough decision to downsize from an office to a part-time processor. There is still much room for volunteers to step up to assist with events and committees as the objective remains for each event to be a self-sufficient program. The floor was opened to member discussion and generally focused on the perceived lack of communication. The magazine is not timely. Facebook is not keeping up with events. The website is not always current. The Board agreed to discuss ways to improve communication.

September, 2017

Ten board members met via phone to review the futurity and annual meeting reports. The national show committee also shared updates. The youth committee is growing. Plus, 77 award recipients have been sent Golden Path and Ambassador Awards. Again, based on delayed receipt of the magazine, the nominating committee altered the election timeline.

October, 2017

Ten board members met via phone. The nominating committee has sent ballots. More updates from the national show committee were shared. Several facebook comments were discussed referred to committees for further consideration and discussion. Tentative plans for the annual face-to-face meeting were started.

Respectfully submitted by, Missy Shanahan, Clerk to the Board and Chuck Hendershot, President

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calendar of events

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JANUARY 2018

- 31 Golden Path Recreation Tracking and AHR Ambassador Submission Deadline**
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Centreville, Michigan
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- 27-29 Central Ohio Haflinger Show**
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