



The 4-H Connection



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Back to our Roots

by Kayley Thompson, Foal N' Around 4-H Club president

The Powhatan 4-H club, Foal N' Around, was hard at work over the summer. For the past few years, the group has turned its focus away from the management of a pregnant mare, and eventually her newborn foal, and has been focusing more upon the general world of horses. Preparing for popular events such as the State 4-H Horse Show, has been one of many priorities. Throughout the past year, Foal N' Around opened up opportunities to help other 4-H'ers qualify for this statewide show in Lexington, Virginia, by creating clinics to not only permit kids to participate in the show, but also to give them helpful advice from experienced personnel to help make them a better team of horse and rider.



Yet, recently Catherine Akins, the leader of Foal N' Around, had one of her mares artificially inseminated. The group has quickly jumped back into their old ways and the 4-H'ers are learning new and important information about breeding these magnificent animals. An ultrasound was completed on the pregnant mare, showing the kids the unborn foal before it has even taken its first breath. The group longingly waits for the birth of this new addition in the months to come. *The anticipated birth is mid-April—pictures to come!*

Mark your calendar for Powhatan Junior 4-H Camp!



July 15-19, 2013

Jamestown 4-H Center in Williamsburg

~ Brochures available in late February

~ Ask about 4-H camp scholarships

Contact the Powhatan Extension Office for details!



A BIG THANK YOU goes out to our 2012 4-H scholarship sponsors: Rotary Club of Powhatan, Powhatan Lions, Davis-Merchant Equipment, R.C. Goodwyn & Sons, Powhatan Moose Lodge, Luck Stone Corporation, Powhatan Christmas Mother, Powhatan Chamber of Commerce, Knights of Columbus and Walmart.

Something new...

by Brendan King, P-town Hot Shots reporter

Something new has come to Powhatan. The P-town Hot Shots are a new 4-H shooting education club. In this 4-H club, we have very enthusiastic adult mentors. These volunteers mentor our shooting experience and assist us in improving our skills. They do their best to point out mistakes, but teach us how to improve as learners. Club members have quickly corrected themselves on what our volunteer instructors have showed us throughout the season, turning weaknesses into strengths with every passing meeting. The club members learn more fascinating and encouraging ways to excel safely at the sport. The club currently shoots pellet rifles, but plans to expand its inventory of skills to include disciplines such as pistols, archery, shotguns and rifles. This club completed its first successful season by participating in a statewide 4-H shooting sports event in September. Club members who participated in this first club year include: Rachel Carver, Rebecca Carver, Charli Jenkins, Trevor Jenkins, Brendan King, John Anthony King, Michael King, Austin Long, Hunter Long, Josh Long, Dominic Manis, Eularia Manis, and Sam Tomlinson.



P-town Hot Shots 4-H Club was able to begin practices in 2012 due to a donation of firearms and equipment by the National Rifle Association (NRA) Foundation. Additional support was provided by the Powhatan County Utilities Department, Rapid Manufacturing, Powhatan 4-H Shooting Club and the many parent volunteers and instructors. A special thank you goes to Powhatan resident Tony Hackenburg for the donation of a trailer to transport equipment to competitions.

4-H'ers spotted at Powhatan's 2012 Parades!



Recently-formed Majestic Hooves 4-H Club at Christmas parade (top left); followed closely by Alex Reyna of Powhatan Riders! Crazy 4 Critters (lower left) marched with their four-legged members! Foal N' Around (right top) and Hot Shots selling goodies were seen at the Labor Day parade!



Powhatan represented at State 4-H Horse Show



Powhatan youth's results:

Madison Bonner: 7th Equitation O/F 2'6", Lg Pony, Sr;
9th Creative Art Division

Reesie Fensom: 6th & 10th WP Sr Horse Sr, 6th WW
Horse & Pony Sr

Taylor Holloway: Reserve Champion-Sr Hunter Show-
manship; 4th Hunter Equitation Flat Lg Horse Sr

Sophie Kidd: 6th Sm/Med HP Pony Jr

Savannah Lewis: 1st Hunter Equitation Flat Lg Horse
Sr; 2nd Intermediate Hunter 2'6", Course A, Sr 1;
4th Intermed Hunter 2'6", Course B, Sr 1;
6th Intermed Hunter Horse, U/S, Sr 1

Jessica Matthews: 1st Working Hunter; 7th Regular
Working Hunter 3'3", Course B; 8th Equitation O/F 3',
Horse, Sr

Tyler Rash: 8th Place in Western Pleasure

Caitlin Reamy: 2nd Equitation O/F 2' Med/Small Pony, Sr; 3rd
Med (2'3")/Sm (2'), Course A; 3rd Med (2'3")/Sm (2'), Course
B; 9th Small/Medium Pony, U/S

Alex Reyna: 6th Intermediate Hunter 2'6", Course A, Sr. 2;
10th Intermediate Hunter 2'6", Course B, Sr 2

Devon Schutt: 7th Dressage Equitation, Sr

Kayley Thompson: 2nd Sr Technical Art Division; 3rd Sr Photo;
3rd Hippology; 5th Horse Judging

Caitlin Woolwine: 8th Sr Training Level T1



Upcoming 4-H Equine Events:

Block/Bridle 4-H/FFA Horse Judging:

Saturday, February 16, 2013 (at VA Tech)

Powhatan/Goochland 4-H Hippology:

Tuesday, February 26, 2013 (at Powhatan PHS)

Central District 4-H Horse Bowl:

Saturday, March 2, 2013 (Phenix, VA)

2013 4-H Equi-Smartz weekend:

March 22-24 (Lexington at VA Horse Center)

4-H Calendar

January 2013

~4-H Natural Resources Weekend: January 26-27; ages 9-19
at Holiday Lake 4-H Center. Deadline to register: Jan 14

February 2013

~4-H Day at the Capitol: Feb 12

~4-H Statewide Teen Weekend: Feb 15-17

March 2013

~Powhatan-Goochland County Contest/4-H Share the Fun:
March 19; at Powhatan Village Building

~Powhatan-Goochland County Contest/4-H Presentations:
March 21; in Goochland Parks & Rec Dept

~Block/Bridle Stockmens, Livestock & Meats Judging:
March 22-23 at VA Tech

April 2013

~District 4-H Contest: April 13 in Appomattox, VA

May 2013

~DGIF Hunter's Education Championship: May 4-6

June 2013

~4-H Congress: June 17-20 Teens 14-18 at VA Tech

4-H Club Reports



Powhatan 4-H Outdoors Club:

Making the Best Better... The 4-H Outdoors Club went to Powhatan Lakes to pick up litter on Thursday, November 8. It was very cold out, but by the end of the day we had found four bags of trash, and even a tire! The club has also been busy building a frog pond on the grounds of St Francis/ St Emma for endangered amphibians...details to come this spring!

submitted by Janessa McCreight, reporter



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Powhatan 4-H Cloverbuds Club:

This club of 5-8-yr-olds enjoyed a tree ID hike this fall through Fighting Creek Park with local Master Naturalist Dan Jones!



Powhatan 4-H Shooting Club:

Powhatan 4-H Shooting Club had 27 members competed at the 2012 State 4-H Shoot in September. Following is a list of local youth who took top honors in each discipline: Air Pistol Silhouettes: Alex Oliver (silver) Amy Adcock (gold); Air Rifle Silhouettes: Amy Adcock (gold); Air Rifle Silhouettes Jr Team (gold); Archery - Junior Compound: Travis Wooten (bronze), Amy Adcock (gold); Jr Archery Team Compound (gold); Sr Archery Compound: Anthony Schaapman (silver); Sr Archery Team Compound (silver); Sr Trap Team (bronze); Jr Trap: TJ Gillespie (silver), Jack Smith (gold); Jr Trap Team (bronze); Sr Skeet Team (silver); Jr Rifle Team (Sporter) (silver); Sr Rifle: Kelsey Kivikko (bronze), Anthony Schaapman (gold); Sr Rifle Team (gold); Inline Muzzleloader: Amy Adcock (gold); Traditional Sr Team Muzzleloader (silver); Inline Sr Team Muzzleloader; and Inline Sr Muzzleloader: Rachel Schaapman (bronze), and Anthony Schaapman (silver).



Senior club member Kelsey Kivikko and 4-H Club Leader Frankie Barham at her last shoot.

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