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# Hocking Hoofbeats

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DATE: September 25, 2007  
TO: 4-H Horse Project Members, Advisors, Parents and Committee Members  
FROM: Barbara Carder, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development  
RE: News, News, News

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the shows during the Hocking County Fair. You all did a fantastic job!!

## 2007 Horse Program Banquet

Saturday, November 10 @ Youth Center  
6:00 p.m.

Bring:

- Table service
- Covered dish and a dessert

Drinks and Meat will be provided by the  
4-H Horse Committee

Hope to see you and your family there!

### Committee Meetings

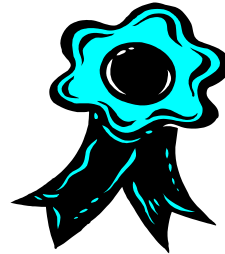
The 4-H Horse Committee meetings are typically held on the third Tuesday of each month in the Youth Center. You are welcome and encouraged to attend!

## OLE - Horse

2007 Outstanding HORSE Exhibitor Awards were awarded to the following individuals:

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| 1. Amanda Stalford | Rough Riders        |
| 2. Cathleen James  | Just Horsin' Around |
| 3. Alison Blevins  | Rough Riders        |
| 4. Emily Lanning   | Rough Riders        |
| 5. Raeann Carter   | Horsescopes         |

Sponsor: Hocking County Horse Committee



## 4-H Booth Awards

Congratulations to Just Horsin' Around 4-H Club who received 3rd place in the 4-H Booth Awards!

## Flower Box/Display Results

The Flower Box displays looked magnificent. They really added a special touch to all corners of the fairgrounds. Thanks to every club who participated! Winners selected are:

1. Turkey Run
2. Just Horsin' Around
3. Hillbilly Haystackers

## Thank You - two powerful words

Remind your members to write Thank You notes to sponsors of the awards given at the fair AND other awards your club members may have received throughout the year. Check with them to verify that they have written a note to the wonderful people who support our youth with trophies, rosettes, ribbons, etc. We want to continually show our 4-H supporters how important they are to our program!

Members will feel great after writing Thank You notes to award sponsors, club advisors, parents, and any others who have helped them through this 4-H year! See TIPS below.

One way to make sure this is being done is to make thank you cards at a club meeting. I am happy to come to your club meetings and lead a note-writing session. Or, borrow the kit from the Extension Office and let imaginations flow!

## Tips for Writing a Thank You Note

1. Start with a greeting - *Dear* \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Express your thanks - *Thank you so much for sponsoring the trophy I received for Senior Western Showmanship. I appreciate your support of the 4-H program and the Hocking County fair.* (This is an example - be sure to personalize the note with appropriate details.)
  3. Add an appreciative Closing - *Thanks again for your sponsorship. Sincerely,* \_\_\_\_\_
- Mail the note as soon as possible!



# **New Program!**

## Farmer Youth Initiative

Do you know a youth who would like the opportunity to hunt deer but has no safe place to go? If you do, have him/her call the Extension Office to get registered to participate in the Farmer Youth Initiative, a new program which pairs up landowners with youth and includes lots of FREE stuff including their license and permit, safety gear, orientation and lunch on Nov. 10, and dinner on Nov. 17. Have them call quickly as only the first 12 youth will be accepted into this program.

## 2007 4-H Graduates

Congratulations and best wishes to the following young people who are graduating from the 4-H program. They have been 4-H members ranging from 1 to 14 years, and have had distinguished 4-H careers. We are confident that the life skills they have developed through 4-H will contribute to their future success. We wish them the very best future possible! Walter Born, Jessica Conley, Bradley Cordle, Lyndsey Cospers, Cody Daubenmire, Megan Downs, Mitchell Harwood, Cathleen James, Hilary Kessler, Kortney Kunkler, Ashley Meyer, Clay Meyer, Bryce Miller, Shane Shumaker, Mandy Stalford, Larissa Tatman, Leah Thomas, Brandon Watkins, and Josh Williams. We'll look forward to seeing them back as volunteers!

## Horseland

4-H is launching a new outreach campaign this Fall geared towards youth ages 6-15 during the Kewlopolis programming on Saturday mornings at 10:30 a.m. on CBS. Check it out!

## Skillathon Recap

The livestock skillathons for 4-H and FFA members were held on Saturday, July 21st at the fairgrounds. Each participant completed their skillathon line, which consisted of three stations, then answering questions and presenting their project book at the interview table. This is a huge task, requires finding appropriate judges, and takes many dedicated volunteers to man the stations, conduct the interviews, complete registration and scorekeeping, etc. The 4-H Committee provided lunch and refreshments for the volunteers. A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped with this event! And a big CONGRATULATIONS to every member who participated in the Skillathons!

### SUGGESTIONS FOR THE FUTURE?

Participation in the Skillathons and Project Reviews is not mandatory by the county program. Some 4-H clubs require their members to attend Skillathon and Project Reviews, and I applaud that.

Do you have suggestions for:

- ✿ Ways to increase participation in these events?
- ✿ Ideas for some alternative format for the skillathons?

Any comments/ideas/suggestions are welcome!

## Junior Leaders

We would love to see some new faces in our Junior Leadership Program. This group of teens completes community service projects as well as assists at county 4-H events. Call 385-3222 for more information!

## Check out these web sites to keep informed

OSU Animal Sciences:

<http://www.ag.ohio-state.edu/~4hansc/>

OSU Equine Program:

<http://horse.osu.edu/>

Weekly Horse email signup:

<http://horses.about.com/gi/pages/mmail.htm>

Do You Understand Horse Talk? This is a link to an online quiz. Test your knowledge at:

<http://horses.about.com/library/quizzes/horseterms/blwordquiz.htm>

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## First in a series about horse breeds

From [Katherine Blocksdorf](#) @ <http://horses.about.com/od/breeds/p/standardbred.htm>

# Meet the American Standardbred

### **Introduction:**

Most Standardbreds are bred for harness racing. But Standardbreds also make great riding horses. Because most are well handled, trained to drive and have been exposed to many situations the transition to riding horse is not difficult. Retraining a Standardbred might not be the ideal introduction to horse ownership. But more experienced riders may enjoy the task of retraining. Horse owners are beginning to appreciate the Standardbred as a horse suitable for any sport. Some shows exist for Standardbreds to show off their abilities and some shows have classes that gaited Standardbreds may be shown in.

### **Body Type:**

The racy body type of the Standardbred is clearly indicative of the task it was bred for. Some Standardbreds have delicate, almost Thoroughbred type heads, but often their heads are rather common with longish ears and a flat or slightly Roman nosed profile. Their legs are long and the muscles flat and strong. Their chests are deep and their haunches appear slightly higher than their withers.

### **Size:**

The average height of the American Standardbred is about 15HH although some individuals may be several inches shorter or taller.

### **Uses:**

Primarily bred for racing, the American Standardbred can often hold its own against any light horse breed in any discipline. You'll find Standardbreds in sports like speed games, distance riding, jumping and competitive carriage and pleasure driving.

### **History and Origins:**

This breed began in the New England states in the mid 1880's . The name Standardbred comes from the qualifying standard time a horse had to cover in one mile (1.6km) in to be considered for the breed registry. The breed developed from a melting pot of horses that trotted, paced and raced under saddle and in harness. A horse named Messenger is regarded as the foundation of the breed. Many other breeds were introduced, each contributing their desirable racing characteristics. Among these horses were Thoroughbreds, Morgans, and now extinct pacing and trotting breeds.

### **Unique Characteristics:**

There are two distinct types of Standardbreds, trotters and pacers. A pace is when both legs on the same side move together. The speed of pacers in harness is faster than trotters and in North America pacers tend to outnumber trotters. Pacers often 'amble', or 'singlefoot'. This gait is comfortable to ride. The pace can be ridden too, and a friend of mine says her son comes to ride her pacers to relax his sore back. Pacers can be encouraged to trot, making them a very versatile horse for show or pleasure.

### **Champions and Celebrities:**

[Research](#) almost any Standardbred's pedigree and you'll likely find a horse named [Hambletonian](#).  
[About Horseracing](#)[Harness Racing Museum](#)[Standardbred in Gaited Horse Magazine](#)

### **Suggested Reading**

[Standardbred Adoption and Retraining](#)[Meet the Arabian](#)[Kentucky Mountain Horse](#)  
[CALLING ALL DRESSAGE FANS](#)[When to blanket?](#)[Horse Massage](#)

### **Related Articles**

[Vote for Your Favorite Harness Stars - Horse Racing](#)[About Horses and Ponies - Standardbred Retraining and A...](#)[Lipizzan - Lipizzaner - Lipican Horse - Horse from Slov...](#)[What You Need To Take To A Horse Show – The Rider](#)[Top Jockeys and Drivers Poll - Horse Racing - 08/17/98](#)