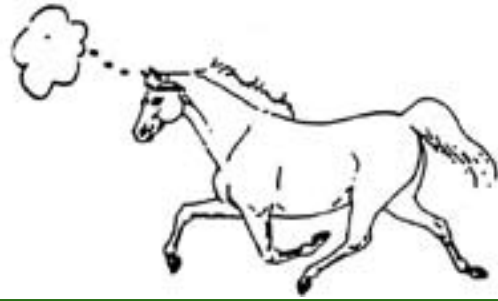


# Unbridled Thoughts



## Summer 2007

### A MESSAGE FROM JEANNIE

It is now late summer. So let's consider this a "Late Summer" issue of Unbridled Thoughts. We have just finished the 2007 Grand and Glorious NYS Fair!!

HATS OFF AND CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL

OF THE YOUTHS THAT QUALIFIED TO BE THERE!!

THANK YOU TO ALL VOLUNTEERS, CCE STAFF, STATE FAIR STAFF, 4-H VOLUNTEERS, PARENTS, AND SO MANY MORE THAT WORK SO HARD ALL YEAR LONG TO PREPARE FOR THIS LARGE

AND FINAL EVENT OF THE 4-H YEAR – THE 2007 NEW YORK STATE FAIR!!

All results have been posted to:

[www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/horses/](http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/horses/)  
and  
[www.nysfair.org/results](http://www.nysfair.org/results)

Special thanks to the NYS State Fair 4-H Horse Program Management Team and the Division Chairpersons:

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# NYS 4-H Horse Program News & Notes

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Rich Miller  
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Bob DeVisser  
Robin Bartholomew

A more complete State Fair "Thank You" list will be published in the Fall Unbridled Thoughts - with other results and pictures.

The crazy rush of the Fall 4-H Horse programs has already begun. DO take advantage of the "Region 2" and "Region 3" In-service programs that were advertised in previous issues and also thru your county Cornell Cooperative Extension office – the dates are September 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

The entries have already been sent for the 2007 Eastern

National 4-H Horse Roundup. The 4-H Roundup will be held at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky in November. Congratulations to the youths and coaches that will be representing New York State:

### COMMUNICATIONS:

#### INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATION

Sarah Wahlstrom  
(Chautauqua)

#### PUBLIC SPEAKING

Lisa Ballard (Oneida)

#### TEAM DEMONSTRATION

Ronald Bartholomew  
(Cayuga)

Dakota Wong (Monroe)

#### NYS COACH

Rich Miller, Wayland, NY

### HORSE BOWL:

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Christina Born (Onieda)  
Amanda Wendt (Wayne)

Sarah Schuessler (Erie)

Ruthanne Atkinson  
(Oswego)

Christa Lubanski (Wayne)

#### NYS COACH

Ann Janson, Chittenango,  
NY

**HIPPOLOGY:**

**TEAM MEMBERS**

Sarah Moylan (Albany)  
Catherine VonHagn  
(Steuben)  
Shannon Bower (Dutchess)  
Anna Young (Monroe)

**NYS COACH**

Vicki Bolton, Cohocton, NY

**HORSE JUDGING:**

**TEAM MEMBERS**

Caitlyn Gatley (Oneida)  
Kala Stafford (Onondaga)  
Katrina McAllister  
(Madison)  
Chelsey Schreiber  
(Wyoming)

**NYS COACH**

April Winslow, Morrisville,  
NY

Enough!! Catch up with all of you in the Fall issue. Take good care of and enjoy your equine friends in the upcoming fall season – it is my favorite time of the year!!

*Jeannie*

# 2007 NYS 4-H Horse Communications Event

Saturday, May 12, 2007 was the NYS 4-H Horse Communications event – held at Cornell University and sponsored by the Department of Animal Science. Approximately 54 youth from all parts of NYS attended – after they had qualified in their county and then their region.

The knowledge level of these youth never ceases to amaze our judges! The youth demonstrate their knowledge, communication skills, problem solving skills, self confidence, ability to think fast, sportsmanship skills, and so much more. Congratulations to all of them!!

Special thanks to anyone that helped prepare or support these youth on the club, county, regional, and state level! Special thanks to Rich Miller, the NYS 4-H Communications volunteer Chairperson PLUS all the volunteers, officials, staff, and more that helped to prepare for this event.

Again - CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE YOUTH!! They are all winners before they even get to this event - they are the best in NYS!

**Congratulations!!** The top five individual demonstrators, two public speakers, and top two team demonstrators for both juniors and seniors have been selected to participate in the **NY State Fair 4-H Horse Communications Invitational on Monday – August 27.**

**JUNIORS**

**JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATIONS**

Rank	Contestant	Region	Topic
1	Lieren Minute	2	Training Young Horses
2	Ksa Curry	1B	A Horse is Horse of Course
3	Jessica Hainsworth	2	The Pony for Youth
4	Molly Karlin	4	The Percheron
5	Matthew Roskoff	6	Poisons in the Pasture
6	Alexis Rand	6	A Sore Subject
7	Bethany Burnham	3A	Mules
8	Katie Lastowski	3B	Euthanasia – What Will You Do?
9	Megan Ehmann	2	To Buy or Not To Buy
10	Mahala Nyberg	3B	Sliding into Reining

## 2007 NYS Horse Communications, Con't



**2007 Junior Individual Presentors: Left to Right: Lieren Minute, 1st; Molly Karlin, 4th; Bethany Burnham, 7th; Katie Lastowski, 8th; Megan Ehmann, 9th. Far Right: Rich Miller, NYS 4-H Horse Program Communications Chair.**

### JUNIOR TEAM PRESENTATIONS

Rank	Contestants	Region	Topic
1	Shelby Dillenbeck Kristina Boyce	4	It's As Easy As A-Z
2	Olivia Logue Kerry Judge	5B	Wrapping It Up

**First Place Junior Team Presentors:  
(In no specific order) Shelby Dillenbeck  
and Kristina Boyce, Region 4.**



### JUNIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING

Rank	Contestant	Region	Topic
1	Megan Gerde	1-B	Got Mud?

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## 2007 NYS Horse Communications, Con't

### SENIORS

#### SENIOR INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATIONS

Rank	Contestant	Region	Topic
1	Sarah Wahlstrom	1B	Barbaro: Death of a Dream
2	Samantha Kirby	1A	Respiratory Diseases in Horses
3	Jamie Gerde	1B	To Feed or Not To Feed
4	Karleigh Chatt	2	Straight From Your Horse's Mouth
5	Christa Born	3B	Could You Repeat That?
6	Danita Blowers	2	The Role of Horses in Therapeutic Riding Programs
7	Abby Gentner	5B	Foal Watch
8	Kelly Clark	4	Now I See You, Now I Don't
9	Jasmine Wallace	3B	Jumping Through The Ages. The History of Equestrian Jumping
10	Alexis Powers	4	Colic, What a Pain



**2007 Senior Individual Presentors: L to R. : Rich Miller, NYS 4-H Horse Communications Chair; Sarah Wahlstrom, 1st; Christa Born, 5th; Abby Gentner, 7th; Kelly Clark, 8th.**

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## 2007 NYS Horse Communications, Con't

### SENIOR TEAM PRESENTATIONS

**The First Place Senior Team of Dakota Wong and Ronald Bartholomew, Region 2, presented "Charge! Horses of the Civil War"**



### SENIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING

Rank	Contestant	Region	Topic
1	Lisa Ballard	3B	Two Kings, One Crown
2	Sarah Moylan	5B	A Horseless Horselover
3	Audrey Gyr	1	Horse Behavior
4	Alexandra Blasdell	1	Secret Uses of Horses
5	Ian Burnham	3A	Roughstock

**Senior Public Speakers**  
**Lisa Ballard, 1st;**  
**Sarah Moylan, 2nd;**  
**Ian Burnham, 5th.**  
**Far Left: Rich Miller,**  
**NYS 4-H Horse**  
**Communications Chair.**



### SENIOR IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

Rank	Contestant	Region
1	Erica Standish	2

# News from the Regions

## FULTON-MONTGOMERY COUNTIES GYMKHANA SHOW

October 6

The First Fulton-Montgomery Counties Gymkhana Show, will take place on Saturday, October 6th at the Fonda Fairgrounds. It is open to all 4-H youth who have been evaluated within their own counties.

For more information: Bonnie Peck, CCE Fulton County.  
518-762-3909

## 27<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL INTER- COUNTY COMPETITION

October 5,6,7, 2007

Chemung County Fairgrounds

This is a team competition. Counties and clubs may enter more than one team. Each team consists of **four(4)** riders and **one(1)** stable manager. ***The stable manager must be a senior member.*** Teams must be composed of **TWO JUNIOR (age 13 and under)** and **TWO SENIOR (age 14 and up)** riders. Competition is opened to youth 9-19 years of age; they do not have to be a 4-H member, but non-members are not permitted to enter jumping and gaming classes.

This event will consist of three phases:

### 1. Horse Knowledge Competition

### 2. Stable Management-

Formal inspection is included with score. Fitting and Showmanship will be included as part of formal inspection. (1/3 of score)

### 3. RIDING PHASE-

Trail, Dressage, Programmed Riding, and Game classes will take place Saturday. English and Western to be held Sunday. This is one horse/rider combination. There is both a Junior and Senior division for the following classes: English & Western Equitation, Command, English and Western Pleasure, Hunt Seat Equitation over Fences, Trail, Cloverleaf, Polebending, Dressage **OR** Programmed Riding (Not both). You may have a reader for dressage or programmed riding. This year we are continuing a stable manager's combination class based on English & Western Pleasure.

During competition, **no adults are allowed in the barn**



area or areas where horse and rider are waiting to enter classes. **Absolutely no parental help or advice of any nature can be given to contestants while they are competing.** Safety approved headgear and footwear will be required any time the participant is mounted on the horse. **Heeled Shoes must be worn when riding.**

Stable Manager- a Senior member as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. This person is the parent for the weekend. They must be organized, reliable and well rounded. They are in charge of getting team members to be at the right place at the right time, also having proper tack & equipment for all classes they are participating in. They need to make sure horses are properly cared for and that their stables are clean. The stable manager participates in team problem, knowledge test, and herdsmanship are part of their score.

Entry for the entire weekend is **\$110.00 per team.** Additional information will be sent to all teams who register (directions, etc.) **All information must be submitted by Wednesday, September 19, 2007 (the earlier the better).**

For more information:  
DeEtta Antes, (607) 734-4453,  
CCE Chemung County.

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**MOUNTED GAMES CLINIC**  
**RENSSELAER COUNTY**

October 14

Rensselaer County will be hosting a mounted games clinic on Sunday, October 14th at 1 PM. Members can choose to come and watch or bring a horse to actually get some hands on opportunities. A lot will be done on the ground in terms of going over rules, safety and running on foot the mounted games individually before mounting up. A great deal of time will be spent working with desensitizing horses if need be to the different pieces of equipment used in mounted games, so members should come prepared to go over the basics and the majority of it on the ground, but horses will be integrated in as appropriate. All horses will need to be accompanied by current calendar year Coggins and Rabies certificates, and all members riding should come with their riding certificate or riding test.

For more information: Bernie Wiesen, CCE Rensselaer County, 518-272-4210



**SYRACUSE INVITATIONAL**  
**SPORTHORSE**  
**TOURNAMENT**

Oct 31 – Nov 4

**Rare Frank Madden and Bezie Madden Auditing Clinic Plus Professional Development Series and Clinics at 2007 Syracuse Invitational**

The Syracuse Invitational Sporthorse Tournament returns October 31 through November 4. See world class show jumping competition combined with seminars, clinics, children's activity area, and horse-themed shopping. This event features US Olympians and other top international riders in a not-for-

profit tournament and Equestrian Expo which benefits Vera House, a Syracuse based agency committed to ending family violence, and the Cornell University Equine Hospital.

**“Raising the Bar: the Madden Way,” an auditing clinic with Frank Madden and Bezie Madden,** on October 31 from 7-9:00PM pairs a Gold Medal Olympic rider and one of the foremost hunter/jumper trainers and clinicians, presenting for riders and trainers of all levels. Tickets for adults are \$25 and youth (15 and under) are \$15.

Two professional seminars on November 1: **Dr. Katherine Young of Purina Feeds** on new Nutritional Research Council (NRC) feeding guidelines for horses; and **Dr. Lyda Denney, DVM,** of the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets with others discussing **Disease Prevention, Biosecurity,** and the **National**

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**Michael Whitaker (Great Britain) won the 2006 Budweiser World Cup Qualifier of Syracuse.**  
Credit: Reflections Photography, Inc.

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**Learning Opportunities  
Con't from p. 8**

**Animal Identification Program.** Each seminar is \$25 (\$15 for youth/student) with a discounted rate for those attending both seminar sessions.

**Free clinics** include presentations from:

- Linda Tellington Jones
- Susan Harris
- John Madden
- Beezie Madden
- George Morris
- Budweiser Clydesdales' handlers
- Other show jumping Olympians

Tickets for the Madden auditing clinic and the Professional Seminar Series are available through the Syracuse Invitational web site at [www.SyracuseInvitational.com](http://www.SyracuseInvitational.com) or by calling 315-655-4721. Tickets for featured Tournament competitions (Thursday and Friday at 7 PM; Saturday at 2PM and at 7PM; and Sunday at 2PM) range from \$7.50 to \$25.00 and go on sale September 1 through Ticketmaster ([www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)) and at the Oncenter Box Office starting September 4th (315-435-2121). Admission to all other events and to the Oncenter Exhibit Hall is free. Visit [www.SyracuseInvitational.com](http://www.SyracuseInvitational.com) for full details. The Syracuse Invitational Sporthorse Tournament is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization.

**EQUINE AFFAIRE AT  
EASTERN STATES  
EXPOSITION**

November 8 – 11  
West Springfield, MA,

This huge horse Expo will offer four days of clinics, seminars, and demonstrations from renowned horse-industry professionals along with a panorama of horse breeds, world-class shopping, and youth-oriented activities.

Presentations and clinics are scheduled in every equine discipline, and some of the outstanding clinicians include: Monty Roberts, David O'Connor, Julie Goodnight, Lynn McKenzie, Chris Irwin, Richard Shrake, Kenny Harlow, and Becky Hart among others. The Pfizer Fantasia is a Musical Celebration of the Horse with a variety of stunning equestrian acts choreographed to beautiful music.

For more information: **Equine Affaire, Inc., 2720 State Route 56 SW, London, OH 43140**  
**Phone/fax: (740) 845-0085**  
**Email: [info@equineaffaire.com](mailto:info@equineaffaire.com)**  
**Web site: [www.equineaffaire.com](http://www.equineaffaire.com)**

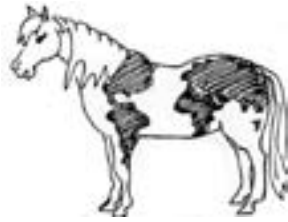
**AYHC SYMPOSIUM IN  
NORTH CAROLINA IN 2008**

Save February 29 through March 2, 2008 for the 2008 National Youth Horse Leaders Symposium. It will be hosted by North Carolina State University Extension Horse Husbandry Program and the North Carolina 4-H Program. Pre-conference tours are scheduled with a full day tour of beautiful Southern Pines, NC and a 1/2 day tour of NCSU Veterinary School and Equine Science Unit as well as a large local equestrian facility. Classroom sessions, live horse demonstrations, roundtable discussions, awards banquet and youth activities will round out a great weekend in Raleigh.

Visit the AYHC website at [www.ayhc.com](http://www.ayhc.com)



## From the World of Horses



### CONGRATULATIONS MIKE WILDENSTIEN!

Michael Wildenstien is a very special fellow. He is a wizard with horses and with their feet. And he is now adjunct professor of farrier medicine and surgery in the College of Veterinary Medicine's Department of Clinical Sciences, Cornell University. This is a new faculty position, which has been created for him.

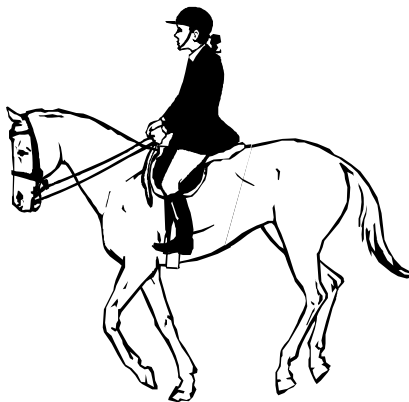
Mike has been the Cornell Farrier in the Vet College for 15 years, and does an outstanding job of shoeing horses both with and without hoof problems (hot, cold and corrective), and of teaching farrier students. Some veterinary students also elect a rotation in his shop and learn more about equine care, anatomy and farrier care. Mike is a Certified Journeyman Farrier (CJF). He is also a member of the Fellowship of the Worshipful Company of Farriers in Great Britain, (FWCF) with Honors – a feat achieved by only three other living farriers.

### ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE

#### **Pan American Games, Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, in July**

**Eventing:** US Team took the Gold Medal for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year. Team members:

- Karen O'Conner and Theodore O'Conner ("Teddy"), a 14.1 hands Thoroughbred/Arabian/Shetland cross. Karen and Teddy also took the individual gold.
- Stephen Bradley and From, a Russian Thoroughbred
- Philip Dutton and Truluck, a Thoroughbred
- Gina Miles and McKinlaigh



**Dressage:** US Team took the Gold Medal. Team members:

- Christopher Hickey and Regent; also took the Individual Gold
- Lauren Sammis and Sagacious; also took the Individual Silver
- Katherine Poulin-Neff and Brilliant Too

**Show Jumping:** US Team took the Bronze Medal. Team members:

- Cara Raether aboard Ublesco, a 10-year-old Belgian Warmblood stallion
- Lauren Hough aboard Casadora, an 11-year-old Dutch Warmblood mare
- Laura Chapot aboard Little Big Man, her 13-year-old KWPN Dutch Warmblood gelding
- Todd Minikus aboard Pavarotti, his 10-year-old KWPN Dutch Warmblood gelding

Source: USEF

For more information on the many international equestrian competitions, see:

[www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org)

### HORSE EVENTS IN STREAMING VIDEO

EquestrianSport.tv will be broadcasting three horse sport events daily in streaming video.

Their first broadcasts were events in Virginia and the Capitol district.

## Horse Health News



### STATE CLOSELY MONITORING FOOT- AND-MOUTH DISEASE IN U.K.

August 7, 2007

Foot-and mouth-disease (FMD), a highly contagious viral disease of cattle, sheep, swine, and other cloven-hooved animals, has been detected on a farm in Surrey, England.

Fortunately, horses are not susceptible to this terrible disease.

The NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets is working cooperatively with its federal counterparts to prevent the introduction of FMD in New York State and is prepared to combat the disease, should it arrive here. The Ag and Markets field staff will be on heightened alert for all signs of serious animal diseases.

FMD is not readily transmissible from animals to humans, but it does have serious implications for animal agriculture in countries where the disease is detected.

Source: NYS Department of Ag & Markets

### EQUINE INFLUENZA OUTBREAK IN AUSTRALIA

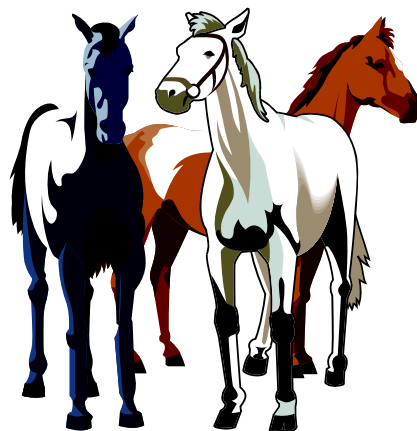
Many people in the northeast and the U.S. routinely vaccinate their horses against Equine Influenza (EI). Equine Influenza is an acute, highly contagious, viral disease which can cause rapidly spreading outbreaks of respiratory disease in horses, donkeys, mules and other equine species. EI is exotic to Australia and would have a major impact on the Australian horse industry if it were to become established. EI is not generally fatal to horses; however, fatalities may occur in old or infirm horses or young foals.

Australia had never had a case of EI until this August, when 11 race horses came down with it. No vaccine is available, as none has ever been needed there. Some top stallions were also diagnosed with EI right at the beginning of the breeding season, which starts September 1. The Australian Federal Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Department immediately put in place a stringent quarantine. Shows, events and race meetings were cancelled, and a national “standstill” was imposed.

The Australian government has established a large fund to provide emergency grants to individuals suffering financial difficulty as a result of the EI outbreak.

Officials are investigating to determine the source of the outbreak.

Source, or more information:  
[www.outbreak.gov.au](http://www.outbreak.gov.au) click on  
pests/diseases/equine influenza



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## Coming Events

- October 6**      **Fulton-Montgomery Counties Gymkhana Show.** See p. 7.
- October 6 & 7**    **Intercounty Team Competition,** Chemung County. See p. 7.
- October 14**      **Mounted Games Clinic, Rensselaer County.** See p 8.
- October 31 – November 4**    **Syracuse Invitational.** Show jumping, clinics, etc. See p. 8.
- November 8 – 11**    **Equine Affaire** at Eastern States Exposition, West Springfield, MA .  
See p. 9.
- February 29 – March 2, 2008**    **2008 National Youth Horse Leaders  
Symposium,** Raleigh, NC. See p. 9 for more information.
- April 10-13, 2008**    **Equine Affaire, Columbus, OH**

### TRAINING TIP

**Here's a great quote from Ken McNabb, sent to us by Julie Goodnight. She says, "I have a great deal of respect for Ken as a trainer and a friend. To me, these words of wisdom ring true and are a good philosophy to live by."**

“Your horse did not wake up this morning with the intent to make a fool out of you or injure you. He simply doesn't think that way. He woke up this morning with the desire to find peace and contentment in a pasture full of grass. Our goals and

unreasonable expectations, if allowed, can turn horse training into a life and death struggle. Remember to ask 'what's in it for the horse? What does he get out of what you are doing today?' Are you willing to work for your boss as cheaply as your horse is willing to work for you? Remember, your respect and release and reward are the only salary that your horse earns. Pay him as highly as possible.”

-- Ken McNabb, in *Road to Horse* interview on August 22, 2007.

**2007**  
**NEW YORK STATE**  
**4-H HORSE PROGRAM**  
**“SOME DATES TO REMEMBER”**

**September 15 – Region 3 NYS 4-H Horse Program In-service** – Durrand’s East Edge Ranch, Clayton, NY

**September 29 – Region 2 NYS 4-H Horse Program In-service** – Webster Stables, Canandaigua, NY

**October 9-12 – Cornell Cooperative Extension ACCEE Conference** – Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

**November 1-4, 2007 – Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup** – at the North American International Livestock Exposition, Louisville, KY

**December 1, 2007 (tentative) – Fall NYS 4-H Horse Education Committee (HEC) Meeting** – Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

