

HIGH CALIBER STABLES

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JD Massey

I could write about the great High Caliber wins at JD Massey but what comes to my mind is the following: Alex Foster's face riding Milady Huntley, Abigail Tabor falling off and getting back on, Laura Plant doing five gaits in a ROW, Donna Finch finally getting it with Fred, Ellie Kangur helping with Aqua for Abigail, Ainsley Ruley surviving her first time in a suit, Vickie Byrd beating herself up about being a "Bump on a Pickle", McGee learning to take the HIGH and LOWS of horse showing, Drew Taylor's stiff upper lip saying goodbye to Magic, the Poove surviving the fire alarm, Audrey Kim actually WALKING, Meredith setting her own standard with her ride, Bree showing Sherman and laughing with Libby in the warm up ring, Rachel Sanchez and Urcila, Laney making sure there is more than one horse in her class and Mickey Kangur lining up backwards.....these are just some of the thoughts that go through my mind. I want everything to be perfect for my customers. I want you all to win every class and always have a perfect ride. Evan and I want to make everything just wonderful for you all and I now realize that I cannot do that. What we can do is our very best for our horses and our people. We can take the good and the not so good together. We can pick you up when you fall off like Little Abigail, and we can figure out how to get that final gait like Donna and Rascal. We can laugh with you when you make a "Dumb" mistake and we can celebrate with you when you get to touch success such as McGee and Reed after defeating a big competitor. We can walk back and laugh with you about how hard it is to show back after you won like I did with the Poove, and we will smile with you when we know that we are really getting it even if the ribbon does not reflect the ride.

And some people think all you are watching are horses going around in a circle!!!!!! Together we can accomplish anything.



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Information Central

We realize not everyone is good about reading their emails (cough cough!) so we now have a "Command Central" station located near the spectators' bench in the arena. You will be able to find hardcopies of the newsletter, information for upcoming events and any sign-ups that you need to take care of.

Please be sure to check this area out when you at the barn!

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Rider of the Month

Laney Henley



- 1) How long have you been riding? 6 years**
My aunt owned a horse
- 2) What is your least favorite thing about riding and/or showing?**
The feeling of you being out there and the judges eyes only on you.
- 3) What division will you be competing in 2011?**
Academy Walk & Trot 11-13 years old
- 4) What are your goals for the 2011 show season?**
Always try my best and never settle for less than I deserve from a horse.
- 5) Who is your favorite school horse and why?**
Prince, because he is challenging and is fun to slow gait and rack on.
- 6) What is the one thing Mary always seems to tell you when you ride?**
Don't think about it and there is always a happy balance.
- 7) What is your biggest challenge or what excites you about riding horses?**
You always have a new experience on a horse everyday.
- 8) What lessons have you learned from riding horses?**
Always keep trying and if something drops, don't eat it off the ground.
- 9) Do you have any good luck charms or rituals when you show?**
No
- 10) What do you like to do when you are not riding horse?**
Hang out with friends, basketball, volleyball and voice lessons



HCS BIRTHDAYS

Melinda Tedder	May	4
Alex Foster	May	10
Marie Wood	May	13
Paul Blake	May	17
Evan Orr	May	28



NO LESSONS will be taught from May 13th through May 23rd!

Lessons **WILL** be taught on Monday, May 30th (Memorial Day)

SLOW DOWN

Please slow down as you enter and leave the barn. Remember, this is the Leonard's driveway and they have asked that we be mindful of this!

Thanks so much for your cooperation!

Upcoming Events at High Caliber



It's coming! And with summer comes all of our wonderful barn helpers!

Like last year, we are happy to have helpers at the barn during their time off from school. This time at the barn allows children the opportunity to learn the importance and responsibilities of caring for horses.

Since we are a high level training facility with most of our training performed in the morning, we prefer to limit morning help to those 12 years of age and over. There may be days when children under 12 can help in the morning but our suggestion is for the younger helpers to come after 1:30 pm. Please also realize there will be certain days/times when workers of all ages won't be allowed at the barn. Before a volunteer of any age can work or be left at the barn without their parent(s), approval **MUST** be given from Mary or Evan.

We ask that anyone interested in helping this summer stop by the office to pick up a Summer Helper Policy packet. This packet contains the rules and reminders for barn safety and a summer waiver form that must be signed and in the office before helping may begin.

Jenni's Walk of Hope

The Hewitt Family will once again hold the Annual Jenni's Walk of Hope on May 14th. This event is inspired by the life, the hope, and the loss of Jenni Hewitt, (Drew Taylor's Aunt) after her five-year battle with melanoma cancer. Those who knew her can speak volumes about the gracious and determined spirit Jenni had. Those who did not know her wish they had.

"Everyone has a cancer story," Jenni used to say. Everybody knows somebody whose life has been affected by this disease. Diagnosed with melanoma at the age of 29, Jenni was determined to make her "cancer story" one with a purpose. Jenni endured multiple surgeries and experimental studies to aid in the understanding and treatment of melanoma, the most fatal form of skin cancer. She insisted that even if her own life could not be saved, perhaps someone else's would be as a result of the research she supported. Your participation in this event and your donations to the American Cancer Society are helping Jenni's goals to be realized.

So it is in Jenni's honor that we gather each year near her birthday to celebrate life, to share love, and to encourage hope.



The 7th Annual Jenni's Walk of Hope is scheduled for **Saturday, May 14th, 2011**. There will be a walk and a 10K race in the morning and a golf tournament in the afternoon. Please visit their website at www.jenniswalkofhope.org or contact the Hewitt family at rahewitt@mindspring.com.

Horse Show Sign-Up Deadlines

May 20 th	Lexington Junior League
May 20 th	Roanoke Valley

Please Email your plans to the barn at highcaliberstables@gmail.com!
Thanks for your prompt attention.

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Dates for the High Caliber Camps have been set!

First Timers Camp

July 11 - 13th 10:00 to 3:00 pm

This camp is great for our young and new riders who want to develop and build upon the basics.

Steppin' Up to Academy Camp

July 25 - 27th 10:00 to 3:00 pm

This camp is perfect for the young rider who has a good foundation of riding and is curious about performing in the show ring!

Advanced Overnight Camp

August 12 - 14th

This overnight camp is for our seasoned show riders who are looking to fine tune their skills.

Go ahead and mark these dates on your calendar and let us know in the office if you are interested! Details for each camp are still in the works.

What's been happening...



Congratulations to Abigail Tabor!

Abigail was presented with Doubletree's Aqua Blue this month! What a lucky girl but even luckier horse!

This adorable twosome has already performed in Equitation Walk Trot this year and will continue to do so.

So many folks are cheering for you, Abigail!

2 More Finch "Grandhorses"!
Congratulations to the Finchs on the arrival of Riva Baby # 1 and Grace # 2! Both are healthy colts.

The next logo order will be placed on May 15th
Please let the office know if you need an electronic copy of the catalog or would like to place an order!

Lost and Found
Please check the Lost and Found box in the school horse tack room! We have TONS of jackets, pants and shirts that belong to someone. We will be taking all unclaimed items to the Good Will at the first of June.

T-Shirts from our Equine Extravaganza are still available in many youth sizes for \$10. Great for summer working at the barn while helping Victory Junction at the same time!
Stop in the office today to pick one up!

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In addition to showing horses, Courtney Kim can also show guinea pigs!

Courtney recently won with one her show guinea pigs at a show in Greensboro. Way to go, Courtney!



Dan Marcum was recently recognized in the Record Searchlight in Redding, CA for all of his efforts in the northern California area. Way to go, Dan!

“Dan Marcum puts samples of grass grown in a wood-based fertilizer into a bag at Bidwell's Ranch near Hat Creek on Thursday. He has long worked with area farmers to use organic crops and pest control methods.”

Congratulations to Shey Washburn who recently starred in a play at her school!

Stuff you need to know...

IMPORTANT

NO LESSONS

Friday, May 13
Entire week of May 16th
Monday, May 23

**SHOW Horses
will only be
ridden on
Saturday, 5/7
in the month
of May**

Good Bye Magic

Saturday night of JD Massey was a very emotional night. We said good bye to a very dear friend. Diamond's Hope better known as Magic has been in Mary's life for eight years. He is one of the very first horses Mary trained on her own. There are too many stories to tell and too many wonderful memories to pick just one but Magic changed Mary's life. He made her a better person, trainer, rider and instructor. He taught her to believe in her riders and her horses and to never be afraid of a little competition. He taught her to never let her guard down because that is when he would mess up the most. High Caliber was the horse that made Mary want to be a horse trainer and Magic was the horse that helped her believe she really could. We are all so happy that Magic gets to leave the show ring a champion and live the rest of his life in green pastures. Congratulations to Megan McClure and thank you to Teri and Sarah Beth Longworth for letting us be a part of their life and Magic's. Drew Taylor and Magic left the ring the way he started- a champion!

NEWS from the HOT SHOTS



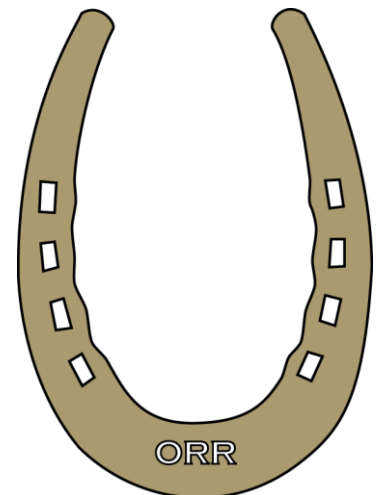
Equine Extravaganza

We could not have asked for a better day for our first Equine Extravaganza! We were so pleased with the turn out considering this was our "first time out of the gate"! The food was great by The Old Fourth Street Filling Station, the Candy Shop was wonderful, and the classes were full and a lot of fun. A favorite was the Parent Lead line! You don't have to say much as the pictures will say it all. The judge, Vickie Byrd,

did a pretty good job but we do have requests for a three judge system next year! If Evan ever decides to not be a horse trainer, you will find him on the show circuit announcing for horse shows. Todd Poovey will be the Gate Man if he tires of About Face and you will see Tom Plant as the Horse show photographer if he chooses to leave his jet setting job. Bryan and Tamara Macy will run concessions at the shows instead of helping with National Security, and Kate Ruley will sell candy instead of helping with better nutritional choices. Heather Bowen and Mickey Kangur seemed to be happy with their jobs as pit crew boss and horse show secretary with assistant Jennifer Foster. Don't forget Margaret Poovey and her assistant Patsy Plant who are responsible for making this event come together! There is also Penny Blake, "The Quiet One", who put us in touch with Victory Junction and always comes up with amazing gifts for the auctions. Morgan is just amazing as she always keeps us on time and Matt who does everything Morgan tells him to do and more with a smile on his face. At least we all know we have options for other employment if this all goes south! As always, thanks to Charles Leonard and his family for having a great place to have such a fun and meaningful event. Thank you High Caliber Stables for coming together and as it said on the poster...Helping Hands, Caring Hearts, Touching Lives!

2011 SHOW SCHEDULE

SHOW	DATES	LOCATION	SIGN UP DEADLINE
Asheville Spring	May 13-14	Asheville, NC	Entries mailed
Asheville Lions	May 18-21	Asheville, NC	April 7, 2011
Roanoke	June 23-25	Roanoke, VA	May 20, 2011
Lexington Junior League	July 11-16	Lexington, KY	May 20, 2011
Blue Ridge Classic	July 26-30	Asheville, NC	
Louisville	August 22-27	Louisville, KY	NO ACADEMY
NC State Championship	Sept. 14-17	Raleigh, NC	
ASHAV	Sept. 29-Oct. 1	Lexington, VA	
NC State Fair	Oct. 26-29	Raleigh, NC	
American Royal	Nov. 15-19	Kansas City, MO	



May 2011 at HIGH CALIBER STABLES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 11:00 am May Frolics at Summit School
8	9	10	11	12	13 NO LESSONS Asheville Spring	14 NO SHOW HORSES Jenni's Walk of Hope Asheville Spring
15	16 NO LESSONS DEADLINE to sign up for Lexington Jr. League AND Roanoke	17 NO LESSONS	18 NO LESSONS	19 NO LESSONS	20 NO LESSONS Asheville Lions	21 NO SHOW HORSES Asheville Lions
22	23 NO LESSONS	24	25	26	27	28 NO SHOW HORSES
29	30 <i>Lessons will be taught; if scheduled, please confirm with office</i>	31				

