



# Walker Scene

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE YOUTH ASSOCIATION



Happy  
4th  
of  
July!

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Mary Jo Williams, *President*

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Kelly Mendez, *Secretary*

Courtney Hicks, *Treasurer*

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## MEMBERSHIP

**Join the Herd!**

Youth Membership - \$10/year

## ON THE WEB

[www.twhbea.com](http://www.twhbea.com)



## REMEMBER ALL YOUTH DAY AT THE CELEBRATION

Please join us on August 25, 2007 at the Celebration as we celebrate our annual All Youth Day. There will be contests and educational clinics for children of all ages.

8:00-12:00

12:00-1:00

1:00-3:00

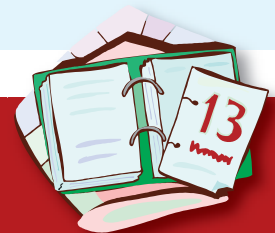
TWH Judging Contest

Free Lunch served

Youth Clinics for all ages

*\*Afternoon clinics include bringing your horse for showmanship*

Registration forms for the Horse Judging and Public Speaking contest are available to download at [www.twhbea.com](http://www.twhbea.com).



## Save The Date

### • SIGN UP TODAY

TWHBEA Equitation Camp - July 31 and August 1 2007 Shelbyville, TN Equitation is a growing discipline in the industry, come learn from the pros how to improve your skills. There are no age limits. The clinic is open to all skill levels and types of TWHs! Any rider considering equitation competition will find this clinic informative and challenging! Fee \$300 • Audit Fee \$50

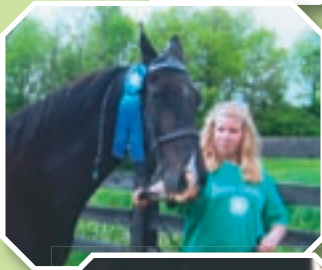
• **TWHBEA World Show** will be held August 2-4 with several youth classes for you to participate. For more information visit [www.twhbea.com](http://www.twhbea.com)

• Anyone that would like to submit pictures or thoughts for the TWHYA website and Walker Scene can do so by emailing them to Lori at [lpuckett@twhbea.com](mailto:lpuckett@twhbea.com). We need to begin showing new and possible members what all we are doing in our community, show ring, and much more!

# 4-H Achievement Awards



Kayla Artman, age 12 from Central Point, OR is very active as President of their 4-H Club, in addition, she is also an honor roll student and a member of the track team and choir. She has five horses which are all TWH's. She says she is often the only TWH rider at their county fair but she really enjoys the attention and answering the questions about the breed.



Brittany Freeze, age 14 from Elkton, VA along with her family own 18 gaited horses mostly TWH's. She has been participating in 4-H for five years and has showed a TWH at their State 4-H show for the last three years and won the Country Pleasure division all three years. Some of Brittany's favorite hobbies are horses, trail riding, spending time with her sister and coming to Shelbyville every year to participate in the judging contest on youth weekend and enjoys watching the celebration.



Jeni Gripshover, age 12, Burlington, KY lives on a small farm where she has grown up with TWH's. She and her horse Command to Push have earned many awards together during their three years of showing. She is active in 4-H and has won First place at the 2006 Kentucky State 4-H Horse Show. Her horse is also used for trail riding in addition to using her for poles, barrels and flags just for some additional fun.



Courtney Hicks, age 15 1/2, Wartrace, TN is Vice President 4-H Wrangler Club, Treasurer of the Board of TWHYA, Advisor to the President of SSHYA in addition to many other offices. She has been riding since she was six years old. Courtney says that she joined 4-H to learn more about her horses and to have a fun place to show them. She says there is always someone willing to lend a hand or offer some good advice in the industry. She also states that because of her involvement with 4-H, she and her family spend more time with one another. Being active in 4-H gave her the opportunity to be in center ring at the Celebration to receive recognition for her junior judging teams 1st place overall finish.



Mary Keiser, age 17 from Morganton, NC lives on a farm with her family where she helps her father care for more than 17 horses, some of which are boarded. She is active in 4-H at various levels of competition. Mary says she has had a very busy year with 4-H but she finds it personally rewarding. Mary and her horse Bo were able to present the American Flag at the District 4-H Show at Latta Plantation in May 2006.



D.J. Koester, age 11 from Farmer City, IL has become an ambassador of the TWH Breed. DJ has been riding in the show ring since the age of 1 1/2 and is very active in the 4-H which DJ says has helped with his speaking skills and in refining his knowledge of the breed and equipment involved in being in the industry.

Ashley Royer, age 10 from Farmington, MO, she and her horse, Blue A Kiss have been showing for many years. She has won such titles as Regional FOSH Youth Grand Championship and has completed her TWHBEA Youth Superior Versatility Points. She has participated in 4-H since she was 5 and has helped in organizing a horse show last year which raised about \$700 for her club.