



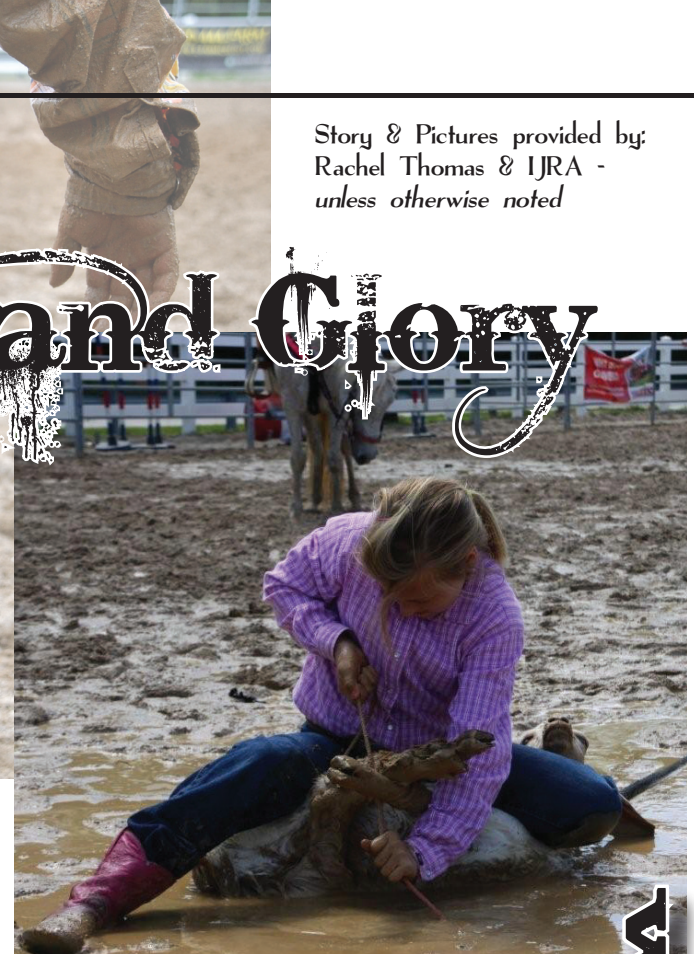
IJRA-

Mud, Guts and Glory

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Photo taken by Kelly Yadon of her son Clay Yadon



Hometown LaPorte Cowgirl Mary Lloyd
John Beal Photography

Our June rodeo in La Porte, IN gave the IJRA contestants the opportunity to show what they are made of. Thank you Lloyd, Back and (Dale and Charen) Thomas families for your hard work putting it all together. On Saturday, the barrel racers were thankful for the sandy arena as they made their runs in the downpour. Saturday's rain didn't dampen any spirits, and the crowd witnessed 4th grader Kolton Hartle ride his calf and get his first score on the judge's sheet. Not to be out done by his brother, Dalton Hartle, caught his first Step-down calf and won the goat tying in both performances all while setting a new personal best record for himself. Saturday night was a late one for the parents and kids as they watched the weather and prayed that the storms

would bypass the fairground. Sunday was sunny with a good chance of gettin' muddy. There's no doubt that the washing machines in every IJRA household got a workout on Monday. The kids didn't let rain or mud slow them down. Many of the kids who competed at La Porte left with a personal best.



Dalton Hartle is goat-tying
John Beal Photography

It's no secret that hard work, practice and goal setting are factors in achieving a personal best. Many of the contestants who achieved their personal best also participated in a clinic this spring. Sisters, Abbie and Olivia White, had great goat tying runs Saturday, showing off all their new tying skills they learned at the Sherrylynn Johnson clinic. Ryann Pitchford also demonstrated the skills and confidence she found at the clinic with fast barrel runs and two solid ties with times in the goat tying. A big THANKS goes out to the Eastep and Barricklow families for putting on the Sherrylynn Johnson clinic.

Eastep's coordinated the clinic and Barricklow's offered the use of their arena. Not only did the participants learn a lot, but IJRA also benefited from the fundraiser.

The IJRA State Finals are set for August 14th and 15th at Bear Creek Arena. The Top 4 in each age division/event after the Boswell rodeo will make the trip to Bryant, IN. On Saturday, Jessie Hoagland, Sydney Hurley and Renae Johnson will be competing for the crown in this years IJRA Princess contest. The contestants are preparing themselves and their outfits for their speeches, interview questions and horsemanship patterns. The new IJRA Princess will be crowned before the performance on Sunday. There will be a pool and pizza party on Saturday night for the IJRA State Finals contestants and their families. Saturday's performance starts at 5:00pm and Sunday's performance will begin at 2:00 pm. The Preschool Rodeo will be held on Saturday afternoon. Please join us for the fun and excitement and cheer on our IJRA contestants.

Attention all IJRA members! Jody Hurley needs a picture of you for the Sponsorship book. We want to make sure you and all of your sponsors are recognized for this season. Please email pictures to jody.hurley@coldwellbanker.com as soon as possible.

Feeling lucky? Don't forget to buy your IJRA raffle tickets! The winning ticket will be drawn at the IJRA State Finals in August

IJRA Rodeo Schedule

July 24th	Boswell IN	
	Benton County Fairgrounds	
August 14th - 15th	Bryant, IN	IJRA State Finals
		Bear Creek Arena

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with the winner having a choice of a Powder Creek 40' round pen or \$500. Don't forget IJRA members – the person who sells the most tickets goes home with \$100!

IJRA elections were held at the New Castle, IN rodeo. Congratulations to all elected for the 2010-2011 season.

President - Chris Keller , **Vice President** - Scott Colby, **Rodeo Secretary** - Katrina Banta, **Association Secretary** - Rachel Thomas, **Treasurer** - Rhonda Barricklow, **Timer** - Monica Shreeve
Board Members: Jeff Banta, Stormy Barricklow, Chris Hurley, Butch

Hunter, Mike Mackey, Matt Thomas, Brodie Zimmerman, Alternate: Bob Fagg

IJRA wishes all of our Jr. High Division contestants making the trip to Gallup, NM a safe trip, lots of luck and tons of fun! We are proud to have each of you representing Indiana!

IJRA begins a new season in September. The 2010-2011 season schedule will be posted on the IJRA website soon. For more information on becoming an IJRA member check our IJRA website or feel free to call an IJRA Board Member.



*Hometown LaPorte Cowgirl Abby Lloyd
John Beal Photography*



*Kolton Hartle - Steer Riding
John Beal Photography*



*Ryan Pitchford's 1st official tie on a goat
John Beal Photography*



Member Spotlight

Featuring Alyssa Griffiths



Alyssa attends Benton Elementary and will be a 5th grader this fall. Her favorite subject in school is Language. She is a member of 4-H and has projects in dairy feeder calves, saddle club, cake decorating, gift wrapping, scrapbooking and vet science. Her hobbies include volleyball, riding horses, hanging out with friends, 4 wheeling in the mud, collecting snow globes and (the one that put the biggest smile on her face) shopping with her parents money! Alyssa also spends lots of time caring for her horses, dog, four goats, two dairy calves, cats and puppies.

Alyssa Griffiths is a ten year old IJRA cowgirl from Millersburgh, IN. She is the daughter of Cory Griffiths and Michelle Meier. This is her first season in IJRA and competes in Barrels, Pole Bending and Goat Tying. Next year she wants to compete in the Break away roping and try her hand at Steer Daubing again. She is currently sitting 2nd in the Barrels, 4th in the Pole Bending and 5th in the All-Around Standings for the 2009-2010 season. Alyssa competes on her horse Mae in the Goat Tying and on her horse Doc in the Barrels and Poles. Her horse Mae likes granola bars and admitted that her horse Doc whinnies like a girl when he is ready to go out in the morning. (Shhhhh – don't tell him Alyssa told us that!) Alyssa's favorite event is Barrel Racing because she loves to go fast! She said that IJRA has taught her to work with her horse to become a better team. If you have seen Alyssa and Doc run barrels and poles, you know she and Doc work well together.

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Alyssa can be easily spotted at an IJRA rodeo due to her love of bling, bling and more bling which is also accented by Mae and Doc in their zebra tack. Her love of bling will come in handy with her future IJRA goals. Alyssa has a future goal of wearing a tiara and carrying the American flag when she becomes an IJRA Princess. This year, Alyssa's goals focus on winning the 3-4-5 Girls All-Around Saddle as well as buckles in her events.

When Alyssa grows up she wants to cut hair and be a professional barrel racer. Alyssa has really enjoyed competing in IJRA and loves the friends that she has made because they like horses just like she does. She said that if someone was thinking about joining IJRA they should because it is fun and you meet a lot of new friends.