



IJRA

Having Fun Rodeo 2011-2012

The Veedersburg rodeo held on September 24-25 at the Fountain County 4-H Grounds was a lot of fun. The Banta, Hunter, Eastep, and Zimmerman families did a great job of hosting the rodeo and putting together a silent auction and of course the annual Veedersburg chicken scramble! Saturday's rodeo went really well for Blake Andis, who won the Breakaway Roping and the Step Down Calf Roping in his age division. Tyler Cagel had a quick throw in the Chute Dogging to win with a 3.006 on Saturday. Alyssa Griffiths smokin' 21.868 Pole Bending run certainly earned the top spot in the 6-7-8 Poles. All of the IJRA contestants did a great job and made all of us proud of your accomplishments.



Junior Cowboy Church Group



Lois Thomas

On October 9-10th, the Edinburgh rodeo brought us all together again at the Hoosier Horse Park. Edinburgh's Saturday performance was designated as a Tough Enough to Wear Pink day by our IJRA Princess, Lois

Thomas. Lois did a great job organizing the event and IJRA was able to donate the money raised through a coffee and baked goods table.

Pink kids, ponies, and horses were seen everywhere as they raised Breast Cancer awareness. Cade Morris made his first mutton busting ride and won the Saturday Edinburgh rodeo to put his name on the score board and in the standings. Fellow IJRA K-1-2 contestant, Gunnar Eastep, had a 67 point ride on Sunday in the Mutton Busting to place first. Kolt Keller won the Step Down Roping on Sunday, adding to his All-Around points and event placing. Madelynn Farris had a great catch in the Breakaway roping on Sunday as well.



Lexi Petro

Trevor Colby



Thank you to Darla Crismore for putting together a goat tying/barrel racing clinic lead by past IHSRA member Brittany Molden. A special thank you goes out to the White family who welcomed everyone to their arena with open arms and food! Brittany did a wonderful job with all of the kids. Everyone learned a lot and had a really good time over the weekend. Thank you, Brittany for offering your time and skills to pass on the rodeo tradition to our youth.

It is time for IJRA members to renew their Horse Resource subscriptions. Please make

Veedersburg All-Around Winners

Saturday K-1-2 Boys: Clayton Whitten K-1-2 Girls: Ryann Pitchford
3-4-5 Boys: Blake Andis 3-4-5 Girls: Lexy Petro 6-7-8 Boys: Lane McPheeters 6-7-8 Girls: Anna Dietrich
Sunday K-1-2 Boys: Clayton Whitten K-1-2 Girls: Drew Thomas 3-4-5 Boys: Kolt Keller 3-4-5 Girls: Lexy Petro 6-7-8 Boys: Michael Shreeve 6-7-8 Girls: Sydney Hurley

Edinburgh All-Around Winners

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Sunday K-1-2 Boys: Houston Swan K-1-2 Girls: Ryann Pitchford 3-4-5 Boys: Kolt Keller 3-4-5 Girls: Lexy Petro 6-7-8 Boys: Tucker Whitten 6-7-8 Girls: Madelynn Farris



Addie Keller

sure to do so and if you know any member's who aren't currently getting a subscription, please share yours with them so they can see what they are missing! What a great opportunity to promote our association as well as give our kids the opportunity to see their names and faces in lights!

Our candy bar sales brought in \$1500 in fundraising money. Thank you to everyone who sold boxes and a special thank you to Monica Shreeve for heading up this fundraiser. Mon-

ica is also heading up the fundraiser where IJRA families and friends can volunteer during events at Lucas Oil and raise money for IJRA. Contact Monica for more information. We wish all of our IJRA families a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

2011-2012 Schedule

December 3rd	2010-2011 IJRA Awards Banquet
April 13-15	Hoosier Horse Fair
April 28-29	New Castle, IN Rodeo
May 5-6	Edinburgh, IN Rodeo
June 9-10	LaPorte, IN Rodeo

Member Spotlight The Banta Family - Waynetown, Indiana



Jordan Banta

him in the Top 20 after two rounds. Jordan thought that being part of Team Indiana last year and winning the National Tug of War Championship was pretty cool and made for some great memories.

Madison is a K-1-2 cowgirl who likes IJRA because she enjoys the events that she competes in. This 1st grader is currently sitting in the #1 spot in the Chute Dogging after having four 1st place wins so far this rodeo season. Madison says that Chute Dogging is her favorite event because when she gets mad she can take it out on the steer instead of her brother. She says that she is a good chute dogger because she has watched her brother compete in this event for so long. Madison may have gotten some help from her brother over the years, but she definitely has put in her own hard work to get her to the top spot.

Jordan and Madison would like to thank your parents for taking us to all the rodeos and Grandma and Grandpa for helping sponsor us all these years. We would also like to give a big Thank You to Todd and Amy Yundt for all the help they give us as well.

The Banta family from Waynetown, IN is in the spotlight this month. Jeff, Katrina, Jordan, and Madison have been part of IJRA for many years. Jeff has served on the Board as well as volunteered many hours as the Arena Director, helping our rodeos to run smoothly and safely. Katrina is also a Board Member, serving as the Rodeo Secretary, and has had a big job of keeping track of rule book changes, entries, points, and much more for all of us. Thank you Banta family for all you have done for IJRA over the years.

Jordan currently competes in Chute Dogging, Calf Roping, Team Roping, Ribbon Roping, Goat Tying, Breakaway Roping and Bull Riding. He has been an IJRA member for nine years and has done just about every event that is offered. Jordan is also a member of the Cinch Junior High Division team for Indiana and has competed at the National Finals in Gallup, NM. Jordan's goal for this year is to qualify for the Junior High National Finals in New Mexico in as many of his events as he can this year and make it back to the Short Go. Jordan said that in his experience at the National Finals the past two years, he has found that it's not easy competing against some of the people from the other states. His goal this year is to go out there and have personal best times and scores and just hope that they put



Madison Banta