

It's Rodeo Time!!!

What a successful rodeo we had in New Castle, IN. Thank you Keith, Tami, Abbi and Olivia White and their family and friends for all of their hard work in finding sponsors, setting up, organizing a cookout fundraiser and putting together a fun rodeo! IJRA would like to say a very special thanks to Dan Coffey of DC Electric & Climate Control out of Muncie, IN for his sponsorship of the IJRA New Castle rodeo.

IJRA would like to thank our New Castle rodeo sponsors DC Electric & Climate Control of Muncie, IN, GasAmerica of Greenfield, Tom and Mark Haase of Knightstown Elevator (a Kent feed distributor) and Star Struck Western Charms of Texas. A special thank you for our silent auction item donations goes out to Flying K Custom Wild Rags, TSC of New Castle and Star Struck Western Charms. Thank you GasGrill Restaurant of Knightstown for the food donation for the cook out fundraiser as well as Denise & Tony Vaughn, Diane Blake and Jr. Blake for helping with the lunch fundraiser! The Courier Times of New Castle provided newspaper coverage and WFMS radio also provided radio coverage for our event. Thank you all so much for supporting our IJRA cowboys and cowgirls!

New Castle was a great rodeo for firsts and personal bests. Congratulations to IJRA members Greeley Eastep, Maci Zimmerman and Grace Hassler for making their first official catches in the Breakaway Roping. That first catch is one that is never forgotten! Cooper Morris is on a roll as he caught his Breakaway calf also, making him two for two. Olivia White had a personal best run in the Barrel Racing on her horse Tecumseh. When the flag dropped during the K-1-2 Chute Dogging, Cade Morris dusted himself off



Kolton Gilbreath taking his first ride in the preschool mutton busting and his first IJRA thumbs up.

and found himself with a new personal best time of 2.676. Addie Keller, put together a 12.062 second run in the Goat Tying and now has a new personal best time that reflects all of the hard work she has done in the practice pen.



The Cinch Division State Finals for Team Indiana were also held at New Castle. We have a great group of kids headed to Gallup, NM for the Cinch Divi-

*Above: Cooper Zimmerman getting ready for his first preschool rodeo
Below: Maci Zimmerman, Abbi White and Olivia White (also left)*



New Castle, IN Saturday All-Around Champions

K-1-2 Clayton Whitten and Greeley Eastep
3-4-5 Dalton Hartle and Lexy Petro
6-7-8 Strand Barricklow and Jessie Hoagland

Sunday All-Around Champions

K-1-2 Bryce Tieman and Ryann Pitchford
3-4-5 Dalton Hartle/Cody Turner and Grace Hassler
6-7-8 Strand Barricklow and Brianna Belden

sion National Finals which starts on June 26 and runs through July 2nd. 2010-2011 IJRA Princess, Sydney Hurley, is throwing her cowgirl hat into the ring and campaigning for the national position of Cinch Secretary. Best of luck to you Syd! Congratulations to all of the Cinch Division contestants! We wish you safe travels, lots of luck and know you will make many great friends and memories in New Mexico!

Barrels – Jessie Hoagland, Anna Deitrich, Mary Lloyd, Sydney Hurley and Lois Thomas
Poles – Sydney Hurley, Anna Deitrich, Jessie Hoagland and Mary Lloyd
Girls Breakaway Roping – Sydney Hurley, Jessie Hoagland and Anna Dietrich

Boys Breakaway Roping – Tucker Whitten, Kyle Mackey, Brayton Dewees and Michael Shreeve
Girls Goat Tying – Jessie Hoagland, Addie Keller, Renae Johnson and Sydney Hurley
Boys Goat Tying – Strand Barricklow, Tucker Whitten, Lane McPheeters and Zach Hunter
Ribbon Roping – Anna Dietrich/Lane McPheeters, Jessie Hoagland/Strand Barricklow, Sydney Hurley/Zach Hunter and Lois Thomas and Jordan Banta
Tie Down Roping – Strand Barricklow, Lane McPheeters, Zach Hunter and Jordan Banta
Chute Dogging – Strand Barricklow, Lane McPheeters, Zach Hunter and Jordan Banta
Team Roping – Strand Barricklow/ Lane McPheeters, Casey Coll/Zach Hunter, Bray-

ton Dewees/Kyle Mackey and Jordan Banta/
Michael Shreeve
Bull Riding – Michael Shreeve and Gavin McGary

The IJRA State Finals will be held August 13th and 14th at the Mizpah Shrine Grounds in Columbia City. Our last regular season rodeo on July 30th in Greenfield, IN will determine who will make up the Top 4 in each event to qualify for the State Finals. Come out and watch our IJRA cowboys and cowgirls compete and cheer them on! Don't forget to buy your raffle ticket for a chance to win \$500 or a Powder Creek Round Pen. Tickets are \$5 each or five tickets for \$20.

Member Spotlight

Maci Zimmerman

This month's Spotlight focuses on a 9 year old cowgirl from New Ross, IN. Maci Zimmerman is the daughter of Sherri and Brodie Zimmerman and a great sister to her brothers, Skylar and Cooper.

Maci Jo just finished her 3rd grade year at North Salem Elementary school where her favorite subject is Art because it allows her to be creative and it lets her let out what she likes to draw.

Maci Jo is currently competing in her third season of IJRA. She and her horse, Bunny, have been a tough team in their 3rd grade year of IJRA. I asked her a few questions and this is what she had to say.

Why do you like to compete in IJRA rodeos? I

like IJRA because it's a great rodeo and they let you finish when you mess up and they teach you what you don't know.

What is your favorite event? Goat Tying because it's straight and fast and the goats are easy to flank. (I just have to add that Maci recently took almost 3 seconds off

her personal best goat tying time when she tied her goat in a 11.446 second run at La Porte! That is a tough time in any of our age divisions! Way to go Maci!)

Do you have anything you do that brings you luck? I don't have anything lucky but I do have a ritual before I compete. I close my eyes and clear my mind, my legs get nervous and that helps me get a good run.

What is your goal for this year? My goal for this year is to make the State Finals in all my events.

What is your favorite IJRA memory? The first time I rode my sheep and got a score was really exciting! As soon as the buzzer hit, that sheep bucked me off and I hit my head on a barrel!

Do you have any role models? Katie George is my role model because she really taught me how to goat tie and that is one of my best events. She has always been there for me and to help me practice.

What do you want to be when you grow up? A small animal and equine vet.



Favorites

Favorite food – chicken flavored rice

Favorite movie - Flicka

Favorite song – Turn On the Radio by Reba McEntire

Summer plans – Hopefully go to Kings Island or Cedar Point

