

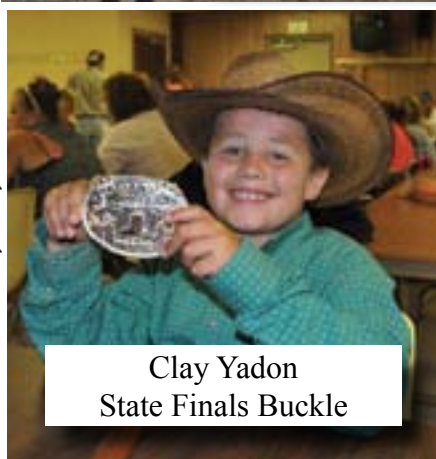
IJRA 2010-2011 Season Wrap-Up

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Grand Entry

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Clay Yadon
State Finals Buckle

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Pre-School Rodeo Award
Emma Verhey

The 2010-2011 Indiana Junior Rodeo Association season officially wrapped up on August 13th and 14th in Columbia City, IN during the IJRA State Finals. Nearly 50 kids from all over the state of Indiana gave their all, in hopes to head home with championship event and All-Around titles. A big Thank You goes out to the Andis, Hurley, Mackey, Thomas and Shreeve families for their part in organizing this year's IJRA State Finals.

Many 2010-2011 event champions were made over the weekend, wrapping up a great rodeo season that involved hours of practice, lots of determination, a little luck and a lot of blood, sweat, and tears. Please check out our website at www.ijra.org for a complete list of this year's event champions in each age division. We also invite you to check out our IJRA - Indiana Junior Rodeo Association Facebook page to get more information about what is going on with IJRA, some more information on our sponsors and to ask any questions you may have about how to become part of IJRA.

Once again we had an outstanding group of contestants in the IJRA 2011-2012 IJRA Princess Contest. Sydney Hurley, the 2010-2011 IJRA Princess did a super job over the past year, giving this year's princess big boots to fill. Contestants Mary Lloyd, Alyssa Griffiths,

Congratulations to the 2010-2011 IJRA Year End All-Around Champions.

Girls K-1-2

All-Around Champion - Emma Morris

Reserve All-Around - Greeley Eastep

Boys K-1-2

All-Around Champion - Clayton Whitten

Reserve All-Around - Bryce Tieman

Girls 3-4-5

All-Around Champion - Grace Hasler

Reserve All-Around Lexy Petro

Boy 3-4-5

All-Around Champion Dalton Hartle

Reserve All-Around Kolt Keller

Girls 6-7-8

All-Around Champion - Brianna Belden

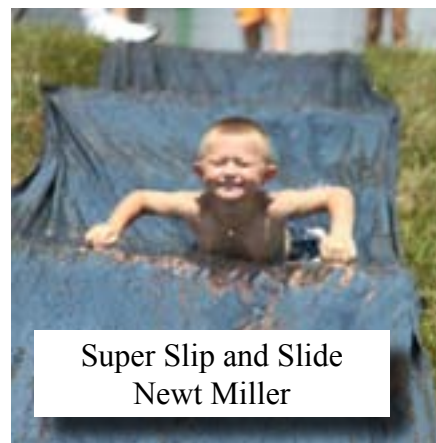
Reserve All-Around - Sydney Hurley

Boys 6-7-8

All-Around Champion Strand Barricklow

Reserve All-Around - Zach Hunter

Renae Johnson, and Lois Thomas all did a great job on their horsemanship patterns, speeches, modeling, and interviews. We would like to give special thanks to Mary Johnson, Dr. Bethany Couture DVM of Conley and Koontz Equine Hospital, and Terry McGlaughlin who had a really tough job on Saturday as judges for the contestants. Congratulations to Alyssa Griffiths from Millersburgh, IN who went home with the title of First Runner-up. Lois Thomas was crowned the 2011-2012 IJRA Princess and also went home with the Horsemanship Award and the title of Miss Congeniality. Lois is from LaCross, IN and will do an amazing job representing IJRA this season!



Super Slip and Slide
Newt Miller

Photo by: Erin Verhey

Photo by: John Beals



Pre- School Rodeo Kids



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Hunter Verhey - Caleb Crismore

During the State Finals we also watched as many of our 8th grade members competed in their last IJRA rodeo. We wish our graduating members the best of luck in the future and hope you will all come back to see us soon. We hope you have made lifelong friends, endless memories and the skills to take you where you want to go. Best wishes and congratulations go out to Bre Belden, Maci Stukowski, Brayton Dewees, Gavin McGary, Strand Barricklow, Zach Hunter, and Jessie Hoagland. Strand Barricklow, who got his start in IJRA as one of

the first Preschool Rodeo contestants, was also recognized as a 9+ year member. What a great group of cowboys and cowgirls! We expect to see great things from all of you for many years to come!

What a great weekend! On Saturday, the kids had a pizza party and showed off their dance moves after the Buckle Ceremony. The Eastep family brought watermelon for everyone which tasted amazing at the end of a hot day! Jody and John Petro organized an afternoon

of water games, including a giant water slide with the help of the Yadon family. I don't know if I have ever seen the kids have such a good time! Congratulations to our Round Pen/\$500 raffle ticket drawing winner, Jennifer McNulty, from Danville, IN! Add in an egg toss, 50/50 raffle, Cowboy Church, Parents Bareback Barrel Racing and Ribbon Roping, and a silent auction and you have a fun filled, memory making weekend! Thank you to all the parents, families and friends who helped to make this a wonderful weekend for the kids!

2010-2011 IJRA Princess Spotlight **Lois Thomas**

Lois Thomas is the 13 year old daughter of Dale and Caren Thomas. She attends Wanatah Middle School and is in the eighth grade. Lois has been with the Indiana Junior Rodeo Association for three years now. She competes in goat tying, barrel racing, and pole bending. Her favorite event is barrel racing.

In August, Lois competed in the princess contest during the IJRA State Finals in Columbia City, IN. She is now the 2011-2012 Miss Indiana Junior Rodeo Princess. She enjoys the association and thinks it is a very good building block in life and teaches good morals and manners.

Lois also enjoys riding her pony, Emmie Lou, at fair, in shows, and of course in rodeos. She also likes hanging out with her rodeo friends and wants to thank everyone who has helped her in her rodeo career!



2011-2012 IJRA Princess
Lois Thomas

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