

Peninsula riders see blue at state fair

IT WAS CHARMING to see **Faith Rodman** dressed up in traditional hunt-seat attire — a top hat with shadbelly coat and tails — for her hunt-seat events at the Puyallup Fair.

In addition to blue-ribbon awards in showmanship and hunt seat, Faith, one of four Senior Division 4-H Performance Horse riders to represent Clallam County, received ribbons in saddle seat, stock seat and trail.

Suzanne Heistand received a blue ribbon in showmanship, bareback, stock seat and trail, plus a white ribbon in hunt seat.

Darian Rentas earned blues ribbons in showmanship, bareback, stock seat and hunt seat and a white ribbon in judging and trail. She was also called back for championship classes in showmanship and bareback.

Haley Hodgin received a blue ribbon in bareback, red ribbon in showmanship and a white ribbon in trail, plus call backs for championship classes in hunt seat and stock seat, where she placed seventh.

Clallam County had six participants in horse judging.

Christina Overby-Morganson and **Taniasha Souza**, both Intermediates, were awarded blue ribbons.

The other four were seniors **Marissa Wilson-Blue**, **Chelsea Littlejohn-Red**, **Stephanie Lindquist-White** and **Darian Rentas-White**.

Marissa represented Clallam County in the equine speaking competition with her topic, "The Unwanted Horse and Horse Slaughter."

She also competed in Senior Division Western Games with her horse, Echo, where she received her personal best barrel-racing time of 17.8 seconds.

Keely Gustin took her horse, Sunny, for dressage and equitation over fences. She received a red ribbon in showmanship and hunt seat on the flat, plus white ribbons in dressage and jumping.

A job well done also goes to Jefferson County's 4-H riders.

In the intermediate division, rider **Anne Meek** won reserve champion in

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pole bending and third place in international flags

Senior **Sasha O'Meara** won reserve champion in bareback equitation

and seventh place in trail.

Additional Jefferson County 4-H winners were: Senior **Sarah Smith**,

champion in female purebred and reserve grand champion in purebred cat;

Sammie Smith, junior champion in cat fit and show; **Jacob Ragsdale**,

intermediate reserve champion in cat fit and show; **Benjamin Allen**,

intermediate reserve champion in dairy goat fit and show; Senior **Hannah Tipton Nordland**,

reserve champion in novice obedience.

Great job, kids. We know you worked hard for this success.

These folks are too old for 4-H, but they deserve recognition, too, for their wins at a National Reining Horse Association show in Wenatchee this month

Dana King and her horse, Gundealer, for wonovice horse levels 1 and 2 with handler **Mike Stokes**. King also won the ladies class.

Port Angeles veterinarian **Chuck Schram** placed third in the beginner-rider class on Major Smokin Wind.

Sue Peterson won beginner-rider class on her horse, Raoul.

Sequim student

A "get well soon" goes to **Ady Crosby**, well-known for her championship rides for Sequim High School's equestrian team.

Earlier this month, the Western Washington junior came home for a horse show.

Just prior to the show, she was trying a new snaffle on one of her young horses when it reared and they fell to the ground.

Ady was taken by ambulance to the hospital where it was discovered she has two fractured vertebra.

Thankfully she will be



4-H Senior Division Performance Horse riders, from left, Suzanne Heistand, Darian Rentas, Haley Hodgin and Faith Rodman were among several youths from Jefferson and Clallam counties who were blue ribbon winners at the Western Washington State Fair in Puyallup.

OK and is back at school.

Take it easy while you heal, Ady.

Ride change

Travelers need to stay off the Adventure Route from miles 3.2 to 5 between the trailhead and Eden Valley area because of workers driving heavy equipment.

We need to respect the "trail closed" signs.

That includes this winter when the area is logged, at which time the entire trail from the state Highway 112 trailhead to Eden Valley Road will be closed to all on and off-road travel.

Eden Valley Road to Lake Crescent will still be open.

Because the closure will affect the Backcountry Horsemen's Peninsula Chapter annual Granny's Cafe ride, the Oct. 24 ride will now take place west of Joyce from Sadie Creek.

The ride starts at 10 a.m. and will not include a potluck dinner.

To get there from Port Angeles, drive west on U.S. Highway 101 then turn onto state Highway 112. Drive west on Highway

112 through Joyce then approximately 8 miles past Joyce General Store and just past Milepost 43, turn left (south) onto East Twin River Road.

After driving one-fifth of a mile, turn right (west) into the parking lot.

Backcountry Horsemen signs will be out.

Hunting season

Forgetting it was hunting season, last week I took Indy and my dogs out for what I hoped would be a two-hour trail ride through the Department of Natural Resource's Cassidy Creek region.

Sadly, I cut the ride short because a few guys were racing on logging roads and trails on their ATVs — hunting rifles slung over their shoulder.

The situation didn't feel safe, so I turned back home.

Here's a reminder to put orange on you, the horse and your dogs when going trail riding through December.

Find hunting season information online at wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/game/seasons.htm.

Events

■ On Oct. 25 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Performance Horse Clinic with Terrie White at Chimacum Saddlery & Tack Arena. Cost is \$100 per horse and rider or \$35 to audit. Private lessons will be available on Monday.

Contact Paula at 360-710-5812 or Bethel at 360-301-1547 or 360-554-0402 for more information.

■ On Oct. 25 at 9 a.m., Schooling Show with judge Kim Gibbons at Baker Stables, 164 Four Winds Road in Port Angeles.

Contact Dana at www.bakerstables.net for more information.

■ On Nov. 7 and 8, Jefferson County 4-H Horse Project is hosting an equine veterinary dental clinic with Richard Vetter at Jefferson County Fairgrounds.

All are welcome to watch.

To schedule an appointment, contact Betty Mysak at mysak@cablespeed.com or 360-379-6931.

■ On Nov. 7, 8 and 21, Horse Day Camp at Chimacum Creek Farms.

Contact Paula or Velda at chimerk@embarqmail.com or 360-710-5812 for

more information.

■ On Saturdays at noon, Play Days at Chimacum Saddlery & Tack.

Events in barrels, poles, key hole, key race, rescue race, flags, cal stake, figure 8, team baton and ring race will be offered.

\$2 a Race, \$8 arena fee.

Awards given in three age groups for the day's high point.

■ Backcountry Horsemen Peninsula Chapter meetings are held the fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at Clallam County Fairgrounds kitchen.

Contact Marc Reinertson at almostaranch@olympus.net for more information

■ Backcountry Horsemen Buckhorn Range Chapter meetings are held the second Thursday of the month.

Contact Bob Hoyle at 360-531-2337 for more information.

Karen Griffiths' column, Peninsula Horseplay, appears every other Wednesday.

If you have a horse event, clinic or seminar you would like listed, please e-mail Griffiths at horseplay.kbg@olympus.net at least two weeks in advance. You can also write Griffiths at PDN, P.O. Box 1330, Port Angeles, WA 98362.