

Gobs of green can be bad for horses

AS JOHNNY CASH and others have sung, "it's good to touch the green, green grass of home."

Don't you just love looking at the gobs of scrumptious green grass our region's extensive rains have brought this year?

Unfortunately, its richness means we all need to watch for signs of founder or laminitis in our horses.

A potentially fatal hoof condition, obvious signs include sore feet, rocking back and forth on their hoofs and not wanting to stand up. Ponies are really susceptible.

The best preventive measure is to limit grazing time. It's been said a lush or even not-so-lush pasture is akin to turning them loose in a chocolate factory when what they really need is a sparse salad bar.

Accomplishments

On a lighter note, congratulations to Sequim's high school equestrian team for finishing up the year in style at the Washington High School Equestrian Team (WAHSET) state finals.

Held in Wenatchee, the competition had 40 teams with more than 350 riders.

The Sequim team, joined by its co-op riders from Chimacum, Port Townsend and Port Angeles schools, placed 12th overall and in the top five for small teams.

Clara Duncan and her horse, Spatz, achieved a gold medal and the state championship in pole bending.

Bronze medals were taken home by Shannon Robbins, riding Dots, in working rancher, and Sasha O'Meara-Crowell, on Brody, in dressage.

All Sequim riders were awarded top-10 badges, with additional awards going to:

■ O'Meara-Crowell — fourth, hunt seat equitation; 12th, trail.

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■ Tylar Decker and horse RC — fifth, steer daubing; 12th, pole bending.

■ Duncan — fifth, individual flags.

■ Robbins and horse Time — sixth, figure 8.

■ Sydney Sharpe — ninth, hunt seat over fences.

■ Duncan, Robbins, Decker and Sharpe — eighth, Canadian flags team.

■ Robbins, Decker, Sharpe, Carly Lundgren, Christina Overby-Morginson and Justine Roads — 12th, drill team.

Sequim also won the reserve champion title for small teams in District 4. Team captains were Duncan and Robbins.

Accomplishments in this area included:

■ Sharpe — gold medal, equitation over fences; bronze medal, dressage.

■ Decker, Duncan, Lundgren, Overby-Morginson, Sharpe, O'Meara-Crowell and Roads — bronze medal, drill team short program.

■ O'Meara-Crowell — bronze medals in hunt seat and trail.

■ Robbins — silver medals in working rancher and steer daubing; bronze medal, figure 8.

■ Lundgren and Robbins — bronze medal, bi-range team.

■ Decker and Duncan — state qualifiers, bi-range.

■ Decker, Duncan, Robbins and Sharpe — gold medal, Canadian flags team.

■ Duncan — silver medals in flags, keyhole and poles.

■ Decker — bronze medals in poles and steer



Sequim's Washington State High School Equestrian Team awaits its turn to perform drill team maneuvers during May's state finals in Wenatchee. On the horses are, from left, drill co-captains Sydney Sharpe and Shannon Robbins, Tylar Decker, Carly Lundgren, Justine Roads and Christina Overby-Morginson. Standing are, from left, Sasha O'Meara-Crowell, coach Terri Winters and Clara Duncan.

daubing.

Barrel series

The Chimacum Creek Summer Barrel Racing Series, 4D format, will begin Monday at Chimacum Saddlery & Tack, 1091 Chimacum Road, Port Hadlock.

Starting time is 6 p.m., with other dates set for July 12, 19 and 26 and Aug. 2, 16, 23 and 30.

There is a \$10 entry fee, with a \$5 arena fee per horse.

To be eligible for the series award, competitors must attend six races and pay \$10.

Times-only sessions will be from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

For information, phone Bethel Moore at 360-301-1547 or Paula Stingle at 360-710-5812.

Events

■ Sunday, 10 a.m. — Equitese Pony Club-sponsored trail ride and pony

club rideathon at Sandy Shores. The flagged fun ride of about 10 miles is on Olympic Resource Management's tree farm starting from Wahl Lake Road (through the ORM gate across the highway from the visitors center at the intersection of state Highways 104 and 19/Beaver Valley Road; follow the signs). Donations will be accepted upon registration. Proceeds go to the pony club for its annual horse camp. For more information, phone Connie Craighhead at 360-301-5544.

■ Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. — Patterned speed horse game show at Crosby Arena, 122 Franson Road, Port Angeles. Phone Pam Crosby 360-670-3906.

■ Monday and July 5, 12, 19 and 26 and Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 — Horse Lover Club for Kids in Chimacum. Phone Paula Stingle at 360-710-5812.

■ July 3-4, 9 a.m. —

Patterned speed horse game show. Benefit for Princess Ady Crosby, who is competing for the queen's crown of the Interstate Games Competition between Washington and Oregon. The show will be at Crosby Arena, 122 Franson Road, Port Angeles. Phone Pam Crosby at 360-670-3906.

■ July 10-11 — Jefferson County Open/4-H Pre-Fair Horse Show Jefferson County Fairgrounds in Port Townsend. Performance classes start at 9 a.m. on July 10 and western games starts at 10 a.m. July 11. Classes are \$5 each for performance and \$4 each for gaming classes for entries postmarked by July 5. Additional \$1 fee per class for entries postmarked after July 5 and on day of show. High point prizes; concessions. Show forms available at feed stores and at the Washington State University Extension office in Port Hadlock. All are

welcome to participate or to watch. For more information or show forms, phone Betty Mysak at 360-379-6931.

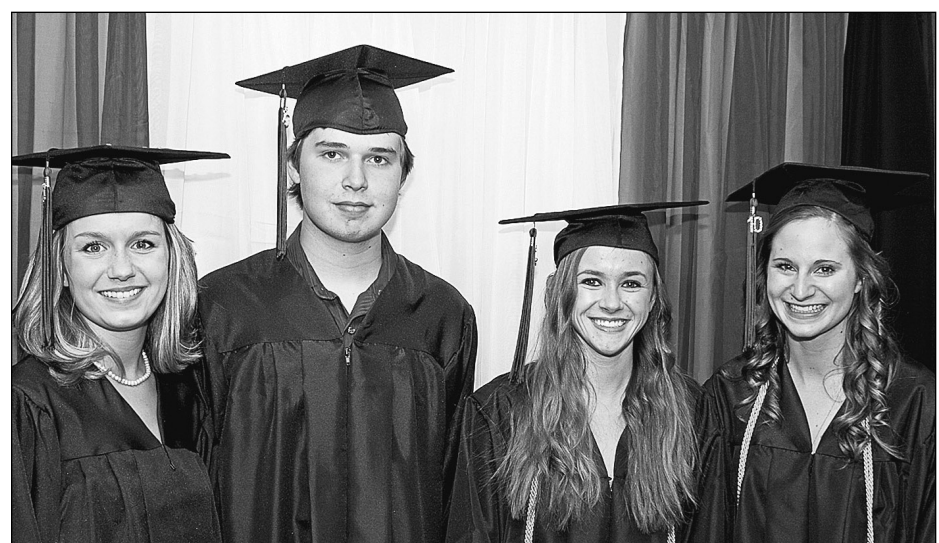
■ July 18 — 4-H pre-fair show at Clallam County Fairgrounds.

■ Backcountry Horsemen Peninsula Chapter meetings are on the fourth Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Clallam County Courthouse in Port Angeles. Phone Betsy Wyatt at 360-457-3102.

■ Cow sorting at 6 p.m. on Saturdays at Chimacum Saddlery & Tack, 1091 Chimacum Road, Port Hadlock. Phone Bethel Moore at 360-301-1547 or e-mail bambam@olypen.com.

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



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The Olympic Christian School Class of 2010, from left, includes Dailee Cooper, Sean Davison, Madelaine Keehn and valedictorian Alicia Aunspach.

Four graduate from OCS

PENINSULA DAILY NEWS

PORT ANGELES — Dailee Cooper, Sean Davison, Madelaine Keehn and class valedictorian Alicia Aunspach received their high school diplomas when Olympic Christian School held its Class of 2010 graduation ceremony.

The diplomas were presented by Olympic Christian School board member Ed

Brady and Principal Brian Clark.

Teacher Carol Peterson provided a prayer for the graduates and delivered a speech on moving forward and facing challenges.

Mike Jones, pastor of Independent Bible Church, addressed the graduates, and Aunspach delivered the valedictorian address.

Briefly ...

PA graduate awarded with scholarship

PORT ANGELES — Port Angeles High School graduate Breanna Graham has been named the recipient of the 2010 Darlene Marilugh Memorial Scholarship.

She received a \$2,000 award.

Graham will attend Peninsula College to complete prerequisites and plans to transfer to Pierce College to study dental hygiene.

She is the daughter of David and Sallie Graham of Port Angeles.

Math doctorate

PORT TOWNSEND — Chelsea Ann Weaver has been admitted to the doctoral program in mathematics at the University of California, Davis, and was awarded five years of funding to complete her degree.

She grew up in Port Townsend, attending the

optional education program called OPEPO and Loft School, and also was home-schooled.

She received an associate degree with President's Medalist honors from Peninsula College.

She received her Bachelor of Science in math and Bachelor of Arts in philosophy, cum laude, last June from the University of Washington.

She was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, the academic honor society.

4-H scholarships

PORT ANGELES — The Clallam County 4-H Leaders' Council has awarded scholarships to graduating seniors Alicia Aunspach, Jodi Chamberlin, Darian Rentas and Kendra Zellar.

Aunspach and Zellar will attend Peninsula College, Chamberlin will attend Pacific Lutheran University and Rentas will attend Montana State University.

Four-H'ers who are graduating from high school may apply for the scholarships each year.

Individual awards are based on the number of years of 4-H completed from eighth through 12th grade.

The total amount awarded is determined by the success of the annual Kiss the Pig contest sponsored by 4-H each summer.

Clallam County 4-H will hold its 10th annual Kiss the Pig Contest in mid July.

The council thanks local veterinarians who helped raise funds for these scholarships.

MSU graduates

BOZEMAN, Mont. — Montana State University recently awarded diplomas to North Olympic Peninsula residents at its 114th commencement ceremony at Brick Breeden Fieldhouse.

North Olympic Peninsula graduates are Hermenegildo Mbunga and Inga Sorensen of Port Angeles and Andrew Byl of Port Ludlow. Byl graduated with honors.

To qualify for graduation with honors, students must earn a cumulative grade-point average of 3.25 to 3.69.

UW drama degree

SEATTLE — Cadence Lee Weaver has graduated from the University of Washington with a Bachelor of Arts in drama.

Weaver grew up in Port Townsend, was enrolled in the optional education program called OPEPO, was home-schooled and obtained her associate degree from Peninsula College.

She recently had excerpts of her play, "The Vastly Dangerous Adventures of Prince Leafen'croup, a Fairy Tale," performed at the University of Washington School of Drama Senior Project Performance at the Penthouse Theater.

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