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SWITCH WILLO STABLES NEWSLETTER



HELLO NOVEMBER!

Thank you for being a member of our Switch Willo community! This November we are thankful for YOU. Read on to find out what's happening!

Left, L-R: Bea Carter, Lauren Slade and Kinsley Ruskin at Monster Mash

Below: Abby Dewan and I Have A Dream, "Flynn"

UPCOMING EVENTS

- NOVEMBER 1-5: HARVEST/KATY
- NOVEMBER 8-12: GREAT SOUTHWEST AUTUMN CLASSIC/KATY
- NOVEMBER 11-12: CTHJA FINAL SHOW/WILCO
- NOVEMBER 15-19: FINAL CHASE/KATY
- NOVEMBER 25-26: FINISH LINE GHHJA/KATY
- DECEMBER 7-10: CHRISTMAS SHOW/WACO



HALLOWEEN FUN!

Thank you to all who attended our Halloween Party on October 21st! We had over 100 guests, great food, lots of candy, and an AMAZING costume contest. Below are (clockwise from top L): First Place Prima Ballerina Soleil Fullinck and Brighton; Second Place Cruella Deville Isabel Sorenson and her dalmatians; Third Place Bumblebee Audriana Pearcey and her sunflower Mariah; Princess Hallie Cunningham and her unicorn Frito; Mahi Agarwal and Poco; Grim Reaper Jay Agarwal and Daisy.



HOLIDAY CHARITY

This year Switch Willo is supporting **Comfort for Christmas**. This local charity delivers brand new blankets to older adults in long term care facilities. The blankets are wrapped and labeled "you are loved." Here is a link to the website with information regarding blanket donation and delivery: <https://www.comfortforchristmas.com/get-involved>

Here are a few ways to get involved:

Donate brand new blankets. Wolf Creek Blanket is an Amazon store that offers affordable plush blankets. Collection spot for blankets is under the Christmas tree in the office of the Camp House.

Help wrap the blankets. We will organize gift wrapping parties at Switch Willo.

Deliver the blankets. We will assist with the delivery of the blankets to some of the long term care facilities.

Comfort for Christmas is truly a home grown local effort. Our own Emily York is the founder and Josh Natinsky provided the website design. All of us at Switch Willo are excited to be a part of this project! As soon as the gift wrapping parties are scheduled, we will share the dates and times.



IEA UPDATE

For student equestrians in grades 4-12, the Interscholastic Equestrian Association (IEA) introduces students to equestrian sports as a part of a team. The unique aspect of IEA competitions is that none of the riders supply their own horses or tack. Instead, the host team arranges for the horses and equipment. Riders draw the name of the horse they will ride and are not allowed to school the horse before showing. Since the horse is new to the rider, the scores are based upon horsemanship and equitation. The competition season starts August 1st and ends at the National Finals in late spring / early summer. We have an extremely active and successful team, Capital City Equestrian, which is led by head coach Lindsey Mortimer and assistant coach Kylie Wiggins.

Upper and Middle School Champions at October 7th show! Clockwise from top L: Back Row-Bella Pagel, Brie Cunningham, Maya Graziano, Elle Locke, Kylie Wiggins, Soleil Fullinck, Lindsey Mortimer, Front Row-Abi Cunningham, Katherine Siemes, Addison Ozura, Louise Boon, Emma Williams, Sophia Robidart; Kylie Wiggins, Lindsey Mortimer, Soleil Fullinck and Katherine Siemes; Chloe O'Connell and Soleil Fullinck; Back Row-Louise Boon, Kylie Wiggins, Zephyr Smith, Elle Locke, Brie Cunningham, Sophia Robidart, Lindsey Mortimer, Reese Wilson, Isabel Sorenson, Front Row-Abi Cunningham and Natalie York.



SWITCH WILLO HAD A GREAT TIME AT THE GREAT SOUTHWEST FALL CLASSIC, CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR RIDERS!

Clockwise from top L: Patience Reading and Sydney Beaumont, 3rd in \$1500 Jr/NonPro Derby; Michelle Simmons with Izzy Branc and Calinus 4, "George", First in the \$1500 Jr/NonPro Derby; Abby Dewan and Flynn x2, first photo w Eighth in \$5000 National Derby and second with tricolors; Catherine Moorhead on Cartano K, "Arthur"; Kirk Berlin with Catherine Moorhead and Bruno's Bellini R, "Bruno", after winning Second Place ribbon in the \$5000 National Derby.



CONGRATULATIONS TO SWS RIDERS WHO HAD FUN AND SUCCESS AT MONSTER MASH!

Clockwise from top L: Anne Carter, Bea Carter, Lori Dewan, Abby Dewan, Izzy Branc, Allie Eikenhorst, Liz Cunningham, Julie Branc, Lauren Buettner, TJ Arnold, Molly Slade, Joy Simonton; Magnolia Hance on Darco's Blue Belle, "Belle"; Kinsley Ruskin on Abazu BSM, "Flash" with Kirk Berlin; Lydia Vine on Chikako Z, "Chiko"; Joy Simonton on Chiko; Cecelia Lynch and Da'czil SCF, "Dazzle".



NOVEMBER PHOTO GALLERY

Clockwise from top L: Lindsey Mortimer and IEA riders; Abi Cunningham and Happy; Dean Pearcey and Mason; Kinsley Ruskin and Flash; Bea Carter, Allie Eickenhorst, Abby Dewan, Izzy Branc, Kinsley Ruskin; Emily Carollo and Ken; Izzy Branc, Allie Eickenhorst, Abby Dewan, Michelle Simmons and Lori Dewan.



2023 Local Horse Show Schedule

March 11-12	Mo Daze – Britania GHHJA	GSEC
April 15-16	Trinity Hill CTHJA	Wilco Expo Center
April 22	Bit by Bit TSSA	Bit by Bit Farm
May 6-7	Trinity Hill CTHJA	Wilco Expo Center
May 20	Box T TSSA	Salado
June 3-4	Classic Horse Show GHHJA	GSEC
July 7-9	Summer Circuit CTHJA	WilCo Expo Center
July 21-23	Summer Circuit CTHJA	WilCo Expo Center
August 4-6	Summer Circuit CTHJA	WilCo Expo Center
September 16	Bit by Bit TSSA	Bit by Bit Farm
October 28-29	Halloween GHHJA	Pine Hilll
November 11-12	CTHJA Final Show	WilCo Expo Center
November 18	Box T TSSA	Salado
November 25-26	Finish Line GHHJA	GSEC

2023 USEF Horse Show Schedule

December 8 – 11	Thanksgiving Show	Waco, TX
January 19 – 22	Blue Ribbon Winter	Waco, TX
March 15 – 19	WEC Winter Spectacular XI	Ocala, FL
March 22 – 26	WEC Winter Spectacular XII	Ocala, FL
April 4 – April 8	Pin Oak Charity Horse Show II	Katy, TX
April 12 - 16	Pin Oak Charity Horse Show III	Katy, TX
May 3 - 7	Great Southwest Round Up	Katy, TX
May 10 - 14	Fiesta Classic	Katy, TX
June 15-18	Blue Ribbon Summer Festival I	Waco, TX
June 22-25	Blue Ribbon Summer Festival II	Waco, TX
July 26 – 30	Ocala Summer Series Week 8	Ocala, FL
August 2 – 6	Ocala Summer Series Week 9	Ocala, FL
September 20 - 24	Southwest Showdown	Katy, TX
Sept 28 – Oct 1	GSEC Fall Classic	Katy, TX
October 19 - 22	Monster Mash	Katy, TX
November 8 - 12	Great Southwest Autumn Classic	Katy, TX
November 15-19	Final Chase	Katy, TX