



WEEKLY WIRE

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PBIEC Week 4 Upcoming Events:

AMERICAN EQUESTRIANS GOT TALENT

The American Equestrians Got Talent Auditions continue on Wednesday, February 3, at 7:30 p.m. at the White Horse Fashion Cuisine. The event is open to the public. Each week's audition and the Finale will be live streamed on The Chronicle of the Horse, which is brought to you by Equestrian Sport Productions, LLC. Every week the winner is chosen by audience applause and receives \$1,000 prize money. Didn't win? Come back the following week and try again! For auditions, please email rdover2@aol.com to sign up. For table reservations at White Horse Fashion Cuisine, please call 561-847-4549. The AEGT Finale is on March 20 with a \$10,000 grand prize!

LUNCH & LEARN SERIES

On Thursday, February 4, the Lunch & Learn Series will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Wellington Club. This informational and educational series has a variety of subjects for horsemen and women to learn more for their horses. Admission is free for riders, trainers, and owners, while all others are \$25. Register at the door for a chance to win exciting prizes. The season finale door prize includes a custom trunk provided by Clever Jumps & Trunks and TherePlate. The subject for WEF 4 is "Regenerative Medicine for Humans and Horses" with Charles S. Theofanis, MD PA and Dr. Bruce R. Coren, DVM MS, sponsored by The Spine Center and DiWave Laser Systems. Contact Laura Bostwick at 561-784-1130 or laura@equestriansport.com for more information.

ASHEVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT WELLINGTON EVENTING SHOWCASE, PRESENTED BY WELLINGTON EQUESTRIAN REALTY

The Asheville Regional Airport Wellington Eventing Showcase, presented by Wellington Equestrian Realty will be held at The Stadium at PBIEC on February 5-6 with dressage on Friday starting at 8:30 a.m. followed by stadium jumping (10:30 a.m.) and cross-country (1 p.m.) on Saturday. Approximately 23 top Eventing riders representing the USA, Australia, Canada, and New Zealand are expected to attend this Advanced level competition. VIP tables, which include lunch buffet and drinks each day, are available for the event for prime viewing of both the dressage and stadium jumping arena as well as the cross-country course. Please contact Shelley Spielman for details and order forms at sspielman@gmail.com. Visit www.PBIEC.com for more information!

EVENTING RIDERS AUTOGRAPH SIGNING SESSION

Immediately following the end of the Asheville Regional Airport Wellington Eventing Showcase, presented by

Wellington Equestrian Realty, on Saturday, February 6, there will be an autograph signing session with all of your favorite eventers! It will be held in the tent overlooking the Global International Arena in Vendor Row. Meet the top riders and get your poster or program signed.

ARTISAN FARMS UNDER 25 GRAND PRIX SERIES

The popular Artisan Farms Under 25 Grand Prix Series, presented by The Dutta Corp. in association with Guido Klatte, will hold their Team Event, presented by The McNeerney Family, on Friday, February 5, at 4 p.m. in the Global International Arena at The Stadium at PBIEC (AGDF show grounds). Watch some of the best young talent in the world compete in this seven-event series for \$170,000 in prize money and experience in FEI international competition.

ARTISAN FARMS UNDER 25 GRAND PRIX SERIES ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Riders in the Artisan Farms Under 25 Grand Prix Series should attend the first meeting in their Athlete Development Program on Friday, February 5, at 12 p.m. in The Wellington Club. The agenda includes talks given by Michael Stone of Equestrian Sport Productions, Kelly Molinari of Equiline, DiAnn Langer and Lizzie Chesson of the USEF, and Olympic gold medalist Laura Kraut.

GREAT CHARITY CHALLENGE, PRESENTED BY FIDELITY INVESTMENTS®

Heading into its seventh annual event, the Great Charity Challenge, presented by Fidelity Investments® (GCC), will be returning to Wellington on Saturday, February 6. The team competition, held each year at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center (PBIEC), has distributed more than \$75 million to over 150 non-profits in Palm Beach County over the last six years. This family-friendly event offers free general admission and will feature this year's "Fairy Tale" theme. Thirty-four of these lucky charities will depend on their Fairy Godmothers to receive a share of the \$1.5 million dollar purse. All children are invited to attend dressed as their favorite Fairy Tale characters. For the latest event information and application guidelines, please visit: www.GreatCharityChallenge.com and follow us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/greatcharitychallenge.

\$216,000 ARIAT® GRAND PRIX CSI 4*

The top riders will compete at The Stadium at PBIEC (AGDF show grounds) on Sunday, February 7, at 2 p.m. The change of scenery for horses and riders always makes for an exciting grand prix competition, so come join and watch on a beautiful Sunday afternoon!

SAVE THE DATE! PBIEC WEEKS 5 & 6 UPCOMING EVENTS

AWARENESS EVENT FOR BLACK MARKET HORSEMEAT

A special event to raise awareness about the black market for horsemeat will be held on Tuesday, February 9, at 3:30 p.m. in The Wellington Club. Hosted by Centennial Farm's Debbie Stephens and The Animal Recovery Mission's Richard Couto, the meeting is to learn how to keep horses protected against the black market horsemeat trade.

ANN ROMNEY BOOK SIGNING

Bestselling author and former First Lady of Massachusetts, Ann Romney, opens up for the first time detailing her battle with Multiple Sclerosis (MS), her faith, and finding joy. Within "IN THIS TOGETHER: My Story," Romney discusses her diagnosis with Multiple Sclerosis in the mid-1990s and how important equine therapy was to her recovery. Romney is well known in the equestrian community, largely in part to her ownership of Olympic dressage star Rafaela, who competed with rider Jan Ebeling for many years. Mrs. Romney will host a book signing on the evening of Friday, February 12, from 6-7 p.m. in the Global Pavilion at The Stadium at PBIEC (AGDF show grounds). "IN THIS TOGETHER: My Story" will be available for purchase at the WEF Boutique on the WEF and AGDF show grounds.

KELLY KLEIN BOOK SIGNING

Come celebrate Kelly Klein's new book, "Photographs By Kelly Klein" at a book signing on Saturday, February 13, from 6-8 p.m. at the International Club Lobby. Everyone is welcome to attend and copies of the book will be available for purchase at the WEF Boutique.

COUNTY SPECIAL OLYMPICS

This is the preliminary event for riders to begin their campaign to compete at the Regional and State Special Olympic Games. Vinceremos Therapeutic Riding Center will mount 40 riders at this event, and they will compete in two of the following divisions: Dressage, English or Western Equitation, Trail or Pole Bending. The County Special Olympics are on Saturday, February 13, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Van Kampen Covered Arena at The Stadium at PBIEC. Anyone interested in volunteering or judging, please contact Ruth Menor at 561-792-9900.

LUNCHEON TO BENEFIT THE EQUESTRIAN SPECIAL OLYMPICS

A luncheon to benefit equestrians for the Special Olympics will be held on Sunday, February 14, at 12 p.m. in The Wellington Club. For more information please call Romy Tschudi at 954.643.8678.

8TH ANNUAL LIP SYNC BENEFITING DANNY & RON'S RESCUE

Returning for the 8th year at PBIEC, the Danny & Ron's Rescue Lip Sync is a highlight for

equestrian children and their families. Tickets and tables are now on sale for the event, held Sunday, February 14, in the Special Events Pavilion. Started by Event Chairwoman Kim Kolloff, the Lip Sync is intended to foster a sense of philanthropy and altruism in children and provide a kid-friendly event that is truly one of a kind. Guest star judge and performer, Gloria Gaynor, best known for her performance of "I Will Survive" is interrupting her European tour and donating her time to help raise funds for the rescue. Looking to enter a performance, please contact Kim Kolloff: kimkolloff@aol.com or 978-273-6475. Limited tables and seating available, please visit: <http://www.dannyandronsrescue.com/811.aspx>. For more event information, please call Anne Caroline at 727-678-8677 or drilpsync@gmail.com.

PLAN AHEAD FOR WEEK SIX: RIDE & LEARN WITH HEATHER CARISTO-WILLIAMS

The Ride & Learn Series will take place each Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. during WEF. Each week will feature a mounted riding clinic instructed by highly esteemed industry professionals and will be held in various venues and arenas at PBIEC. Week 6 features top show jumper Heather Caristo-Williams at the Van Kampen Covered Arena at The Stadium at PBIEC (AGDF show grounds) on Tuesday, February 16. Participation to ride in the clinic is \$100 per horse/rider per clinic, with a maximum of 12 horses, so sign up today! Auditing is Free. For more information or to sign up for a clinic, please contact Jessica Nichols at 561-784-4275 or jnichols@equestriansport.com.

NUTRENA OPEN FORUM AND Q&A SESSION WITH EQUINE NUTRITIONIST RUSSELL MUELLER

Nutrena and Progressive Nutrition present an Open Forum and Q & A Session with Equine Nutritionist Russell Mueller on Friday, February 19, from 4:30-7 p.m. at the Hospitality Tent on Vendor Deck at The Stadium at PBIEC (AGDF show grounds). Prior to \$130,000 Grand Prix CSI 3*. RSVP is kindly appreciated for planning purposes, please email: kbiasus@equestriansport.com.

HARRY AND SNOWMAN ADVANCE CHARITY FILM SCREENING TO BENEFIT EQUESTRIAN AID FOUNDATION

The Harry and Snowman advance charity film screening will take place on Sunday, February 21, at The Stadium at PBIEC (AGDF show grounds) at 13500 South Shore Blvd. The money raised will go to support the Equestrian Aid Foundation's mission to help equestrian professionals in their time of need. Guests will enjoy a variety of picnic style food trucks, popcorn, ice cream and cocktails while experiencing Harry de Leyer's Cinderella story. Harry and Snowman is a feature length documentary about international show jumping rider Harry de Leyer and his horse Snowman. For more information or to order tickets, please visit <https://harriandsnowman.eventbrite.com>.

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