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## Hunter Sharp wins two championship titles again at the Suwannee River Fair



Brooke Batey (left) won Grand Champion in Beginner Walk and Trot and Elexis Pinkard won Reserve Champion. Both are members of the Bridle Brigade 4-H Club of Levy County.



Hunter Sharp (left) won Grand Champion Performance in the Junior Division and Aari Grant won Reserve Champion in Performance.

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**Hunter Sharp (left) won Grand Champion Speed in the Junior Division and Jacy Roux won Reserve Champion Speed.**



**Madison Baynard (left) won Grand Champion Speed in the Senior Division and Carson Hardee won Reserve Champion Speed.**

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**Burlyne Mejeris (left) won Grand Champion Performance in the Senior Division and Madison Baynard won Reserve Champion Performance.**



**Jacy Roux rounds the corner in barrels competition.**

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Reese Solowski, 9, takes a sharp corner as she looks ahead to the remainder of the course.



Horse Show Judge Rebecca Ten Broeck evaluates a group of Junior Division riders in Performance.

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**Olivia Kofmehl, 12, of Citrus County shows off a saddle horn of ribbons for her performances in the horse show. She belongs to the Outdoors Adventure 4-H Club in Morriston.**

## **Story and Photos**

**By Terry Witt**

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**FANNING SPRINGS --** The annual Suwannee River Fair Horse Show produced plenty of champions Saturday (March 11), and 12-year-old Hunter Sharp was a double champion for the second consecutive year, winning Grand Champion in Speed and Grand Champion in Performance both years in the Junior Division.

Sharp said he began riding horses when he was just 1 year old. His mother and father, Donna Quincey and Bud Sharp, taught him everything he knows about the sport, he said.

The Chiefland Elementary School sixth grader gave his 18-year-old horse King credit for winning the four championships.

“He’s an all-around good horse. He had my back in many situations,” Hunter said.

When asked whether King sometimes takes charge if he isn’t doing the right thing in competition, Hunter said they work together.

“It definitely takes teamwork,” Hunter said. “Sometimes he corrects me. Sometimes I correct him. It’s all a matter of teamwork.”

Hunter’s mother said King isn’t good at any one thing.

“He’s good at a lot of things,” Donna Quincey said, including napping. King appeared to be drowsing off at one point between competitions.

Hunter is very active in FFA and loves to participate in public speaking. He is dreaming of the future. He plans to attend the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, and then he will begin serving in the Navy for six years. His ultimate goal is to fly with the Blue Angels. After the military, he wants to fly in the private sector.

His mother Donna has operated a summer horse camp for many years outside Chiefland – down the street from the Levy County Quilt Museum.

Hunter, a straight-A student who flies with his stepfather Don Quincey, a Chiefland pilot and

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cattleman, loves flying and plans to become a pilot at the age 15. The 12-year-old said he plans to obtain his license to fly solo by the age of 16.

“It all started when he was 3 years old; he started talking about wanting to fly,” Donna said.

Hunter added it started with a little book his mother read to him.

“He’s goal-oriented and he will do it; there’s no doubt in my mind,” she said. “This kid’s got it together. I’m not bragging, but he’s phenomenal.”

Hunter does take time for recreation. He loves hunting deer. He hunts dove, too.

“Anything outdoors I’ll try once,” he said.