



**2013
ARBA CONVENTION
YOUTH CONTEST
RESULTS**

National Shirt Design Contest

National Winners

| | <u>Volunteer</u> | <u>Participant</u> |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| National Winner | JORDAN FURER - OH | BRIDGET SULLIVAN - FL |
| National 2nd Place | ANGELA PENTERMAN - WI | KAYCEE BAIRD - IN |
| National 3rd Place | ELLA BREITENFELDT - WI | CORI ACKERMAN - FL |
| National 4th Place | ERIN L DRAKE - NJ | CAITLYNE SPEES - OH |
| National 5th Place | CARL ELMORE - IN | TIFFANY GERST - FL |

Educational Contest

Class Winners with National Winners in Bold Italics

| | <u>Junior</u> | <u>Intermediate</u> | <u>Senior</u> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Art | | | |
| Drawing | KAITLIN N BURNS - IN | GARRETT BOELENS - NY | <i>HAILEY BOELENS - NY</i> |
| Painting | CAMI LOWERY - OH | SYDNEY TURNER - PA | KATYA IVANOVSKI - PA |
| Sculpture or Carving | MARY HUNTER - KY | CHRISTOPHER ROMAN - NY | None Shown |
| Crafts | | | |
| Any Other Craft | JOEY UDOVICH - MD | HANNAH POCOCK - SC | <i>RAVEN DURHAM - IN</i> |
| Ceramics or Pottery | AIDAN DOUGLAS - MD | EMILY ELIZABETH ZIMMER - IN | HANNAH DURHAM - IN |
| Clothing | BETHANY FINK - SC | OLIVIA DUNN - KY | None Shown |
| Handmade Jewelry | MARY HUNTER - KY | EMILY MACAK - IN | HANNAH SIEN - MD |
| Needlework | None Shown | KRISTEN HEISCH - TX | ANGELA PENTERMAN - WI |
| Puppet or Stuffed Animal | DJ LAWYER - FL | STEPHANIE R BURNS - WY | HANNAH SIEN - MD |
| Stenciled Item | ROBERT BJ JONES - IA | CASSANDRA BRUSTKERN - IA | None Shown |
| Wearable Art | ROBERT BJ JONES - IA | BEN VOORHEES - CA | None Shown |
| Creative Writing | | | |
| Poem | JOEY UDOVICH - MD | GILLIAN LETSON - PA | HANNAH KING - OK |
| Short Story | ALYSE THOMAS MURDOCK - NY | KATIE KIRK - OH | <i>HANNAH FOSTER - OH</i> |
| Educational Exhibit | | | |
| Display | ANDREW SEDLETZECK - IN | BROOKLYNN SALO - WY | JORDAN FURER - OH |
| Game | JOEY UDOVICH - MD | JARAKAH PADGETT - IN | KINSEY HOOGENBOOM - IN |
| Poster | KAITLIN N BURNS - IN | <i>EMILY MACAK - IN</i> | BREINNE MUDRACK - IN |
| Photography | | | |
| Photo Series | IAN ENGLING - WY | SHIRLANN HARMON - PA | ARIANA FRANCHI - PA |
| Single Photo - BW | REBECCA BIGGS - KY | CAITLYNE SPEES - OH | <i>BRYCE DUBOIS - NJ</i> |
| Single Photo - Color | WILLIAM BRAMBLE III - NJ | CAITLYNE SPEES - OH | VICTORIA BUCKNER - TX |
| Woodworking and Metalworking | | | |
| Decorative | ROBERT BJ JONES - IA | <i>JARRETT KEYS - MD</i> | ANDREW KISSINGER - NY |
| Rabbit or Cavy Equipment | JACOB BELL - PA | STEVEN M JOHNSON JR - IN | HANNAH KING - OK |

Achievement Contest

District Winners

| | <u>Junior</u> | <u>Intermediate</u> | <u>Senior</u> |
|-------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| District 1 | KAITLIN SMITH - WA | LOLA MELENDEZ - OR | AUTUMN DENNISTOUN - WA |
| District 2 | LENA MAGEE - CA | BEN VOORHEES - CA | REBECCA SCHWARTZ - CA |
| District 3 | JOSIAH WESTERCAMP - IA | JOY WESTERCAMP - IA | NICHOLE WILSON - WI |
| District 4 | SOFIA DELISA - TX | LIANA DORN - TX | ANNIE DAVIS - OK |
| District 5 | EMILEE DELGADO - KS | KALEIGH SALZMAN - KS | ANNETTE TRIEB - KS |
| District 6 | PIEPER JAEHN - FL | TIFFANY UNDESTAD - FL | GREGORY THOMAS SHOEMAKER - FL |
| District 7 | ELLA GREY AUGÉ - NY | MELANIE LYONS - NY | NICOLE SILVA - MA |
| District 8 | KAYCEE BAIRD - IN | CALEB TAULBEE - OH | LUKE E KLEILEIN - OH |
| District 9 | ISAAC BELL - PA | MADISON R SHAW - PA | MATTHEW BISHOP - PA |

National Winners

| | <u>Intermediate</u> | <u>Junior</u> | <u>Senior</u> |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| National Winner | CALEB TAULBEE - OH | KAYCEE BAIRD - IN | AUTUMN DENNISTOUN - WA |
| National 1st Runner-up | MELANIE LYONS - NY | KAITLIN SMITH - WA | LUKE E KLEILEIN - OH |
| National 2nd Runner-up | HAILEY OLGER - MI | CAMI LOWERY - OH | MIRANDA TOLSMA - MI |
| National 3rd Runner-up | BEN VOORHEES - CA | PRESLEY DEWALD - WA | |
| National 4th Runner-up | HANNAH HENRY - OH | EMILEE DELGADO - KS | GWEN BRUNELLE - ID |

Managment Contest

District Winners

| | <u>Cavy</u> | <u>Limited</u> | <u>Average</u> | <u>Unlimited</u> |
|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| District 1 | ALYSSA WELTER - OR | PRESLEY DEWALD - WA | KAITLIN SMITH - WA | AUTUMN DENNISTOUN - WA |
| District 2 | | BAILEY WALVOORD - CA | COLTON PINSON - CA | BEN VOORHEES - CA |
| District 3 | CASSANDRA BRUSTKERN - IA | | ANGELA PENTERMAN - WI | ERIC BREITENFELDT - WI |
| District 4 | | VICTORIA BUCKNER - TX | JESSICA DORN - TX | HANNAH KING - OK |
| District 5 | | KALEIGH SALZMAN - KS | JACOB DAILEY - KS | TRISTEN STONER - KS |
| District 6 | | PIEPER JAEHN - FL | TIFFANY UNDESTAD - FL | GREGORY THOMAS SHOEMAKER - FL |
| District 7 | ELIZABETH FREY - NY | NICOLE SILVA - MA | JAMES W AMELS - NY | MELANIE LYONS - NY |
| District 8 | REBECCA LILLY - IN | MARA FRANCE - OH | CALEB TAULBEE - OH | HAILEY OLGER - MI |
| District 9 | KATRINA YODER - MD | JESSICA T DEITRICH - DE | MADISON R SHAW - PA | LAUREN TURNER - PA |

National Winners

| | <u>Cavy</u> | <u>Limited</u> | <u>Average</u> | <u>Unlimited</u> |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| National Winner | ALYSSA WELTER - OR | PRESLEY DEWALD - WA | CALEB TAULBEE - OH | BEN VOORHEES - CA |
| National 1st Runner-up | ASHLEY MAHAFFEY - WA | NICOLE SILVA - MA | COLTON PINSON - CA | HAILEY OLGER - MI |
| National 2nd Runner-up | KATRINA YODER - MD | ADRIANA SMITH - MA | KYRA CLARK - OH | ERIC BREITENFELDT - WI |
| National 3rd Runner-up | CASSANDRA BRUSTKERN - IA | KALEIGH SALZMAN - KS | KAITLIN SMITH - WA | LAUREN TURNER - PA |
| National 4th Runner-up | SAMANTHA MART - PA | JESSICA T DEITRICH - DE | MADISON R SHAW - PA | LUKE E KLEILEIN - OH |

National Breed Identification Contest

National Winners

| | <u>Junior</u> | <u>Intermediate</u> | <u>Senior</u> |
|--|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| National Winner | CHEYENNE GREEN - KS | BRYCE COTTERINO - MD | AUTUMN DENNISTOUN - WA |
| National 1st Runner-up | JACOB BELL - PA | PJ HEUSTED - WA | MIRANDA TOLSMA - MI |
| National 2nd Runner-up | CAMI LOWERY - OH | MELANIE LYONS - NY | ADAM SCHULLER - OH |
| National 3rd Runner-up | KAYCEE BAIRD - IN | ASHLEY MAHAFFEY - WA | HANNAH FOSTER - OH |
| National 4th Runner-up | PRESLEY DEWALD - WA | TIFFANY GERST - FL | KELSI RAMOS - WA |

National Team Breed Identification Contest

National Winners

| | <u>Junior ID Team</u> | <u>Intermediate ID Team</u> | <u>Senior ID Team</u> |
|---|---|--|---|
| National Winner | <u>JUNIOR BUCKEYE BUDDIES</u> ELISE SILIPINI MADISON NIEMEYER CAMI LOWERY CRISTYL R FOX | <u>INT BUNNY BUSTERS</u> SIERRA TRIPP CHRISTIAN RENNER KYRA CLARK CASSIDY VANDERVEER | <u>TEAM DYNAMITE</u> HARLEY SERRES HANNAH FOSTER ADAM SCHULLER MIKAYLA RUSSELL |
| National 2nd Place Team | <u>PA BLUE JUNIORS</u> ISAAC BELL JACOB BELL LAUREN TURNER CALEB BELL | <u>WASHINGTON INT BREED ID</u> PJ HEUSTED ASHLEY MAHAFFEY BRYNN PRICE GRETHE STEENSGAARD | <u>WASHINGTON SENIOR BREED ID TEAM</u> KELSI RAMOS RAINI BISSON AUTUMN DENNISTOUN SHAY STENCHEVER |
| National 3rd Place Team | <u>KANSAS JUNIOR TEAM</u> EMMA JOHNSON CHEYENNE GREEN ERIN JOHNSON EMILEE DELGADO | <u>MARYLAND INT. RED</u> HANNAH BAKER MATTHEW HULETT BRYCE COTTERINO EMILY FRANK | <u>SR MICHIGAN A</u> TAYLOR TIMKO MIRANDA TOLSMA TAYLOR USAKOWSKI MCKENNA LYNCH |

National Individual Contests

National Winners

| | <u>Junior Showmanship</u> | <u>Intermediate Judging</u> | <u>Senior Judging</u> |
|--|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| National Winner | CAMI LOWERY - OH | THERESA AUSTIN - MI | JESSICA COTTER - WI |
| National 1st Runner-up | PIPER PHILLIPS - IN | JESSICA RAAB - PA | SARAH RAGER - PA |
| National 2nd Runner-up | ERIN JOHNSON - KS | ELIZABETH FREY - NY | AMY DONNA BITTTLER - MD |
| National 3rd Runner-up | KATRINA YODER - MD | GARRETT BOELENS - NY | RENEE SUZICH - MD |
| National 4th Runner-up | JACOB BELL - PA | OLIVIA COUCH - NJ | KATELYN SILTANEN - MN |

National Team Quizbowl and Team Judging Contests

National Winners

| | <u>Junior Quizbowl Team</u> | <u>Intermediate Judging Team</u> | <u>Senior Judging Team</u> |
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| National Winner | <u>IOWA</u> NEHEMIAH WESTERCAMP JOSIAH WESTERCAMP ROBERT BJ JONES SELAH GALKOWSKI SARAH GALKOWSKI | <u>NJ INTERMEDIATE JUDGING</u> ERIN L DRAKE OLIVIA COUCH MIKAYLA COUCH RACHEL WITTEL | <u>D9 SENIOR JUDGING</u> FRANCESCA REILLY SARAH RAGER KATRINA PRZYBYLOWSKI ELIZABETH WILTSHIRE |
| National 2nd Place Team | <u>KANSAS JUNIOR TEAM</u> ERIN JOHNSON DANIKA BERENS CHEYENNE GREEN EMMA JOHNSON EMILEE DELGADO | <u>D9 INTERMEDIATE JUDGING</u> JESSICA T DEITRICH SHIRLANN HARMON MICHAELA HOFFMAN SYDNEY TURNER | <u>DISTRICT8 SR</u> KYNDAL HUEY MICHAELA ROCK MIRANDA TOLSMA JORDAN FURER |
| National 3rd Place Team | <u>D 1 QUIZBOWL</u> ZANE MARTIN KIRA KNOX JESSIE-LAUREN FOSTER MACKENZIE MUHSMAN PRESLEY DEWALD IAN ENGLING | <u>INDIANA INT</u> CHLOE WALL KIRSTEN MORRIS EMILY ELIZABETH ZIMMER NICHOLAS LILLY | <u>MICHIGAN SR</u> TAYLOR USAKOWSKI TARA WILSON TAYLOR TIMKO MCKENNA LYNCH |

National Royalty Contests

2013 ARBA Lord

- 1st Runner-up Lord
- 2nd Runner-up Lord
- 3rd Runner-up Lord
- 4th Runner-up Lord

ISAAC BELL - PA

- CALEB BELL - PA
- NEHEMIAH WESTERCAMP - IA
- ELI BELL - PA
- JACKSON HENRY - OH

2013 ARBA Lady

- 1st Runner-up Lady
- 2nd Runner-up Lady
- 3rd Runner-up Lady
- 4th Runner-up Lady

DANIKA BERENS - KS

- ALEXIS MISKELLY - MD
- EMMA JOHNSON - KS
- EMELIA PEREZ - MI
- ELLA GREY AUGER - NY

2013 ARBA Prince

- 1st Runner-up Prince
- 2nd Runner-up Prince
- 3rd Runner-up Prince
- 4th Runner-up Prince

JACOB BELL - PA

- JOSIAH WESTERCAMP - IA
- CODY MORRIS - IN
- JOEY UDOVICH - MD
- DJ LAWYER - FL

2013 ARBA Princess

- 1st Runner-up Princess
- 2nd Runner-up Princess
- 3rd Runner-up Princess
- 4th Runner-up Princess

PRESLEY DEWALD - WA

- CAMI LOWERY - OH
- KAYCEE BAIRD - IN
- CHEYENNE GREEN - KS
- ERIN JOHNSON - KS

2013 ARBA Duke

- 1st Runner-up Duke
- 2nd Runner-up Duke
- 3rd Runner-up Duke
- 4th Runner-up Duke

CHRISTIAN RENNER - OH

- BEN VOORHEES - CA
- DALE MIZE III - MI
- DYLAN WHITMER - IN
- ZACHARY LUDWIG - NY

2013 ARBA Duchess

- 1st Runner-up Duchess
- 2nd Runner-up Duchess
- 3rd Runner-up Duchess
- 4th Runner-up Duchess

MELANIE LYONS - NY

- JOY WESTERCAMP - IA
- KYRA CLARK - OH
- CAITLIN MCCABE - OR
- TIFFANY GERST - FL

2013 ARBA King

- 1st Runner-up King
- 2nd Runner-up King
- 3rd Runner-up King
- 4th Runner-up King

MATTHEW BISHOP - PA

- CAMERON JONES - PA
- LUKE E KLEILEIN - OH
- GREGORY THOMAS SHOEMAKER - FL
- JACOB DAILEY - KS

2013 ARBA Queen

- 1st Runner-up Queen
- 2nd Runner-up Queen
- 3rd Runner-up Queen
- 4th Runner-up Queen

MIRANDA TOLSMA - MI

- AUTUMN DENNISTOUN - WA
- KELSI RAMOS - WA
- KATHERINE WIST - KS
- NICHOLE WILSON - WI



Hi! My name is Isaac Bell. I live in Elliottsburg, PA. I am eight years old and am in fourth grade in my homeschool that we call the Bell Academy. I have four brothers, one who is my twin, and one little sister. I am number three in line out of the six of us. It is really fun being the Lord for the American Rabbit Breeders Association so thank you for letting me.

I am involved with the Fur and Feathers 4-H Club in Dauphin County, PA. Mrs. Lori Jo is my leader. I am also in the Hoppin' Habbits youth club where I am a director. My brothers, sister, and I raise black, broken, and chocolate Havanas and White New Zealands. We also raise red and golden agouti American cavies. I show my Havanas and New Zealands and like to do showmanship with them. I help at shows by watching rabbits and cavies that are put on the table. I also help by writing for judges at shows. I like to help

with whatever I can at all shows and fairs that I go to. My mom is a rabbit judge and I like to go to shows whenever I can with her. I am the 2013 Pennsylvania State Rabbit Breeders Association Lord. I have helped my mom and other friends set-up and tear down shows and fairs.

Besides our rabbits, I raise Nigerian Dwarf goats. I like feeding, watering, and haying my goats and cleaning out their pens. I also like to play with my goats. Last spring I watched the birth of one of our goats. It was cool to see a goat give birth to a baby. I also have 2 hooded rats named Moose and Franklin. I like to play with them and put them on my shoulders and head.

Besides playing with animals, I like to ride scooters and bikes with my brothers. I like to fly in our family's Taylorcraft whenever I can. I would like to be a pilot someday and would like to live close to my mom and dad so that I can fly with them. When I grow up, I would like to be a baseball player. I would like to be a rabbit judge because I like to raise rabbits.

Hi! My name is Danika Berens. I am so excited to be the 2013 ARBA Lady. I am a second grader at Oaklawn Elementary. I have worked real hard to do good in my rabbit project. I want to thank my daddy, my mommy, and my bubba Tyler, they always help me. I want to thank Briony Barnes and my rabbit family for helping me learn lots about rabbits, and plus they helped my whole family when a tornado took all our stuff. Me and my bubby raise Havana, Dutch, French Lops, and Himalayans. My favorite is the Havanas, because I like to cuddle with them. I like to spend time with my rabbits, go to rabbit shows, ride horses, ride my bike and play with my friends. When I grow up I want to still show rabbits and maybe even be a judge like Briony. I also want to be a cowgirl.

RABBIT FAMILIES ARE THE BEST!!!!



Hi, my name is Jacob Thomas Bell. I have just recently moved to Elliottsburg, PA. I am 11 years old and am in 6th grade in my homeschool curriculum. I am the oldest of 5 boys and 1 girl. My mother and father are Ruth-Ann and Brian Bell. My mom is a licensed ARBA judge. My mother and father both run the Pennsylvania State Rabbit Breeders Association in Lebanon, PA every February. My parents were some of the highest people helping to run the past convention in Harrisburg, PA. I love rabbits and cavies and I love to learn about them.

I raise black, broken, and chocolate Havanas and New Zealand white rabbits. I also raise golden agouti and red American cavies. I am involved with the Fur and Feathers 4-H club in Dauphin County, PA. I am the 2013 Pennsylvania State Rabbit Breeders

Association Prince.

I like to fly in my family's 1946 Taylorcraft BC-12D. I also like to fly in gliders with my mom. I love to play with my cat. My cat's name is Aeronca who is named after a type of airplane. We have five Nigerian Dwarf goats. We also two rats named Moose and Franklin. I hope to have chickens and pigs before the end of the year.

I want to be a rabbit judge, a rabbit and cavy veterinarian and a pilot when I grow up. I want to be a rabbit and cavy veterinarian because my mom is a vet tech and I love animals, especially rabbits and cavies. I want to be a pilot because I have been flying since I was born, my mom and dad are pilots, and I love to fly. I want to be a rabbit judge because my mom is a judge and I like learning about different breeds and meeting new people.

I love to go to rabbit and cavy shows because I like to learn, talk, and meet new people. I enjoy teaching people about showmanship and rabbits and cavies. Thank you for letting me be the ARBA Prince.

My name is Presley Dewald, and I am 11 years old and will be in the 6th grade at Lockwood Elementary in the fall. I live and attend school in Bothell, WA. I have one sister that is 3 months old and I really enjoy getting to help take care of her. Outside of rabbits, I am involved in hip hop and contemporary dance. I have been taking dance classes for two years. I am also on the junior cheer squad. I also attend church at Eastlake Church in Bothell, WA.

I volunteer in my church nursery at times and really enjoy playing with the babies. I am very social, and other than rabbits, my family and friends are my life.

I strive for the best in 4H and to complete my own personal goals. I have just been elected to be the President of my 4 H club, Carrot Creek Critters, for the upcoming year. I have been the Vice President Critters for the past two years. I love mentoring and teaching the younger kids in my club. 4 -H has taught me many things, such as having confidence speaking in front of crowds, time management, and group cooperation. I love 4-H shows because Fitting and Showing allows me to show my knowledge and handling. My favorite part of 4-H would be our county fair every year.

I have had the honor of winning the West Coast Classic Princess and the Junior Breed ID winner in 2013. I also won the Washington State Rabbit Breeders Princess and won 1st Place in Achievement in 2013 and 2nd place in Showmanship and 2nd place in Junior Breed ID. I have just completed the Evergreen State Fair for 2013 and was very excited to be awarded the Junior Champion for Fit and Show, the Premier Junior Exhibitor Certificate, 1st Place Breed ID, and 1st Place Junior team for Quiz Bowl.

As for my rabbits, I try to mirror the Standard of Perfection for each of my breeds. I raise Polish rabbits in the following varieties: Blue, Black, Chocolate, Broken, and Blue Eyed White. I also raise Dwarf Hotot rabbits, black banded variety. While breeding, I try to pick rabbits that will complement each other, so that I can achieve the best possible rabbit type.

At a young age I predict which rabbit will be my pick of the litter. Most of the time I out-produce my stock so I am replacing rabbits frequently.

My goals are to further my rabbit career by winning ARBA Princess, then WSRBA & ARBA Duchess, and WSRBA & ARBA Queen, and then becoming a registrar, and then an ARBA judge.



I am honored to be the 2013 ARBA Duke. I am Christian Renner from Fayette, Ohio. I am 13 years old and have been raising Netherland Dwarf rabbits for 5 years and have recently started raising Tans and Californians. The varieties of Netherland Dwarfs I raise are Self, Shaded, Agouti and Tan patterns. The varieties of Tans I raise are Blacks and Chocolates. As I continue with my rabbit journey I hope to one day reach my goal of having a good quality of stock and to make a profitable rabbitry. 2010 was my 1st time going to the American Rabbit Breeders Association National Convention in Minneapolis, MN, in which I represented the State of Ohio on the Junior Breed ID team and we receive 3rd place. At the 2011 American Rabbit Breeders Association National Convention in Indianapolis, IN I received awards for the following:

* I was the American Rabbit Breeders Association 2011 National Convention Prince



* I was a team member of the State of Ohio's Junior Quiz Bowl Team which we received 1st place

* I was a team member of the State of Ohio's Junior Breed Team, which we received 2nd place

I also received the following awards for the American Rabbit Breeders Association 2012 National Convention in Wichita, KS:

* I placed 3rd Runner Up for Individual Breed ID

* I was a team member on the State of Ohio Intermediate Breed ID team which we received 1st place

* I received 3rd place individual Intermediate Judging

I am currently a District Leader for the Ohio State Rabbit Breeders Association Youth, President of my 4-H club, Just Raisin Hare and serve on my county Teen Board for 4-H.

I have competed at the Ohio State Fair for the past 4 years and I have received awards, for showmanship, breed ID, judging and skillathon. I have also competed in our county fair for the past 5 years and have received awards for showmanship, breed ID and skillathon

I am hoping that with my current knowledge and achievements that I have accomplished will help me in the future when I am old enough to start my college years, as my career dream is to work for The Department of Natural Resources as a Wildlife Officer.

I would like to thank my parents Kevin & Sherry, my 4-H Advisor who is also the Youth Director for the Ohio State Rabbit Breeders Association, Lisa Hoffmann, for all of their encouragement and continued support of my endeavors with my rabbits and travels to and from practices

Hello, my name is Melanie Lyons. My rabbitry is called Sumbunny rabbitry. I raise four breeds. Those breeds are Mini Rex, Jersey Wooly, Netherland Dwarf, and Holland Lops. I have twenty-seven Mini Rexes, forty-four Jersey Woolies, eleven Netherland Dwarfs, and six Holland Lops. I joined the American Rabbit Breeders Association on October 8, 2009 and have been a member since. I have been a member of the National Jersey Wooly Rabbit Club, the National Mini Rex Rabbit Club, the National Netherland Dwarf Rabbit Club, Broome County Rabbit Breeders Association and the Pennsylvania State American Rabbit Breeders Association for a year. I have two rabbits that are ranked in the top ten for the National Jersey Wooly sweepstakes. One rabbit is ranked 3rd and one is ranked 4th. At the last Pennsylvania State Rabbit Breeders Association convention in Pennsylvania (2011), my Jersey Wooly won the best four class and best in show out of 957 rabbits. That was my first best in show win. I have won several reserve in shows including one with a Jersey Wooly that I bred. At the New York state fair 4-H rabbit show this year, my Holland Lop buck was reserve in show. I have won four best in shows, three with my Mini Rex and one with my Jersey Wooly. I have won 4 reserve in shows with three jersey wooly's and one Holland Lop. I have championship legs in all four of my breeds. I compete in decathlon competitions at the 4-H level for my county at the New York state fair. The first year I did it, my team was 5th. The 2nd year, my team was 3rd. This year, my team was 2nd and I placed 3rd individually. Currently, I am ranked 3rd in the nation for youth with my Jersey Wooly's. I have a Holland Lop named Snickers in my room. I taught Snickers to jump and he jumps over Breyer horse jumps. I live in Maine, NY with my parents and my brother. Besides rabbits, we have 9 horses and 2 cats. I show my horses Mister, Lady, Ernie and sometimes Barbie in English, Western and Gymkhana events. Outside of my animals I ski, I play lacrosse, compete in Odyssey of the Mind, play the flute, and I do 4-H. I also love to do crafts. I am a very good student and am in all accelerated classes in the 8th grade. I love my animals.





Hello, my name is Matt Bishop and I am honored to represent the American Rabbit Breeders Association as the 2013 King. I live in Myerstown, Pennsylvania where I am a freshman at Lebanon Valley College. My activities at school include being a member of the Equestrian Team and the National FFA Organization. In addition to my school activities, I am very active in 4-H. I am a member of the Lebanon County 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Club, the Extra Special Puppy Club, the Latigo 4-H Horse Club, the Lebanon Livestock Club, and the Lebanon County 4-H Poultry Club.

My rabbitry started in December of 2006 with a single Tortoise Dutch Junior Doe that my parents gave me for Christmas. Over the years, it has grown to include Dutch, Satins, Mini Satins, Lilacs, and a few Angoras. I receive help with expanding my rabbitry from my parents, 4-H leaders and local adult rabbit breeders, and I am very thankful for their help and guidance. I really enjoy raising rabbits and cavies, going to shows, and competing in the many educational and showmanship contests. All of these experiences have inspired me to go try to obtain my registrar's license from the American Rabbit Breeders Association, which I now have attained.

When I am not in school or working on 4-H projects, I am probably at a rabbit show, horse show, four wheeling, fishing, water skiing, snowmobiling, or just hanging out with my friends. I have always really liked being around and working with all kinds of animals. Currently, I have two horses, rabbits, sheep, alpacas, and a Seeing Eye Dog. All of these animals will help aid me in my goal in life to become a Veterinarian.

In the future, I would like to attend a University for a degree in Veterinary Science. Ever since I was a little kid, I have wanted to be a Vet. Saving and helping sickly and needy animals has always been a top priority in my life. I hope that after I graduate college, I will be able to fulfill my dream of becoming a Veterinarian, then eventually owning my own Veterinarian practice.

Hello, my name is Miranda Tolsma and I am truly honored to be the 2013 ARBA Queen. I am a 16 year old junior attending Michigan Lutheran High School in St. Joseph, Michigan. I currently participate in golf, basketball, student council, national honors society, powerlifting, and drama. After high school, I plan to attend college and pursue a career in marketing/advertising.

I began my rabbit project with one Mini-Rex. Now, nine years later I am an ARBA registrar and the owner of Daydreamin' Rabbitry. I breed and raise English Lops, Tans, and Havanas. I couldn't be happier with where my project has taken me. Through it I have learned responsibility, time management, good studying skills, sportsmanship, as well as teamwork and getting along with different types of people. I have also learned application writing and interview skills that will be extremely helpful in the future. This rabbit project has been such a blessing to me. Through it I have made friends that I value dearly who I never would have met otherwise. The best part is every year I meet new people and make new memories with friends both old and new. Something like this is truly priceless.

Winning ARBA Queen is certainly my biggest accomplishment. Other than this my biggest wins have been: 2008 ARBA Princess, 2009 Intermediate Judging Winner, 2010 ARBA Duchess, and 2011 ARBA Duchess.

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