

## IEA Team Sponsorship

The club is again sponsoring Youth member Lauren Hettinger who is riding for the Marciak/Caustelot IEA Equestrian Team for the 2019/2020 season. Lauren rode in both Hunt Seat and Western for the Team last year and made it to Nationals in Western where she placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the nation for her division. Lauren is working hard to make it to Nationals in Hunt Seat this year as they are being held in Los Angeles, California! To date the only shows that have been held for the Team are a Hunt Seat scrimmage which does not count towards points but gives the girls a chance to ride some of the horses they may see at later competitions. Lauren placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in her classes at the scrimmage.



IEA stands for Interscholastic Equestrian Association and is for riders from 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Horse ownership is not required for participation. All horses and equipment are provided at the shows. The shows work on a draw format so the rider does not know which horse they are riding until they are at the show. Riders are not allowed to school the horse prior to their class and are judged immediately upon entering the ring. Riders have 5 shows to accumulate the required amount of points to move on to Regionals and then Nationals. Hunt Seat requires 18 points and Western 15 points. The top two riders in each division at Regionals are then sent on to Nationals.

**Bentleyville Parade** ~ If you are interested in participating in the Bentleyville Parade please contact Parade Captain Jeanie Taylor. The Parade is Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> and parking for the parade will be behind the old Jets store. You must arrive by noon to get in before the roads are shut down. Parade starts at 1:00. This parade is pretty small, not very long and it a good one for introducing your horse to parades.

**Members in Attendance** at the September meeting were Tammy Schweitzer, Patty Walker, Meaghan Hettinger, Lauren Hettinger, Marci Kirchner, Jeanie Taylor, Dennis Prpich, Michelle Frye, Marjorie McCormick, Elaine Clemens Mowl, Suzanne Weimer, Diana Hughes, Kellie DiBattista, and Dave Kirchner. Thank you to everyone who takes the time to keep the club running.