



Submitted Photo
Alaya McCarter rides in a recent competition.

Local teen wins equestrian competition

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Alaya McCarter recently participated in the 91st Blowing Rock Charity Horse Show Competition at the Blowing Rock Equestrian Preserve.

On the first day of the two-day event, qualifying rides took place. Alaya placed third out of six riders. On the following day, riding with her 13 and under class fellow riders, she came in first place and was crowned as the Grand Champion in the American Saddlebred Three Gated Show Pleasure Championship.

Alaya, 13, has been riding horses since she was three. Presently, she rides for Legacy Saddlebred, which trains horses to eventually pair them with riders for show competitions.

"Alaya has a lot of natural talent for horses and is very well poised when riding," said Legacy Saddlebred Owner and Trainer Jamie Jankowicz.

Alaya has successfully participated in horse competitions throughout North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. She is a rising eighth-grade honors student at Jefferson Middle School, where she is a cheerleader and a member of the National Junior Honors Society. Her other hobbies include reading, writing and watching television. She is a member of Greater Cleveland Avenue Christian Church, where she sings in the Radically Anointed Youth (RAY) Choir. Her parents are Bishop Sheldon M. McCarter and Rev. Joyce McCarter, the senior pastor and co-pastor of Greater Cleveland Avenue.

Choir

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Clark Sheard who passionately testifies on the tail end of the song about her own breakthrough.

"I got mine when the doctors gave up on me," she sermonizes in reference to her breakthrough following a 2001 hernia surgery, during which a

blood vessel ruptured and put the Grammy Award winning singer into a coma. The singer miraculously recovered in spite of her doctors telling her family that she had only a 2 percent chance of surviving.

The twelve-song project supports the choir's year-round fundraising efforts for various chari-

City native is a cookie-selling champ in Philly area

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The top Girl Scouts cookies seller in all of eastern Philadelphia, Penn. for two years in a row is Winston-Salem native Rachael Artanzia Thornton.

The enterprising pre-teen sold 3,600 boxes of cookies last year. This year, she exceeded that record by selling 3,830 boxes of cookies.

Rachael sold cookies at special events, to friends, local fire departments and at Drexel University (on Girl Scouts Day). Family members from California to North Carolina and every state in between did not escape her, "Wanna buy some Girl Scouts cookies?" inquiry.

Rachael and the other top winners at her level



Rachael Artanzia Thornton

were taken on a special tour of Philadelphia on June 7 that included visits to historical and cul-

tural points. They enjoyed a live performance of the "Wizard of Oz" and lunch at the

Hard Rock Cafe.

On July 29, she is slated to join 23 other Girl Scouts from around the world for "Midwest Madness," an all-inclusive flight to Wisconsin that will include a visit to the Mall of America; the largest water park in North America; and a whitewater rafting on the Black River.

There is also to be a pizza cruise on the Mississippi River, overnight camping and a visit to the State Fair and other fun activities.

Rachael Thornton has made plans to sell the most Girl Scouts cookies again next year. She has already given notice to her parents, Greg and Michelle Vigil-Thornton, and her grandmother, Marlene Jones, and "nana," Artanzia R. Jones, both of Winston-Salem.

Religion

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Women's Conference
Women of God of Freedom Baptist Church, 1222 E. 14th St., will host its first Women's Conference on Saturday, July 26 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. At 5:30 p.m., the Red Carpet Event will be held with the theme, "Sample Night of Elegance." The free event will include a praise and worship service and an elegant dinner. For vending opportunities or to learn more, contact Maria Palmer at mariahill84@yahoo.com.

Beginning Aug. 1

St. Mark events
The 100-Plus Men Ministry of St. Mark Baptist Church has a busy August planned. Events (all scheduled to start at 7 p.m.) will include guests from

Friendship Baptist Church on Aug. 1; Freedom Baptist Church on Aug. 15; and Ambassador Cathedral on Aug. 29. St. Mark is located at 1100 Manly St.

Aug. 9

Health Fair
United Progressive Church, 1122 Quincy Caldwell Circle, will hold a Community Day Health Fair on Saturday, Aug. 9 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. All local churches are invited to participate in any of the following categories: Choirs, praise teams, steppers, praise dancers, and mimes. If interested, please respond by June 30 to Senior Pastor Lewis E. Devlin or Rev. Quincy Lee Jr. at 336-724-1266 or 336-971-1309.

Ongoing

Sunday service schedule
Trinity Chapel Church, 4670 N.

Patterson Ave. in Hidden Valley Business Park, invites the public to attend its services every Sunday. Sunday School is from 9:45-10:45 a.m. and morning worship

service is at 11 a.m. Call 336-723-4626 or 336-978-0801 for more information. The host pastors are Rev. James E. Gaskins and First Lady Donese Gaskins.

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
M.Y.P.U 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Services
Prayer & Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

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Clark Sheard

table causes. The Temple of Deliverance church has donated more than \$75,000 to cancer research and various global relief efforts, including programs to aid Hurricane Sandy and earthquake victims.

Visit www.habakkuk-music.com for more information about the choir.

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