

quality of life for those with special life challenges through equine assisted learning activities that strengthen and develop character through the love of Christ. Heart's Desire is a NARHA (North American Riding for the Handicap Association) Premier Accredited Center which validates its commitment to excellence and safety. Their mission statement is "God healing hearts using horses." www.heartsdesiretrc.org

One student from HDTRC commented that "This is the best friend you can have", when it was noticed she was talking to Nevada Joe and her partner's horse. Another student stayed close to their parents, but when it was their time to ride and their boots hit the arena dirt, they had no problem being on their own, and walking to Nevada Joe to ride and pop their 10 balloons. The emotional bond that is formed with our horses is an unconditional love and a sense of freedom.

This event has touched many people over the years and has had a tremendous amount of volunteers that help make each opportunity for all the riders become a moment in time to remember or reflect on one's own personal situation. There is someone behind the scenes that does make sure that this will be a keepsake for the students and his name is Dave Harmon aka Digital Dave. This man captures the event and edits it from the meet and greet, National Anthem, CMSA contestant run followed by the

HDTRC run, to the closing with awards and special feature of the Saturday Night Showcase. He generously donates a DVD for each rider and their family and one for the NARHA center. We are glad we have our own Lone Ranger with Digital Dave. PRO Orthopedic served as one of the gracious sponsors, and WAHL Clippers, celebrating its 90th Anniversary, has committed itself to this program over the years as it follows in the company's tradition of family and quality products. A special thank you goes to Ruth Jeffers of Jeffers Products for their dedication to "Nevada Joe" and NARHA. We are proud to say that FARNUM has come aboard as a new sponsor and is committed to their dedication of equine assisted programs across the country. Little Performance Horses have been with the program from the beginning and show their support as they presented each student from HDTRC with a trophy, and last but not least we want to thank Montana Silversmiths for their donation of buckles to the winning students of HDTRC at the Saturday Night Showcase.

NARHA changes and enriches lives by promoting excellence in equine assisted activities, across the world. To find out more information on this please go to www.narha.org or www.nevadajoe.net. We look forward to seeing everyone at the next CMSA & WAHL Dare to Dream Shootout at the World Finals in Amarillo, TX in October. Remember "Dare to Dream."



Nevada Joe, guided by Zane Chunn, and assisted by Dianne and Ernie Purcelli, brought balloon popper, four-year-old Lane Alexander into the winners circle, claiming the Top Cowboy Team award at the CMSA Nationals, in Tunica, MS.



CMSA competitor Joyce Nelson and six-year-old Syanne Simmons, the pair that won the Dare To Dream Top Cowgirl Team award, ride the course, with the help of Dianne and Ernie—and of course, Nevada Joe. From the look on her little face, you can almost feel this little girl's excitement and joy!

"WAHL Dare to Dream Shootout Contestants"



Top COWGIRL Team:

Joyce Nelson, OH / Shayne Simmons • Jamie Zueger, WA / Montana Watts
Lisa Grimsley, MN / Cheyenne Jordan • Sandy Isenhour, FL / Tori Pilgrim
Mikayla Zayas, FL / Meghan Gee



Top COWBOY Team:

Zane Chunn, AR / Lane Alexander • Marty Luffman, TN / Kyle Grindlay
Andy Rees, TX / Charles Self • Jerry Rose, IL / Kenneth Shipp
RD King, MS / Damien Scott



To say that the NARHA Dare To Dream shoot is a success would be an understatement. Take a gander at this crowd of participants from the CMSA and the Heart's Desire Therapeutic Riding Center, from nearby Senatobia, MS. Everybody got a goody bag of worthwhile gifts.

