

Haven Huffstuttler

Haven is 11 years old and in 6th grade at Burnet Middle school. She has been riding for about 3 years with Eddie Shell as her coach. She qualified for the Jr NFR in Las Vegas at the last qualifying rodeo on August 31st held in Waco, Texas. Her horse Vegas is also 11-years-old and came to Texas from Missouri. She is no stranger to running in pro-rodeos.

In Las Vegas:

Round 1 of the Junior NFR - they ran a 14.296 putting her 11th in round for Junior barrels.

Round 2 of the Junior NFR - they ran a 14.462 keeping her in 11th place in Junior barrels and securing her spot in the finals at the Junior NFR.

In the final round, Haven and Vegas turned barrel 3 knocking it over on a tight turn which set them back in the finals. With the down barrel, they ended up 17th overall in the Junior National Finals Rodeo out of 60 of the best 12 and under barrel racers in the country

She is excited to try to get back to Las Vegas next year!





Austyn Shell

Austyn is 10 years old and in 5th grade at Colt Elementary in Marble Falls. She participates in hip hop and jazz dance. She is also in the Gifted and Talented program and a UIL participant where she placed 2nd for the MF district in number sense.

Austyn has been riding horses since she was 5 years old with her grandfather, Eddie Shell ("Big") as her coach. She qualified for the Jr NFR World Finals in both pole bending, which is 17 and under, and barrel racing, which is 12 and under. Junior NFR is held in Las Vegas and takes place in conjuncture with the Pro NFR. Making it to world finals was a dream come true and in and of itself felt like "winning." Our mantra for the trip was anything else is "just gravy." The national finals consist of two rounds where all competitors run two times. Then, the top 20 based on an average of each riders' 2 runs make the finals, "the short go".

The first round of barrels was won by a young woman with a 13.9. Austyn ran a 14.7 but did so after her rein snapped on the back side of the first barrel. Finishing the race with all barrels standing and less than a second off the leader was amazing, for both Austyn and her horse, Mucho Dinero. Austyn managed to make the short go for barrels and finished 14th in the world finals.

Austyn also had 2 very solid pole bending runs in the first two rounds, sending her to the short go. In the short go, she ran a 20.7 on poles, sending her to 3rd place in the short go (a \$1450 prize) and getting her to 5th place in the average (a \$1200 prize) out of 55 pole benders in the 17 and under race. That's a lot of gravy! We can't wait to see how the girls do in the coming year(s).



