

# THOROUGHLY GREAT

A monthly publication of the Thoroughbred Figure Skating Club

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## ANNUAL FALL SHOW HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

Yards are covered with the colors of fall as the leaves make their transformation that lets us know its that time of year again.

Our Annual Fall Show is a great kick off to the holidays where our skaters can put on their costumes, or simply try out a new program for the audience.

While our skaters prepare to put their best to the test, we are of course gathering the zombies for a return showing.

Mark your calendars, set your reminders: October 29th at 11:15am

the Thoroughbred Figure Skating Club Takes the ice! Don't miss it, come be a part of the fun. Even if you haven't signed up to skate in a solo or group number, there are ALWAYS other ways to help.

Please contact Kristi LaZur or Deborah Harp for further information as to what tasks are still needing help.

The best part: We do all this while giving back to the community. Each year we select a local Non-profit Organizaton and lend a helping hand.

See the Article below for more.

**THANK YOU**

*To Susie Manning for all the hard work that went in to arranging August Ice for our skaters.*

*This was no easy task, and took many hours and months of planning to accomplish.*

## GOD'S PANTRY FOOD BANK

God's Pantry is a Non-Profit organization started more than 56 years ago when Mim Hunt began distributing food to those in need. Her small effort grew over time to become what it is today.

God's Pantry is a member of Feeding America as well as the Kentucky Association of Food Banks (KAFB). In a joint effort with the other six food banks in Kentucky, more than 48 million pounds of food will be distributed over 120 counties through more than 1,126 charities. Last year, God's Pantry distributed more than 22.9 million pounds of food to the 50 central and eastern Kentucky counties through more the 275 non-profit agencies that serve these counties.

Their Mission Statement:

"To reduce hunger in Kentucky through community cooperation making the best possible use of all available resources."

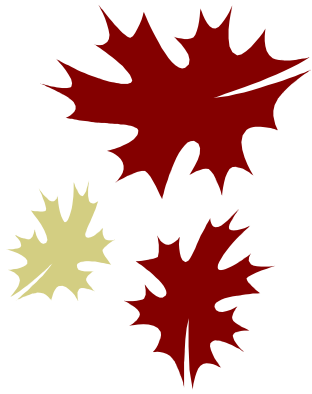
This is where we come in. To accomplish such a huge task, it takes a community to help make it happen. Before and during our Annual Fall Show, skaters, families, spectators, and the community will have the chance to donate.

Items needed are non perishable foods, dry goods (i.e., diapers, toilet paper, etc.), and monetary donations. Please spread the word!

**Dates to remember**

- Thriller Practice  
October 26th 6pm  
October 29th 6pm
- Fall Show  
October 29th 11:15am
- Christmas Show  
TBD—See Inside
- Next Board Meeting  
November 7th 7:15pm  
Club Room

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE/VOLUNTEER DRIVE WE NEED YOU!!!



*Planning events, shows, and activities depends on participation. To be able to plan effectively, we need to know how many members we have. If you have not renewed your membership, please do that as soon as possible.*

Also, we need volunteers to make the planned events, shows, and activities run successfully.

Our club needs people to join the group of people already hard at work to make your club experience a good one.

Please contact Deborah Harp for any questions you may have about membership for this year.  
sharppromotions@roadrunner.com

We are grateful for all our skaters and parents, any ideas or suggestions? Please email them to [info@tfscskating.com](mailto:info@tfscskating.com).

### Help we need for the Fall Show:

- Spot light person
- Fog machine workers
- Critters and Fundraiser sales table
- Ice Monitor
- Make up helpers (zombies)
- Music and announcing

### **FALL FUNDRAISER:**

#### **OLD KENTUCKY CHOCOLATES!!!**

*We will be selling candy bars to raise funds for our club. This is an easy way to make some great money.*

*Each candy bar costs only \$1—great stocking stuffers or for just a snack. Please watch for details forthcoming.*

A festive Christmas graphic with a dark red background. It features several large, ornate red and gold Christmas ornaments hanging from thin lines. The background is decorated with white stars, hearts, and swirling patterns. The text is in white and gold, providing information about the Christmas show.

**CHRISTMAS IS QUICKLY APPROACHING AND WE MUST BEGIN WORKING ON THE CHRISTMAS SHOW VERY QUICKLY. PLEASE LET US KNOW BY OCTOBER 29TH IF YOU ARE PARTICIPATING THIS YEAR. THE SCRIPT IS BEING EDITED TO FIT INVOLVEMENT. ONCE CHANGES ARE MADE, WE WILL HAVE TO GO WITH WHAT IS PLANNED.**  
Email: [news@tfscskating.com](mailto:news@tfscskating.com)

## FEATURE STORY - ASHLEY PEKRUL

by Kristi LaZur



Most teachers and coaches often will make reference to their sport almost as if giving a sales pitch.

However, when sitting with Ashley, talking about skating and her journey, there is no pitch, only genuine words about a sport she loves that goes way beyond the ice.

She is not only coaching young skaters, she is helping to mold and shape them with her approach that seems to carry lessons applicable to every day life.

Most impressively, she still skates. . . for her.

Ashley started skating at the age of 9, and soon found herself in a situation where working to “catch up” to the others her age who had been skating much longer was her hardest goal.

What made her want to skate was the fact that it was such a challenge, and achieving goals was rewarding because it was hard work.

She tells me that skating has taught her to work hard for what she wants, and that the only obstacles are the ones she puts in front of herself. Her skating accomplishments have proven that she is a lot stronger than she knew.

Becoming a coach seemed like the next natural step for Ashley, as she says that it’s very rewarding to see the knowledge she has learned expressed through someone else. She says, “It’s very gratifying to see the success in the kids.” She also hopes that her students will come away with an appreciation for discipline and hard work.

Since Ashley does play a large part as a skater herself, by skating in shows, she says that when she choreographs her own program, she wants to know what the music is telling her. She goes on to share her feelings that music can make her look good, but her focus is how she can make the music sound better.

Her response to the normal question, did she ever wanted to quit skating,: “Of course, skating can be monotonous and frustrating, but the love to skate becomes an infection.

Her advise to skaters new and old, “You are in control of your own success.”

## COACHES’ CORNER

### A PLACE FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Congratulations to our skaters who recently attended regionals:

Grace Beardsley for competing at the preliminary well balanced leve placing 6th out of 17!!!

Jordan Vescio for competing at the preliminary test track level placing 5th out of 18!!!

## Calling All Adults!!!

**We need more involvement on our board. Please see a current board member for information on where you can serve! Let’s grow our club and make skating in Lexington the best sport in town!**

**Please email Kristi LaZur: [kclazur@hotmail.com](mailto:kclazur@hotmail.com) if you are interested in attending a website training TBA**