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Pocono Horse Traveling to Texas for Reality Show

Pocono Manor, Pennsylvania – April 27, 2011... Pocono Manor Stables announces that long time trainer Tyler Flake, originally from Pontotoc Mississippi, and his registered American Quarter Horse will be competing for the title of America's Favorite Trail Horse.

Tyler and "Icees Investment", affectionately known as Stella, competed on April 23rd at the regional audition in New York. During their competition, which included completing obstacles in a pattern and forty-five second freestyle, they were awarded the highest scores of the day as well as the highest scores possible. As a result, Tyler and Stella were honored as one of one hundred horses chosen from across the United States to proceed to the national finals. The contestants will compete for \$100,000 in cash, prizes, and the honor of being called "America's Favorite."

The competition will take place on the Franklin Family Ranch near Austin, Texas from May 8th through the 12th. The events will be filmed, edited, and later aired this fall in a series of thirteen one hour episodes. America will choose the winner by voting. Dates and channels are yet to be confirmed.

Tyler and Stella clearly have a strong bond. When asked about his horse, Mr. Flake stated, "Heck I guess she (Stella) is the best business partner I've ever had. She doesn't call in sick, doesn't ask for vacation days, and very rarely complains about the task at hand. We're out here every day doing this. It isn't just a hobby; it's our life, and Stella has most definitely earned her keep doing it." The pair works daily together at Pocono Manor Stables taking guests out on horseback rides and sharing their knowledge and the benefits of seeing the Poconos from atop a horse. To them, trail riding is just part of the job. A job Stella clearly knows how to do.

Tyler and Stella began their partnership last fall when Tyler purchased her from a horse sale. Tyler explained, "Stella has come a long way from that scared four legged critter we found at the auction. She is doing things now we wouldn't have dreamed of then. Just a few days ago we were cleaning up around the barn and out on the trails, she was dragging logs through the woods with me, and did extremely well for the first time ever having such wait hooked to her. She's like the never ending box of surprises around here." Other recent additions to Stella's résumé include jumping small obstacles such as logs or deadfall, crossing tarps and of course entertaining visitors with her ongoing personality. Talk about a horse with talent and character! Stella will continue to Texas with hopes of winning the hearts of America just like she has won the hearts of those visiting Pocono Manor Stables.

For those interested in following their journey, Stella and her home, Pocono Manor Stables, can be found on the internet at www.thepoconomanorstables.com as well as on Facebook. Stella even has her own page at www.facebook.com/stella.aftth

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**If you'd like more information on their adventure or to schedule an interview with Tyler Flake and Stella please contact: Jenna Regan at (570)-510-9081
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