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45th Annual State 4-H Horse Show — Huge Success

The 45th annual State 4-H Horse Show was held in Abilene, Texas on July 22-28, 2007 at the Taylor County Expo Center. Many thanks go out to Mr. Tony McMillian, his staff and host CEA's Kit Horne, and Gary Bomar for helping make this show continue to be a tremendous event for the 4-H'ers and their families. Additionally, the 46th State 4-H Horse Show will be held at the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene.

4-H'ers from 155 counties across Texas were entered in the show this year. A total of 848 4-H'ers entered 1047 horses. That combination of 4-H'ers and horses resulted in over 2764 entries in the horse show.

The High Point Winners in each of the Five Divisions are listed below: Stock Horse Division—Alicia Daugherty, Brewster Co.; Roping Division: Tye Thompson, Stephens Co.; Hunter Division—Morgan Redwine, Taylor Co.; Timed Event Division—Nicole Thompson, San Augustine Co.; Western Judged Division—Serena Brock, Brazoria Co.

For the sixth year, Wrangler has awarded \$700 scholarships to the 4-H'er that accumulates the greatest number of points in each of the five divisions at the State Horse show. To be eligible, a 4-H'er must have graduated

and be enrolled in or enrolling in a trade school or a college or university. The winners were: Stock Horse—Alicia Daugherty, Brewster Co.; Roping—Will Braim & Trent Taylor, Comanche Co.; Hunter— Kelly Morris, Mitchell Co.; Timed—Sidney Cumberland, Kleberg Co.; and Western—Serena Brock, Brazoria Co.

Special thanks to those agents, volunteers and parents that served on the Horse Show Management Team, making for a well-organized show. Congratulations to all of the Texas 4-H'ers who attended the show. See the next page for major sponsorship support.

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Cargill Animal Nutrition, known throughout Texas for the major brand names ACCO and Nutrena, is in the second year of a second consecutive 3-year commitment to the Texas State 4-H Horse Show. A combined effort by the Cargill Foundation and the South Texas and Southwest Districts, has resulted in a continuation of expanded recognition for 4-Hers. Cargill increased their previous sponsorship by over 35 % in direct support of this show for this three year commitment.

Some of this support is easily recognized by new and nicer buckles for 1st through 10th place both the open and qualifying divisions of the show. Classes with 100 or more entries, based on the previous three year rolling average for class participation, have Top 10 buckles. These and other opportunities for 4-H recognition, as well as planned educational resources for 4-H families, are made possible due to this sizable sponsorship. The Texas 4-H Horse Program expresses sincere thanks to Cargill Animal Nutrition for their support of the Texas State 4-H Horse Show in 2006 through 2008.



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State Horse Show Buckle Sponsors

The Texas 4-H Horse Program would like to thank the following individuals/groups for their support of the State 4-H Horse Show. These individuals/groups sponsored buckles that were presented at the 2007 State Show. These individuals/groups, in addition to our corporate sponsors make this a tremendous activity for Texas 4-H'ers. If you are interested in sponsoring a buckle for the 2008 State 4-H Horse Show, please complete the attached form and return to the address listed on the form.

Tarrant County Equine and Livestock Education Committee, Champion Grade Gelding, Grand Champion Gelding and Champion Showmanship; **Hinkle Insulation & Dry Wall, Inc.**, Champion Reining; **The Young Family**, Champion Three Year Old Stockhorse, **Laura Cannon**, Champion Trail, **Liz McLain**, Champion Two Year Old Western Pleasure Futurity; **The Hickerson Family**, Champion Working Cow Horse; **Pat and Jessee Schneider**, Reserve Champion Working Cow Horse. Additionally, we received the following buckle sponsors for the 2008 Show. **Peg Smith**, Reserve Champion Grade Gelding; **Dale's Welding Service**, Reserve Champion Reining; **Kenny and Jennifer Dickerson**, Champion Western Pleasure. **Thank you all!**

CEAs & Supporters Recognized at State Show

Three retired CEAs were recognized at this year’s Texas State 4-H Horse Show for their continuing involvement on the Management Team.

Joe Don King (Wheeler CEA), **Doug Shores** (Harris CEA-4-H), and **Mac Gilliat** (Real CEA) received Appreciation Buckles for 40 years of involvement with the State Show.

Each of these men have been involved since shortly after the show began back in the 1960’s, and continue to serve in various capacities at the show each year.

Gary Antilley, who just retired this year from King County Extension, was given a pair of Appreciation Spurs for his long-time service on the Management Team. Gary will

continue to be involved in the show. Gary has been quite active in the Rolling Plains area horse program and with his leadership some of the more innovative opportunities were introduced that attract and serve 4-Hers coming out of the ranching and cattle working counties of the state.

Tommy Antilley, who will soon retire from Coke County Extension, received an Appreciation Sculpt for his role on the team and support for educational horse programs. Tommy was first involved in youth horse project development up in District 3 back in the 1970’s, where he helped with some of the early TCE Summer Horsemanship Schools.

Peg Smith, volunteer leader from Taylor County, received an Appreciation

Buckle for a decade of service to the State Show’s Hospitality Committee.

John Windwehen, South Texas Division District General Manager for Cargill Animal Nutrition, received an Education and Awards Enhancement Appreciation Buckle. This was Cargill’s 5th year as a significant sponsor for the show, and John, along with wife Becky, were recognized in this award ceremony. The presentation was supported by Jim Reeves, Executive Director, Texas 4-H Foundation and Bill Scott, Chairman of the TAMU College of Agriculture Development Council.

Emergency Management and Preparedness

Brett Scott worked with Ag Communications to develop video subject matter related to horse evacuation procedures, preparations for transport and trailer readiness, as well as sheltering of horses not being evacuated during a tropical

storm or other emergency situation. Final editing on the 4 segments was completed by Austin Moore and posted at <http://agnews.tamu.edu/issues/hurricaneinfo.html>. The material was then posted at <http://animalscience.tamu.edu>. These

types of subject matter fit in with the Incident Resource Team (IRT) objectives to address Animal Issues, Special Storms, Drought, Flood and other emergency situations that can affect horse owners across the state.

Foreign Animal Zoonotic Disease – Horse Bio-security

As part of this Department of Homeland Security initiative, work is nearing completion on Best Management Practices related to horse keeping and transportation. The

printed materials will be finalized and provided as supplemental information for ongoing education in horse management and use, with opportunity for placement of some

materials in web-based educational delivery systems.

Texas 4-H Master Horse Volunteer Training

The Texas 4-H Master Horse Volunteer training will be held December 4-6, 2007 at the San Angelo Research and Extension Center in San Angelo, TX. The program will begin on Tuesday, December 4th at 3:00 p.m and conclude on Thursday, December 6th around 3:30 p.m. The primary purpose of the program is to train horse project leaders to provide support to new 4-H horse project members (families in 1-3 years of participation in horse project area). The training will provide these project leaders with a valuable set of resources from which to build and support families in their county who are new to the 4-H horse program. The Master Volunteers may also provide support for other activities and county 4-H horse program as requested by agents. The requirement for a 4-H Master Volunteer is to participate in 20 hours of approved training and then provide 50 hours of “pay back” volunteer time in their local 4-H program under the supervision of the local County Extension Agent.

The training is targeted for adult project leaders that are approved by their local County Extension Agent. The training will focus on two central themes, training volunteers in youth development and horse project subject matter, in order to better support the program in your county. Participants must complete the entire course, in order to meet eligibility requirements to become a Texas 4-H Horse Master Volunteer candidate. Upon successful completion of candidacy, volunteers will be eligible for Master Volunteer status.

Topics to be included in the Horse Master Volunteer training will include:

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| What is a Master Volunteer? | Project Maintenance |
| Value of Youth 4-H Projects and Challenges | Horse Health |
| Overview of the Horse Industry | Basic Genetics and Breeds |
| Facilities | Feeding and Nutrition |
| Handling and Safety | Curriculum and Educational Resources |
| Effective Group Riding Sessions | Marketing/Selection |
| Live Evaluation and Conformation | Horse Theft Prevention |



Registration will take place via the 4-H CONNECT website. Registration costs for this event include meals, refreshments, educational resources, and other program expenses. Early registration will be \$100 from October 15 through November 15th and late registration will be \$125 through November 30th. All volunteer registration must be approved and “certified” by the sponsoring county Extension agent using the 4-H CONNECT online registration system.

This is not an exhaustive list of all lodging facilities in San Angelo. Volunteers should feel free to find accommodations that best suit their individual needs. There have been no specific “blocks” of rooms reserved nor rates set for this program. Below are hotels/motels, addresses and phone numbers for use in making lodging arrangements.

Ramada Limited, 2201 N. Bryant, San Angelo, TX 325-653-8442; Motel 6, 311 N. Bryant Blvd, San Angelo, TX 76903 325-658-8061; Inn Of The Conchos, 2021 N. Bryant Blvd., San Angelo, TX 76903 325-658-2811, 800-621-6041; Holiday Inn Express, 4613 W. Houston Harte, San Angelo, TX 76904 325-223-2200; Comfort Suites, 4450 W. Houston Harte, San Angelo, TX 325-944-8600.

Questions regarding the training can be directed to Marvin Ensor or Charla Bading at 325-653-4576 or Dr. Brett Scott at 979-845-1562.

Judging Workshops Target Coaches and Youth in Texas

Dr. Clay Cavinder, Texas A&M Horse Judging Team Coach, has been working closely with Extension to develop and conduct educational workshops aimed at strengthening the horse judging program for counties across the state. To date, two Horse Judging Team Coaches'

workshops have served 100 volunteers and CEAs who are interested in training 4-Hers to judge horses. And, this summer, the TAMU Youth Horse Judging Camps were introduced, with the first two camps attracting just over 100 youth from counties all across the state. For

more information on the next workshops, contact Clay at cac@tamu.edu, or keep an eye out on the website at <http://animalscience.tamu.edu> for listings as more schools are scheduled.

CEA Program Support

The following publications and resource materials are available to support horse owner requests and county programs:

Videos found at

<http://animalscience.tamu.edu/main/academics/equine/pubs.html>

Evacuating Horses Video by Dr. Brett Scott

Sheltering Livestock in Place Video, Part 1 by Dr. Brett Scott

Sheltering Livestock in Place Video, Part 2 by Dr. Brett Scott

Tending to Livestock Trailers During Evacuations Video by Dr. Brett Scott

Nutrition and Feeding Management of Broodmares - #B-5025 (updated 2005)

Feeding Young Horses for Sound Development -#B-5043 (updated 2005)

Feeding the Arena Performance Horse - #B-6143 (developed in 2003)

Mature, Senior and Geriatric Horses: Management, Care and Use - #B-6161 (2005)

Selection and Use of Hay and Processed Roughage in Horse Feeding - #B-5033 (2005)

15 Steps to Minimize Theft of Horses and Equipment - #L-5210

Permanent Identification of Horses - #L-5211

Horse Theft Awareness DVD

<http://animalscience.tamu.edu> Website – Horses – Publications and DVD, as well as additional fact-sheets. Also includes information on 4-H horse program opportunities.

Aggiefest Horse Judging Workshop—College Station

November 3, 2007 will be the date for the Aggiefest Horse Judging Workshop, held at Freeman Arena, Texas A&M. This workshop will be held as a judging practice only. Participants will have the opportunity to judge a variety of halter and performance classes. Critiques will follow. This activity will be most useful to youth, only if they are accompanied by their county judging team coach or leaders. There will be

no official contest tabulation, but placings and cuts will be announced. Coaches can conduct their own tabulation. Counties need to pre-register and pay \$7.00 per participant, by October 26, 2007. For those that register after October 26, 2007, the fee will be \$10.00 per person. To pre-register, go online at www.JudgingCard.com. Make checks payable to Clay Ewell Educational Services. Mail to: **Clay**

Ewell Educational Services, PO Box 3791, College Station, TX 77844-3791. The registration requires one consolidated entry per county. For questions regarding registration, contact Clay Ewell at 979-845-7616 or CEwell@JudgingCard.com. For information about the workshop, contact Teri Antilley or Pete Gibbs at 979-845-1562.

Statewide Fall Horse Judging Workshop—Lubbock

November 3, 2007 will be the date for the Practice Horse Judging Workshop, held at The Livestock Arena on the Campus of Texas Tech University. This workshop will be held as a judging practice. Participants will get to judge a variety of halter and performance classes. Critiques will follow. This activity will be most useful to youth, only if they are accompanied by their county judging team coach or leaders.

There will be no official contest tabulation, but placings and cuts will be announced. Coaches can conduct their own tabulation. Counties need to pre-register and pay \$10.00 per participant, by October 26, 2007. For those that register after October 26, 2007, the fee will be \$15.00 per person. To pre-register, complete the attached form and send a check payable Texas Tech Collegiate Horsemen's Association to Dr. Kris Wil-

son—TTU Department of Animal and Food Sciences—Box 42141—Lubbock, TX 79409—Phone: (806) 742-2805 ext. 236. No purchase orders can be accepted. For more information, you can contact Dr. Brett Scott at 979-845-1562 or email at bdscott@ag.tamu.edu. This clinic is being co-sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension and Texas Tech University.

Texas State 4-H Working Cow Horse Clinic

The 13th Annual Cow Horse Clinic is set for October 23-25, 2007 in Abilene. **Don Murphy** is serving as the instructor. He currently resides in Marietta, OK and has too many awards to list. Don coaches both adults and youth clientele. To

be eligible, adults must be interested or involved in working with 4-H'ers at county and district levels. Youth who are 4-H members are also eligible to attend. This clinic is not a "how to ride" clinic and will be conducted at a challenging level for rid-

ers who want to learn specifics of working cow horse. For more information, please contact **Vickie Hoggett at (254) 823-6860**.

Statewide Youth Reining Clinic

The annual Texas State Youth Reining Horse Clinic for 4-H members will be held December 15-16, 2007 at the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene, Texas. Youth attending must be a bonafide 4-H member and bring a horse they want to improve in executing all basic maneuvers. The horse does not have to be a Reiner. If under 16, members must provide their own parental or volun-

teer supervision. Stalls will be available on Friday, December 14, 2007. The clinic will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 15. Topics will include lateral flexion and forward momentum, circles, spins, stops, rollbacks, and lead changes. All participants will receive "hands-on" practice and assistance throughout the clinic. This clinic is a project of the Texas State

4-H Horse committee. For further information on this youth reining clinic or the 2008 Adult Reining Clinic, contact **Vicki Hoggett at (254) 823-6860**.



Horse Breeder's Schools Back Again at A&M

The Equine Science Section will conduct two breeders schools for horse owners, farm managers and veterinarians. These are 3-day schools. **The schools are set for December 5-7, 2007 and Jan 9-11, 2008. Cost is \$600 per**

school. Emphasis will be placed on broodmare management and preparing mares for the breeding season.

Stallion handling and artificial collection/insemination will be covered, with discussions also on mare and

foal nutrition.

For more information, contact Dr. Martha Vogelsang at m-vogelsang@tamu.edu or call 979-845-7731. Space will be limited.

Corporate and Association Support Appreciated—Special Thanks

Purina Mills, Inc.—Again this year, Purina served as a major supporter of State 4-H Roundup in Horse Judging and Method Demonstration. Their continuing grant makes a big difference in the quality of awards and trip opportunities for the top judging team. Purina also provided feed vouchers again this past summer for the Horse Program Assistants in the Summer Horsemanship School program. We appreciate their help.

Acco Feeds, Inc.—Still sponsoring the State 4-H Horse Record Book program. Each year, ACCO also provides Exhibitor back numbers and stall cards for the Texas State 4-H Horse show.

Their interest in youth is making a significant difference.

The Texas Quarter Horse Association and the Texas Thoroughbred Association, both headquartered in Austin, continue to provide much needed sponsorships support for youth horse judging, quiz bowl, and horse record book opportunities at the state level.

Wrangler—Abilene representative Bill Taylor has involved Wrangler in the past six State 4-H Horse Shows via a Scholarship program for senior-aged 4Her's. This year, a total of \$3500 in scholarship money was awarded to five state show contestants enrolled in a college, trade school or university.

Futurity Rule Reminder

Attention: This is a reminder that will be in effect for the 2008 Texas 4-H Horse Show. 4-H'ers nominating a futurity project horse must be at least 12 years old. This means that on August 31st, 2007, the beginning of the current 4-H year, the 4-H'er must be 12 years old or older to nominate and exhibit a futurity project in 2008. The Texas 4-H Horse Show offers five futurities to 4-H horse exhibitors as follows: Yearling Halter Geldings, Yearling Halter Fillies, Yearling Longe Line, Two-year-old Western Pleasure and 3-Year-Old Stock Horse.

Horse Industry Event Coming on May 3, 2008

Texas Cooperative Extension and the Equine Science Section at Texas A&M University are hosting a one day event on the Texas A&M University campus at the

N.W. Dick Freeman Arena. Many exciting things will be offered during this event. For more information, please call Kathy at 979-845-1562 or check the TAMU Animal Science

website <http://animalscience.tamu.edu>, choose the Conferences link and follow Equine Science Workshops.

Judging Teams Represent Texas 4-H at Southern Regionals & World Championships at AQHYA World Show

Lubbock County was the winning team this year at the State 4-H Roundup Horse Judging Contest. The team members were Audra Head, Katie Haukos, Logan Jackson and Tyler Jasper. The team was coached by Mr. Will Golden. By winning this contest, Lubbock County qualified to represent Texas 4-H at the Southern Regionals, the AQHYA World Show, and the All-American Quarter Horse Congress. The team traveled to Ft. Worth, TX to compete at the AQHYA World Show contest in the 4-H/FFA Division. They finished 4th overall in the contest and they were 3rd in the performance division. Audra Head was the Overall High Point Individual in the contest and finished 3rd in the performance division.

Johnson County was the 2nd place team at Roundup; and this placing qualified them to represent Texas 4-H at the Southern Regionals and the AQHYA World Show. The team members were Holly Dane, Madison Simmons, Melanie McCoy and Thomas Huff. The team was coached by Mr. Ed Bader. This team traveled to Memphis, Tennessee to attend the Southern Regional contest and placed 6th overall. Madison Simmons and Thomas Huff were 6th and 9th overall, respectively. In addition, **Johnson County** competed at the AQHYA World Show contest in the 4-H/FFA Division. Madison Simmons finished 10th overall in the contest.

Randall County was the 3rd place team at Roundup. This placing earned them a trip to the Western Nationals in Denver, CO in January. The team members were Christine Karr, Tabatha Taylor, Tara Schilling and Zane Pluhar. This team finished 4th at the Southern Regional contest. They replaced Lubbock County in the 4-H division.

Bexar and Grimes Counties were 4th and 5th at the State 4-H Roundup Horse Judging Contest this past summer. The team members that represented **Brazoria County** were Karissa Milu, Kristen Liesman and Sarah Sell. **Grimes County** team members were Jason Farrington, Joel Farrington and Melissa Myles.

Texas 4-H'ers Represent Texas 4-H at Southern Regionals

Randall County 4-H'ers won the State 4-H Hippology Contest that qualified them to compete at the Southern Regional contest this past August in Memphis, Tennessee. Those team members were Christine Karr, Kayla Reeves, Tabatha Tayler and Jordan Rowan. They placed 1st in the judging phase and 6th in the team problem phase.

Cameron County 4-H'ers Georgia-Loop and Kayla Weaver were the 2nd place team demonstration team

at State Roundup and placed 2nd at the Southern Regional contest.

Several 4-H'ers hauled their horses to the Southern Regional horse show. 4-H'ers from 13 states were represented at the show. Texas 4-H'ers were very successful at the show.

Cody Nickerson rode Annie to win the Breakaway Roping and finished 5th in the Tie-Down Roping on Taz. These placings enabled Cody to be the **Reserve Champion Roper** at

the Southern Regional show.

Jordan Daly rode Tanker to a 9th place finish in Barrel Racing and a 7th place finish in the Stakes Race.

Savannah Meider and Ima Sequel finished Reserve Champion in the Stock Type Geldings class and **Myles Bush-Watson** finished 10th in the Stock Type Geldings class.

Judging Teams Represent Texas Quarter Horse at AQHYA World Show

The FWLSR Horse Judging Contest serves as a qualifier for the top two teams to judge under the Texas Quarter Horse Banner at the AQHYA World Show Contest. Congratulations to the winners, **Robertson/Grimes County 4-H Horse Judging Team**, coached by Rebecca Cowan and Cindy Farrington. Team members were Alexis

Cowan, Tanessa Cowan, Joel Farrington and Jason Farrington. They finished 2nd overall at the AQHYA World Judging Contest. Additionally, they placed 2nd in halter, 4th in performance and 3rd in reasons. Congratulations to Alexis Cowan, the High Point Overall Champion. **Denton County 4-H Horse Judging Team**

was Reserve high-point team at the FWLSR contest. This team was coached by Ms. Teri Cage. Team members were Sara Bass, Margaret Woodley, Spencer Perkins and Zac Schoolcraft. This team finished 7th overall at the AQHYA World Judging Contest and 5th, 8th, and 6th in halter, performance and reasons, respectively.

Youth and Collegiate Horse Judging Leader Guide

The *4-H Horse Judging Guide* has been revised by Teri Antilley and Clay Cavinder, and the new title is the *Youth and Collegiate Horse Judging Leader Guide (AS1-2.120)*. The guide includes lesson plans for judging halter and performance classes and for the preparation of reasons, as well as a section on media resources available.

Also included are worksheets that the youth can take home for extra practice. The *Youth and Collegiate Horse Judging Leader Guide* is available for purchase through the TCE Bookstore for the price of \$25 per copy. Paper copies, ready to put in a 3-ring binder, are currently available, and copies on a CD will be available in the near

future. If you go to <http://tcebookstore.org> and search for Horse, it should pop up. Please inform all of your adult leaders about this beneficial resource. For more information about the leader guide, contact Teri Antilley at 979-845-1562 or tjantilley@ag.tamu.edu.

Winners of the State Hippology Contest

Kaufman County 4-H Agent, Carrie Sharp, **Van Zandt County 4-H Agent**, Tommy Phillips and Dr. Brett Scott hosted the Statewide Hippology contest on September 8th, 2007. The contest contained five different parts: Station ID—i.e. Parts of the horse, breeds of horses, leg and face markings, etc; short fill in the blank exam; slide show quiz; one halter class; and one team question. Teams were composed of 3 or 4 members with the lowest score being dropped. Individuals could also compete in this contest; how-

ever, they didn't answer the team problem. This year's winning Senior team came from **Johnson County**. The team members were Lydia Hogan, Wimberly Coder, Kristen Ringler and Ame Mitchell. This team was awarded a trip to the National Western 4-H Roundup in Denver, CO. The second place team was **Tarrant County**. Team members included Katie Babler, Sara Tilton, McHale Smith and Katheryn Harvey. Gloria Carlisle, Emily Curtis, Abigail Scarborough and Will Babler from

Tarrant County were third in the contest.

Randall County won the junior division of the contest. Team members were Logan Pluhar, Alyssa Langley, Jenny Alldred and Aurianna Campos. **Johnson County** was 2nd in the junior division. Team members were Jennifer Taylor, Keely McCrady, Kendall Hogan and Darylann Reed. **Wood County 4-H's** Maryssa Barron, Happy Goodson, Gracen Daniel and Cynthia Ojeda finished 3rd in the junior division.

State 4-H Record Book Winners

<u>District</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Winner</u>
1	Randall	Tara Schilling
2	Swisher	Hillary Finck
3	Wise	Alicia Erwin
4	Fannin	Felicitas Rivera
5	Angelina	Hillary Braden
6	Pecos	Kolby Kothman
7	Brown	Kayla Turner
8	Robertson	Alexis Cowan
9	Fort Bend	Matthew George
10	Bexar	Karissa Milu
11	Dewitt	Ericas Nessel
12	La Salle	Kelsey Weeks



CONGRATUALIONS to the 2007 State 4-H Horse Record Book Winner, Hillary Fink, Grimes County in District 2.

2008 Rule Book

The Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules and Regulations (AS3-2.043) will undergo some revisions before becoming available early in 2008. Members of the State 4-H Horse Committee have a list of recommendations and suggestions which will be discussed by the State Committee. Following that discussion, and based on edits that have been made throughout the year, a revised rulebook will be published and made available. If you have any questions about the rulebook, contact Brett Scott or Pete Gibbs.

State Method Demonstration & Public Speaking Winners

Chelsea Campbell, **Deaf Smith County**, was 1st at State Roundup and qualified for the Southern Regionals in Memphis, TN, the All American Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, OH and the National Western 4-H Classic in Denver. Alexis Cowan, **Robertson County**, was 1st in Individual Method Demonstration for Horse at Roundup and qualified and participated in the Southern Regionals in Memphis,

TN. She also qualified for the National Western 4-H Classic in Denver, CO, and the All American Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, OH contests. Max and Marta Goerte, **Fannin County**, were the Champion Demonstration Team at Roundup and qualified for the Southern Regionals in Memphis, TN, the National Western 4-H Classic in Denver, CO, and the All American Quarter Horse Congress

in Columbus, OH contests. The team was unable to attend the Southern Regional Contest. The team of Georgia Loop and Kayla Weaver, **Cameron County** finished 2nd overall and qualified for the Southern Regionals and the All American Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, OH contests.

Horse Theft Awareness Education Summary

During the first 8 months of the year, **21 County Extension Offices** were involved in 31 of the educational programs/exhibits on this initiative. Those programs reached **4,814** horse owners/enthusiasts. Several of those programs were tied to **Basic Horse Management 101 Workshops** in various locations. Another **35 County Extension Offices** were involved in reaching **1,025** youth, parents and volunteers

in the 35th Annual Summer Horsemanship Schools, which include a session on best management practices to minimize theft. The **14th and 15th Law Enforcement Trainings** were held in College Station and in Schleicher County, with special thanks to **CEA Corey Stevens** for hosting the west Texas training. Two special segments were aired on RFD TV's Ag Lifestyles, and reached **several million** viewers.

Over the past 10 years, this initiative has involved over 600 programs, demos and exhibits across the state. It has also been the focus of 8 national/international television programs. Although funding for the initiative has stopped, CEA's can still utilize printed materials, banner display and DVD to educate horse owners on theft prevention best management practices.

Status of Horse Slaughter in Texas

This has been a controversial issue, particularly with activity for and against, in the past three years. As of now, horses are no longer being received for slaughter with meat exported overseas for human consumption. It appears also that federal legislation is being considered relative to the laws governing the export of live horses. Canada and Mexico both have horse slaughter facilities where the product is shipped out for human consumption on other countries. Several years ago, there were horse slaughter facilities in Texas, Oregon, Nebraska

and Illinois. It appears that the Illinois plant was granted temporary permission to operate while certain laws/actions were being debated or disputed. However, it is important to recognize that the export of live horses go far beyond the issue of horse slaughter, as U.S. horses routinely leave the states being exported for showing and racing all over the globe. It remains to be seen how recent changes in horse slaughter will impact horse prices at various market levels, and the overall well-being of horses across Texas. Preliminary planning is un-

derway between Texas Cooperative Extension and the Sheriffs' Association of Texas to develop a series of education workshops for law enforcement officers that address animal care/neglect/abuse for cattle, for sheep/goats and for horses. As these workshops become better developed, there will be opportunities for CEAs in strategic locations across Texas to become involved.

Update on National Animal Identification System—Horses

There has been a lot of interest, concern and mixed emotions about the NAIS as pertains to various components such as premises identification, horse identification and recording of horse transport. The Equine Species Working Group (ESWG) is a committee that functions to interact both with the horse industry and with the USDA to critically evaluate items being considered and to provide input that is supportive of the best interests of the horse industry. At this time, the NAIS continues to be completely voluntary, and here in Texas, the registering of a premises (location where horses are kept) is completely optional/voluntary. There is strong indication, that if permanent identification of horses ever were to become mandatory, that the mi-

crochip implantation would be the recommended method of horse identification. However, it continues to not be regulated at this point, and permanent marking of horses is at the discretion of the horse owner. The ESWG has spent considerable time evaluating the use and status of various implantation chips for horses. There are 125 Kz chips that are 10 digit chips. There is indication that these older 10-digit chips will continue to be recognized because several thousand horses already carry these chips in the nuchal ligament (top part of the neck). Newer 134Kz chips are 15 digit chips and permit use of a country code. They are often referred to as an AIN 840 chip. At this time, there are not 840 microchips in production.

Neil Hammerschmidt, the USDA/APHIS/VS/NAIS Coordinator again reiterated at the June ESWG meeting that premises registration is the current and primary focus of the NAIS. Apparently, the major concern for a Premises Identification Number (PIN) is for location identification related to disease programs. The NIAA Equine ID Subcommittee also met earlier this year in California to discuss ESWG recommendations, certain diseases, and the status of equine ID in other countries. Proceedings from that meeting can be found at:

<http://animalagriculture.org/Proceedings/2007>

[AMProceedings.asp#Equine ID_Subcommittee](http://AMProceedings.asp#EquineID_Subcommittee).

First Microchip Approved for Use in NAIS

During the National Institute for Animal Agriculture's ID Info Expo held in Kansas City, MO, USDA announced the approval of Digital Angel Corporation's (formerly De-stron Fearing) Life-Chip equine radio frequency identification (RFID) injectable transponder for use in the NAIS.

The LifeChip is the first equine

RFID microchip to be approved for use in the NAIS. The chip is ISO compliant, containing a passive transponder programmed with a unique 15-digit number that can be read by any ISO-compliant reader.

The microchip also has a Bio-Thermo temperature-sensing technology feature. Additionally, each chip is capped with a patented, bio-

compatible material called BioBond which prevents migration, an item that was necessary to gain USDA approval.

For more information about the LifeChip microchip, contact Digital Angel by calling 800-328-0118, or email: CustomerService@DigitalAngelCorp.com.

Law Enforcement Training Held at TAMU

Consistent with the legislative challenge that TCE conduct ongoing education in horse theft awareness to include law enforcement officers, the 13th day-long training was held at TAMU in February. Co-sponsored by TCE, the TSCRA and the Sheriffs' Association of Texas (SAT), there were 40 officers from 16 counties who accessed informa-

tion on premises ID, permanent identification of horses and recognition of various colors and markings. These workshops have been expanded to assist officers with body condition score determination relative to animal cruelty and abuse cases across the state. So far, 586 officers from over 140 Texas counties have attended these specialty

workshops. With a 98% response to outcome measures, 75% report increased competence in communication with horse owners and in recognizing horses based on identifying characteristics. TCLEOSE credit is made available to officers via the SAT.

Horse Feed Industry Workshops

Pete Gibbs continues educational work with major feed manufacturers. This year is the 16th year for targeted workshops that educate Territory Managers or Select Dealers for feed companies, as well as veterinarians who work with horses and horse owners. So far this year, one CEU training has been completed for equine practitioners, providing 2 CEU credits to 32 veterinarians across those counties that make up the **Hill Country Veterinary Association**. The target audience is relevant because veterinarians are listed as a primary contact by horse owners for nutrition-related information. TCE continues to be involved in supplementing their expertise in livestock nutrition. Veterinarians place the value of such workshops at \$50 to \$75 per hour. Then, the **11th annual Cargill Animal Nutrition Horse Feed In-**

dustry Workshop was conducted for 25 Territory Managers from 12 states and Mexico. As a result of the training, the most significant knowledge gains were in 1) assessment of animal condition, 2) managing young, growing horses and 3) bio-security. Increased knowledge of safety around horses and horse operations approached Excellent as a result of the workshop. Across 13 subject matter areas, average incoming level of knowledge was 3.16/5 or 63%, compared to ending knowledge base of 4.11/5 or 82%. This collaborative effort has translated into 4-H horse program support of \$25,000 this year alone. Collaboration with major horse feed manufacturers includes a large number of educational programs targeting horse owners. In the past couple months, the **Friends are Forever Seminars**

in San Antonio and Houston offered feed-related information for over 650 horse enthusiasts. This fall, Cargill will co-host a horse owner program with **Titus County Extension in Mt. Pleasant**.

Lone Star Race Park in Arlington will be the location in November for a program being planned by **ADM Alliance Nutrition** for horse owners in the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex. ADM Alliance typically calls on Texas Cooperative Extension annually to host their Veterinary CEU training here on the campus, and this year, they are obtaining similar educational support for this program at the race track. Texas Extension also has had other opportunities this year to work with major feed manufacturers on customer appreciation seminars in the San Antonio area.

Texas A&M System Horse Research

The horse section, located here in the Department of Animal Science, had 7 papers presented at the 20th Equine Science Society meetings in Maryland. Horse Program Specialist **Teri Antilley** had a poster on her work with nitrogen retention to determine amino acid status in horses. **Graduate students** Rusty Kriewald, Trinetta Ross, Denise Manhart and Travis Lybbert had research project results at these

meetings that dealt with use of Racotomine in horses, response of horses to diets with Omega 3 Polyunsaturated Fatty Acids, management of older horses and dietary factors affecting Equine Gastric Ulcer Syndrome in horses. Denise Manhart received 1st place in the graduate nutrition competition. Rusty Kriewald received 3rd place in the graduate management competition. **Clay Cavinder** gave lead

to a presentation on the new **Horse Judging Team Coaches Workshops** for volunteer leaders here in Texas, a new initiative which is providing potential strength to Texas Extension's educational efforts for youth horse judging programs, and includes web-based judging classes for coaches and youth judges.

35th Annual Summer Horsemanship School Program

This year, 12 college students (10 female, 2 male) were hired as Horse Program Assistants and partnered up to teach horsemanship schools across Texas. Ten of the 12 instructors were new to the program. Thirty-six schools were conducted in 35 different counties, reaching 13.8% of the 254 counties in Texas. Twenty-six counties hosted 2-day schools, while 10 counties hosted 3-

day schools. There were 82 total teaching days that resulted in 656 teaching hours. The program reached 1026 different 4-Hers, parents and volunteers. Average attendance was 28 persons per school, with 18 riders and 10 adults watching. Instructors traveled 7,783.6 miles, not including inner city mileage, for an average of 7.59 miles per person reached.

Over the 35 years, 1,208 schools have been conducted, reaching 43,341 youth, parents and volunteers. The program represents 3,516 teaching days, for a total of 28,128 teaching hours. There have been 201 different instructors (155 female, 47 male) who have served as Horse Program Assistants.

Outcome Measures – Summer Horsemanship School Program

70% “Definitely” learned more about how to protect their horse and equipment from theft
73% “Definitely” could do one or more advanced maneuvers that they were previously unable to do

68% “Definitely” could make more informed decisions on when/how to ask their horse to perform a task
66% “Definitely” could ride with more confidence
69% “Definitely” could solve a problem they were having before the clinic

61% “Definitely” could recognize the relationship between basic and advanced maneuvers
73% “Definitely” felt more competent in working their horse
73% “Definitely” enjoyed their horse more

New Texas A&M Stock Horse Team Competes at Inaugural Intercollegiate Stock Horse Competition

The Texas A&M University Stock Horse Team competed at the Inaugural Intercollegiate Stock Horse Competition held at Texas Tech University in Lubbock on April 29th. This was the first ever contest of this type held for college students. Over 60 individuals from Clemson University, Stephen F. Austin University, Sterling Colo-

rado Junior College, Tarleton State University, Texas A&M University, and Texas Tech University competed in the competition. Of the seven competing students from Texas A&M, four placed in the top ten overall in various divisions with several top five placings in individual classes. Students competed on Texas A&M University-owned

horses in four different judged events including pleasure, trail, reining and cowhorse. Competitions are planned for this fall. The team is supported by private donations from Mayer Cattle Company and the Brazos County Horse Extension Committee.



Picture from left to right are: Dr. Dennis Sigler (Coach), Jillian Craver, Jessica Lucia, Amy Lide, Morgan Simmons, Amanda Johnson, Cole Leatherwood and Katrina McLeod.



CONGRATUALIONS to the 2007 AQHYA Horse Judging Contest High Point Individual, Alexis Cowan, Robertson County.

Calendar of Events—Remainder of 2007

Date	Program/Activity	Contact
Sept 21-22	Extreme Mustang Makeover—Ft. Worth	Patti Colbert 512-355-3225
Sept 25	Basic Horse Management 101 Program—Carthage, Panola Co.	CEA Doug McKinney 903-693-0380
Sept 29	Denton Co. Horse Industry Tour—Denton, Co.	CEA Eddie Baggs 940-349-2880
Oct 6	Horse Judging Contest—Waco (Heart of Texas Fairgrounds)	Wes Allison 254-776-1660
Oct 11	TCE/Cargill Co-sponsored Horse Owner Program—Mt. Pleasant	CEA Kenny Rollins 903-572-0261
Oct 12-14	2nd Annual Cargill Equine Professionals' Symposium-TAMU	Dr. Jim Ward, 979-251-4000 or Dr. Pete Gibbs, 979-845-3579
Oct 23-25	Texas State 4-H Working Cow Horse Clinic—Abilene	Vicki Hoggett 254 823-6860
Oct 24	South Texas Farm and Ranch Program—Victoria	CEA Sam Womble 361-575-4581
Nov 1	ADM Alliance Vet CEU Program—Lone Star Park	Pete Gibbs 979-845-3579
Nov 3	Basic Horse Management 101 Program—Johnson Co.	CEA Zach Davis 817-556-6370
Nov 3	AggieFest Horse Judging Workshop—TAMU (Freeman Arena)	Teri Antilley 979-845-1562
Nov 3	Statewide Horse Judging Workshop—Texas Tech Campus	Kris Wilson 806-742-2805 ext 236
Nov 7	Basic Horse Management 101 Program—Grayson Co.	CEA Jackie Risner 903-813-4206
Nov 13	Horse Owner Program—Richmond/Rosenberg	CEA Joe Mask 281-342-3034
Dec 4-6	Master Horse Volunteer Leader Training—San Angelo	Marvin Ensor or Charla Bading 325-653-4576
Dec 5-7	TAMU Horse Breeder's School-TAMU	Martha Vogelsang 979-845-7731
Dec 8	Fort Bend Co. Horse Judging Contest—Rosenberg	Cynthia Voskamp 281-343-8836
Dec 15-16	Texas State 4-H Youth Reining Clinic—Abilene	Vicki Hoggett 254-823-6860

Calendar of Events—Looking Ahead to 2008		
Date	Program/Activity	Contact
Jan 5	Montgomery Co. Horse Judging Contest—Conroe (Lone Star Expo)	Michelle Warren 936-539-7823
Jan 9-13	National Western 4-H Roundup—Denver	Brett Scott 979-845-1562
Jan 9-11	TAMU Horse Breeder's School-TAMU	Martha Vogelsang 979-845-7731
Jan 18-19	TETRA Annual Convention—Pearce Pavilion	Barbara McKnight 361-550-1608
Jan 19	Johnson Co. Horse Judging Contest—Cleburne	Ed Bader 817-447-1704
Feb 3	Ft. Worth Horse Judging Contest—Ft. Worth (Will Rogers)	Stock Show Office 817-877-2400
Feb 8	San Antonio Stock Show Youth Horse Quiz Bowl	Stock Show Office 210-225-0575
Feb 11	San Antonio Stock Show Youth Horse Judging Contest	Stock Show Office 210-225-0575
Mar 7	Matagorda Co. Horse Judging Contest—Bay City	Brent Batchelor 979-245-4100
Mar 14	Houston Stock Show Youth Horse Judging Contest	Stock Show 832-667-1000 www.rodeohouston.com
Mar 29	Multi-District Horse Judging Contest—College Station (Freeman Arena)	Teri Antilley 979-845-1562



2008 State 4-H Horse Buckle



Sponsorship Form

You now have the opportunity to sponsor a buckle at the Texas State 4-H Horse Show. The cost of the buckle sponsorship is \$ 200.00 per buckle. Buckle Sponsors will be recognized in the Souvenir Program and Working Order Book that is distributed at the State 4-H Horse Show.

Name: _____

In Memory of (Name): _____

In Honor of (Name): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please indicate which class(es) that you are interested in sponsoring.

Remember that multiple buckles are awarded in each class.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Showmanship | <input type="checkbox"/> Western Horsemanship | <input type="checkbox"/> Open Jumping | <input type="checkbox"/> Yearling Halter Geldings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Mares 5 & Over | <input type="checkbox"/> Western Riding | <input type="checkbox"/> Equitation Over Fences | <input type="checkbox"/> Yearling Halter Fillies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Mares 4 & Under | <input type="checkbox"/> Poles | <input type="checkbox"/> Calf Roping | <input type="checkbox"/> Yearling Lounge Line |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grade Mares | <input type="checkbox"/> Barrels | <input type="checkbox"/> Breakaway Roping | <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Yr Pleasure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Champion Mare | <input type="checkbox"/> Stakes | <input type="checkbox"/> Team Roping | <input type="checkbox"/> 3-Yr Stock Horse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Geldings 5 & Over | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunter Showmanship | <input type="checkbox"/> Team Penning | <input type="checkbox"/> Champion Judged Horseman |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Geldings 4 & Under | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunter Under Saddle | <input type="checkbox"/> Working Cow Horse | <input type="checkbox"/> Champion Hunter Horseman |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grade Geldings | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunt Seat Equitation | <input type="checkbox"/> Cutting | <input type="checkbox"/> Champion Roper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Champion Gelding | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunter Hack | <input type="checkbox"/> Reining | <input type="checkbox"/> Champion Stock Horseman |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Western Pleasure | <input type="checkbox"/> Working Hunter | <input type="checkbox"/> Trail | <input type="checkbox"/> Champion Timed Horseman |

Please Make Checks Payable To:

Texas 4-H Foundation—State 4-H Horse Show and indicate Buckle Sponsor in the memo line.

Return this form and check to:

Dr. Brett Scott, Extension Horse Specialist, 2471 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843

Equine Reproductive Management Short Course Registration Form

Name _____

Farm or Business Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (daytime) _____ (evening) _____

FAX _____ E-mail _____

Please select preferred dates of attendance

_____ December 5-7, 2007

_____ January 9-11, 2008

Payment Information

Registration fee for each short course is \$600 per participant. Please send registration form for each participant. Payment should be made by check payable in US funds to:

TAES Horse Breeder's School

Mail payment along with this form to:

**Department of Animal Science
TAMU 2471
Room 129 Kleberg Center
Animal Science Business Office
Texas A&M University
College Station, TX 77843-2471**

Two-Day Horsemanship School Request Form

36th Annual

Summer Horsemanship School Program

Summer of 2008

GROUP: _____ County would like to host a 2008 Summer Horsemanship/Horse Training School to be held in _____ (town).

DATES: Rank your choices below: (Note: must have at least three choices filled in to be considered)

1-1st Choice

3-3rd Choice

2-2nd Choice

4-4th Choice

<u>Choice</u>	<u>Fri/Sat</u>	<u>Choice</u>	<u>Mon/Tues</u>	<u>Choice</u>	<u>Wed/Thurs</u>
_____	May 23,24	_____	May 26,27	_____	May 28,29
_____	May 30,31	_____	June 2,3	_____	June 4,5
_____	June 6,7	_____	June 9,10	_____	June 11,12
_____	June 13,14	_____	June 16,17	_____	June 18,19
_____	June 20,21	_____	June 23,24	_____	June 25,26
_____	June 27,28	_____	June 30, July1		

*Please check to make sure that area elementary, junior high and high schools are not in session, before requesting these dates.

SCHEDULING FEE: Please send this form, along with a \$300.00 check made payable to **Department of Animal Science by January 31, 2008**. This \$300.00 serves as a deposit for scheduling. The remaining \$300.00 balance is due in the Animal Science Business Office April 15, 2008. The deposit will be refundable only in the event that a date cannot be scheduled for your county on one of the four choices marked above. Once the schedule has been finalized and sent to your County Extension Agent, there will be no refund of deposit or balance. Complete refunds will be made if a clinic is completely rained out and a rain date cannot be scheduled.

COUNTY CONTACT PERSON:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Signature of County Extension Agent: _____

County: _____

Date form returned: _____

Return to: Dept. of Animal Science/Business Office, 2471 TAMU, College Station, TX 77845-2471
 Phone: 979-845-1562 Fax: 979-458-2756

Three-Day Horsemanship School Request Form

36th Annual

Summer Horsemanship School Program

Summer of 2008

GROUP: _____ County would like to host a 2008 Summer Horsemanship/Horse Training School to be held in _____ (town).

DATES: Rank your choices below: (**Note: must have at least three choices filled in to be considered**)

1-1st Choice	3-3rd Choice
2-2nd Choice	4-4th Choice

<u>Choice</u>	<u>Mon-Wed</u>	<u>Choice</u>	<u>Thurs-Sat</u>
_____	May 26,27,28	_____	May 22,23,24
_____	June 2,3,4	_____	May 29,30,31
_____	June 9,10,11	_____	June 5,6,7
_____	June 16,17,18	_____	June 12,13,14
_____	June 23,24,25	_____	June 19,20,21
_____	June 30, July 1,2	_____	June 26,27,28

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November 3, 2007

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Freeman Arena

Texas A&M University

College Station, TX

Pre-register at www.judgingcard.com

The following information may be requested upon registration:

Total number of students: _____ x \$7.00 (\$10.00 after October 26th)

4-H Club/FFA Chapter Name: _____

FFA Chapter Number: _____

Coach/Teacher(s): _____

Address: _____

Street/P.O. Box

City

State

Zip Code

County Office/School Phone: _____

Area Code and Number

For questions concerning registration, contact Clay Ewell at cewell@www.JudgingCard.com.

For questions concerning the Workshop, contact Teri Antilley at tjantilley@ag.tamu.edu or 979-845-1562.



2007 Horse Judging Clinic

November 3, 2007

8:30 a.m. – Livestock Arena

Texas Tech Campus, Lubbock, Texas

In Lubbock

Sponsored by: Texas Cooperative Extension & Texas Tech University

REGISTRATION FORM

This form and your entry fees must be postmarked on **or before Friday, October 26, 2007** to avoid late fees.

Mail to: Dr. Kris Wilson
TTU Department of Animal and Food Sciences
Box 42141
Lubbock, TX 79409
Phone: (806) 742-2805 ext. 236

Make check payable to : **Texas Tech Collegiate Horsemens**

No purchase orders can be accepted

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I plan to enter the horse judging clinic with the following number of students:

Total number of students _____ x \$10.00 (\$15.00 after October 26)= _____

Total Enclosed

An adult must remain with the teams or individuals throughout the clinic.

4-H Club/FFA Chapter Name: _____

FFA Chapter Number: _____

Coach/Teacher(s): _____

Address: _____

Street/P.O. Box

City

State

Zip

County Office/School Phone: _____

Area Code and Number

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