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3 New Faculty/Staff Join Equine Section

Ms. Teri Antilley, who has been serving as an Extension Assistant, completes her graduate work in early May. Effective May 15, she will become a Program Specialist I, full-time for TCE in horse programming. Teri Antilley has worked closely with Pete Gibbs relative to the Summer Horsemanship School Program, and she will continue to give lead to training the summer Horse Program Assistants. In addition, Teri will help expand even further the educational activity associated with horse theft awareness and prevention. She will continue to work closely with CEA offices in identifying potential horse show judges. Teri has and will be an integral part of on-campus horse judging contest organization, such as the Judging Workshop, Multi-District Contest and the State Roundup Horse Judging Contest. Teri's knowledge will benefit efforts to update/maintain volunteer leader guides in judging and horsemanship. Many of you have met Teri Antilley either through horse judging activities or the State 4-H Horse Show. Her energy, enthusiasm and attention to detail, will make her a valuable full-time member of TCE's horse program development and evaluation.

Clay Cavinder moves into the undergraduate teaching coordinator and horse judging team coach position this June. Upon completion of his PhD, Clay will take on this split teaching/research appointment. Clay has already provided tremendous leadership to the Collegiate Horse Judging team, with Reserve Champion status at the All-American Quarter Congress, followed by coaching the Aggies to World Champion honors at the AQHA World Show Contest. Clay Cavinder's interest in the broodmare and reproductive efficiency will provide additional strength to the section's research and educational emphasis on horse production.

Dr. Josie Coverdale moves here in early June to take the position of Assistant Professor in Equine Science with emphasis on teaching and research in nutrition. Dr. Coverdale earned her undergraduate degree from Texas A&M, and completed her graduate studies at Iowa State. She has been on the faculty at the University of Georgia prior to her relocation back to Texas. A native of north Texas, Dr. Coverdale brings a strong interest in equine nutrition to the section's ongoing graduate training in needs for young horses and performance athletes.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin. The Texas A&M University Systems, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

TAMU Specialty Workshops Serve Horsemen From Across Texas

Mare/Foal Initiative

Two major TAMU workshops this year have addressed broodmare management and young growing horses.

The TAMU Horse Breeders' School, organized by Dr. Martha Vogelsang, brought in 17 owners/managers from Texas, Oklahoma, Illinois, Missouri and Washington. Participants owned/managed 35 breeding stallions and 400 broodmares. These annual schools are 3-days in length, and the next school will be held in December.

The 10th Mare/Foal workshop had 101 participants from 40 Texas counties representing 984 horses and 15 different associations or corporations. The 73 horse owners had horses from 14 breed registries, and 65% owned Quarter horses. The average number of horses owned was 13.4 head, considerably higher than the typical horse-owning-household that is not involved in horse breeding. There was a 40% response to the program evaluation.

Here are some of the more important outcomes: 69% reported savings in time from 5 minutes/day (30.4 hrs/year) up to 40 hours/operation per year; 55% reported savings in money, from \$8.33/horse/month up to \$21.66/horse/month; 86% of the economic savings was attributed to feed and nutrition; 76% or more reported increased confidence in evaluating mares, selecting hay and using other roughages, and 86-90% gained confidence in feeding both mares and young, growing horses; 87% reported changes in management practices and/or adoption of a new practice and 20% listed permanent identification of horses as a new management practice.

Performance Horse and Basic Horse Management 101 Summary

Seventy-six participants from approximately 20 Texas counties attended the Performance Horse Workshop. There was a 44% response to the measures of outcome document that was distributed at the conclusion of the program. This response included individuals from 75% of the 20 counties that were represented. Forty percent of the respondents were individual horse owners and 6% were farm employees or managers. The average number of horses owned or managed ranged from 1 to 44 horses and averaged 5.5 head per respondent. There were 8 breeds of horses that were owned by the participants in the survey. Eighty-four percent of the horses owned by the participants were Quarter horses. The Grade horses comprised the next largest (24%) group, followed by American Paint Horses (18%). These numbers indicate that for the population represented in the measure of outcome survey, there was a representative sample of the Texas horse population in attendance at the workshop. Ms. Sharon Wellman (Montgomery County) gave a great talk on selecting the all-around horse.

Of total respondents, 68% indicated pleasure and recreational riding as their primary use of their horses. Additionally, 25% indicated that competition was the primary use for their horse. The rest of the horses were broodmares, ranch horses or horses in training. Participants indicated an increase in knowledge across numerous areas. All of the respondents (100%) indicated that they increased their competency in evaluating feeding programs and conditioning programs. Further, 95% indicated that they increased their confidence in selecting hay, making health management decisions

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and estimating body weight and body condition score. Seventy-six percent indicated their increased knowledge would enable them to save money and better utilize time in the management of their horses.

All respondents (100%) from the New Horse Owners workshop reported increased competence in health management, body weight estimation, hay selection and the use of body condition scores. Ninety percent reported increased knowledge in feeding management. When asked to respond to time savings and altering management practices, the respondents indicated an average increase of 80% in their perceived decision making skills. Additionally, 84% indicated an increased knowledge with regard to saving money.

Congratulations B.F. Yeates

Mr. B.F. Yeates gave a great presentation on starting the young horse at Basic 101. As always, Mr. Yeates entertained the crowd with his knowledge and expertise, and managed to teach the crowd quite effectively. Congratulations to BF. Yeates, Extension Horse Specialist Emeritus (retired). He was recently inducted into the American Quarter Horse Association Hall of Fame. This honor reflects Mr. Yeates' early work in establishing educational & competitive horse programs/activities for youth.

Feed Company Nutrition Workshops

For the 15th consecutive year, major feed manufacturers have looked to the Equine Science Section and TCE for up-to-date subject matter aimed at territory managers, select feed dealers, feed industry executives and veterinarians.

The fourth annual ADM Alliance/Veterinary practitioners workshop has held at Pearce Pavilion on January 23-24, 2006. Pete Gibbs worked with ADM/Moorman's technical specialist, Dr. Judy Reynolds, to plan and conduct this workshop. Dr. John Reagor and Dr. Martha Vogelsang were invited speakers. There were 25 in attendance, with 14 veterinarians and 11 feed industry reps and horse owners. The veterinarians came from 12 Texas counties and had from 3 1/2 to 42 year experience practicing veterinary medicine. They reported having 3,722 clients and indicated that they treat or evaluate 7,345 horses annually. The value of horses represented ranged from moderate to expensive.

The **primary output** was to teach research-based nutrition and feeding management information. At the beginning of the workshop, the practitioners identified nutrition as the most needed subject matter area, followed by reproductive management of broodmares. The other output was to provide 10 CEU credits to these Texas veterinarians, who are required to complete 17 hours annually.

The **primary outcome** was to get input from veterinarians regarding factors influencing horse health. The veterinarians said that the biggest contributors to sick horses were hay, feed or feeding management (57%) and general health (14%). Overall, 21% blamed hay quality, 14% identified the type of feed being fed, and 21% identified poor feeding management practices as contributors to sick horses. They also identified overcrowding and stress placed on horses as factors that influenced health.

Additional workshops are planned later this year with Cargill Animal Nutrition in Texas. One will be for Territory Managers and another will target major horse operations with a symposium for veterinarians and farm managers.

Horse Theft Awareness and Prevention

1) Video

Earlier this year, additional video tapes were copied and sent to all CEA offices. This 15 minute video is a good resource for County Extension Horse Committee meetings, for 4-H horse project meetings and for horse-owner programs. Let us know if you need another copy.

2) Publications

The initiative is supported by 7 different publications that address the following topics:

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

L5211—Permanent Identification of horses

L-5244—What to do if your horse is stolen

The following publications also now include brief summary information on horse theft awareness.

B-5025—Nutrition and Feeding Management of Broodmares

B-5043—Feeding Young Horses for Sound Development

B-5033—Selection and Use of Hay and Processed Roughage in Horse Feeding

B-6161—Mature, Senior and Geriatric Horses—Management, Care and Use

3) Displays

The old, heavy table top display was replaced by new, lightweight banner stands. Every District office received one or more of the new banner stands. They are easy to transport and can be set up in less than a minute.

4) Law Enforcement Training

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 information on premise 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.

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5) Horse Owner Education

County Extension offices are still encouraged to utilize the resource materials available to conduct horse theft awareness programs/exhibits where possible. The information is a natural fit at established meetings and activities for youth and adult horse owners. This ongoing education remains a legislative initiative, now in its 9th year. Publications are available to CEAs free of charge through the TCE bookstore. The video is available from Pete Gibbs in the Horse Specialists' office. Banner displays are located in the District offices. If you need names & contact information of resource persons for topics such as microchip implantation or freeze branding, contact the Horse Specialists' office.

In the first 4 months of 2006, over 900 people have been reached with this information at specialty programs counting the large numbers being reached via county programs across the state. All CEA offices will not be contacted toward the end of the summer in an attempt to track total programs that you are involved in related to theft awareness.

If you need any assistance in program development, resources and support for this educational initiative, please call.

6) Expanded Emphasis on Theft Awareness Education

Texas is home for a wide variety of competitive activities across the state. This summer, two program assistants will take the horse theft awareness and prevention message to a series of shows, stock horse competitions, cutting events, ropings and other horse activities. These student workers will take displays and printed materials to numerous events in order to create additional awareness.

Animal ID Program

Horse owners have certainly become interested in pending national and state regulations/recommendations about premise ID, horse ID, tracking/tracing of horse movement, and reporting of horse movement. At the time of this newsletter, it appears that any mandatory requirements for premise ID or permanent ID of horses are on hold.

According to Terri Barber, State Coordinator for Livestock Marketing at the Texas Department of Agriculture, the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) will not address proposed regulations for premises registration at the upcoming May 4 TAHC commission meeting in Austin. Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas' state veterinarian and TAHC executive director, said the proposed premises registration regulations have been placed on "hold," and will not be considered by commissioners until the winter or spring of 2007. TAHC will continue to promote voluntary, free registration of sites (premises) where livestock and fowl are held, handled or managed. The TAHC's Austin headquarters may be reached at 1-800-550-8242, and the agency's Web site can be assessed at www.tahc.state.tx.us.

At the national level, the Equine Species Working Group of the National Animal Identification System continues to edit recommendations on premise ID, horse ID, movement and reporting.

NAIS Informational Booklet

The Equine Species Working Group (ESWG) has developed an informational booklet titled NAIS and Horses: the Facts Surrounding the National Animal Identification System as it Applies to the Horse Industry in the U.S. This booklet was put together in an effort to answer the many questions and concerns that have been raised from the equine industry on the very important and difficult issue of the potential application of the national ID system to horses. The booklet addresses the following topics: history of the NAIS, why the horse industry should be involved in developing an acceptable NAIS, equine diseases of concern, methods of equine identification, potential benefits, current status of the NAIS, frequently asked questions, and a list of Equine Species Working Group members. It is important that equine organizations, events, service providers and horse owners know the facts so they can learn about the NAIS, the efforts of the ESWG, and how a national equine identification plan might affect them, should one become mandatory. We encourage industry members to not only become educated on the issue by reading this material, but to also distribute it throughout the industry. The booklet will soon be available to download from the American Horse Council website:

www.horsecouncil.org

Listening Session for Horse Protection

On April 19, 2006 U.S. Department of Agriculture, APHIS Animal Care hosted a Horse Protection program Listening Session from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Sterling Hotel Dallas, located at 1055 Regal Row Dallas, Texas 75247, phone (214) 634-8550. This meeting was the third of six Listening Sessions Animal Care is hosting in 2006. For more information, please contact Darby G. Holladay, USDA, APHIS Legislative and Public Affairs at (301) 734-3265. Source: Terri Barber, State Coordinator for Livestock Marketing at the Texas Department of Agriculture.

34th Summer Horsemanship School Program

There are 28 schools scheduled in 28 different counties this summer as the program marks its' 34th consecutive year of in-depth, hands-on schools for 4-H'ers, volunteer leaders and parents. A very talented group of horse program assistants have been identified to teach these schools this sum-

<u>Run 1</u>			<u>Run 2</u>			<u>Run 3</u>		
Date	County		Date	County		Date	County	
1 May 26-27	Blanco		1 May 26-27	Smith		1 May 30-31, June 1	Somervell	
2 May 29-31	Bell		2 May 29-31	Harris		2 June 2-3	Grayson	
3 June 1-3	Williamson		3 June 1-3	Dewitt		3 June 5-6	Delta	
4 June 5-7	Anderson		4 June 5-6	Kendall		4 June 7-8	Collin	
5 June 9-10	Angelina		5 June 7-8	Uvalde		5 June 9-10	Wichita	
6 June 12-13	Red River		6 June 12-13	Bastrop		6 June 16-17	Scurry	
7 June 14-15	Lamar		7 June 14-15	Fort Bend		7 June 19-21	Haskell	
8 June 19-20	Montgomery		8 June 16-17	Jackson		8 June 23-24	Parker	
9 June 21-22	Liberty		9 June 21-22	Crocket		9 June 26-27	Swisher	
						10 June 29-30, July 1	Moore	

FWLSR Senior Horse Judging Contest

Some 50 senior teams competed in the FWLSR Horse Judging contest. This contest serves as a qualifier for the top two teams to judge under the Texas Quarter Horse Youth Association banner at the All-American Quarter Horse Congress and/or the AQHYA World Show Contest.

Congratulations to Johnson County 4-H Horse Judging Team, coached by Ed Bader, for being named High Team Overall. Team members were Katie House, Morgan Simmons, Valerie Marks and Olivia Wethington. Joel Farrington, Grimes County was the High-Point Individual in the Contest. Special thanks to Mercedes Boot Company, Debbie Sossamon, for continuing the tradition of providing buckles to the high team at this contest.

Congratulations to the Grimes County Horse Judging Team for being Reserve high-point team at this contest. Coached by Ms. Cowan and Ms. Farrington, team members were Jason Farrington, Lacy Ashworth, Joel Farrington and Alexis Cowan.

Denton County 4-H, Parker/Johnson County 4-H and Fort Bend County 4-H judging teams were 3rd, 4th and 5th, respectively at this contest. Special thanks to Katie Evans, Val Clark and Marsha Kesner at TQHA for their interest and for TQHA's support of this contest in helping fund trips for major contests and helping to arrange horses for the contest.

2006 Texas 4-H Horse Shows—Rules and Regulations (Revised)

All CEA offices should have a copy of the revised rule book. These rules apply to all District shows and the State Show, and are used with only minor exceptions, in all County Shows. Unfortunately, many 4-H'ers and 4-H families fail to realize that these rules exist, or that revisions are made annually. So please inform your 4-H'ers about the rule book. Changes or revisions are in red to make them easier to locate, and some of the more important rules are in bold type. Please make copies and distribute to 4-H horse project families. It is also available electronically at <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/ansc/index.htm>

Click on Equine Science at the left, then select the 4-H projects area on the left of the next page and click on the State Rulebook.



**Understanding the rules
is the beginning to a
successful horse show.**

44th State 4-H Horse Show

Attached is a revised schedule of classes for the State Show, being held July 22-29 in Abilene. Some changes have been made from previous years and 4-H'ers should look closely at days and times for various classes. No late entries will be accepted and the deadline is July 1st. Those 4-H'ers who don't attend District and don't make their State Show entries at the District show (in the Open Division), will need to be sure and make Open Show or Futurity entries on an official entry form. Those forms must be sent to the District office first. They will then be forwarded on to the state Horse Specialists' office. CEA's, contact your District office now to get copies of the State 4-H Horse Show entry form, contestant's letter and other information. Each district office received a revised entry form and contestant's letter in April. **The State 4-H Horse Show Contestant's Letter contains valuable information for 4-H families as they prepare for and attend the State 4-H Horse Show.** In accordance with Texas Animal Health Commission regulations, all horses entering the State Show grounds at Abilene must be accompanied by proof of negative EIA status. The EIA documentation papers are good for 12 months from the date of issue.

Hay and Pasture Availability

TDA continues to assist producers in finding hay and pastures with our Hay and Grazing Hotline - a listing of available hay supplies in Texas and out of state. The lists are updated nightly on TDA's Web site at www.agr.state.tx.us under the "What's New" section or by contacting Melissa Blair at (512)463-2631. Source: Terri Barber, State Coordinator for Livestock Marketing at the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Attached is a 2-page news article on Feeding Horses During the Texas Drought. It is provided for CEA use in county newsletters/newspaper spots.

17th Annual 4-H Team Roping School

The 4-H Roping School Committee and the Texas Cooperative Extension - Hockley County are sponsoring the 17th Annual 4-H Team Roping School at South Plains College in Levelland. This school will be directed at the development of roping and horsemanship skills of youngsters 12 years old to 18 years (as of August 31, 2005). **Participation is open to all districts of the state.** The school will be held June 1-4, 2006.

The cost of the school will be \$250.00 per student plus a \$25.00 stall deposit. This includes meals from Thursday evening through Sunday at noon, 3 nights lodging, stall rent, instruction, insurance, a cattle charge and refreshments. The \$25.00 stall deposit will be refunded at the end of the school if your stall and tack room are clean and pass inspection. The school will be limited to 30 participants on a first-come, first-served basis. There must be a minimum of 15 participants for the school to be held. Participants submitting applications after the school is full will be put on the alternate list and will have their deposits refunded in full, if a slot does not open up in the school.

A \$100.00 deposit must be received with the completed application by May 15, 2006, to confirm a reservation. The \$150.00 balance and stall deposit will be due upon arrival. Please make a separate check for the \$25.00 deposit. Check-in time will be from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 1st at South Plains College campus (building location will be provided in the confirmation letter). Parents are welcome to attend and stay in the dormitories at a cost of \$125.00, including meals and insurance.

There is no room for stalling additional horses, so a stall fee of \$25.00 will be charged for each additional horse a participant or parent brings so we can locate or set up additional space.

HORSE RULE- All horses brought to the roping school must have had a Negative Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) test within the past 12 months. An accredited veterinarian can take care of the testing procedures and provide you with a VS 10-11, EIA test form. You must have with you on arrival at the 4-H Team Roping School a copy of the VS 10-11 form for every horse you bring to the school.

This is a roping *school*, not a roping. Participants must be willing to learn -- not just have fun. Instruction during the school will consist of six instructors to work with participants divided up into beginner, intermediate, advanced skill levels to teach the following topics:

1. Rope selection and care
2. Bits and biting for individual horses
3. Horse care at home and when traveling
4. Basic rope handling and ground work
5. Horse position for training
6. Ways to improve speed of competitive runs
7. Mental preparation for competition

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Participants attending this school will show due-respect to instructors and chaperones at all times or they will be promptly excused from the school. Once again, this is an educational activity - not just another roping and those not interested in learning and improving their roping skills need not attend.

Participants will be given the opportunity to compete in a Grand Finale Roping on Sunday, June 4th starting at 11:00 a.m. Buckles will be given to the champion header and heeler in the skill-level divisions with other prizes. Caps, ropes, roping gloves, tack and t-shirts will be given for other placings. Parents are encouraged to attend and observe improvement in participants' roping skills.

To complete the registration process, please contact Chris Edens, Hockley County Extension Agent, (806) 894-3159 or Chuck Senter, (806) 562-0041.

State Calf Roping and Break-A-Way School

The 2006 Texas 4-H Calf Roping and Break-A-Way School is set for June 18-22 at the Tarleton State University Equine Center in Stephenville. Participation is open on a first-come, first-served basis for 4-Her's who are 12 years of age or older. Cost is \$300 and will include insurance, meals, lodging, stall rent for one horse and practice calves. Additional horses will cost an extra \$25.00 fee. Cost for adult chaperones is \$100, plus \$25 stall fee if bringing a horse. Emphasis of this clinic is to develop leadership ability and to exercise participant's abilities working with younger members in roping activities by receiving specific teaching methods and materials to do this on a county level. To obtain a copy of the entry form, go to or contact County Extension Agent Scott Anderson at 325-646-0386 in Brownwood. The school will be limited to 45 participants and the deadline for submitting applications is May 1, 2006.

Horse Public Speaking Contest—College Station, June

This contest will be conducted in conjunction with the Texas 4-H Round-Up in College Station, TX on Thursday, June 8th, 2006. This year the Horse Public Speaking contest will be conducted in combination with the Method Demonstrations or Illustrated Talks. This is Contest # 27 in the Texas 4-H Roundup Guide. Presentation is to cover the theory and/or practical skills learned in the 4-H Horse project and should be appropriate for presentation at a 4-H club meeting. The audience, after hearing the presentation, should be able to put information into practice to improve their production, management, training, or horse use knowledge and/or skills.

Contest Note: The highest placing individual entry and team of two (2) 4-H members presenting a method demonstration or illustrated talk style of educational presentation, and the highest placing public speech will be eligible to represent Texas at the national 4-H opportunities (i.e. Southern Region, National Western 4-H Roundup, etc) for horse project members. This rule is because of the rules set forth by the national contest.

Eligibility Rules: As per the Texas 4-H Roundup Guide, page 14, each district is allowed to enter the following: Method Demonstrations/Illustrated Talks – three(3) entries per district. Additionally, only one entry (team/individual) per county may participate in the same contest at Texas 4-H Roundup. These eligibility rules are different this year for Horse Public Speaking. This year you must qualify through your district contest in order to participate in the Horse Public Speaking at Texas 4-H Roundup. Participants must be bonafide 4-H members currently enrolled in a Texas 4-H Youth Development County Program. Participants must have passed their 14th but not their 19th birthday before August 31, 2005. Participants must have been born during the period beginning September 1, 1986 and ending August 31, 1991.

Calendar of Events		
Date	Program/Activity	Contact
May 1	Deadline for Owning and Certifying 4-H Horse Projects (includes Futurity Projects)	CEA Offices
May 2-4	State 4-H Adult Leader Reining Clinic-Abilene	Vicki Hoggett, 254-823-6860
May 2	North Region CEA Update-Horse Programming-Guthrie	Pete Gibbs, 979-845-1562 Gary Antilley, 806-596-4451 Bob Robinson, 806-677-5600
May 5	Deadline for CEAs to mail Futurity Nominations and Registration Papers to Horse Specialists Office	Brett Scott, 979-845-1562
May 6-7	SHOT Awareness Clinic—Bulverde	CEA Glenn Avriett, 830-620-3440 B.F. Yeates, 979-846-4538 www.stockhorse.org
May 18	Horse Nutrition & Theft Awareness Program-Comal County	CEA Glenn Avriett, 830-620-3440
May 19-20	SHOT Clinic Competition—Glen Rose	Three Rivers Ranch, 254-823-6643 B.F. Yeates, 979-846-4538 www.stockhorse.org
May 20	AQHA Special Event—Texas Tech University Equestrian Center	Jill Haukos, 806-797-2012 haukos@aol.com
May 26- July 1	34th Annual Statewide Summer Horsemanship School Program	Teri Antilley or Pete Gibbs 979-845-1562
June 3	District 12 4-H Horse Show-Cotulla	Sally Allen, 830-879-4448
June 7	State 4-H Horse Judging Contest-TAMU	Pete Gibbs, 979-845-1562
June 8	State 4-H Horse Method Demonstration and Public Speaking Contests-TAMU	Brett Scott, 979-845-1562
June 8	State 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl Contest-TAMU	Jeff Howard, 979-845-1211
June 12-13	District 4 4-H Horse Show, Henderson County Fair Park Complex-Athens	Mary Strickland, 972-231-5362
June 13	District 2 4-H Horse Show-Lubbock	Jett Major, 806-746-6101
June 13-15	District 9 4-H Horse Show-Katy	Kevin Chilek, 979-845-6800
June 15-17	District 3 4-H Horse Show-Vernon	Galen Chandler, 940-552-9941
June 18-22	State 4-H Calf Roping School-Stephenville	Scott Anderson 325-646-0386

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June 1-4	State 4-H Team Roping School-Levelland	Chris Edens 806-894-3159 Jett Major 806-764-6101
June 19	District 7 4-H Horse Show, Nolan County Coliseum-Sweetwater	Tommy Antilley, 325-453-2461
June 19-20	District 5 4-H Horse Show, Henderson County Fair Park Complex-Athens	Montza Williams, 973-952-9240
June 19-20	District 8 4-H Horse Show, Expo Center-Belton	Ron Woolley, 254-968-4144
June 22-23	District 11 4-H Horse Show-Beeville	Courtney Felder, 361-265-9203
June 23-24	SHOT Clinic Competition—Bryan/College Station	Eric Zimmerman, 979-823-0129 B.F. Yeates, 979-846-4538 www.stockhorse.org
June 23-24	District 1 4-H Horse Show, Horse Center, West Texas A&M-Amarillo	Leon Church, 806-373-0713
June 26-27	District 6 4-H Horse Show, Pecos County Coliseum-Ft. Stockton	Matt Tarpley, 432-336-8585
June 28	District 10 4-H Horse Show-Seguin	Cheryl Newberry, 830-278-9151
June 12-13	Cargill Feed Industry Workshop—TAMU	Pete Gibbs, 979-845-1562
July 22-29	44th Texas State 4-H Horse Show—Abilene	Horse Specialists, 979-845-1562
July 27-29	SHOT Competition-Belton	Eric Zimmerman, 979-823-0129 B.F. Yeates, 979-846-4538 www.stockhorse.org


2006 Texas State 4-H Horse Show - Schedule of Events

<u>New Covered Arena</u>	<u>Arena Horse Barn</u>	<u>Coliseum</u>
SATURDAY, JULY 22		
12:00 P.M. 1ST STALLING PERIOD BEGINS		
		3:00 p.m. Registration Opens for Packet Pickup in Show Office 7:00 p.m. Drill/Precision Riding Leader Meeting
SUNDAY, JULY 23		
12:00 p.m. Arena Open for Riding	1:00 p.m. Yearling Futurity Horses Check-In (in the Arena) 2:00 p.m. 2-Year-Old Futurity Horse Check-In (West End Overhang Area of Arena) Arena Open for Yearling Futurity Longe Line Horses 3:30 p.m. Arena Closed 4:00 p.m. Yearling Longe Line Futurity 6:00 p.m. Arena Open for Individual Riding	6:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Drill/Precision (Practice Session 1) 9:00 a.m. Management Team Meeting (TCEC Office) 11:00 a.m. Church Service (Pavilion) 1:00 p.m. Registration Opens for Packet Pickup in Show Office 2:00 p.m. Cutting 6:00 p.m. Hunt Course Set Up
6:00 p.m. Arena Open for Drill/Precision Practice		
8:00 p.m. Drill/Precision Practice Ends. Arena Open for Monitored Individual Riding		
MONDAY, JULY 24		
9:00 a.m. Breakaway Roping Prelims Breakaway Roping Finals Team Roping Prelims Team Roping Finals Calf Roping Prelims Calf Roping Finals - Awards Presentation Champion and Reserve Roper	8:00 a.m. Working Cow Horse (Dry Work) Working Cow Horse (Cattle Work) 1:00 p.m. Arena Open for riding 3:00p.m. Arena Open for Yearling Halter Horses Only 4:30 p.m. Arena Closed 5:00 p.m. Yearling Filly Futurity (concurrent 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd Go) 6:00 p.m. Yearling Gelding Futurity (concurrent 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd Go)	6:00 a.m. Paid Warm-Up for Jumping Classes 8:00 a.m. (Mandatory) Warm-Up Jump Class 9:30 a.m. Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences Working Hunter Open Jumping Hunter Hack Warm-Up Class (Mandatory) Hunter Hack 1:30 p.m. Coliseum Open for Futurity Pleasure Horses Only 2:30 p.m. Coliseum Closed 3:00 p.m. Western Pleasure Futurity (1 st Go) 4:15 p.m. Coliseum Open for Reining Horses Only 5:00 p.m. Drill/Precision Teams (Practice Session 2) 10:00 p.m. Coliseum Closed
5:00 p.m. Arena Closed while panels brought in to develop Make-Up Area		
6:00 p.m. Arena Open for Hunter Under Saddle and Hunt Seat Equitation Riders Only		
8:00 p.m. Party for Exhibitors		

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TUESDAY, JULY 25		
<p>8:00 a.m. Hunter Showmanship</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Hunter Under Saddle Hunt Seat Equitation</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Awards Presentation - Champion and Reserve Hunter Horseman</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Arena Open for individual riding</p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Team Penning Prelims Team Penning (Limited 2nd Go) Team Penning Finals</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Arena Open for Reining Finalists Only</p> <p>8:00 p.m. Arena Open for all horses</p>	<p>7:00 a.m. Coliseum Open for Reining Horses Only</p> <p>7:30 a.m. Coliseum Closed 8:00 a.m. Reining Prelims</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Stock Horse Futurity Check-In (Coliseum Overhang Area) 11:00 a.m. Arena Open 3-Year-Old Stock Horses Only</p> <p>12:00 p.m. 3-Year-Old Stock Horse (1st Go)</p> <p>3:00 p.m. Coliseum Open for Futurity Pleasure Horses Only</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Western Pleasure Futurity (2nd Go)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Recognition Ceremony Drill Team Competition</p>
WEDNESDAY, JULY 26		
<p>2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Practice Trail; Trail Entrants Only</p>	<p>8:00 a.m. Reining Finals Awards Presentation - Champion and Reserve Stockhorseman</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Arena Open for Futurity Stock Horses Only</p> <p>10:30 a.m. 3-Year-Old Stock Horse (2nd Go)</p>	<p>8:00 a.m. Precision Riding</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Coliseum Open for Futurity Pleasure Horses Only</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Western Pleasure Futurity (3rd Go)</p>
3:00 P.M. - 1 st STALLING PERIOD ENDS		
4:00 P.M. - 2 nd STALLING PERIOD BEGINS		
<p>7:00 p.m. Arena Open for Riding - 10:00 p.m.</p>	<p>5:00 p.m. Arena Open for Timed - 10:00 p.m. Event Horses Only</p>	<p>3:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m. Coliseum Open for riding by Qualifying Show Judged Event Contestants Only</p>

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THURSDAY, JULY 27		
<p>2:00 p.m. Walk-Up until Trail 6:00 p.m. Preliminaries</p>	<p>9:30 a.m. Arena Closed for preparation 12:00 p.m. Halter Mares - Mares 5 & Over - Mares 4 & Under - Grade Mares - Grand & Reserve 2:00 p.m. Pole Bending Prelims</p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Showmanship at Halter Prelims 12:00 p.m. Halter Geldings - Geldings 5 & Over - Geldings 4 & Under - Grade Geldings - Grand and Reserve 2:00 p.m. Arena Open for Western Pleasure Horses Only 3:00 p.m. Western Pleasure Prelims</p>
8:00 p.m. Party for Exhibitors		
FRIDAY, JULY 28		
	<p>8:00 a.m. Barrel Racing Prelims 1:30 p.m. Stake Racing Prelims</p>	<p>8:00 a.m. Showmanship at Halter (Semi-Finals & Finals) Minimum 1 hour Break Western Horsemanship Prelims 2:30 p.m. Western Riding Prelims 4:30 p.m. Trail Finals (Top 20)</p>
SATURDAY, JULY 29		
	<p>8:00 a.m. Finals Performance Pole Bending (Top 20) Barrel Racing (Top 20) Stakes Race (Top 20) Awards Presentation - Champion and Reserve Timed Horseman</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  </div>	<p>9:00 a.m. Western Pleasure Semi-Finals Western Pleasure Finals 30 minute Break Western Horsemanship Semi-Finals Western Horsemanship Finals Western Riding Finals Awards Presentation - Champion and Reserve Judged Horseman</p>

Texas State Leader Reining Clinic

May 2, 3, 4, 2006

Taylor County Expo - Abilene, TX

Instructor: Robert Chown

Robert Chown, is a seventeen time World Champion in Reining and Working Cowhorse. Robert has been a finalist in all the NRHA major events and a Top 20 NRHA rider. He has won the Congress in reining. Robert is a very diversified horseman also having won or been a finalist in all the NRCHA major events and has been a World's Greatest Horseman finalist since the contest's inception.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. You must be interested or involved in working with youth in the Horse program in your county or district.
2. You don't need a finished reining horse. This program is designed to cover three aspects: Training the reining horse, riding and competing, and sharing this and other knowledge with youth in the horse program.

PRE-REGISTRATION: April 28, 2006

Please pre-register by the above date. Complete the below form and mail along with a \$80.00 check payable to the *Texas Youth Equestrian Foundation* to Vicki Hoggett, 2257B CR 1012, Bluff Dale, TX 76433. 254-823-6860

HOST MOTEL: Whitten Inn 800-880-7666
 \$54 flat rate, complimentary breakfast. State that you are with the Texas State Reining Clinic.

Clinic Coordinators: Roger Blackmon, Vicki Hoggett

Cost: \$80.00

SCHEDULE:

- Monday: May 1, 2006**
Stalls available after 3:00 p.m.
- Tuesday: May 2, 2006**
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
Registration & stalling of horses.
10:00 a.m. - Instruction begins
- Wednesday: May 3, 2006**
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Instruction
- Thursday: May 4, 2006**
9:00 a.m. - Instruction
3:00 p.m. - Clinic adjourns

ALL HORSES MUST SHOW PROOF OF NEGATIVE COGGINS AT REGISTRATION.

Mail below form to:
Vicki Hoggett
Clinic Coordinator
2257B CR 1012
Bluff Dale, TX 76433

TEXAS STATE 4-H REINING HORSE CLINIC - Registration Deadline: April 28, 2006

REGISTRATION FEE: \$80 ADDITIONAL STALLS: X \$15 AMOUNT ENCLOSED:

 Name Address

 City State Zip Phone

I hereby release and hold without blame, for liability, the Texas Cooperative Extension Service, the Taylor County Expo, the Clinic Coordinators and Instructors in case of liability of accident(s) incurred by me, my horse or equipment while attending the Texas State 4-H Reining Clinic.

 Participant Signature

Feeding Horses During Drought Conditions

Pete G. Gibbs

Extension Horse Specialist

Late 2005 and early 2006 represent the third compromised hay crops in less than a decade. Horse owners who typically pay around \$3 to \$3.50 a bale for good grass hay during normal hay production years, have been faced with hay shortages and increased costs to secure good quality hay for horses. This has driven annual horse keeping costs upward by as much as 20%, with hay costs alone more than doubling in some cases.

Research conducted at Texas A&M representing previous dry periods has isolated changes in type of hay as the single biggest dietary factor associated with digestive disturbance in horses. Horses do not tolerate dietary change well, and the shortage of hay has caused some horse owners to have to feed hay of different types, or from different batches. Even the same type of hay can vary a great deal in quality, depending on how it was managed, when it was cut and where it was grown.

In typical years of adequate rainfall conducive to growing good Texas hay, horse owners have been able to be somewhat picky about hay and even ask for nutrient analyses prior to purchase. This spring of 2006, many owners are glad to just be able to find hay that is clean and free of mold, almost independent of nutrient content. This shortage of hay has prompted many questions about alternatives for meeting roughage requirements and keeping horses healthy with hopes for a good growing season this summer.

One way to stretch existing hay supply is to actually weigh each block or portion of hay prior to feeding, aiming for no less than 0.75 % of horse body weight per day in long stem roughage. To keep the digestive tract healthy, this is the minimum, and daily hay provided between 0.75 and 1.0% of body weight will usually meet a horses need *for* chewing and for gut fill. Concentrate feeds that are higher in crude fiber than a horse owner might normally feed can be used to help decrease the need for long stem roughage. Feeds that are 14% crude fiber or higher will help, allowing horse owners to cut back to as little as 0.5% of body weight per day in long stem hay, at least on a short-term basis. There are even feeds on the market that exceed 20% crude fiber, and this appears to be enough fiber to help keep the horses digestive tract healthy, particularly if the feed is extruded, which can further slow rate of intake.

Horse owners who have clean round bales or big square bales can stretch the hay supply further by limit-feeding a big bale. This is easily accomplished by fencing or paneling off the bale, with a gate, allowing horses a limited amount of time to eat from the bale.

Some processed forms of roughage can also be helpful during the hay shortage. Processed roughage can be found in cubed and chopped/bagged forms. On a pound to pound comparison, these roughage sources are quite a bit more expensive than traditional square bales. However, the feeding value can be comparatively better because many of these alfalfa-based roughages have a guaranteed nutrient content.

One solution to getting through these tough times is to use both clean, dry grass hay and a processed roughage such as those mentioned above. This can help stretch existing hay supplies while waiting for the next hay crop. Again, for horses that also get some concentrate feed, total roughage at about 1% of body weight will usually meet the roughage need and minimize vices such as wood chewing and chewing of manes and tails.

Avoid some types of hay completely as several have been associated with various types of sickness in horses. Kleingrass should not be fed if it can be avoided, as there are indications that it can cause liver problems in horses. Given a choice, horses will select other grass hays over kleingrass, and voluntarily consume smaller amounts of kleingrass over time. Also avoid johnsongrass, sorghum-sudan crosses (haygrazers), Russian, foxtail and German millets. Concerns over prussic acid and cystitis syndrome are the basis for this recommendation. Fescue is typically acceptable for most horses, except for broodmares during the breeding season. The last 90 days prior to foaling, mares should be kept away from fescue because of concerns over foal death at time of birth and the complete absence of milk production in some mares eating fescue. While prairie hay can be fed to horses, the nutrient content of this hay is usually quite low. So, if the prairie hay is clean and free of mold, a workable solution is to mix some prairie hay with a legume source such as alfalfa for horses.

Some of the senior feeds on the market are already being fed to old horses with teeth problems and to old horses that have had a noticeable problem with chewing and processing long-stem hay. These senior feeds are designed with enough fiber included so that older horses can eat the feed and actually do not have to be provided any long hay at all. Younger, mature horses fed these senior feeds can likely get by in the short term without any hay, however, a good recommendation is to still provide some roughage if at all possible.

For more information on selection and use of hay and processed roughage in feeding horses, go to <http://animalscience.tamu.edu> and click on equine science. Then go to the publications section and find information related to hay for horses, as well as feeding broodmares, growing horses and performance horses. For additional assistance, contact the County Extension office.



2006 Hippology Workshop & Contest

Saturday—August 19, 2006

Van Zandt County Fairgrounds—Canton, TX

Contest

Registration 8:00—8:50 a.m.

Contest will begin at 9:00 a.m.

\$60.00 per team -

Deadline August 10, 2006

\$15.00 per individual -

Deadline August 10, 2006

Registration covers lunch & awards day of the contest

Lunch will be available for \$5.00 per person not in the Hippology contest on Saturday.

Contest Order:

2 judging classes of Halter &/or Performance

Slide Show

Rotation of Written Test, Teams Questions and Station Test

During the Rotation Session of the contest Adult leaders and Coaches may participate in the 4-H Horse Leader Training. This year new and fun hands-on activities to take back to your 4-H programs.

For more information, call the Kaufman County Extension Office at (972) 563-0233.

So What is

Hippology?

Hippology is an indoor activity where 4-H members can make learning fun by exhibiting their horse knowledge. This contest will contain

1. **I.D. Station**—where youth will visit 10 stations to identify or answer questions presented to them. This is an educational activity of five or more subject areas. Each area is called a **Station**. Each station is numbered and represents a particular subject. Such as: #1—Parts of the Horse, #2—Breeds of Horses, #3—Leg and Face Markings, #4—Styles of Riding, #5—identify or an equal number of questions to answer. Any number of stations may be used.
2. **Short Fill in the Blank Test**—If you can do Quiz Bowl then you can do the Test!
3. **Slide Show Test (picture test)** - ID what you see!
4. **Two Halter Classes**
5. **One Team Question**—the team will work together to solve a “problem”.

Hippology Contest Rules

OBJECTIVES

- 1.To provide, in friendly but competitive setting, an opportunity for youth currently enrolled in the 4-H
- 2.To provide youths with the opportunity to blend knowledge and skills acquired in horse judging bowl, demonstrations, public speaking, and showing into one activity.
- 3.To encourage youth to continue expanding their horse knowledge and participation.
- 4.To recognize youth for their comprehension of knowledge of the horse industry.
- 5.To teach good sportsmanship through a friendly and competitive environment.

CONTEST RULES

1.The contest will be divided into Junior and Senior divisions. Junior members may not have reached their **14th birthday as of August 31st, 2006**. All Senior members must have reached their **14th birthdays as of August 31st, 2006**. **You are in the new 4-H year for this contest!!!!**

2.Each county is eligible to enter any number of junior individuals, junior teams, senior individuals, and senior teams. All participants in the contest will be eligible for individual awards or recognition.

3.A team consists of three or four members. On teams in which there are four members, all will compete, but the member receiving the lowest overall score will be automatically declared the alternate. The scores of the alternate will not be included in any of the team totals but will be considered in making all individual awards. Teams consisting of three members will have no alternate and all members' scores will count in determining individual and team awards. Team members must be from the same county 4-H program.

4. This contest will contain.....

1. I. D. Station (25 points) - where youth will visit 5 stations to identify or answer questions presented to them. This is an educational activity of five or more subject areas. Each area is called a **Station**. Each station is numbered and represents a particular subject. (Example but not limited to: #1 - Parts of the Horse, #2 - Breeds of Horses, #3 - Leg and Face Markings, #4 - Styles of Riding, #5 - Nutrition, etc. Each station has equal number of items to identify or an equal number of questions to answer. Any number of stations may be used.

2. Short Fill in the Blank Test (25 points) - If you can do Quiz Bowl then you can do the Test!

3. Slide Show Test (picture test) (25 points) - ID what you see! Short fill in the blank.

4. Two Halter Classes (100 points)

5. One Team Question (25 points) - the team will work together to solve a "problem".

Total points for Teams to earn is 200 points. Individual contestants will not participate in the Team questions for a total point value of 175 points.

REFERENCES

The hippology contest uses the same references as the Texas 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl contest.

Mail or FAX entries to: Carrie Sharp, Kaufman County Extension,

408 East College Street, Terrell, TX 75160 phone(972) 563-0233 FAX (972) 563-4495

E-Mail: cl-sharp@tamu.edu

Hippology Contest Registration Summary - Deadline August 10th, 2006

Name of County/Club: _____ Coach/Leader: _____

Put the number of teams/individuals in the box.

<input style="width: 50px; height: 30px;" type="text"/>	Junior Team (ages 9-13)	<input style="width: 50px; height: 30px;" type="text"/>	Senior Team (ages 14-18)	<input style="width: 50px; height: 30px;" type="text"/>	# of Teams X \$ 60.00 = _____
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Individual entry, Individuals will only be able to compete for the individual awards.

<input style="width: 50px; height: 30px;" type="text"/>	Junior Individual (ages 9-13)	<input style="width: 50px; height: 30px;" type="text"/>	Senior Individual (ages 14-18)	<input style="width: 50px; height: 30px;" type="text"/>	# of Individual X \$ 15.00 = _____
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Total Entries \$ _____

Team Contact Information:

Coach: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City/Town: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Make Checks Payable to: East Texas Youth Horse Show