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Horse Show Update

As many of you are aware of the fact that the 2009 Lafayette Parish Horse Show will be conducted at **Sugarena** on **Sunday, June 14, 2009**. This decision and the reasons that lead to this decision were outlined in the November Issue of the Hub-City Equine News.

Since that time, our advisory board and our Extension office are continuing to work with the facility on utilizing their facility. We are aware that this is the first day of the High School Rodeo Finals in Gonzales. With that in mind, we have worked with the Association and will be able to excuse youth participants from the meeting on Sunday afternoon. Therefore, they will be able to participate in the parish show.

Meanwhile, at our board meeting the Iberia 4-H Agent presented a proposal to hold a joint show together this summer. With a decrease in their exhibitors to about ten members in their parish and the threat of not having a parish show, they proposed utilizing our show as an **"exhibition"** show only. They would purchase their own awards for the Iberia exhibitors in each class. The Lafayette exhibitors would still receive similar awards for the top exhibitors as they have in the past.

Speaking of awards, the class sponsorship letter and forms were mailed out last month. We have only received two class sponsorships. With the show being earlier, the awards will have to order earlier than in the past in order to have them at parish. The class sponsorships are due to our office by April 1, 2009.

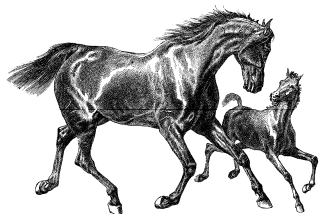
In addition, the board is working out the final details, but it will remain a one day show. The schedule would be altered to show in this order: roping events, speed events, premier exhibitor contest during the lunch break, halter, showmanship, western events and concluding the day with English.

We must all remember the purpose of the program is to give youth the opportunity for personal growth and development through caring for their animal. In doing so, we do appreciate your cooperation and patience as we continue to work through these issues.

Horse News - First Year Meeting & Grade Horse Clinic

A First Year Horse Exhibitor Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 25 at 5:00 PM. All first time exhibitors and a parent should plan to attend to gain more information about the program. It will be held in conjunction with the grade horse clinic at Blackham Coliseum.

Grade horses can also be shown in 4-H, but must be certified during our **mandatory** 4-H Grade Horse Check-In on Wednesday, March 25 at 6:30-7:00 PM at UL Lafayette Blackham Coliseum, Building "B". If you are attending the Grade Horse Clinic, bring your horse and a picture of your horse (side profile). If you can not attend the Grade Horse Clinic, please notify me prior to **Wednesday, March 25**. Please note, grade horses certified in the past and shown again this year by the same exhibitor will not be required to re-certify.



State Horse Camps

There will be five educational State Horse Camps conducted within the next four months. These camps offer intensive hands-on training for you and your horse. The camps will cover safety, horsemanship, basic riding and training skills, horse health and much more.

The first camp will be held in central Louisiana. It is scheduled for April 14-15, 2009 at the C. Woodrow Dewitt Sr. Livestock Facility in Alexandria, La. For more information contact Rodney Johnson at 319-767-3968.

The second camp will be held in the Lake Charles/Sulphur area. It is scheduled for April 15-16. For more information contact Jimmy Meaux at 337-475-8812.

The third camp will be held April 16-17, 2009 in Monroe, LA. It will be held at the Ike Hamilton Expo Center. For more information, contact Mr. Jim McCann 318-649-2663 or Mrs. Amanda Sewell at 318-259-5690.

The fourth camp will be held in New Iberia, LA at Sugarena May 8-9, 2009. For more information contact Hilton Waits at 337-898-4335 or Richard Hebert.

The fifth camp will be held in Amite, LA on May 27 - 28. For more information contact Lacey Urick at 985-839-7855

There are a few more that may be scheduled in the future. When they are confirmed, we will send out information on location and dates.

The fees are similar and for a participant/leader/parent with a horse would vary between \$40.00-\$60.00 depending on the location of the camp. A participant/leader/parent without a horse would cost about \$20.00. The fee will cover ground fees, meals, insurance, shavings, and a T-Shirt. Registration is limited to approximately forty to fifty 4-H members.

These clinics are available for all members and their parents. All participants will be required to complete a standard Health Card for these events. You can locate the health card on the Lafayette 4-H website under the Contest Rules & Forms sub channel. If you need additional information, please contact Mr. Charles Hebert, Mrs. Darla Lanie, or Miss Heather Bordelon at the 4-H Office at 291-7090.

Possession Dates & Rules

All horse exhibitors are reminded about the "possession date" they must adhere to each year. The possession date is **April 1st**, and the deadline for exhibitors to acquire their animals. From that date, the exhibitors are required to be in continuous possession of their animals. Horses may be boarded at a boarding facility as long as the exhibitor is doing the majority of the work. (This rule does not prohibit a trainer from working with the exhibitor and horse combination as long as the care of the horse remains with the exhibitor).

All horses must be officially registered in the name of the exhibitor or immediate family member on or prior to **April 1st, 2008**. All horses must be registered with their respective breed associations or have completed a Grade Horse Certificate. A Grade Horse Certificate is only for horses which do not have registration papers from a breed association. Dual ownership is allowed only if all owners are in the immediate family.

NOTE: IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS ARE FATHER, MOTHER, STEP-PARENT, BROTHER, SISTER, LEGAL GUARDIAN, STEP-BROTHER, STEP-SISTER OR GRANDPARENT. Ranch, corporation, or stable ownership is not allowed.

Open Horse Shows

The St. Landry Benefit Horse 4-H Show will be held on Saturday, April 4, 2009 at the Ag Arena at the Yambilee Festival Fairgrounds. It will begin at 9:00 a.m. and classes will consist of halter, showmanship, English events, western events, roping and speed events. For more information contact Alison Muller at 948-0561.

The 2009 Bayou Area 4-H Horse Show will be held on **Sunday, May 17, 2009** at the Assumption Parish Horse Arena in Napoleonville, Louisiana. The show will start promptly at 9:00 a.m. Prizes will include 8 belt buckles, head stalls and many more for high point individuals. All exhibitors will receive an award.

Entry fees are \$4.00 per event entered. There will be an extra \$20.00 cattle charge per roping event. Entries and fees will be collected in advance and must be received by **May 1, 2009**. Fees must be made payable to the **La-fourche 4-H Foundation and mailed to** P. O. Box 123, Thibodaux, LA 70302. If you have any further questions please Katie Wilcox at (985)446-1316 for more details and entry

Vermilion Parish will host their show on May 24, 2009. The show is tentatively scheduled for Rockin' Riders Arena in Maurice. The schedule of events will include Speed Events, Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Reining Events and Roping Events. For more information contact Hilton Waits at 337-898-4335.

Master Horseman Program

The fifth class has just begun with nine participants. The first class was held on Tuesday night. With that we are considering conducting a seventh **Master Horseman Program** for adults in the parishes of Lafayette, Vermilion, Iberia, St. Mary and St. Martin in the spring of 2010.

The Master Horseman Project is designed to improve the overall knowledge and skills of horse people so that they can serve as 4-H leaders. This program consists of nine sessions, taught by LSU Equine Experts, the LSU Vet School, and other area leaders. (There will be one training class in a wooded area near Forest Hill.) Each 3-4 hour session will include horse care and management in a classroom setting, and riding and training in an arena. A fee of \$200.00 will be assessed per participant to defray expenses of the program (8 meals, rope halter, yacht cord lead rope, vet kits, books, binders, bits, prizes, etc.). Program participants are expected to serve as volunteers to help in extension horse programs.

Sessions will begin with a meal and review at 5:30 PM, with the class starting at 6 PM. We are currently working out the details for each session, but two locations will be utilized for the class. They are the Sugarena in Iberia and the Cecil McCrory Exhibit Bldg. (4-H Show Barn) in Abbeville. The program will begin in March and April, 2010. There are a few spots that remain.

An individual must participate in at least 6 sessions to receive the LSU AgCenter Master Horseman Certificate. The program will be limited to 14 participants. If you would like to get more information or an application, please contact Charles Hebert at 291-7090; or Joel Guidry at 896-7264 The chairman of our Horse Advisory Task Force and Master Horseman Graduate.

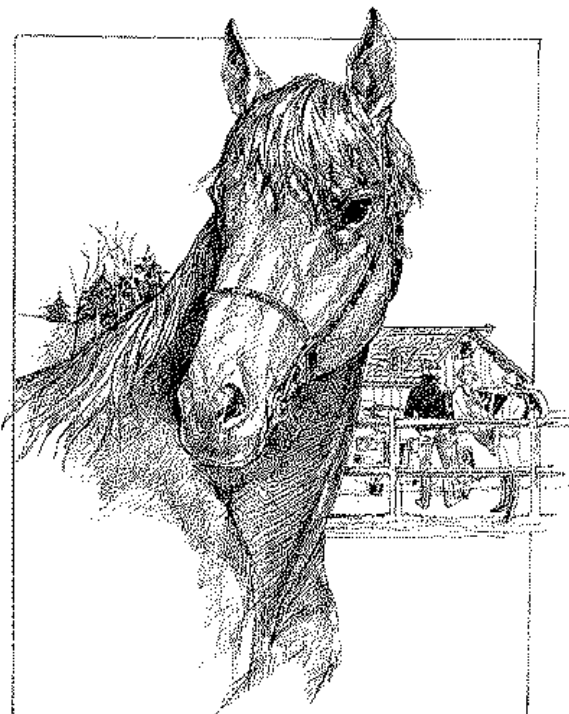
Horse Nutrition, Health, And Training Workshop

There will be a free horse nutrition, health, and training workshop open to both adults and youth. This will be held at the Acadia Rice Arena in Crowley, LA on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 from 6:00 - 9:00.

Learn why our new feeds can generate results for your horse in as little as 60 days by attending a HOW® Horse Owner's Workshop in your area. Information about nutrition and equine care from experts is just part of what a Horse Owner's Workshop is all about. Take a look:

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- Hear the latest news about equine nutrition, health, training and equipment
- Talk with equine experts about the care and nutrition of your horse
- Connect with other horse owners and enthusiasts
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Horse Leadership Program

With horse show time quickly approaching, most of you are making good progress with your projects but we realize some of you, especially our newer exhibitors, still need lots of help. With this in mind, we are working to continue our Horse Leader Program in Lafayette Parish. The program will operate in the following manner.

The Horse Advisory Board consist of both adults and youth members. They coordinate the program and have been working with us to recruit potential Project Leaders (Master Horseman Graduates; older, experienced 4-H'ers; 4-H Horse alumni, leaders, etc.) And to locate younger inexperienced 4-H'ers who need help.

Horse Project Leaders are adults and youth who volunteer their services to help exhibitors with their projects. These individuals volunteer their services free of charge to help educate members as a project leader. This help includes everything related to showing your horse, teaching showmanship, horse show questions, or educating others about animal health and nutrition, etc. This does not include family members helping other family members (example: sister helping brother or parent helping son/daughter). We are encouraging this wholeheartedly as this is an example of good sportsmanship, teamwork and brotherhood, especially in a time when the world needs more mentors that are positive role models of character.

If you are interested in becoming a project leader, or you are already doing some of this work, call us at the 4-H office and we will put your name on the project leader list. Your name will be on a list of possible people to contact for horse help. We already have some people who have graciously volunteered to be project leaders. If you want help with your horse project, do not hesitate to contact these volunteers.

Horse Advisory Board	Term
Joel Guidry—Chairman	2007-2009
Kerry Simon—Vice-Chairman	2007-2009
Ted Champaign—	2007-2009
Danielle Jones—Reporter	2007-2008
Merl Landry	2007-2008
Mark McMillan	2007-2008
Randolph Joseph—Alternate	2007-2009
Allen Guidry—2nd Alternate	2007-2008
Lisa Simmons—Secretary	
Lisa Landry—Treasurer	

Junior Representatives

Cole Guidry
Kealy Stelly

Project Leaders

Sky Salter Abshire—873-2470
Amanda Magnon—886-0250
Rene Mouton—981-3721

Master Horseman Graduates

Teresa Bartlett, 886-0250	Randolph Joseph, Jr., 845-4014
Michelle Begnaud, 989-4360	Elisha Trombley, 258-7040
Dixie Bunton Ferrata, 896-6738	Tammy Payne, 837-5813
Ted Champagne, 230-6694	Glenda Pickett, 232-5609
Cathe Charlier, 857-0297	Rhonda Richard, 684-2831
Joel Guidry, 896-7264	Lisa Simmons, 288-9020
Ruby Halter, 234-8652	Jamie Simon, 981-4400
Danielle Jones, 334-1433	Elizabeth Waguespack, 984-8778



Advisory Board Program Update

Over the past twelve years the program has been working on ways to generate funds for the horse program. In past years the parents, volunteers and exhibitors have strived to recruit items for both a silent and live auction, promote the show and volunteer as well as giving the show their all to raise funds. Parish show entry fees will continue and will be collected through the entry process.

The board has voted to continue our high stakes raffle with a large prize valued at approximately \$500 for first place and multiple other prizes to award winners in conjunction with the parish horse show.

We are requesting &75 donations for the class sponsorship. This information as well as the donations are due to Mr. Charles by **April 15**. These sponsors will receive a half page add in our parish show program. We will except donation of any amount. Please contact any of the committee members or our office with any questions.

Each exhibitor will be responsible for selling a specific amount of raffle tickets. The coordinator of the raffle will be Mrs. Monica Guidry and the tickets will be distributed through the mail in late April or early May.

Now that you are aware and are informed of the direction that the board has chosen, let's all try our best to do a great job in recruiting items for the raffle. We are soliciting any items you can think of, even if we have to group items together for prizes.

If you have items to donate or have questions, please contact Ms. Angie Arnould or Mr. Charles Hebert at 291-7090; one of the advisory board members; or Mrs. Monica Guidry at 896-7264. We appreciate your cooperation and continued support for the 4-H Youth Development Program.

Calendar of Events

March 25 First year Exhibitor Mtg. 5:00 PM, UL-Lafayette Blackham Coliseum
March 25 Grade Horse Clinic 6:30 PM, UL-Lafayette Blackham Coliseum
April 1 Possession Date for ALL Horses
April 1 Registered Horses MUST be transferred into the name of the exhibitor
or immediate family member identified as the owner on the ID form.
April 15 Horse Entries Due, Lafayette LSU AgCenter Office
April 16-17 North La. Horse Camp Monroe, LA
May 1 Barnyard Bash, UL-Lafayette Blackham Coliseum
May 8-9 Acadiana Horse Camp, New Iberia, LA
June 14 Parish Horse Show, Sugarena, New Iberia, LA
July 2-4 District Horse Show, UL-Lafayette Blackham Coliseum
July 6-11 LSU AgCenter State Horse Show in Monroe, LA
July 26-31 Southern Regional Horse Show, Lexington, VA



Closing Remarks

Farewell partner, till we meet again on the trail. . . . If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Charles Hebert at the Lafayette LSU AgCenter 4-H Office at 291-7090.

Sincerely,

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Lafayette Parish

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Lafayette Parish

Nikki Mouch
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Assistant Extension Agent
Lafayette Parish

Please Note:

It is the policy of the LSU AgCenter, Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service that no person shall be subjected to discrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin, gender, religion or disability. If you have a disability which requires special attention for your participation in any aforementioned activity, please contact the Lafayette Parish Office at 291-7090.

January 26, 2009



TO: Parents and 4-H'er

RE: Parish Show Award Sponsorship Campaign

Dear Parents and 4-H'er:

The Horse Advisory Committee has decided to continue to conduct a class sponsor drive for the Lafayette Parish Horse Show. We would like to continue awarding all winners the same type of prize.

However, the above will not come without some work and planning. The awards committee has developed a plan whereby each parent and child would solicit an award sponsor. The business or person sponsoring the award would have their contribution acknowledged during the announcements at the Parish Show, a half page black and white advertisement or good luck ad in the show Program, and special thank you note mailed out. The committee would like to see the sponsorship drive conducted like a contest, with a prize going to the 4-H'er who collects the most sponsors.

Sponsorship forms are attached for you to solicit sponsors for the parish show, and are due back in the 4-H office at the same time – **April 1, 2009**. If you are interested in learning more about the above, you can contact Mrs. Lisa Simmons at 288-9020. Thank you for your continued support of the Lafayette Parish Horse Program.

Sincerely,

Lafayette Parish 4-H and Horse Advisory Board

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County Agent, 4-H Youth Development

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Nikki Mouch

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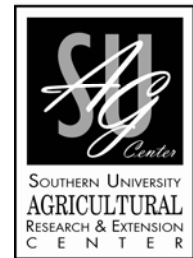
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LAFAYETTE PARISH HORSE SHOW SPONSORSHIP FORM

I would like to contribute to the Lafayette Parish Horse Show for 2009 awards. I am entitled to have my business name announced at the show and printed in the Parish Show Program.

The \$75 LPHS class(es) I choose to sponsor is/are:

1st choice: _____

2nd choice: _____

3rd choice: _____

SPONSORS NAME AND/OR BUSINESS:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBERS: (HOME) _____ (WORK) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

WEB SITE ADDRESS: _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

Lafayette 4-H Livestock Fund

MAILTO: Attn: Charles Hebert

Amount remitted: \$ _____

Lafayette Parish 4-H Office

Check #: _____

1010 Lafayette Street, Ste. 325

(337) 291-7090

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Submitted by 4-Hr: _____

Thank you for your support!

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Submitted by 4-Hr: _____

Thank you for your support!