


BRAZOS COUNTY EXTENSION HORSE NEWSLETTER

September 2008

TO HORSE ENTHUSIASTS, ORGANIZATIONS AND PRODUCTS/SERVICE PROVIDERS

WHAT IS THE BRAZOS COUNTY EXTENSION HORSE COMMITTEE (BCEHC)?

 Texas Agrilife Extension offices are charged with strengthening major agriculture commodity areas within each county. To do this, County Extension agents form program area committees to plan, implement and evaluate educational opportunities for area residents. Committee members are selected for their discipline knowledge, interest in the county, ability to identify problems plus agreed upon time commitment to solve these problems. Persons on the 2008-2009 BCEHC are listed below. BCEHC members can be identified at horse functions by their committee name tags.


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| Steve Carlson | Chairperson |
| Robbie James, Jr. | Vice-Chairperson |
| Chris Cohen | Secretary |
| Dr. Mike Martin | Treasurer |

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| John Allen | Jeff McDowell |
| Donnis Baggett | Dr. Tex Taylor |
| Penny Thomas | Jerry Windham |
| Kenny Dickerson | Rick Thompson |
| Dr. Dickson Varner | B. F. Yeates |
| Dr. Doug Householder | Phyllis Young |
| Brian Dickerson | Cindy Tate |
| Sheri Anderson | Don Gonzales |
| Alice Hickerson | Linda Love |
| R.C. Slocum | Ed Solymosy |
| Dr. Pete Gibbs (Advisor) | Dr. Brett Scott (Advisor) |


BCEHC Needs Assessment Survey

The BCEHC would like your input as they plan future educational opportunities for area horse owners and enthusiasts. Please complete the enclosed survey and return it to the Brazos County Office of the Texas Agrilife Extension Service by October 17th.

BLUEBONNET HORSE EXPO

 The 2nd Annual Bluebonnet Horse Expo will be held at the Travis County Expo Center on October 11, 2008 from 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. The expo is a day of fun, education, shopping and horses. All proceeds from this event will benefit needy horses of the Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society. Some of the day's activities include clinics on desensitization, trick horse training and saddle fitting. Visitors will also have the opportunity to attend an auction of saddles and other tack. Interested parties can become involved in the Bluebonnet Horse Expo as a sponsor, clinician, vendor or participant. For more information or details visit <http://www.bluebonnethorseexpo.com> or via email at info@bluebonnethorseexpo.com.

STOCK HORSE OF TEXAS VERSATILITY CLINIC AND COMPETITION

 Once again, the Brazos County Extension Horse Committee (BCEHC) is sponsoring and coordinating a SHOT Clinic and Competition. This year's event will be held October 2-5, 2008 at the Brazos County Expo Complex on Leonard Road in Bryan.

The Stock Horse of Texas (SHOT) is an association which began as a state-wide planning group in the mid-1990's and was incorporated in 1998. The purpose of SHOT is to educate western horse enthusiasts on riding and training an all-around western stock horse that can be used on the ranch, in the show ring or down the road. The primary goal of SHOT is to teach riders knowledge and skills to maximize horse trainability, performance, and safety by offering affordable, fun and standardized western stock horse riding clinics and competitions.

For more information on the (BCEHC) sponsored SHOT Clinic and Competition in Bryan, contact Phyllis Young at (979) 255-1227 or Cindy Tate at (979) 693-6995. Information about all SHOT activities can be found at <http://stockhorsestexas.org>.

BCYLS - EXTENSION HORSE COMMITTEE BUYERS GROUP

The 2008 Brazos County Youth Livestock Show was a huge success and the premium auction, once again, set an all time record. A special thanks goes to the BCEHC Buyers Group, who purchased over \$12,000 worth of 4-H livestock projects. Contributing businesses and individuals to the BCEHC Buyers Group are:

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| Binford Insect Control | Hope Lumber Co. |
| Transit Ready Mix | Larry Young |
| Redtail Equipment Rental | Brazos Paving |
| Wings N' More Restaurants | Britten Farms |
| James Deatherage | Robert Grant |
| Ron & Phyllis Young | Country Ritiz |
| Rex's Concrete Pumping Co. | Hitt Landscape |
| Kenny Dickerson Construction | Cindy Tate |
| Prince Irrigation | Frank Thurmond |
| Boyd Ready Mix | Marvin "Bubba" Ward |
| Andr Construction | Don Gonzales Saddlery |
| McCoy's Building Supply | D & S Contruction |
| Thompson Custom Homes | Stanley Boase |
| Dr. Brazos J. Varisco Estate | Foster Tile Co. |
| Hogan's Trucks Unlimited, Inc. | M-M Design |
| CGM Home Builders | Knife River |
| Army & David Hillburn | John Conrad |
| Robert & Andrea James | T. Barrett Lyne |
| Ike's Small Engine | Danny W. Smith, Jr. |
| Tom Lyne Plumbing & Irrigation | Jerry Windham |
| Ed & Penny Thomas | Dr. Mike & Linda Martin |
| Dick & Alice Hickerson | Mike Patranella |
| Doug & Brenda Householder | Tim Moore |

BRAZOS VALLEY - DOUG DAVIDSON HAY SHOW

Promoting the production and purchasing of high quality hay, the Brazos Area Hay Producers Association (BAHPA) is making plans for the 2008 Brazos Valley - Doug Davidson Hay Show. This year's show will be on Thursday, November 6, 2008 at the Brazos Valley Livestock Commission Company on Hwy 21 East in Bryan. The Hay Show offers an opportunity for both hay producers and hay purchasers to get a free nutritive analysis of their hay. By knowing the true nutritive value of hay, livestock and horse owners are able to confidently meet their animal's nutrition requirements. *The deadline to submit samples to the Brazos County Office of the Texas Agrilife Extension Service has been extended to Monday, October 13, 2008.* Samples should be 1-2 blocks of hay submitted in a clean cardboard box, trash bag or tied with string. Enclosed are hay sample submittal forms. Please, only one sample per category.

BAHPA SOIL TEST CAMPAIGN

For forage producers only, the BAHPA sponsored Soil Test Campaign will be from January 5 - 30, 2009. This program allows forage producers to receive a half price soil analysis of their hay fields and pastures. The BAHPA is a 7-county area supporting education concerning the production of high quality forages. Samples will be accepted from forage producing pastures in Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Madison, Milam, Robertson, and Washington Counties. Soil sample bags, instructions and special submittal forms can be obtained at all of the Extension offices in the above mentioned counties after January 1st. Materials may also be obtained from participating area Agri-businesses. Contact your County Extension Agent for Agriculture & Natural

EQUINE HEALTH CARE EVENT

Come support the College of Veterinary Medicine's-Graduate Student Association (CVM-GSA) Equine Health Care Clinic Co-sponsored by BYD Ranch & Kennel.

The clinic is on Saturday, November 8, 2008 at the Freeman Arena in College Station. The clinic will feature educational seminars covering topics such as equine nutrition, theft prevention & permanent identification, common equine diseases, hoof management, first aide, safety, saddle fitting, equine dentistry and chiropractic services. Bring your horse along to update vaccinations, coggins testing, deworming & hoof care or help prevent the theft of your equine partner by micro-chipping it for \$35 and/or freeze branding for \$20. Brand records from the county your brand is registered in must be provided.

Admission is free and donations are appreciated.

EQUESTRIAN 4-H CLUB SUMMER UPDATE

C The Equestrian 4-H Club began the summer by attending the District 9 4-H Horse Show in Katy and had many winners.

Katelynn White placed 5th in halter Registered Mares 5 and over. Derby Jones and Piper Cain were 1st and 2nd, 2nd and 1st in Hunter Showmanship and Hunter under Saddle. Piper Cain won Champion Hunter Horseman and was named Reserve Champion Judged Horseman for Western events. Allie Fratessa won the HSQ class, winning the Reserve Champion Hunter Horseman honors, placed 2nd in Western Pleasure, and 5th in Trail. Lauren Gast placed 9th in Pleasure and 16th in Horsemanship. Rebecca Summer placed 4th in Hunter Hack.

Equestrian members Nikki Barnett, Fiona Cohen, Rachel Luchts and Brittany Williams all placed in the top ten. Nikki Barnett, Allie Fratessa and Cheyenne Jacobson were members of the first penning team for Brazos County, placing 7th.

The Senior Horse Judging Team (Piper Cain, Brittany Williams, and Derby Jones) won 5th place at the State Horse Judging contest. Piper and Brittany went on to

the regional competition in Virginia with 2 guest members. Their team came in 4th!

Kathleen Koenig, Allie Fratessa, Fiona Cohen and Rebecca Summer attended a 2-day horsemanship clinic at TAMU in July which was hosted by the River Valley Horseman's 4-H Club. In August, Kathleen also attended a two day dressage clinic at On the Bit Farm.

Aislin Southerland has been taking riding lessons out at Carousel Acres all summer and has also begun a breeding program for her guinea pigs. She hopes to have several good Juniors to show at Houston in the spring.

Rachel Lucht won 2nd place at the 4-H cake fundraiser in the chocolate cake category and sold her cake for \$175! Emily Judah won 2nd place in the Old Fashioned Cake category.

Fiona Cohen's accomplishments for the summer include the following wins: High point Youth at the July Brenham Buckle Series show, High Point youth English Division Brenham Buckle Series, High Point youth Western Division Brenham Buckle Series, and Reserve High Point youth In-Hand Division Brenham Buckle Series! Katelynn White placed second in showmanship at the Brenham show!

Emily Judah also won high point junior at the 16th Annual Sooner State Peruvian Horse Show in June and placed 1st in County record book judging this summer.

Allie Fratessa took her miniature Australian Shepherd to the State 4-H Dog Show and won First Place in Miscellaneous Breeds for conformation. She attended two horse shows in Austin winning the all around high point, as well as winning the Youth High Point Buckle at the Athens Summer Jubilee Quarter Horse Show.

The Equestrian 4-H Club also had a membership booth at the Equestrian Market Days in College Station. Many of our members enjoyed shopping, visiting and handing out club brochures to visitors. They are looking forward to the new 4-H year, as well as planning their annual open horse show in October 2008.

4-H RIVER VALLEY HORSEMEN AUGUST REPORT

This summer the Brazos County Faith Riders went to the District 4-H Horse Show in Katy.

The varsity drill team received 2nd place in Drill and 4th in Precision. The teams also went to the State 4-H Show and JV received a participation award in Drill and 5th in Precision. Their theme was a tribute to America with red, white and blue. Varsity received 4th in Drill and 3rd in Precision. Their theme was a Mexican Fiesta.

Members of the Drill team include:

Amy Bingaman, Avery Ellis, Nikki Barnett, Amanda Baxter, Madalaine Merka, Corbin McCleary, Dakota Donlin, Mason Kaase, Cheyenne Jacobson, Lindsey Knight, Maddi Dudley, Payton McCleary, Natalie Swenson, Kayla Parker, Tommy Parker, Morgan Payne, Kacie Woods, Kade Woods, Preston Sturdivant and Robert Sturdivant.

Several of the members participated in other events at district. The placings were:

Avery Ellis: 10th-Reg. Geldings, 8th-Trail, 3rd-Showmanship, 7th-Western Horsemanship

Randi Anderson: 6th-Showmanship, 9th-Western Horsemanship, 15th-Trail

Cade Shimiek: 15th-Western Pleasure, 4th-Registered Mares

Jeff Scott: 12th-Trail, 5th-Hunter under saddle

Nikki Barnett: 14th-Trail, 10th-Registered Males

Matt Dale: 4th-Grade Geldings

Preston Sturdivant: 14th-Reining

Cheyenne Jacobson: 14th-Poles

Mason Kaase: 12th-Stakes

Kayla Parker: 7th-Yearling halter geldings, 6th-Yearling longe line

Robert Sturdivant, Maddie Dudley: 3rd Place Penning Team

Kade Woods, Cheyenne Jacobson, Alli Fratessa,

Nikki Barnett: 7th Place Penning Team

State Results: Randi Anderson: 4th-Pleasure

Kayla Parker: 9th-Yearling longe line.

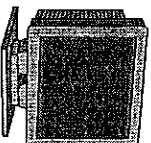
Good job to all participants!!!

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The Brazos County Office of the Texas Agrilife Extension Service, with the assistance of the BCEHC, publishes this *Brazos County Horse Newsletter* at various times during the year. Special topic mailings may also be included when appropriate. This newsletter is sent free of charge to any interested person, organization or product/service provider. To be added to the newsletter mail list, e-mail Brazos County Extension Agent Eric Zimmerman at e-zimmerman@tamu.edu.

BCEHC WEB-SITE



The Brazos County Extension Horse Committee now has a web-site address for equine enthusiasts to access up-to-date information related to programming efforts by the committee as well as general equine topics of interest. You can access the web-site by visiting <http://brazoshorse.com>. In addition to upcoming program announcements, you can also link to various equine service providers, acquire contact information for BCEHC members, and view this newsletter.

HORSE INDUSTRY DIRECTORY

The Brazos County Extension Horse Committee's Equine Directory of products, services, clubs, associations and committees within the Brazos Valley has been completed. It is available in hard copy from the Brazos County Office of the Texas Agrilife Extension Service or via the Brazos County Extension Horse Committee web-site mentioned above.

Sincerely,

Eric Zimmerman
County Extension Agent
Agriculture and Natural Resources
Texas Agrilife Extension Service
Brazos County

Brazos County Extension Horse Committee Needs Assessment Survey

The purpose of this survey is to gain information from area horse owners and enthusiasts concerning the educational needs you feel are important and should be addressed. Please complete this survey and return it to the Brazos County Office of the Texas AgrilLife Extension Service by October 17, 2008. Results from this survey will aid the BCEHC in planning educational programs for the upcoming year.

What type of educational program setting do you most prefer (i.e. classroom lecture, hands-on, with horse, etc.)?

When is an ideal time for educational programs (i.e. weekday evenings, weekends)?

Please identify specific topics that should be addressed.

Would a registration fee discourage you from attending a program? (Yes No)

How many horses do you own? _____ Do you have horses at your home or do you board them? _____

What activities do you do with your horse? _____

Where do you get your horse related information today? _____

Do you consider your knowledge with horses as: (Beginner Intermediate Advanced)

What are the top five (5) things you would like to work on in the next year? _____

Please return this survey to:

Texas AgrilLife Extension Service

Brazos County

2619 Hwy 21 West

Bryan, Texas 77803

2008 BRAZOS VALLEY - DOUG DAVIDSON HAY SHOW

Thursday, November 6, 2008

Brazos Valley Livestock Commission Company
6095 Hwy 21 East - Bryan, Texas

1. Hay samples must have been produced by the exhibitor and represent the current year's hay grown in Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Madison, Milam, Robertson or Washington Counties.
2. Selected entries should have been baled with conventional hay machinery. Samples resulting from special handling, such as hand harvesting and shade drying, are ineligible and will be disqualified.
3. *Again for 2008 - Purchased Hay Division:* This division is for individuals who *purchase hay* for their livestock or horses. The BAHPA encourages you to submit a sample of the hay you purchased during this growing season for a complimentary quality analysis.

Submit 2 blocks of hay from square bales or 1 clean feed sack full of hay from round bales to be analyzed and judged (or analyzed only for the "purchases division") - the deadline is Monday, October 13, 2008, by 5:00 p.m., at the Brazos County Extension Office.

Note: All hay entries will receive a free protein analysis, courtesy of the Brazos Area Hay Producers Association - BAHPA. *Each producer is eligible to submit 1 sample per type of hay category as indicated below.*

ATTACH THIS FORM AND QUESTIONNAIRE TO EACH HAY SAMPLE

Mark sample with an X in the appropriate box!

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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| 1. Bermudagrass _____ | 4. Cool Season Grasses _____ |
| 2. Other Warm Season Perennial Grasses _____ | 5. Legumes _____ |
| 3. Warm Season Annual Grasses _____ | 6. Grass-Legume Mixtures _____ |

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| 7. Purchased Hay Division _____ | (Print Variety and County Where Purchased) | |
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