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HATS OFF TO KENTUCKY'S HORSE INDUSTRY DAY AT THE KENTUCKY HORSE PARK

On August 20th the Kentucky Horse Park will host the second annual "Hats Off! to Kentucky's Horse Industry Day" to celebrate and promote Kentucky's diverse horse industry.

This day is to educate people in a 'hands-on' way the importance of the horse industry and to emphasize the many benefits that Lexington receives as the Horse Capital of the World.

Free admission includes all of the Kentucky Horse Park's activities, a special children's activity center, free trail, pony and trolley rides AND free hats and T-shirts! In

addition, there is a Hunter/Jumper show, and the exciting \$30,000 Rood & Riddle Grand Prix at 2:30 p.m.

"This day is to educate people in a hands on way, the importance of the horse industry." -The Kentucky Horse Park.

Hats Off! is hosted by the Kentucky Horse Park and sponsored in part by many of the horse farms and equine-related businesses of Central Kentucky, including: the Kentucky Thoroughbred Association, the Kentucky Equine Education Project (KEEP), Keeneland Association, Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital and the Kentucky Horse Council.

The Kentucky Horse Park will be open from 9am to 5pm.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR HATS OFF TO KENTUCKY HORSES DAY

AUGUST 20, 2005

9:00	Gates Open	
Activities available:		
9:00-5:00	Exhibitor Booths	Visitor Information Center
9:00-5:00	Museum Open	
9:00-5:00	Trail Rides & Pony Rides (Limited)	Please obtain free tickets at Visitor Info. Center
9:00-12:00	Children's Activity Center	Courtyard
	Horseshoe painting	
	Hat-making	
	Create your own stick-horse	
12:00-12:30	Magician	Courtyard
12:30-1:00	"Best of the West" show	Courtyard
12:30-3:30	Silent Auction	Silent Auction tent
1:30-2:00	Children's Stick Horse Races	Johnson Arena
2:00-2:30	Parade of Breeds	Johnson Arena
2:30	Grand Prix	Johnson Arena
4:00	Trophy Presentation	Johnson Arena

BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT- MISDEE WRIGLEY

Misdee Wrigley was born in Chicago, Illinois and grew up in Scottsdale, Arizona. She is a fourth-generation horse woman, continuing a horse-breeding tradition that began with her great-grandfather, William Wrigley Jr., who raised Standardbreds. Her mother was an Arabian Horse breeder and her step-father was a television executive. Today, Ms. Wrigley breeds American Saddlebreds and Hackney horses, (now a rare breed) on her Paris, Ky farm. She has won several World Championships with her Saddlebreds, and is an accomplished four-in-hand driver with her Hackneys.

In addition to serving on KEEP's board, she also is First Vice-President of the American Saddlebred Horse Association and President of the World Coaching Club.

At one point in her life, Misdee was a TV news reporter, and her proudest accomplishment spawned from this experience: "I'm very blessed to receive a community service award in Phoenix for a TV news series I wrote and produced about domestic violence," says Misdee. "After the series, the number of successful arrests went way up, and a judge credits the piece with giving the law teeth."

What motivated you to move to Kentucky?

"That's easy! If you want to be in the horse business, you have to come to Kentucky! I moved from Arizona to Florida -I was there because of the climate- but I found myself spending most of my time in Kentucky. I did most of my business in Kentucky. In addition, the environmental conditions are so much better for my horses. Kentucky is better for raising horses. My foals are doing well."

"When I went exclusively to Saddlebreds, I decided I needed to be in Kentucky. American Saddlebreds are important to the economy in Kentucky. The American Saddlebred Horse Association boasts 983 members in Kentucky, with more than 12,300 registered horses and many more horse owners that aren't members. In 2004, 449 Kentucky owners reported 1116 breedings to 1035 mares in the state of Kentucky. In the same year, 164 stallions conducted 1436 breedings."

How did you become involved with KEEP?

"Alan Balch, of the Saddlebred Association, called me and shared the idea of the Kentucky Equine Education Project. From that, I spoke with Governor Jones at length about its purpose. I was very impressed by how committed he is to a state-wide and breed-wide agenda, to bettering the horse industry in the state of Kentucky. The opportunity to be on the ground floor of a movement that will really make a difference in the lives of horse owners is appealing. The horse industry is a tough business. Most Saddlebred people, for example, don't do anything else except the horse industry for a

living. Their livelihood depends on the horse industry. KEEP has the ability to make a difference in the lives of people who dedicate themselves to horses."

Have you ever been involved in an organization similar to KEEP?

"Yes. When I lived in Arizona, I was involved in forming local horse clubs and I was Chairman of the National Show Horse Association. Developing this breed from the ground up to a successful registry taught me a lot. What I took from that was to take the seed of a very good idea, and nurture and grow it, until it becomes successful. To accomplish this, you have to work hard, involve every person and consider everyone's point of view."



Ms. Wrigley showing one of her American Saddlebreds in Pleasure Driving.

KEEP'S MISSION

The Kentucky Equine Education Project (KEEP) was formed to build broad-based education and grassroots initiatives to increase awareness of the benefits of Kentucky's horse economy, including all breeds, and to promote and preserve jobs and economic opportunities within the equine industry for Kentuckians throughout the Commonwealth.

A BREED APART THE MISSOURI FOX TROTTING HORSE

The Fox Trotting Horse, a pleasure and using horse, was developed in the rugged Ozark Hills to answer the need for a horse that could carry a heavy load for long hours at a ground-consuming gait and, at the same time, a gait that was easy for both horse and rider. This was a favorite horse for cattlemen, assessors, sheriffs and others who made long rides before the advent of good roads and cars.

Developed from horses in the Ozarks, bloodlines can be traced from early settlers coming into the Missouri Ozarks from neighboring states of Kentucky, Illinois, Tennessee, and Arkansas.

Their horses were depended upon for their surefootedness in this mountainous region and their ability to do whatever was needed around the homestead, from plowing and hauling logs, to working cattle. Whatever the need, this using horse from the homestead, which eventually became known as the Missouri Fox Trotter, proved to be capable and adaptable.

The distinguishing characteristic of the Fox Trotting Horse was a broken, diagonal gait, the horse walking with the front feet and trotting with the back feet. The back foot oversteps the track made by the front foot, and must exhibit a sliding action in order to keep beat of the gait. The Fox Trotting Horse is not a high-stepping horse, but an extremely surefooted one because of his shuffling gait. Further, because of the sliding action of the rear feet, rather than the hard step of other breeds, the rider experienced little jarring action and is quite comfortable in the saddle for long periods of time.

The Missouri Fox Trotting Horse is known best for the comfort it affords its rider. Primarily a trail horse, 90 percent of registered Missouri Fox Trotters are owned by people who use them for trail riding, competition and endurance riding, and pleasure riding.

The Missouri Fox Trotting horse is also recognized for its beauty and style in the show ring. The Fox Trotting Horse has three natural gaits: the long and easy-going flat foot walk, the smooth and

comfortable fox trot characteristic of its name, and the "rocking horse" canter. No special shoeing or training is required for these horses to perform their gaits.

Today the Missouri Fox Trotter is still going strong thanks to breeders like Ms. Judella Burton, one of Kentucky's top breeders and KEEP's Ohio County team leader.

There were only a few Fox Trotter breeders in Kentucky until about 5 or 6 years ago. Now there are many more, with at least 4 stallions of Ms. Burton's bloodlines in the state.

Her stud, Ramblin Red, was an exceptional individual in smoothness of gait and ease of handling, a wonderful people

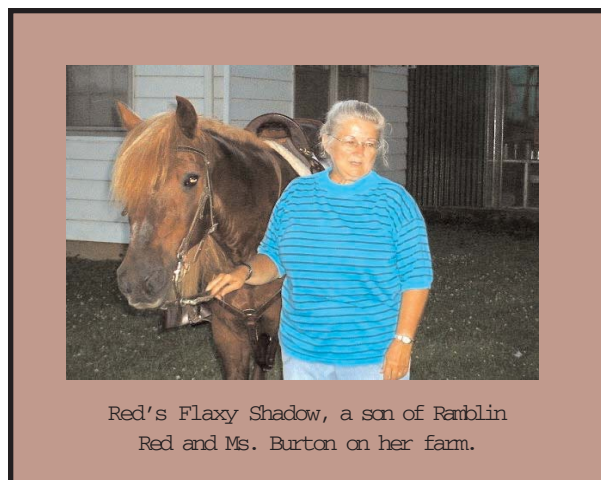
loving animal, that Judella felt she must try to continue his bloodlines for future horse lovers.

"Their good looks & coloration are a bonus," she says. "I don't breed for color, but it would seem that these horses have the silver dapple color to them."

Ms. Burton's farm is located on Hwy 62 East in Beaver Dam, Kentucky. To learn more about Missouri Fox Trotters visit www.foundationbredfoxtrotters.com.



Ramblin Red in May of '85 at the opening ceremonies of the Horse Park. He came on special invitation from the park.



Red's Flaxy Shadow, a son of Ramblin Red and Ms. Burton on her farm.

MIDWAY COLLEGE EQUINE STUDIES PROGRAM

Located in the “heart” of the “Horse Capital of the World”, Midway College’s Equine Studies Program is designed to prepare students for a career working directly with horses. Many experts in the equine industry are drawn to Kentucky for this reason, and become directly involved with Midway by presenting educational seminars, assisting in placement of our interns and graduates, and as horse advisory committee members.

Midway offers three majors within the Equine Studies Program: the Associate of Arts in equine management, the Bachelor of Arts in equine studies, and the Bachelor of Science in equine science. Courses in accounting, marketing, management, and economics prepare students for horse farm management. Required equine courses common to all majors provide the student with general knowledge of equine breeds, anatomy and physiology, diseases and unsoundness, treatments and prevention of illnesses, nutrition and feeding, farm management and record keeping systems. In addition, courses in horse training and schooling, hunt and stock seat equitation, and equitation teaching are available.

In order to graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree in equine studies, the student must complete four hours per week of an equine practicum at the college stables during her first four semesters at Midway College. Students pursuing the Bachelor of Science or Associate of Arts degree must complete four hours per week of an equine practicum at the college stables during her first two semesters at Midway College.

The equine facilities include two large modern indoor arenas, a large outdoor arena, 24 stalls, 65 acres and approximately 60 horses. Most of the horses are thoroughbreds of hunter type in various stages of training.

Recently Midway received a \$5000 grant from KEEP to build an additional 5 horse stalls. The addition will enable the college to better serve 85 horses residing on the campus farm.



The grant money is part of \$125,000, that KEEP’s Board has allocated. Grant funds are earmarked to help local horse organizations, 4-H equine clubs and educational institutions, promote horses. Non-profit,

Kentucky-affiliated horse clubs (Saddle Clubs, breed organizations, etc) qualify for \$500 grants for shows for such items as class sponsorship, ribbons and trophies. KEEP will also provide up to \$250 for program advertising. 4-H horse clubs qualify for up to \$400 in funding.

KEEP encourages Kentucky-affiliate clubs and horse 4-H groups to submit grant requests. Please see your county’s KEEP Team Leader for assistance. They can be located on KEEP’s interactive map at www.horseswork.com. We encourage your membership. This all-inclusive organization is working hard to make sure everyone knows “Horses Work for Kentucky.”

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KEEP WELCOMES NEW FIELD REPRESENTATIVE



Ms. Cara Stewart has joined the KEEP staff. Cara is a life-long Kentuckian and horse enthusiast. Born in Campbellsville, her parents raised her with horses in Taylor County where she began riding at the age of two. Although Cara and her family

primarily showed Quarter Horses participating in registered breed, open and 4-H horse shows, they have also shown and owned Saddlebreds, Appaloosas, Palominos, and Paint Horses. In fact, it was through her experience as an exhibitor that she met her "future" husband at the Kentucky State 4-H Horse Show.

Cara graduated from the University of Kentucky, College of Agriculture in 1998 with a Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture majoring in Agricultural Economics and in 1999 received her Master's of Science Degree in Agricultural Economics focusing on the Economic Impact of Equine Training Facilities in Kentucky. As both an undergraduate and graduate student, Cara worked

as an Equine Extension Intern for Youth Activities serving the Kentucky State 4-H Horse Program.

As a volunteer Cara is a member and assumed leadership roles in numerous equine organizations including the Kentucky Quarter Horse Association, Kentucky Amateur Quarter Horse Association, Bluegrass Palomino Horse Association, Eastern Ranch Horse Association, and the Palomino Horse Breeders of American.

Cara brings a strong knowledge of association management and development, a deep love of horses, and a great enthusiasm for the goals of the Kentucky Equine Education Project.

Working with the current KEEP Staff Cara will be meeting with County Team Leaders, Speaking at KEEP functions and events as well as organizing the Newsletter. When asked about her role in the KEEP organization, Ms. Stewart replied, "I am extremely excited about the direction and ideas of the group. I plan to be a vital and active part of the KEEP organization as it continues to promote and protect the Horse Industry in Kentucky".

Cara resides in Owen County with her husband Gene Ray, who raises and trains Quarter Horses, son Clayton, three dogs, a cat and a few dozen horses.

BENEFITS OF A KEEP MEMBERSHIP

- Receive all KEEP newsletters, press releases and updates
- Free admission to Kentucky Pari-mutuel Race Tracks (excluding the Kentucky Derby, Kentucky Oaks and the Breeders' Cup) through December 2006
- Free admission to the Kentucky Horse Park/ American Saddlebred Museum through December 2006 and 15% discount at the Horse Park Gift Shop

HAVE A STORY IDEA?

If you have an idea for a story in The Work Horse, contact Cara Stewart at cstewart@horseswork.com.

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

- Join online by visiting www.horseswork.com
- Call our office toll free at 866-771-KEEP

KEEP CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST 2005

August 1st	Jessamine County Saddle Club meeting
August 3-6th	Shelbyville Horse Show
August 4th	Monroe County Chamber of Commerce
August 4th	Grayson Co. Saddle Club Horse Show
August 4th	Cumberland County Fair Horse Show
August 5th	Larue County Fair Board - Western Horse Show Division
August 5th and 6th	Ky State Racking Horse Championship Show – Morgan County Fairgrounds
August 6th	Powell County Relay for Life and 4-h Horse Show
August 6-7th	EKyQHA Horseman's Holiday Circuit
August 7th	Farrier demonstrations & meeting at the Red Barn Arena
August 8th	Boone County 4-H & Utopia Fair
August 10th	Ky State Racking Horse Championship Show – Morgan County Fairgrounds
August 10th	National Horse Center Employee Appreciation Luncheon (KY Horse Park)
August 13th	Mountain Horse Celebration & Pleasure Show
August 15th-20th	UMH World Grand Championships Horse Show
August 18th	Public Meeting - Bowling Green at the Western Kentucky University Agriculture Sales Pavillion at 6:30 p.m.
August 18th-28th	Kentucky State Fair - Louisville
August 19th	KEEP Day at the Races (Ellis Park)
August 20th	Hats Off To Horses Day at the Kentucky Horse Park
August 20th	Eastern Kentucky Quarter Horse Association Horse Show
August 20th	Laurel-London Optimist Club Horse Show
August 20th	United Mountain Horse Youth Association
August 20th	EKyQHA Horseman's Holiday Circuit (Futurity)
August 21st - 27th	Saddlebred World Championship Horse Show - Ky State Fairgrounds, Louisville
August 25th	Public Meeting - Morgan County Extension Office at 7:00 pm
August 26th	Oldham County Rotary Club breakfast meeting - 7:30 am
August 26-27th	KY Hunter/Jumper Show - The Kentucky Horse Park
August 30th - September 2nd	Mounted Police Colloquium - The Kentucky Horse Park
August 31st	Harrodsburg Rotary - Harrodsburg Christian Church - Noon

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September 1st	Fayette County Farm Bureau Field Day
September 8th-11th	Bath Co. Ag & Horse Fair
September 9th-17th	International Rocky Mountain Show
September 10th	Kentucky Arabian Horse Association, Inc Horse Show
September 10th	Bluegrass Spotted Saddle Horse Fall Championship Show
September 10th	The Nan Tippin Classic
September 13th	Public Meeting - Logan County High School Cafeteria, Russellville at 6:00 p.m.
September 16th-18th	Equine Affaire, KY State Fairgrounds, Louisville
September 17th	KEEP Day at the Races (Kentucky Downs)
September 23rd-25th	AQHA all-breed ride (Nation's largest) – held at Cadiz (three day event)
September 23rd-25th	Georgetown Festival of the Horse - Georgetown
September 24th	Owsley County DAV 21 Horse Show
September 24th	Saddleup for a Cure, Wrangler's Camp, Land Between the Lakes
September 24th	Cowboys for Kids, Breckenridge County
September 25th	TrailBlazers 4-H Horse Club Fun Show

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October 1st	Kentucky Girls/Mens Barrel Racing Association
October 22nd	Lake Cumberland Fall Horse Festival
October 23rd	TrailBlazers 4-H Horse Club Fun Show