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## RACING QUARTER HORSES TO TRY POLYTRACK AT TURFWAY PARK IN SEPTEMBER

American Quarter Horses will race over the newest generation of synthetic track surfaces for the first time on Friday, September 12, when Turfway Park hosts the \$25,000-guaranteed John Deere Turfway Park Sprint Stakes.

The last time American Quarter Horses raced at the Florence, Kentucky oval was in 1972 when the track was known as Latonia. American Quarter Horses currently have two pari-mutuel dates in the Bluegrass state, running at the Red Mile in Lexington in July. At that recently-concluded meet, horses from 25 different states competed.

The John Deere Turfway Sprint Stakes, for three year olds and upwards, will be contested at 330 yards over Turfway Park's Polytrack. The \$25,000 purse, which carries black-type status in American Quarter Horse racing, includes a \$5,000 John Deere premium for Bank of America Challenge-enrolled horses.

"Our patrons have long enjoyed Quarter Horse racing via simulcast but it's a special treat to be able to bring that excitement to them live again," said Robert N. Elliston, president and CEO of Turfway Park. "Our Polytrack has been a laboratory since it was installed in 2005, and we're eager to see racing's fastest horses in action over it."

The race promises to be closely observed by those involved in American Quarter Horse racing from coast to coast. "To be running at Turfway Park is just another great opportunity for American Quarter Horse racing to be seen by horse racing fans in Kentucky, and on the national scene via the Turfway simulcast signal," said Trey Buck, executive director of racing for the American Quarter Horse Association.

"It's also a tremendous opportunity to see how our athletes perform on an artificial surface, and to be a part of Turfway Park's race program," Buck said. "Bob Elliston and his staff have gone out of their way to make us feel welcome. All of us at the AQHA are looking forward to this significant day to our industry."

Turfway Park, which hosts Thoroughbred racing in three separate meets, was the first pari-mutuel track in North America to install Polytrack. The inaugural meet with the new surface was in September of 2005. Nationally, American Quarter Horses last raced on an artificial surface at Remington in the late 1980s. That surface, known as Equitrack, was unable to withstand Oklahoma's summer heat, and it was replaced with the traditional dirt after only a couple of seasons.

"The question of how racing American Quarter Horses will perform on a synthetic racing surface has been discussed numerous times since the 2006 Welfare and Safety of the Racehorse Summit," said Ed Ashcraft, treasurer of the Kentucky Quarter Horse Racing Association and a licensed trainer.

"While a limited number of running Quarter Horses have trained on new synthetic surfaces around the country, there has never been a pari-mutuel Quarter Horse race over one," he said. "With several racetracks that conduct American Quarter Horse racing considering installing a synthetic surface, that question needs to be answered sooner rather than later."

Preference for the Turfway stakes event is based on money earned since September 1, 2007, with second preference to Bank of America Challenge-enrolled horses. \$100 early nominations must be postmarked by Wednesday, August 20 and there is an additional \$250 starting fee due at time of entry. Mail nominations to Anne Doolin, KyQHRA, 3271 Foxtale Court, Lexington, KY 40517.

Entries close at 10 a.m. on Sunday, September 7. Turfway Park race office phone is 859-647-4705 or 800-815-2806.

*For further information on the race, contact KyQHRA Executive Director Anne Doolin at 859-983-0520 or visit the Kentucky Quarter Horse Racing Association website at [www.kyqhra.com](http://www.kyqhra.com).*

*For further information regarding Turfway Park, contact Sherry Pinson, Director of Communications at 859-647-4842.*

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## HORSEQUEST WEB SITE WINS NATIONAL AWARD

By Savannah Faye Craddock  
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The HorseQuest Community of Practice eXtension Web site was named the winner of the 2008 National Association of County Agricultural Agents Communications Award, an award recognizing excellence in the use of communications media.

The University of Kentucky has an active role in the management and expertise of the HorseQuest Web site. The site bested 30 others submitted nationwide for the top honor.

“The award is significant because it is recognition from a community’s peers, as well as people who use the information, that the content is high quality, engaging, and useful for a broad audience and clientele group,” said Craig Wood, associate director, eXtension Initiative.

According to Wood, who has been involved with eXtension from its inception, the HorseQuest was a prototype and pioneer Community of Practice, a central place for experts in their field of research to gather and share information with a public source.

The national equine resource team known as HorseQuest now consists of more than 50 equine experts. These experts are extension horse specialists from around the country, including teaching and research faculty, veterinarians and professional extension staff from leading universities. They began collaborative work to provide Internet visitors a source of reliable and up-to-date horse information through a knowledge base of commonly asked questions that have science-based, peer-reviewed answers. According to the Web analytics tracked for eXtension, the horse content created by the HorseQuest community is the most commonly viewed on eXtension.

The eXtension Web site provides access to a variety of topics concerning the horse industry.

Internet users can search frequently asked questions to find simple, clear answers from experts on topics such as nutrition, reproduction, health care, management, training and behavior, selection and many more. Other sections include news and upcoming events about the horse industry, instructional videos on topics such as safe handling, basic training and horse showing and learning modules that feature a self-paced lesson addressing the needs of adult leaders for youth horse clubs. Users can

request information from an equine expert by submitting specific questions online and can join an online chat or webcast to personalize management techniques. A self-paced equine certificate course is also taught by the experts and offered through the My Horse University partnership available through the Web site.

“HorseQuest is the prototype for maximizing the value of the collective land grant expertise for horses,” said Jimmy Henning, UK College of Agriculture associate dean for extension. “It is a great testimony to the insight and creativity of the HorseQuest team that many of the features they pioneered are now standard parts of the eXtension system.”

If you are interested in finding out more information about HorseQuest or eXtension, visit <http://www.eXtension.org>. If you would like more information on how to be a part of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents or would like more information about the 2008 award winners, visit <http://www.nacaa.com>.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE HORSE PARK



The people of Kentucky are invited to the KHP free of charge for Hats Off Day, Saturday, Aug 23, to become better acquainted with the importance of the horse industry and learn about the many benefits the state receives as the Horse Capital of the World.

For instance, the horse industry provides more than 100,000 jobs and contributes \$4-billion in total economic benefits annually to Kentucky's gross domestic product. Nearly \$10-billion is generated by the tourism industry, which hails horses as its signature attraction.

Hats Off! will include all of the park's regular attractions, including the museums, Parade of Breeds, Hall of Champions, and a limited number of horse drawn tours, trail rides and pony rides. The day will also include special activities for children as well as free admission to one of the most prestigious jumping events in the state, the Rood and Riddle Grand Prix. This grand prix will benefit the Kentucky Horse Park Foundation and the Hope Center.

Hats Off! is presented by the Kentucky Horse Park, Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital and the equine industry.

### Rockin' R Farm Rhythm Riders

The park's special guests, the Rockin' R Farm Rhythm Riders, Aug 23-24, will bring their Mountain Pleasure Horses to perform during the Parade of Breeds shows and will be doing a drill team demonstration set to music with various drill team maneuvers, wheels, figure 8s, weaves, etc. For more than 160 years, Eastern



Kentuckians have enjoyed their homegrown product, the Mountain Pleasure Horse. Generation after generation of Kentuckians have stories to tell of their easy-gaited, hard-working, good-dispositioned, reliable Mountain Pleasure Horses. It is an old-time gaited breed from which selective breeders developed the Tennessee Walking Horse, American Saddlebred and the Rocky Mountain Horse. Descendents of these earlier horses will appear as special guests in the Parade of Breeds Shows both days. For more information, contact Robin Little at [rockinrfarm@hotmail.com](mailto:rockinrfarm@hotmail.com).

## World Games 2010 Foundation Selects Director of Hospitality Programs

The World Games 2010 Foundation today announced that Mrs. Kim Bennett has been selected as Director of Hospitality Programs for the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games.

As Director of Hospitality Programs, Mrs. Bennett will oversee the planning, design, sales and execution of the 2010 Games VIP hospitality program. Mrs. Bennett will also have shared responsibilities in other areas of hospitality management surrounding the Games, including working with catering companies and specialty functions that may be developed ahead of and during the event.

Most recently, Mrs. Bennett was Director of Special Events and Travel for the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, in Cooperstown, New York. From 1994-2007, she was the lead coordinator of all event functions including hospitality for the annual Induction Ceremony.

"I am extremely honored to be joining the 2010 Games," said Bennett. "To be a part of an event of this magnitude, on an international level, is an incredible opportunity. I'm confident that, with the team of professionals already in place, an international event will be created like no other."

"The VIP hospitality program is an incredibly important part of the 2010 Games and we are excited Kim has joined us. With her background and talents, we are confident she will oversee a program that will provide

individuals, corporations and other dignitaries a unique, memorable experience as they attend the 2010 Games," said Terry Johnson, Vice President of Sales for the World Games 2010 Foundation.

A native of Edmeston, New York, Mrs. Bennett holds an A.A.S. Tourism and Resort Marketing and Marketing Communications, from the State University of NY at Cobleskill.

The Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games, to be held at the Kentucky Horse Park September 25-October 10, 2010, are the world championships of the eight equestrian disciplines recognized by the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI), and are held every four years. The

Games have never before been held outside of Europe; nor have all eight disciplines ever previously been held together at a single site- both firsts that will be achieved at the Kentucky Horse Park. The Games will be broadcast on NBC Sports, which has made the largest network commitment to coverage of equestrian sport in U.S. television history. The 2010 Games are expected to have a statewide economic impact of \$150 million, and current sponsors include the Rolex Company and an unprecedented \$10 million title sponsor, Alltech. It is anticipated that more than 600,000 tickets will be sold for the 16-day competition.



### AMERICAN HORSE COUNCIL OFFERS 2008 FEDERAL ELECTION GUIDE



The American Horse Council (AHC) has released *Getting Involved in the 2008 Elections*, a federal election guide for the horse industry.

The guide stemmed from the July program at the AHC's National Issues Forum in Washington, D.C., explaining how the horse industry could take advantage of the 2008 federal elections to get more involved with their elected representatives.

"The 2008 elections are a great opportunity for horse associations, businesses, and individuals to step up and be heard by the candidates, incumbents and those running for the first time," AHC chairman Nick Nicholson said. "Remember, they want to hear from you, they want your help, and most of all they want your votes. This is an opportunity to educate them about the issues important to the horse community and show them your votes are important."

The guide discusses why the horse industry should get involved in the upcoming elections and ways individuals and organizations can go about doing so. It includes sections on why candidates care about the horse community, being able to communicate issues of importance to the horse industry, getting to know the candidates, volunteering and fundraising, as well as knowing the laws governing political activities.

"I believe this guide will be an important resource for all members of the horse community who wish to play a greater role in the democratic process," AHC president Jay Hickey said.

Copies of *Getting Involved in the 2008 Elections* can be obtained by contacting the AHC at 202/296-4031 or by e-mail at the AHC Web site.

## KENTUCKY DOWNS WORKING TOWARD REGIONAL HORSE CENTER

Kentucky Downs Racetrack in Franklin, Kentucky recently took its first steps in becoming a regional horse center. The facility, which already has 250 permanent stalls and 350 beautiful acres, has added an outdoor show arena and stands. “We are working toward more improvements over the next several months,” stated Jon Goodman, General Manager of Kentucky Downs. “We just hosted our first horse show and are currently booking more for this fall.”

Kentucky Downs Co-owner and KEEP Board of Directors Member Corey Johnsen commented, “We want to be a complete regional horse facility.”

The current plans include more working arenas, an additional show arena and several miles of trails. Stay tuned to KEEP’s ‘WorkHorse’ newsletter for more developments.



*Photos of the new show arena at Kentucky Downs.*



## No Thoroughbred Dates at 2 Ohio Tracks?

by Tom LaMarra, the Bloodhorse.com

Beulah Park and River Downs, two Ohio Thoroughbred tracks that race more than 200 dates combined, have requested only Quarter Horse dates for 2009, a track official said Aug. 18.

Mike Weiss, general manager at Beulah Park near Columbus, said the decision wasn’t easy, but financial considerations led to the request. Beulah Park, in a request submitted to the Ohio State Racing Commission, has asked for 24 Quarter Horse dates and no Thoroughbred racing in 2009.

Weiss said the economic climate has made it difficult to continue Thoroughbred racing. Beulah Park traditionally races the fall and winter dates in Ohio.

Beulah Park and River Downs sold the AmericaTAB advance deposit wagering service to Churchill Downs Inc. for more than \$35 million in 2007. Weiss said revenue from AmericaTAB handle helped keep the tracks in business.

“We’re trying to take it year by year,” Weiss said. “The ADW (platform) helped keep Beulah Park

and River Downs in business for years. Now, it’s a matter of survival.”

When asked what needs to be done to maintain Thoroughbred racing, Weiss said: “I don’t know. Right now, we’re sitting down and trying to see how to make this work.”

River Downs general manager Jack Hanessian couldn’t be reached for comment late in the afternoon of Aug. 18. River Downs offers about 105 days of Thoroughbred racing from mid-April through Labor Day.

Weiss said by racing Quarter Horses, Beulah Park could continue offering full-card simulcasts next year and offer a “nice little meet” with the purse money that has accrued. Beulah Park has offered limited Quarter Horse racing each year in conjunction with the Quarter Horse Congress held in Columbus in the fall.

The OSRC is expected to address the requests for dates at its meeting Aug. 21.

# UK, KENTUCKY EQUINE HUMANE CENTER TO HOST PASTURE MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

By SAVANNAH FAYE CRADDOCK, UK Equine Initiative

The University of Kentucky's pasture evaluation program will host a seminar called "Horse Pastures in the Fall: a Perfect Time to Renovate" in conjunction with the Kentucky Equine Humane Center at the Center's facility in Nicholasville, Ky., on Tuesday, Aug. 26 from 5 to 8:30 p.m.

The seminar will feature guest speakers from UK who will touch on topics such as fescue toxicosis, the economics of pastures and hay, rotational grazing, fall weed control and fall fertilization. Many of these topics are fresh on the minds of horse owners and farm managers across central Kentucky because fall is the best time for pasture renovation.

"We will feature many practical demonstrations," said Ray Smith, UK forage extension specialist. "An example of one of them is utilizing temporary fencing in horse pastures to allow for maximum pasture productivity this fall and next spring."

A meal will be provided for those who attend. Sponsors of this event include the UK Equine Initiative, Jessamine County Cooperative Extension Service and Thompson and Shearer of Jessamine County.

The Kentucky Equine Humane center, founded in April 2007, has a mission to provide humane treatment and shelter to unwanted horses, educate the public and raise awareness about the importance of equine ownership and work with the equine industry, serving as a model for humane treatment of horses. The center has successfully adopted out more than 100 horses

since it was founded.

UK's pasture evaluation program recently started a fencing project at the center to assist in optimally managing horses. The fencing project consists of dividing a 20-acre pasture into three smaller fields using two lines of electric fence.

This project began with the goal of helping the center get the greatest possible use of available forage by using a rotational grazing system in the pastures. The labor was provided by UK, and Gallagher Animal Management Systems provided the fencing materials at a reduced price.

UK anticipates this project can become an example for other Central Kentucky horse farm owners who are interested in rotational grazing. Since the seminar features a segment on that topic, the Humane Center's new fencing structures will serve as an example of what can be done to maximize pasture use in a cost effective manner.

"We are very pleased that the UK College of Agriculture has been so much help in improving our pastures. We couldn't have done it without them," said Jim Smith, central Kentucky equine veterinarian and Kentucky Equine Humane Center president.

If you would like more information on the seminar or would like to register, contact the Jessamine County Cooperative Extension office at 859-885-4811. For more information about the Kentucky Equine Humane Center visit [www.kyehc.org](http://www.kyehc.org).

## **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 2008
- Free admission to the Kentucky Horse Park through December 2008 and 15% discount at the Horse Park Gift Shop

## **THE KEEP 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.

## **HAVE A STORY IDEA?**

If you have an idea for a story in The Work Horse, contact Cara Stewart at [cstewart@horseswork.com](mailto:cstewart@horseswork.com).

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## PREPARTUM MARE

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Care of the neonatal foal starts with knowledge and care of the mare prior to foaling.

Identifying mares with placental compromise or fetal stress helps identify potential problems in the foal. Fetal stress may be suspected in mares with a previous history of delivering com-

promised foals, mares with a history of placental problems, older mares, or mares with a systemic illness during gestation.

Clinical signs in the mare suggesting a problem with the fetus include premature mammary development, relaxation of the sacroiliac ligaments, and/or vulvar discharge.

A common method to monitor fetal well being is transabdominal ultrasound. A sector or curvilinear ultrasound probe that penetrates at least 20 to 28 cm is placed on the mare's abdomen using alcohol for contact media. Normal fetal heart rate is 120 beats per minute before day 160 of gestation and between 60 to 90 beats per minute in late gestation. The heart rate should increase with fetal movement. Both bradycardia (low heart rate) and tachycardia (high heart rate) are suggestive of fetal stress, although a normal heart rate does not rule out a problem with the fetus. The placenta, amniotic fluid, and allantoic fluid should also be examined. The fluid should be clear until late gestation when sloughing skin cells may cause some echogenicity. Echogenic (white) fluid may indicate meconium passage or infection. Increased levels of fluid may indicate hydrops amnion or allantois while lower levels suggest placental insufficiency. The placenta should be examined for areas of placentitis and areas of premature placental separation. If the uteroplacental unit is thicker than 8 to 12 mm, placentitis is suspected. Hypochoic (dark) or anechoic areas between the placenta and uterus

indicate premature placental separation.

Ultrasound may also be used to determine the position of the foal in late term gestation. Twins may also be identified with ultrasound.

Treatment of the mare with a stressed fetus includes antibiotic therapy if placentitis is suspected. Intranasal oxygen therapy may be placed on the mare with the goal of increasing the oxygenation to the fetus. This is controversial since the fetus is in a relative state of hypoxia (low oxygen).

Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications should be used to decrease inflammation and endotoxemia.

Smooth muscle relaxants may be used to decrease uterine contractions and prevent

premature delivery, but complications of these medications include uterine inertia if the mare goes into labor. Also, these medications affect the smooth muscle of the gastrointestinal tract and could contribute to colic. Pentoxifylline has been used to try and increase blood flow to the placenta.

Even when fetal or placental problems are identified, induction of labor is rarely the best option because of potential secondary complications such as dystocia (difficult birth), premature placental separation ("red bag" foaling), retained placenta, and prematurity. Induction should be considered in cases of severe fetal distress with tachycardia suggesting fetal demise, hydrops allantois/amnion, potential prepubic tendon rupture, severe or life threatening illness in the mare, and fescue toxicity.

Identifying mares that may have problems with the fetus during gestation allows treatment of the mare with the goal of improving the viability of the fetus. Also, appropriate and aggressive treatment of the newborn foal can be initiated early when problems are suspected before parturition.

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# HORSES AND RIDERS JUMPING FOR JOY OVER NEW FOOTING

New Footing is Tested by Some of the Country's Best Hunter Jumpers

Recently at the Kentucky Summer Hunter Jumper Show, some of the country's best horses and riders tested a new state-of-the-art footing system installed in the Walnut Ring at the Kentucky Horse Park, courtesy of the Kentucky Horse Park Foundation.

Hugh Kincannon, Manager of Kentucky Horse Shows LLC, which also manages a number of other high level shows at the park observed,

"The new footing has exceeded my expectations, which were high to begin with. In our first few days of using it, the positive reaction from exhibitors has been overwhelming. Most importantly, however, we are seeing the quality of the footing demonstrated by the performance of the horses,

whose opinion counts most. I want to thank the Kentucky Horse Park, the Kentucky Horse Park Foundation and Otto Sport for their efforts in producing this wonderful improvement to the park in an unbelievably short time frame."

"Our master plan of major construction projects for the park has been in place for a number of years," said newly-appointed Kentucky Horse Park Commission Chair, Alston Kerr. "As we prepare for the 2010 Games we're examining every inch of the park to determine where additional enhancements are most needed."

"One of our top priorities continues to be the safety and welfare of our human and equine competitors, so our executive director, John Nicholson, sought the world's leading authorities on footing for all of the park's competition areas,

which ultimately led us to the system which we have just installed."

Otto Sport- und Reitplatz GmbH, a company headquartered in Germany, is the developer and supplier of the footing system which was selected. The system provides a shock-absorbing cushion and also allows water to drain away immediately, making the surface comfortable and very safe for horses and riders, and has greater

durability than many traditional surfaces.

Caroline (Cabby) Boone, Chair of the Kentucky Horse Park Foundation, stated, "The mission of our foundation is to raise money to enhance the park, especially as it relates to our competitors and their needs. So we decided without hesitation



to fund this footing system."

The Walnut Ring and a warm-up ring are used most frequently, so those were the first to be installed, at a cost to the Kentucky Horse Park Foundation of \$430,000. This footing will also be installed in the new Outdoor Stadium in January and will be used for the Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games in 2010.

John Nicholson concluded, "Thanks to the generous donors who have supported the Kentucky Horse Park Foundation, we are able to provide an immediate solution when needs arise. The park would not be what it is today without the foundation's assistance."

# SOME OF CANTERBURY PARK'S CLAIMING CROWN ENTRIES TENDED BY YOUTHS WANTING A CHANCE TO SUCCEED

Claiming Crown entries tended by youths wanting a chance to succeed

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There were a few more interested onlookers besides the 10,188 spectators on hand for the third race at Canterbury Park on Saturday afternoon.

"The guys were excited," Jay Wilkinson said. "There were 26 guys back in the barn in Louisville watching. They were pretty excited. That's what it's all about."

Wilkinson, the trainer of 5-year-old Antrim County, was talking about 26 young men and women who whooped it up via long distance for their favorite horse in the third race of the 12-race card at Canterbury during Claiming Crown X.

Antrim County won the Iron Horse event going away to grab the \$27,500 first prize and some smiles for the 26 youth plus two 18-year-olds who were lucky enough to travel with the horse from Kentucky to Shakopee for the \$50,000 race.

A retired cop who started the equine program for a place called Boys Haven 16 months ago, Wilkinson said six kids work with each horse, and the two he brought "did the best job. They earned the trip."

"The guys had a good time; they got to spend four or five days in Minnesota. They went to the Mall of America and a couple of museums. "Hopefully, this will be enough motivation to keep them in the horse industry."

The winner is one of eight horses stabled in Louisville with Boys Haven, which was founded by the Rev. James Maloney about 60 years ago to help abused and neglected young men and women. The equine program is designed to teach employment skills, Wilkinson said, because when the youngsters turn 18, "the state discharges them into the street."

His program has been successful enough, he added, that

some of the 18-year-olds are given another six months to learn additional skills and prepare for full-time jobs.

Antrim County, with Fernando De La Cruz up, made easy work of the eight-horse field in one of seven Claiming Crown races Saturday. It was no surprise to Wilkinson, who brought Antrim County in first in races at Churchill Downs on May 8 and June 8, then brought him to Arlington Park, Ill., on July 8, where he finished third in a tuneup for Saturday.

"We've been pointing toward this race since we won at Churchill," Wilkinson said. "The whole purpose of running him at Arlington was to get him ready for this race."

Wilkinson deflected the credit to the kids, who share in 10 percent of the horse's winnings. That amounts to about \$100 for each kid, he calculated, adding, "It's been a great program, and the kids do all the work with the horses, under our direction. It's a good fit. It's good for the industry." Good for the kids, too, he said, with many hoping to land one of the nearly 100,000 jobs in the thoroughbred community in Kentucky.

The \$150,000 Jewel, the main event of Claiming Crown X, went to Won Awesome Dude, which burst past R Clear Victory in the home stretch.

"It unfolded beautifully," jockey Casey Lambert said. "I thought we'd be farther back than that, but he was full of run. I like this horse a lot."

The \$100,000 Lady Canterbury Breeders' Cup Stakes, which featured a half-dozen horses within sniffing distance as they approached the line, went to Quiet Queen with Tracy Hebert up.

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## FIRST ANNUAL BOURBON COUNTY SECRETARIAT FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS CLAIBORNE FARM AND LOOK- ALIKE CONTEST

The Bourbon County Secretariat Festival Committee announced the First Annual Bourbon County Secretariat Festival for September 20, 2008, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Bourbon County Fair Grounds in Paris, Kentucky.

Claiborne Farm, world renowned breeding farm in Paris, will be the Triple Crown Sponsor of the event which will culminate in a Secretariat Look-Alike contest.

"We are thrilled to have a festival officially named after the greatest Thoroughbred racehorse that ever lived," said John Sosby, Chairman of the 2008 Bourbon County Secretariat Festival. Mr. Sosby worked for Claiborne Farm for 47 years until his retirement, and managed the farm when Secretariat retired from racing and stood at stud there from 1973 until his death in 1989.

Claiborne Farm will be the first Triple Crown Sponsor of the Festival donating \$10,000 to provide initial funding for the festivities. The main event will be a Secretariat Look-Alike contest at the horse arena in the Bourbon County Fair Grounds. The process of screening candidates for the contest will begin immediately. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winner, second, third and fourth places. A panel of prestigious judges will select winners of the contest at the end of the Festival from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m., and Mrs. Penney Chenery, owner of Secretariat, will be present to award the prizes.

"I am so looking forward to attending the inaugural Festival," said Mrs. Chenery. "I hope to see many Secretariat fans share in the fun and celebration of the event." The Secretariat Foundation, Inc. and the Center for Women in Racing, two nonprofit organizations that support the Thoroughbred racing industry, will receive proceeds from the 2008 Bourbon County Secretariat Festival.

The mission of the Secretariat Foundation is to assist and support various charities and causes within the Thoroughbred racing community.

The Center for Women in Racing has a mission to assist women in the racing and breeding industries with physical, emotional and spiritual needs while working with the retired race horses at Bethlehem Farm in Paris, KY.

"We are excited to advance the legacy of Secretariat, an American hero who lived sixteen of his nineteen years at our farm," said Seth Hancock, managing partner of Claiborne Farm, the Triple Crown Sponsor of the Bourbon County Secretariat Festival. "Secretariat and Mrs. Chenery are the greatest representatives of the sport of horse racing, and it is truly a privilege to be a part of this inaugural event in our own community."

Additional sponsorship levels for the Festival are available: Triple Crown (\$10,000), Kentucky Derby Sponsors (\$5000), Preakness Stakes Sponsors (\$2500), and Belmont Stakes Sponsors (\$1000). Each

sponsorship will include tickets to a dinner honoring Mrs. Chenery and Secretariat on Friday evening, September 19, 2008, at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY.

On September 20, the Festival begins at 9 a.m. with general admission tickets sold at the gate for \$5.00 per person with children under twelve admitted free. Admission to the Festival allows full access to all activities on site including horse demonstrations, Secretariat racing films and memorabilia, the Secretariat Equine Art Show, trade booths, concessions and the Secretariat Look-Alike Contest from 4 – 6 p.m. Tours of Claiborne Farm and the burial site of Secretariat are available through advanced ticketing. For more information on applications for the Secretariat Look-Alike contest, ticketing, sponsorships and for updates on the 2008 Bourbon County Secretariat Festival events, please visit [www.secretariat.com](http://www.secretariat.com) or [www.centerforwomeninracing.org](http://www.centerforwomeninracing.org), or call the Center for Women in Racing at (859) 987-2258.



## KEEP CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### AUGUST 2008

- 21st – 23rd Bluegrass Miniature Horse Show, Kentucky State Fair and Expo Center  
22nd Knox County Quarter Horse Fair, Knox Co. Fairgrounds, con. Jennifer Butcher -606-542-5258  
23rd Rood N Riddle Grand Prix, Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, 1:00 pm in the Walnut Arena.  
23rd Hats Off to the Horse Industry, Kentucky Horse Park - Free Admission, presented by the Kentucky Horse Park, Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital and Kentucky's Equine Industry.  
23rd POOKY Open Horse Show, Dunn Driftin Ranch, Georgetown, Diane Hazen: 502-535-4649  
23rd Henry Co. Saddle Club, Henry Co. contact Henry Taylor 502-836-2038  
23rd Bluegrass Ranch Horse Open Ranch Show, Armstrong Stables, Leb. Junction. Debbi Chee 270-422-4060  
23rd River View Health Horse Show, Prestonsburg Equine Center. Contact Missie Crider 606-886-9178  
23rd Etoile Community Fair and Horse Show, 7pm Free Admission. Contact Roy Stewart 270-651-7764  
30th O-K Spots Horse Club Horse Show, Lions Memorial Park, Lewisburg. Contact John Thomas, 606-564-3866  
30th - 31th Ky Qtr Horse Breeders Assoc., WKU Expo Center, contact Tammy Garrison at 270-793-9388  
31st Grayson County Saddle Club, Elwood Hayes Memorial Show, Leitchfield. 2pm. Contact Eddie Langley, 270-259-0616

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- 3rd KEEP Grassroots Meeting, US Pony Club, Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington. 9am  
5th Three Phase Event "Dressage for Gaited Horses Clinic", Kentucky Equestrian Center, Winchester.  
5th – 7th Festivale of Endangered Equines, Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, KY. Contact EquusSurvivalTrust@yahoo.com for more information.  
6th Washington County Fair Horse Show, Willisburg Community Park, Tana Wells 859-481-4545  
6th Southern Horse Owners and Exhibitors, McCracken County. Contact Lisa Owen at 270-210-2923 / lowen@hannansupply.com  
6th Muhlenberg County Equestrians Horse Show, Muhlenburg Co. Ag Center. Contact Sandy McDonald at 270-338-1817  
6th Green County 4-H Club Fall Horse Camp, Greensburg. 9am  
6th Purina and Metzger's Country Store host Horse Fair at Rea Quarter Horses 483 Locust Grove Rd, Shelbyville. 11 AM-3PM (RSVP for complimentary lunch 502-722-8850)  
6th KEEP Youth Council Meeting, US Pony Club Conference Room, Kentucky Horse Park. 10am – 3pm  
6th 8th Annual United Mountain Horse Youth Association Open Fun Show, UMHA Equestrian Center, Winchester. 10:00 am. Contact Cassie Thompson, lazyk@fuse.net  
6th – 7th Eastern Kentucky Quarter Horse Association Horse Show, Owingsville Lions Club Park, contact Ginny Clark, grichardson02@hotmail.com  
7th South Central Hackney Assoc. Show, Alexandria Fairgrounds, Contact Debbie Sauer 606-742-2262  
10th – 13th UK Ag Roundup, University of Kentucky Campus, Lexington.  
11th - 13th United Performance Racking Horse Breeders and Trainers Association Show, Carter County Shriners Club, Olive Hill. Contact Raymond Hager 606-427-7522  
12th Turfway Park hosts the \$25,000-guaranteed John Deere Turfway Park Sprint Stakes. Visit [www.kyqhra.com](http://www.kyqhra.com).  
13th KEEP Day at the Race at Kentucky Downs, Franklin.  
13th - 14th Coats of Many Colors Horse Show, Lakeside Arena, Frankfort. Contact Mitch Whittle 859-806-8826  
20th Kentucky 4-H Horse Program Clinic, Western Kentucky University Ag Expo Center. Contact Fernanda Camargo 859-257-7525  
20th Bourbon County Secretariat Festival, Bourbon County Fair Grounds, Paris. 9am to 6 pm for more information please visit [www.secretariat.com](http://www.secretariat.com) or [www.centerforwomeninracing.org](http://www.centerforwomeninracing.org)  
25th-28th AQHA Ride 2008, Taylorsville Lake, Taylorsville, KY  
26th – 27th District 4-H Horse Management Team Horse Camp, Morehead State University, Morehead.  
27th Young Guns 4-H Drill Team Open Gymkhana, Kenton County Fairgrounds, Taylor Mill. 9am. Contact Joyce Voet 859-586-8908  
27th Cowboys for Kids Horse Show, Breckenridge County Fairgrounds. 1pm contact Barbara Sosh 270-536-3415  
27th - 28th Appaloosa and Buckskin Horse Show, Lakeside Arena, Frankfort. Contact Annette Whittle 859-619-0998.

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