Preparing for the ND State Fair
4-H Horse Show

The North Dakota State Fair is the host to many terrific horse shows. The arenas and barns are full of activity throughout the entire length of the state fair. The 4-H horse show is one of the largest horse shows hosted at the state fair grounds in Minot, ND. 4-H participants ages 8-18 participate in a variety of horse and rider classes. Classes include showmanship at halter, western horsemanship, western riding, reining, trail, pole bending, barrel racing, English equitation, equitation over fences, and hunter hack.

Last year was the first year FFA members participated in the horse show. North Dakota FFA has adopted this event as a two year "demo event". This will become a permanent event if this year the event shows growth compared to last year. FFA members participate in the same classes that 4-H members exhibit in. Kay Poland, South Heart FFA advisor, suggests FFA members interested in showing a horse at the 2006 NDSF should contact their FFA advisors for more information.

Bob and Sharon Anderson, State 4-H Horse Show Managers, from Jamestown, ND, start planning this event months in advance. They are responsible for hiring judges, coordinating volunteers, organizing and overseeing operations of the three day show.

Aaron Callahan from Black Hawk College in Kewanee, IL and Steven Cooper from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, OK will be judging the 2005 4-H horse show at the North Dakota State Fair.

Bette and Jerry Wagner, from Forbes, ND, will be setting up and supervising the trail class again this year. They have been 4-H volunteers for many years. Their contributions are greatly appreciated.

Katie and Janna Rice are from Benson County. They have been riding their horses, Pal and Dixie, every day it hasn't rained since May. The Rice girls practice showmanship every day and typically trot their horses a couple of miles daily to get them in shape. (Preparing... continues on page 2)
• **July 28** ~ NBHA ND03 Barrel Race, Walt Neuens Arena, Bismarck. For more info, call Julian Keller at 701-226-3341.

• **July 29-31** ~ Craig Cameron Horse Clinic, Beginning Horsemanship, McKenzie County Fairgrounds, Watford City, ND.

• **July 30** ~ Family Playday Timed Event Series, Bar F Arena, Bismarck. For more info, contact Nikki Hayes or Bryan Flath at 701-673-3109.

• **Aug 5-7** ~ North Dakota Horse Racing Opening Weekend, North Dakota Horse Park, Fargo, ND.

• **Aug 5-7** ~ Craig Cameron Horse Clinic, Adv. Horsemanship w/ Intro to Cattle, McKenzie County Fairgrounds, Watford City, ND.

• **Aug 6** ~ Bismarck Horse Club Playdays. For info, contact Kay LaCoe at 222-3412 or 400-6757, klacoe@bepc.com.

• **Aug 6-7** ~ North West Saddle Club Association Open Show, Minot, ND. Contact Dana Johnson at trouble@midstate.com.

• **Aug 7** ~ McHenry County Saddle Club Horse Show, Granville, ND. Contact Maryanne Wherley at 701-624-5618.

• **Aug 7** ~ NBHA ND03 Barrel Race at New Salem, ND. Contact Julian Keller at 701-226-3341.

• **Aug 11** ~ NBHA ND03 Barrel Race at Walt Neuens Arena, Bismarck, ND. Contact Julian Keller at 701-226-3341.

• **Aug 12-14** ~ North Dakota Horse Racing, North Dakota Horse Park, Fargo, ND.

• **Aug 13** ~ Family Playday Timed Event Series, Bar F Arena, Bismarck. Contact Nikki Hayes or Bryan Flath at 701-673-3109.

• **Aug 13** ~ AEER Open English Horse Show, Red River Valley Fairgrounds, West Fargo ND. Contact Diane 241-9576 or Cathy 293-6772.

• **Aug 13-14** ~ Long X Endurance Ride near Watford City ND. Ride manager: DeAnne Knapp at 852-1847 or e-mail jdknapp@gmail.com

• **Aug 13-14** ~ BER Autumn Classic. Contact Julie Roswick at 701-255-3626.

• **Aug 13-14** ~ North West Saddle Club Association Open Show, Williston, ND. Contact Dana Johnson at trouble@midstate.com

• **Aug 19** ~ NBHA ND03 Barrel Race at Walt Neuens Arena, Bismarck ND. Contact Julian Keller at 701-226-3341.

• **Aug 19-21** ~ AQHA Team Penning & NDFQHA/Open Show, Fort Ransom, ND. Contact Carl Peterson at 701-281-8834 or clipanthorse@cs.com

• **Aug 20-21** ~ ACHA Team Penning & NDFQHA/Open Show, Fort Ransom, ND. Contact Carl Peterson at 701-281-8834 or clipanthorse@cs.com

• **Aug 21** ~ St John Open Horse Show, St John, ND. Contact Joe Schuchard at 701-302-0293.

• **Aug 21** ~ Family Playday Timed Event Series, Bar F Arena, Bismarck. For more info, contact Nikki Hayes or Bryan Flath at 701-673-3109.

• **Aug 26-27** ~ NBHA ND03 District Barrel Racing Finals, Walt Neuens Arena, Bismarck ND. Contact Julian Keller at 701-226-3341.

• **Aug 26-28** ~ North Dakota Horse Racing, North Dakota Horse Park, Fargo, ND.

• **Sept 3-5** ~ North Dakota Horse Racing, North Dakota Horse Park, Fargo, ND.

• **Sept 4** ~ NDRP/ND/NDAHA Dakota Fall Classic, ND Winter Show Building, Valley City ND, Contact Jean Fredrich at 701-725-4420.

• **Sept 9-10** ~ North Dakota Rodeo Association Finals Rodeo, McKenzie County Fairgrounds, Watford City, ND.

• **Sept 9-11** ~ North Dakota Harness Racing, North Dakota Horse Park, Fargo, ND.

• **Sept 16-18** ~ Parelli Natural Horsemanship Event, Don Knapp - Instructor, McKenzie County Fairgrounds, Watford City, ND. Contact Fay Stortroen at 701-675-2317 or curly@restel.net.
Dr. Carrie Hammer joins NDSU Equine Studies Program

I would like to say a big “HELLO” to all the horse lovers! My name is Dr. Carrie Hammer, and I have been hired as an Assistant Professor in the Equine Studies program at North Dakota State University. I started work on May 31, and have enjoyed learning about the horse industry in North Dakota. I am originally from north central Iowa, and have been an avid horsewoman for most of my life. I attended Iowa State University and graduated from there with a degree in Veterinary Medicine and Animal Physiology. Although I enjoy all areas of the horse industry, my main area of expertise is horse health, especially foal health and development. Feel free to contact me if you have questions regarding your horse’s health, or if you have questions about the Equine Studies program at NDSU. There are exciting things happening in the horse area in North Dakota and I am proud to be a part of them. Best wishes to all for a fun and safe year with your 4-legged horse friends.

Sincerely,
Dr. Carrie Hammer
carrie.hammer@ndsu.edu

Funny Horse Definitions….
Girth Sores - Painful swelling and abrasion made at the point of mid-section by fashionable large western belt buckles.

(Preparing...continued from page 1.)

While they are out riding in the countryside they practice taking their correct leads at the canter. They take lessons when they can. Their instructor has taught them how to keep their horses from getting away with little things. They practice in the arena once in a while to focus on trail and rail work.

Their list of things to pack for the state fair includes rakes, pitchforks, scoop shovels, tack, clothes, feed and fans.

Best of luck Katie, Janna, and all other North Dakota State Fair 4-H and FFA Exhibitors!

Remember arena etiquette when practicing with others...

1. **Stay spread out** at all times and watch other horses’ body language. Horses may feel threatened by other horses or feel a need to defend their “space”. They may kick, bite, or strike at other horses too close to them.

2. **Pass other riders quietly with plenty of space between** horses. When passing horses going the same direction as you, pass to the inside of the arena. When passing oncoming horses, always pass left shoulder to left shoulder.

3. **Never pass on the outside** between another horse and the rail. If the horse you are passing does make a defensive or aggressive move towards you, your horse has no where to go. The rail has you trapped and unable to move away from the upset horse.

4. **Never dash up to another horse** or to a group of horses.

5. **Wait quietly when a person has to dismount.** Do not run off and leave that person.

6. **Never race after a runaway horse**—to do so will only make it run faster; instead, if possible, another rider should circle and come up in front of it. Stop the other horses and keep quiet; generally the loose horse will return to the group, where it may be caught.

7. **If another rider is having trouble** with their horse. Find a safe place in the arena. Generally the middle of the arena is the best place to go.

8. **Dismount if you have trouble** controlling your horse.
2005 North Dakota Fairs & Celebrations Still to Come

Many fairs and celebrations have came and passed already this summer, but there are many more for you to take part in. Listed below along with a contact person are a few of them that were brought to our attention. Enjoy!

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Note: Not all events are listed.

ND 4-H Horse Advisory Committee currently discussing Western Riding @ the ND State 4-H Horse Show. Read how to submit your opinion on page 5.

- Is western riding an appropriate class for 4-H youth at the North Dakota State Fair?
- Is western riding appropriate for all age divisions? 8-11, 12-14, 15-18?

Go to www.ext.nodak.edu/4h/horse/index.htm

Mr. Jon Wolf is returning to NDSU despite the BLIZZARD he encountered here in January 2005.
**HORSE SHOW SCHEDULE**

Show Secretary: Jean Fredrich 701-725-4420.

**ALL SEASONS ARENA & HERITAGE HALL**

- Pre-Quarter Horse I ...........................................July 21 - 8:00 a.m.
- Pre-Quarter Horse II, NRHA & AQHA Reining ...............July 22 - 8:00 a.m.
- Quarter Horse Double Judge ...................................July 23 - 8:00 a.m.
- Miss NDSF Rodeo Horsemanship Competition ...............July 23 - 8:00 a.m.
- Team Roping ......................................................July 23 - 12:00 noon
- Pony Pull .........................................................July 23 - 3:00 p.m.
- Draft Horse Halter ................................................July 23 - 6:00 p.m.
- Open Western/English Show ......................................July 24 - 8:00 a.m.
- Draft Horse Show Hitch Classes followed by NAERIC Super Team Finals July 24 - 1:30 p.m.
- Horse Pull .........................................................July 24 - 5:00 p.m.
- 4-H Horse Show (Schedule in 4-H Book) ..................July 25, 26, 27
- NPRA Rodeo ......................................................July 27 & July 28 - 7:00 p.m.
- Anto Horse Show ................................................July 28 - 8:00 a.m.
- ..... Followed by Morgan and then Miniature / Performance classes to follow Halter classes
- NPRA Bull-a-Rama ................................................July 29 - 7:00 p.m.
- Paint & Appaloosa Horse Show (Halter / English) ........July 29 - 8:00 a.m.
- Paint & Appaloosa Horse Show (Performance) ..........July 30 - 8:00 a.m.
- Cutting ...............................................................July 30 & July 31 - 8:00 a.m.
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**Ideas for practicing horse judging**

Go to breed shows in your area to practice judging. Compare your placing with the placing of the professional judges. Understand that the judge can see much more inside the arena than you can from outside of the arena.

Volunteer to ring steward at open shows, 4-H shows, and breed shows so you might learn from other more experienced judges. Bring your notebook so you can practice.

ND 4-H Horse Advisory Committee wants your opinion......

Go to [www.ext.nodak.edu/4h/horse/index.htm](http://www.ext.nodak.edu/4h/horse/index.htm)

"The mission of the North Dakota 4-H Horse Advisory Committee is to provide guidance and promote educational opportunities for youth development in horse activities." The committee is made up of two representatives from each Multi-Programming Unit. The committee meets to discuss, research, and write formal recommendations related to issues relevant to the ND 4-H Horse Project. These written recommendations are submitted to the ND Center for 4-H Youth Development.

ALL are welcome to submit an opinion regarding ANY topic relevant to the ND 4-H Horse Project. Please follow the following procedure. Provide your name, date, county, contact information, along with your opinion or recommendation. Send submissions to the ND 4-H Advisory Committee Chair, Bobbi Bingeman, NDSU-ARS Dept, 159 Hultz Hall, Fargo, ND 58105. Email or fax to bobbi.bingeman@ndsu.edu fax (701)231-7590 attn: Bobbi. The next bi-annual meeting will take place in October, 2005 (TBA). We request submissions be sent in by September 15, 2005. For a list of topics the committee is currently discussing, go to the web site listed at the top. Currently the committee is working on recommendations regarding Western Riding. (See page 4.)
Attention:
This will be the last issue distributed by postal mail. Please look for the NDSU Head Tosser at www.ag.ndsu.edu/ars/equine_studies/resources/headtosser.htm. Send your email address to bobbi.bingeman@ndsu.edu and we will send you a notice when new issues have been posted to the web.