



Raider Ranch News

The newsletter of the Texas Tech Ranch Horse Program

December 2007

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER:

8 Matador Championship Open Horse Show. Call TTU Equestrian Center (806) 792-4682. Contact Lindsey Jones

15 Barrel Race. Sheila Bownds

29-30 US Calf Roping. Contact Wayne Needum. (806) 681-1820

JANUARY:

12 Barrel Race. Sheila Bownds

18-19 Equine Breeding Short Course. Contact Dr. Heidi Brady (806) 742-2805 x 243.

26-27 US Calf Roping. Contact Wayne Needum (806) 681-1820

For an extended Calendar of Events at the Texas Tech Equestrian Center go to our website at: www.afs.ttu.edu/horse

Matador Championship Series!!

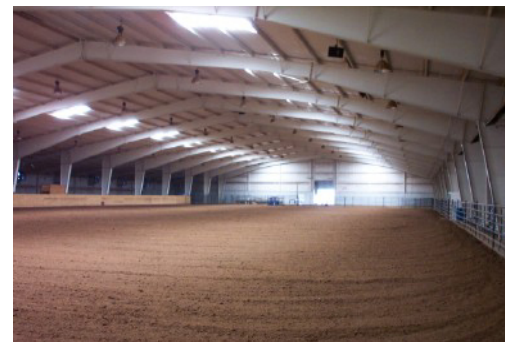
If you are interested in showing your horse, schooling a horse, or simply introducing your young horse to the show pen, then we have a great opportunity for you! The Equestrian Center hosts an open horse show, approximately once every two months. Our next show, held at the Texas Tech Equestrian Center, is December 8th.

Classes will include Lead Line, Showmanship, Halter, Western Pleasure, Reining, and more. There will also be an English division including classes such as Hunter Under Saddle, Hunter Hack and Over Fences.

Our prizes will be awarded in a 'Chucky Cheese'

style fashion. Tickets will be awarded to contestants and they will then be able to turn their tickets in, in exchange for the prize of prizes of their choice. The prizes are great and we feel, much more useful than a ribbon. We have prizes like show sheen, boot socks, halters, clippers, saddle pads, hay bags, spur straps, fly spray, horse treats, grooming supplies, grooming totes, bags and much more.

The office will open at 7:30am on the morning of Saturday the 8th for registration. Stalls will be available on Friday or Saturday night if necessary. Please call the arena at (806) 792-4682 for reservations.



Breeders Short Course

Do you have a breeding mare or stallion? Have you been thinking about shipped semen, artificial insemination or even embryo transfer? Have you ever been interested in how breeders get those cute babies on the ground? Come see how technology has brought breeding management out of the pasture. This is a great opportunity to learn more about what is involved with artificial insemination and embryo transfer.

Material will include nutrition to maximize reproductive efficiency, herd health, and anatomy. We

will explain and demonstrate what the ultrasound process involves and what you might see on the screen. Instructors will also discuss embryo transfer. We will have hands on application of building artificial vaginas, how to train and collect stallions, and how to process and evaluate semen. The course will also include shipping semen, receiving semen, how to artificially inseminate a mare, dealing with problem mares and how to maintain breeding records.

The short course will cost \$300/person and will be held at the Animal and Food Sciences building and the Texas Tech Equestrian Center.

The deadline to register is January 7th, 2008.

Congratulations to our December Graduates!

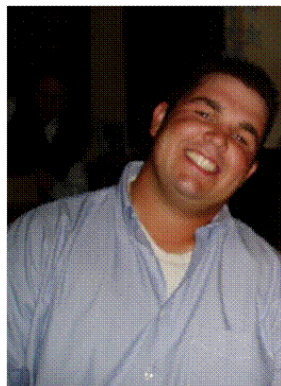
It's the end of another semester and we would like to recognize our graduates. Students are the heart and soul of a good program and that is no exception with this group of students. We hope that these students will continue to strive for success and excellence in their future endeavors.

December 2007 Graduates are: Alicia Ables, Amy Bell (Masked Rider, Ranch Horse Team and Horse Judging), Madison Claeys, Brandy Daugherty (Ranch Horse Team, Horse Judging and Equestrian Team), Zach Kahn (equine student worker), Ashley Maly (Ranch Horse Team and Horse Judging), Lauren Pond (Ranch Horse Team, Equestrian Team, Horse Judging and equine student worker).

Those who have fulfilled the requirements for the Equine Certificate are: Zachary A. Kahn and Erica Leigh Neilson with the Industry Option. Madison A. Claeys and Elizabeth A. Hayford with the Equine Assisted Therapy Option. Danielle K. Groh, Romany Gordon, and Brandy Ashley Daugherty with the General Option. Congratulations to all of these students on their hard work!

Student Spotlight

This month we are highlighting Wes Johnson, a senior Agricultural Economics major from San Angelo, TX. He is involved with the Collegiate Horseman's organization here at Texas Tech. Wes is a student worker at the Texas Tech Equestrian Center. He specializes in building projects, ground-work and maintaining the heavy equipment. He usually plays a big role in helping produce many of the big events at the Center. His favorite horse memory is working at a summer camp in the hill country and being able to ride through the beautiful scenery all day. His goal when he graduates is to work in the business side of the horse industry or pursue a career in rural real estate.



New Stallion in Town

The Texas Tech Equestrian Center is proud to announce we have a new stallion standing at the Equestrian Center in 2008. Thanks to the donation of Vickie Barby, PG Big Iron, a 1998 bay stallion has been added to our breeding program.

PG Big Iron is the NCHA earner of

\$4, 516: 2001 West Texas Open Futurity 2nd Go Co-Champion; finalist in the West Texas Open Futurity; 2002 Hopkins Ranch Cutting 4-Year Old Non-Pro Reserve Champion; 3rd in the Open; 2003 Sham Rock N Roll 5/6 Year-Old Open Champion, NCHA Certificate of Ability.

If you would like to come out and see this stallion, please feel free to come take a look. Call for an appointment (806)792-4682.

Fees: Introductory Stallion Service Fee

\$750 for 2008 only!

Chute Fee- \$300

Shipped Semen- \$250/shipment

Mare Care:

Dry Mares- \$10/turned out or \$20/stalled

Wet Mares- \$15/turned out or \$25/stalled

For more information on a contract please call the arena at (806) 792-4682.

Jewels Leo Bars

Freckles Playboy

Playgun

Gay Jay

Docs Hicory

Miss Silver Pistol

Pistol Lady 2 Be

PG Big Iron

Docs Oak

Shogun San

Shogun San

Miss Kansas Kitty

Big Vanny

Miss American Pie

Dellas Bomering

Also standing at TTU, A Fiftys Remdey. Red Roan stallion. Pedigree on our website www.afs.ttu.edu/horse.

Thanks to our Sponsors and Donors:

We would like to thank some of our sponsors for investing in our programs here at Texas Tech University.

Mr. Sam Smith for donating riding horses.

Mr. Joe Rose for donating cattle and contributing to the bucking chute fund.

Cheveron for contributing to the Texas Tech Therapeutic Riding Center.

Mr. Alvin Davis and the Cowboy Symposium for contributing to the bucking chute fund.

We appreciate ALL of our donors! It is because of you that we grow as a program and are able to offer so many great opportunities to our students and the community.