

# Equine extravaganza!

## HorseFest March 10, 11, 12, Springfield, Mo.

**T**he world of horses opens up to equine enthusiasts on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 10, 11 and 12, as HorseFest returns to the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds in Springfield, Mo.

The second edition of the area's biggest equine exposition will feature nationally known clinicians, entertainment and educational presentations and a large trade show of products encompassing everything equine.

HorseFest 2006, which is produced by Farm Talk and the Ozark Empire Fair, will feature an expanded trade show. Regardless of breed or discipline, it will offer an unprecedented shopping opportunity for equestrians with a huge range of products.

HorseFest will also feature horses from some of the area's finest breeding farms. Horses will be on display for viewing and for private treaty sales.

Some of the nation's top horsemen will be on hand each day to share their expertise with HorseFest visitors.

Curt Pate, known across the country for his low stress horsemanship techniques, will put on daily clinics in the East Hall of the E-Plex. Pate focuses on developing true horsemanship skills to

reduce pressure on both horse and rider.

Texas cowboy and author Buster McLaury will be appearing each day in the East Hall of the E-Plex. The accomplished horseman and cowboy will conduct a colt starting clinic.

The Youree Ranch family of Dale and Florence Youree, James and Renee Ward and their children, Cassie, Kylie and 2003 NFR Champ Janae Ward, will bring more than 50 years of experience in the barrel horse industry to this year's HorseFest. The Youree Ranch Family will offer their insight in shaving precious time off the barrel pattern for riders of all levels of experience. Their clinic will be held each day in the Arena.

HorseFest visitors will also have the opportunity to benefit from the equine insight of Josh Lyons. The son of "America's most trusted horseman," John Lyons, Josh has made a name for himself in his own right, sharing his knowledge and experience nationally and even internationally.

The excitement of cowboy mounted shooting will fill the Arena each afternoon. The

HorseFest Shootout will feature a competition of elite shooters from across the country on Saturday and Sunday, with a mounted shooting clinic on Friday.

At the HorseFest Horse Corral, experts will address a broad range of equine topics important to enthusiasts from all segments of the horse industry. The Horse Corral will be located at the west end of the West Hall of the E-Plex.

On Friday morning, NE Oklahoma

A&M Horse Judging Team Coach Shannon Cunningham will conduct a judging clinic. The presentation will be geared toward both youths and adults, aiming to give them a better understanding of equine conformation and how it translates into getting more out of your horse. Cunningham's teams have won numerous honors including capturing the title at the 2004 World Quarter Horse Show.

HorseFest will also feature gaited horse demonstrations in the Arena. On Saturday morning, there will be a presentation on the versatility of the Missouri Foxtrotter and on Sunday morning more gaited horses will take center stage.

Admission for HorseFest will be \$10 each day with a second-day ticket for \$5. Children 12 and under will be admitted free and those 13-18 years old will be admitted at half-price. Parking is free.

Show hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

For more information, contact Farm Talk at 620-421-9450 or the Ozark Empire Fair at 417-833-2660.



# HORSEFEST

FRIDAY • SATURDAY • SUNDAY

## March 10, 11, 12

9 AM to 5 PM Daily

Ozark Empire Fairgrounds, Springfield, MO

Make Plans Now  
To Attend!

— General Admission —

- \$10<sup>00</sup> Adult Add 2nd or 3rd Day For \$5.00 Ea.!
- \$5<sup>00</sup> Youth 13-18 yrs. old - Add 2nd or 3rd Day For \$2.50 Ea.!
- Children Free 12 years old and younger

### LIVE HORSE DISPLAYS

Featuring horses for sale and get-of-sire colts - For exhibitor information call Linda Elderton 417-833-2660

### TRADE SHOW

Featuring over 300 booths focused on the horse and horse owner - Call Farm Talk at 620-421-9450 for more information

### MFA HORSE CORRAL

Featuring horseshoeing, horse health, nutrition and what to look for when you buy a horse

### YOUTH HORSE JUDGING CLINIC

Friday Morning, March 10 - Shannon Cunningham, Northeast Oklahoma A&M, Equine Judging Team Coach

## Nationally-Known Clinicians...

Featuring Progressive Training Sessions - Learn New Information Each Day!!



Renowned Trainer  
Curt Pate and  
His Low Stress  
Horsemanship  
Techniques



Josh Lyons,  
son of "America's Most  
Trusted Horseman",  
John Lyons



Buster McLaury, Texas  
Cowboy and Author  
Widely Known For His  
Training Techniques



HorseFest  
Shootout -  
Cowboy Mounted  
Shooting Competition



Youree Ranch -  
Home of Champions  
Like 2003 World Champ  
Janae Ward



Smooth Riding:  
The Versatility Of The  
Missouri Foxtrotter

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