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KEEP Names New Executive Director

The Kentucky Equine Education Project (KEEP) has named Patrick Neely as its new executive director. Neely, a University of Louisville undergrad and graduate of Washington University School of Law in St. Louis, previously served as campaign manager for Anne Northup's 2004 and 2006 re-election campaigns. He also served for a year and a half as the chief-of-staff for Louisville's Metro Council Republican Caucus, was an associate attorney with Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs (Louisville office) and was Congresswoman Northup's press secretary in Washington.

"KEEP is pleased to have found someone with Patrick's background. His understanding of the political process, the horse industry's issues, communication skills and campaign management abilities are all assets that we set out to find when we began our search for a new executive director more than four months ago," said Brereton Jones, KEEP Chairman.

"As a life long horse enthusiast and native Kentuckian, it is an honor for me to take this position representing Kentucky's signature industry," said Neely. "I look forward to working with KEEP's board and its 10,000-plus members all across Kentucky to implement policies and programs that both protect and grow the industry."

KEEP primary focus for 2007 will be to remove the sales tax on Equine Feed, Equipment and Supplies as well as continue to support the right of Kentuckians to vote on the issue of Expanded Gaming.

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- Brereton Jones, KEEP Chairman*



Patrick Neely is New Executive Director

Neely replaces Jim Navolio, who served as KEEP's executive director from May 2005 until his retirement in September 2006.

KEEP was created in May 2004 to promote and protect Kentucky's horse industry. The organization was successful during the 2005 legislative session in helping establish a breeder incentive fund. For this effort they were awarded the Public Relations Society of America's Silver Anvil Award in June 2006.

GOVERNOR FLETCHER ESTABLISHES WORLD EQUESTRIAN GAMES ADVISORY COMMISSION

Members will be ambassadors for the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games

FRANKFORT, Ky. – Governor Ernie Fletcher today announced the members of the newly created 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games Advisory Commission – a group of individuals who will serve as Kentucky’s ambassadors for the games and will advise the World Equestrian Games Foundation Board and the CEO of the World Games Foundation.

“The members of this commission will bring together expertise from many areas as they work to make the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games a huge success,” said Governor Fletcher. “Hosting these games provides us with an unprecedented opportunity to showcase the Commonwealth to the world, and I am confident that the members of this commission will work diligently to make Kentucky shine on the international stage.”

Members of the Commission come from across the United States and from Ireland, bringing together a strong representation from the business community, horse industry, arts community and government. Many members are internationally recognized and are committed to the horse industry.

The members are:

- Mayor-Elect Jim Newberry, Lexington
- Marilyn McFarland, saddlebred trainer and competitor
- Dr. Peter Timoney, director and chair, Maxwell H. Gluck Equine Research Center
- Misdee Wrigley, Hillcroft Farm, Paris
- Michael Gobb, executive director, Blue Grass Airport
- Becky Jordan, Jordan Farm, Georgetown
- Michelle Primm, president of the High Hopes Steeplechase and equine appraiser
- Margee Koffler, chair, United States Dressage Federation Development and co-organizer of the Kentucky Horse Park Dressage Symposium
- Marc Williams, Commissioner of Highways, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
- Paul Steely, Department of Aviation Commissioner, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
- Chris McCarron, Hall of Fame Jockey and founder of the North American Racing Academy
- Nick Nicholson, president, Keeneland
- Walt Robertson, president, Fasig-Tipton
- Sen. Damon Thayer, Kentucky Senator
- Stewart Perry, owner, Perry & Perry State Farm Insurance
- Ralph Coldiron, senior vice president. for business development, Centex Engineering & Const.
- Jay McChord, Lexington Councilman
- Steve Robertson, commissioner, Governor’s Office of Local Development
- Sam Barish, president, U.S. Dressage Federation
- Ned Bonnie, philanthropist and Louisville attorney
- Jane Forbes Clark, past vice-chair and trustee of the United States Equestrian Team
- Jay Hickey, president, American Horse Council
- Myron Krause, president, Arabian Horse Association
- Vic Staffieri, chairman and CEO, E.ON
- Eddy Roberts, president, Bellsouth Kentucky
- J. Ashton Moore, vice-president, USET Discipline
- David O’Conner, president, United States Equestrian Federation
- Dr. Kim Sloan, immediate past president, National Reining Horse Association
- Bill Brewer, executive vice-president, American Quarter Horse Association
- Christine Tauber, former executive director, American Horse Show Association
- Jimmy Wofford, veteran eventing coach and former Olympian
- Jennie Garlington, Paris, Ky., farm owner and daughter of Ted Turner of AOL Time Warner
- Ed Lane, Lexington councilman, owner of The Lane Report
- Mike O’Hagan , CEO, The Currah County Kildare, Ireland
- Dierdre Lyons, Alltech, Nicholasville



World Equestrian Games
Kentucky 2010

Sen. Thayer Recognized by Quarter Horse Association for Breeders' Incentive Program



The Kentucky Quarter Horse Association (KyQHA) honored Sen. Damon Thayer at its recent convention for his leadership in securing passage of legislation establishing the Breeder Incentive Fund and specifically for working to assure that non-race breeds are included in the program. The regulations recently were signed into law and funds are expected to be distributed in early 2007. Sen. Thayer, center, is joined by KyQHA President Norm Luba, left and KyQHA and KEEP Board member Bennie Sargent, right.

2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games Adds Director of External Relations

The World Games 2010 Foundation recently announced that it has added Terry Johnson as its Director of External Relations. Johnson assumes the post after serving for two years as Executive Director of the Kentucky Sports Authority in Frankfort. Mr. Johnson will be responsible for managing all community, organizational and public relations efforts of the Games.

"We are very excited to add Terry to our staff," stated Jack Kelly, CEO of the World Games Foundation. "There are hundreds of groups and communities that need to be integrated into the Games to maximize its impact on the Commonwealth. Terry has the background and experience to bring them together and to ensure as many Kentuckians as possible can be a part of this landmark event."

"As awareness of the Games has grown, more and more communities have made inquiries as to

how they might be a part of the Games," Kelly continued. "We needed someone with Terry's knowledge of the event and of Kentucky to help make this happen."

In his role with the Sports Authority, Johnson helped create the first-ever statewide organization responsible for improving Kentucky's economy through the attraction of sports events. Mr. Johnson served on the Board of Directors of the World Games Foundation since the bid was awarded in 2005. He also served as Kentucky's Deputy Commissioner of Tourism, after spending the prior 12 years working in collegiate sports. He will assume the new role effective January 1, 2007.



****IT IS RENEWAL TIME !!!****

On December 31, 2006 KEEP memberships expired.

If you haven't renewed your membership contact the KEEP Office by phone or via the website to renew TODAY!

866-771-KEEP or www.horseswork.com

Membership Dues -

Family \$20 (anyone in same household) / Individual \$10 / Youth (Under 18) \$5

Kentucky Horse Council Offers \$1 Million Personal Liability Policy to Membership

The Kentucky Horse Council (KHC), a statewide association for all horse owners and enthusiasts, now provides a \$1 Million Excess Personal Liability Insurance Policy for all of its individual and family members. Effective January 1, 2007, the policy will cover any legal judgements that result from injury or damage caused by the members' horse to others, provided the injury or damage is not due to gross negligence.

"As we all know, although perhaps hate to admit, all horse activities have a level of risk just due to the nature of the animal. Even the calmest horse can cause injury accidentally if it gets out of its pasture and causes a vehicle accident. In today's litigious society, we all need to protect ourselves and our families from crippling legal judgements. A policy such as this enables the equestrian to enjoy his horse knowing he is protected", says Madelyn Millard, President of the Kentucky Horse Council.

Ginny Grulke, Executive Director of KHC, adds, "The low cost of this insurance policy is possible through the grouping of horsemen across the country whose overall risk is low. Everyone who owns a horse should consider this coverage as a necessity of horse ownership to protect themselves, their horses, and their financial well being."

The premium for the policy is included in the KHC annual membership fee, which is \$35.00 (individual) or \$50 (family). The policy will cover

up to \$1 Million coverage per incident for all members, including family members with a family membership. Note that this policy is not applicable to those who run a business involving horses, but covers those horses owned by individuals.

To find out more information about the Kentucky Horse Council and its membership, please call 859-367-0509 (or toll free 800-459-4677), email khc_info@kentuckyhorse.org, or visit www.kentuckyhorse.org.

ABOUT THE KENTUCKY HORSE COUNCIL - The Kentucky Horse Council is the result of a grassroots effort to combine the voices and interests of all horsemen, in order for horsemen to band together in support of all horse breeds and all disciplines in the state of Kentucky. The Kentucky Horse Council provides educational programs, grants, scholarships, personal liability insurance, trail riding programs, an annual statewide equine industry directory and opportunities for networking with other horsemen across the state of Kentucky.



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.

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 2007
- Free admission to the Kentucky Horse Park through December 2007 and 15% discount at the Horse Park Gift Shop

KEEP KENTUCKY TRAILS STRONG

Be a part of the 2nd ANNUAL TRAIL & PLEASURE SUMMIT

Sponsored by:

Trail Riding Equestrians in Kentucky (TREK),
Kentucky Equine Education Project (KEEP),
& Kentucky Horse Council

**Saturday, February 3, 2007
Pritchard Community Center
404 South Mulberry Street
Elizabethtown, Kentucky
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Featured Panelist:

Randall Mitchell, Wranglers Campground

Mike Scott, Trail / Commercial Campground Advocate in the Shawnee
National Forest

George Bain, Deputy Forest Supervisor, Daniel Boone National Forest

Deborah Sussaball, President, Golden Horseshoe Back Country
Horsemen of Virginia

Staci Riggs, President of the Indiana Trail Riders Assoc.

Kevin Davis, President, Mammoth Cave Equine Trail Riders Assoc.

Carey Tichenor, Trail Manager, Kentucky State Parks

Kristen Branscu, Tourism Development Director, KY Department of
Tourism & Executive Director, KY Recreational Trail Authority

Buck Winburn, Trail Riding Equestrians in Kentucky

The meeting is open to the general public, with lunch available for the **first 100 who register**. For more information or to register, contact Cara at 1-866-771-5337 or email cstewart@horseswork.com



Tom Daugherty, D.V.M.
Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital

Most of us visit our own dentist at least once a year. This visit is primarily for preventative work and only rarely for treatment of problems. Your horse is no different. His or her teeth deserve practically the same care you give your own teeth.

Prepared feeds and non-grazing life styles have changed the dental wear pattern of the modern equine. It is common knowledge that horses grazing in a natural environment have less health issues associated with their dental arcade than horses that are fed only processed feed and soft hay.

In the modern equine there is a high occurrence of dental and oral disease with very few clinical signs. In other words, disease might be well advanced before your horse shows clinical signs. Gingivitis, periodontal disease, chipped or fractured teeth, dental cavities and most commonly malocclusions all can be detected with a regular routine oral exam.

Several items are needed to perform a good dental oral examination. These include a full mouth speculum, headlight, dental mirror, oral mouth rinse and sedation. Sedation may not be required for every horse, but it allows for a more extensive oral exam that is safe for the horse as well as the owner and examiner.

So we say you need to have your horses teeth floated. What does that mean, and where did the term come from? Floating means to smooth and is a term that has been borrowed from the masonry trade that refers to smoothing concrete after it is applied or poured. In regards to the horse, it means to reduce or "smooth" sharp enamel points on the outside of the upper cheek teeth and the inside of the lower cheek teeth. These sharp points irritate the cheek and tongue causing oral ulcers, and if not corrected properly will result in pain and discomfort. Oral pain is a common cause of performance problems, such as excessive tongue motion, flipping the nose upward, uneven tension on the reins, lack of suppleness in turns and transitions, and opening the mouth while performing.

How often should my horse be floated? Again an annual oral exam is recommended for all horses. However, certain age ranges require more frequent examinations and attention.

Young horses (six months to two years) benefit from examinations every 6 months. At this age they have less dense tooth material on the deciduous (baby tooth) and permanents. Therefore, they require less work to smooth and equilibrate their dental arcade. Wolf teeth are erupting in this time range and are much easier to remove

with far less complications.

Horses between the age of two and five years have a tremendous amount of changes occurring in their mouth. Twelve deciduous premolars and molar teeth and twelve

deciduous incisor teeth will be lost during this time. Four permanent canines will erupt during this time period as well. In all forty-four permanent teeth will erupt over this important time period. Two to five year old horses should be examined at least three-four times per year and floated as needed.

Retained deciduous teeth (caps) can be removed and any malocclusions, resulting from these retained caps, can be corrected soon after they appear.

Deviated or improperly erupting permanents can be identified as well. These can be a source of periodontal disease if food becomes entrapped between the teeth causing a loss of the periodontal ligament and thus a loss of the tooth itself.

Mature horses (age five to eighteen years) should have an annual dental exam and floated as needed. However, the annual exam is only if the mature horse has had a routine dental care up to this age group. If routine work has been missed, more exams and work may be needed to return the arcade back to normal. Performance horses are routinely examined and any dental floating done twice per year.

The geriatric horse population is on the increase because of the better care (including dentistry) in their earlier years. This population has a higher incidence of periodontal disease and other age-related changes. These horses need to be floated every twelve to eighteen months. Malocclusions detected in these horses early can be corrected in one session. Long-standing malocclusions with overgrowths more than 5-6 millimeters might need more than one session if they can be corrected at all.

The take home message is that dental malocclusions, fractured teeth, periodontal disease and dental cavities can be detected early and a treatment plan formulated to maintain a horse that has a pain free mouth and increased longevity to his/her dentition. Remember, getting the examination is more important than just getting the teeth floated.



KEEP YOUTH COUNCIL NEWS

Next Youth Council Meeting!!!!

Have you made plans yet to attend the KEEP Youth Council's Teambuilding Meeting? The meeting will be held at Kamp KESSA in Shelby County on January 20, 2007. Lunch will be provided and good times are a guarantee! There will be outside activities, so don't forget to bundle up!

Date: Saturday, January 20, 2007

Time: 11:00 AM (Eastern Time)

Location: Kamp Kessa

758 Beechridge Rd.

Frankfort, KY 40601



Directions:

Take 64 West to Exit 48 (Waddy/Peytona exit)

Go North on 395 (about 4 miles)

Go Right/East on 1779 (about 3.2 miles- right at mile marker 9)

Look for sign

*Additional info about Kamp Kessa at www.kampkessa.org

Don't forget.... We take horsin' around seriously!!!

For more information on the Youth Council, you can email Jessica at jkingkade@horseswork.com, or call the KEEP office at 859-259-0007.

Kentucky Rider Wins Gold at World Cup Competition

Ali Judah of Louisville helped the US team win a gold medal at the 2006 International Saddle Seat Equitation World Cup on Dec. 4-10 in Parys, South Africa.

The junior at Collegiate High School qualified for the three and five-gaited US teams and chose to compete in five-gaited. Renee Biggins of Simpsonville coached the three gaited team, which also won the gold medal.



HAVE A STORY IDEA?

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

KEEP CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 2007

January 1st	KEEP Offices Closed for New Year's Day Holiday
January 3rd	KEEP Board of Directors Meeting,, US Pony Club 8:30 am
January 6th	Kentucky Quarter Horse Breeders Association's Annual Stallion Season Auction, WKU Expo Center, Bowling Green, KY 6:00 pm
January 7th	Boyd Equine Sales, January Auction, WKU Expo Center, Bowling Green
January 8th	Owsley County Saddle Club, Booneville, 6:00 pm
January 9th	Morgan County 4-H Club, Morgan County Extension Office, West Liberty, 6:00 pm
January 9th	Whitley County 4-H Club, Whitley County Extension Office, Williamsburg 6:30 pm
January 11th	Wolfe County 4-H Meeting, Wolfe County Extension Office, Campton, 6:00 pm
January 12&13th	Kentucky Walking Horse Association Annual Convention and Banquet
January 13th	United Mountain Horse Association Annual Banquet, Holiday Inn North, Lexington, 7:00 pm
January 13th	Bluegrass State Regional Appaloosa Club Meeting, Pedigo County Buffet, Glasgow, 12:00 pm
January 15th	KEEP Office Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 16th	Anderson County 4-H Club Meeting, Anderson County Extension Office
January 20th	KEEP Youth Council Team Building Meeting, Kamp Kessa, 11:00 am
January 21st	Mid-East Kentucky Quarter Horse Association Holiday Banquet, Holiday Inn North, Lexington, 3:30 pm
January 23rd	Christian County 4-H Club Meeting, Christian County Extension Office, 6:30 pm
January 27th	3rd Annual Horsemen Helping Horsemen Seminar, Harrison County 4H Extension Center, Cynthaina, 12:30 pm
January 27th & 28th	South Kentucky Ranch Horse Association Horse Show, WKU Expo Center, Bowling Green.
January 28th	Laurel County 4-H Meeting, Laurel County Extension Office, 2:00 pm

FEBRUARY 2007

February 3rd	KEEP/KHC/TREK Trail Riding Summit, Pritchard Community Center, Elizabethtown
February 3rd	Kentucky Dressage Association Annual Awards Banquet, Lexington Country Club
February 8th	Wolfe County 4-H Meeting, Wolfe County Extension Office. 6:00 pm
February 10th	Central Kentucky Horse Show Association, Maysville Convention Center, 5:00 pm
February 10th	Morgan County Saddle Club, Horse Lovers Banquet, West Liberty.
February 16th&17th	American Ranch Horse Association Convention and Awards Banquet, Executive Inn, Owensboro, KY
February 15th-17th	American Saddlebred Horse Association Annual Convention, Embassy Suites, Lexington
February 21st	KEEP Board of Directors Meeting, US Pony Club, 8:30 am

MARCH 2007

March 3rd	Kentucky State 4-H Horse Program Help Session, Lexington
March 8th	Wolfe County 4-H Horse Club, Wolfe County Extension Office, 6:00 pm
March 17th	McLean County 4-H Horse Club, McLean County Extension Office

**All times are local- For a complete listing visit WWW.HORSESWORK.COM*

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