

Entertainment Scheduled For The Keystone International Livestock Exposition

1998 has been designated as "Year of the Horse", so horse exhibitors will receive special attention as part of the effort to increase public awareness of the horse industry and the high caliber of horse shows held annually at KILE.

Once again, part of the draft horse-hitch show is a qualifying event in the North American Six-Horse Hitch Classic Series and many of the country's top rated hitches will work to earn points for the national event.

The Keystone International Livestock Exposition is in its 42nd year at Harrisburg. The Exposition is recognized nationally as a showcase for the nation's top beef cattle, swine, sheep and horses. It will be held at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg on September 30 - October 5.



At the 1998 Show, we are attempting to give people a reason to stay. One of "America's top performing acts", Animals of Distinction, will be performing three shows daily. These world famous animal performers are drawing record crowds from coast to coast. They not only entertain but also educate against animal abuse and neglect.

The two strolling acts, booked primarily for Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, will amble around the Farm Show Complex putting on their show. For too many years, the only reason people had to attend the KILE Show was to look at the animals and one quick trip through the barns and they went home.

The first strolling act is musical. The Sadie Green Sales, two talented performers, play music on wash tubs, saws and crockery jugs. They are sure to both amuse and entertain "Huggles", the clown. He will not only perform a short magic show on stage but will also move around the building. His antics make him a real favorite with the small children.

Why not plan to come and enjoy yourself at the 1998 Keystone International Livestock Exposition.



Heavy Hitch Classic Set for KILE



On Saturday, October 3rd, the Farm Show Arena will come alive with the sound of thundering hooves. The Heavy Hitch Classic will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Large Arena of the Farm Show Complex. An admission fee of \$5.00 per person will be charged at the gate.

Hitches come from six states and represent five major draft horse breeds.

In 1997, over 200 six-horse hitches were entered in the 45 qualifying shows across the United States and Canada. The Keystone International Livestock Exhibition is again a qualifying show for the series final. Prize money will be awarded at the KILE Show.

The North American Six-Horse Hitch Classic Series is the ultimate driving event in the

heavy horse world. The Keystone International Livestock Exposition has been chosen as one of 45 recognized Qualifying Shows on the Classic Series Show circuit. Each year all across America, six-horse hitches perform at state fairs and agricultural exhibitions to accumulate points for their region and beyond competing at Qualifying Shows spread across

Canada and the United States. The competition builds to a climax at the end of the year when the high-point hitches are invited to compete in the final competition, the Classic Series. The winner of the Classic Series All Breed Trophy is considered by many to be the best six-horse hitch in the world.

The stated goals for the Classic Series are "to increase the number of draft hitches on the show circuit" and to "increase public awareness of the sport of driving heavies, hereby expanding development of the draft breed industry."

The four major draft horse breeds that compete in the Classic Series are Belgians,

Percherons, Clydesdales, and Shires. Hitches are judged on conformation, manners, the proper fit and cleanliness of the harness, the appropriateness of wagon, and the hitch's way of going. The stride of a draft horse at the walk should be long, one that covers ground, with plenty of snap. The trot should be styl-

ish, giving the distinct impression of power and energy.

The sport of driving draft horses is continuing to grow and find favor with audiences across the continent. The Classic Series competition offers incentives for exhibitors and encourages breeders of quality hitch horses.

The stylish driving horses seen in the ring today are the result of countless hours of preparation and care that culminate in the brilliant performances you will witness during this Classic Series Qualifying Show Competition.

The real winner of the Classic Six-Horse Hitch Series is the spectator. Over 400 draft horses will be on display and it is expected that over twenty six-horse hitches will be in competition for the Classic at the Keystone.

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Exposition Set For 1998

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Arabian, Morgan, Palomino, Pinto, Percheron, Saddlebred and the Quarter Horse, go against each other in an evening of fun and mastery. The animals will be chosen by the respective breed associations. In order to compete, the horses must be owned by a Pennsylvania resident. Also included will be Draft Horse Hitch Classes. There will be a \$5.00 charge for the evening performance.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 — KID'S DAY — A busy day begins with the Draft Horse Halter Youth Classes at 8:00 a.m. The Intercollegiate and Junior Livestock Judging Contest also is held at 8:00 a.m. Judging begins at 8:00 a.m. for the National Merino Sheep Show. A special attraction at 12:00 noon is the Keystone Lead Line, an attractive combination, as sheep and shepherd are dressed in their finest. Also at 12:00 noon, Lebanon Valley Farmers/Fulton Bank is sponsoring the Agri-Kid Olympics. Farm-related competitive events will be held from Children at 3:00 with the Kids Pedal Power Pull sponsored by Evergreen Tractor. At 12:00 noon

the Paso Fino Horse Show is featured. Also, at noon, the Angus Cattle Show begins. The Yearling Bred Ewe Sale begins at 3:00 p.m. On Saturday evening, at 6:30, the Feeder Calf Sale will be held. The Heavy Hitch Classic show begins at 7:00 p.m. The breeds featured are Belgian, Clydesdale/Shire and Percheron with their 6-Horse Hitch Competition. An admission fee of \$5.00 will be charged for this Show.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 — FAMILY DAY — At 8:00 a.m. a family sunrise church service will be held. Junior beef breeding cattle and sheep judging begins at 8:00 a.m. At 12:00 noon is the Jr. Steer judging and then at 12:30 p.m. is the Live Hog Evaluation Contest. At 9:00 a.m. is the Duroc barrows followed by Crossbred barrows. At 1:30 p.m. the Junior barrows are followed by Truckload of 6 Market Hogs. At 2:00 p.m. is the Limousin Medal of Excellence Show. A busy day at the Expo continues with lambs, sheep, and hog judging throughout the rest of the day.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5 — As the Keystone International

Livestock Exposition enters its last day, there is still a very busy schedule. The Arabian Horse Show will begin at 8:00 a.m. Also, at 8:00 a.m., the Tunis, Oxford and Cheviot Breeding Sheep will be held. 8:00 a.m., a busy time slot, continues with Shorthorn breeding cattle and at 9:00 a.m. is Open Barrows On-foot. The Keystone Stockman's Contest begins at 9:30 a.m. Simmental Breeding Cattle are shown at 12:00. The Keystone Stockman's Contest Awards Program is scheduled for 2:30 p.m.

For more information please contact Beverly Gruber at the address listed below: Pennsylvania Livestock Association, Beverly Gruber, Exec. Secretary, PO Box 5, New Tripoli, Pa. 18066, Phone: (610) 767-5026.



Youth Contests Featured at KILE

The 21st Annual Keystone Stockmen's Contest, a youth activity in the program of the KILE Show, is scheduled for Monday, October 5, 1998. The contest is open to all 4-H and FFA members. Each county or chapter is invited to enter one or more teams of three or four members. These members will also compete as individuals.

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and the contest concludes at 4:30 p.m. This allows a group to participate in the contest, view the livestock and horse shows in progress and return home the same day.

Prizes are awarded for the winners. The high scoring team wins \$100.00 as well as ribbons. The individual high score wins \$75.00, with prizes going to the top 30 participants. All others

will receive participation ribbons. The five highest placing contestants in the over-all individual scores are interviewed by a committee of three officials. The interview consists of questions on management, health, showing and current events concerning the livestock industry. The winner of this award will receive \$250.00 and a permanent trophy.

The Fifth Annual Keystone Arabian Horse Judging Contest will also be held. Prizes for this show are provided by the International Arabian Horse Association. This contest will be held on Monday, October 5th beginning at 8:00 a.m.

For more information on the contest, contact Charles Itle, Manager of the KILE Show. He can be reached at 717-787-2905.