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## All-Breed Classic Series Six-Horse Hitch Set For KILE

Co.) — Oct. 7, the Farm Show Complex Large Arena will come alive with the sound of thundering hooves.

The All-Breed Classic Series Six-Horse Hitch will begin at 7 p.m. An admission fee of \$5 per person will be charged at the

Six-horse hitches come from seven states and represent four major draft horse breeds.

In 1999, more than 300 sixhorse hitchers were entered in the 45 qualifying shows across the U.S. and Canada. The Keystone International Livestock Exposition (KILE) is again a qualifying show for the series final. Prize money totaling more than \$38,000 will be awarded at the

The North American Six-Horse Hitch Classic Series is the ultimate driving event in the heavy horse world. KILE 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. The competition builds to a climax at the end of the year when the high-point hitches are invited to compete in Series. The winner of the Classic Series all-breed trophy is considered by many to be the best sixhorse 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, thereby 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 the 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 stylish, giving the distinct impression of power and

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 encourage 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 Series is the spectator. More than 550 draft horses will be on display and it is expected that more than 20 six-horse hitches will be in competition for the Classic at the Keystone.

#### the final competition, the Classic

Entertainment Scheduled For KILE HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) - 2000 has been designated as "Year of the Swine," so swine exhibitors will receive special attention as part of the effort to increase public awareness of the hog industry and the high caliber of hogs shown annually at the **Keystone International Livestock** Expo (KILE) here at the Farm

Show Complex. KILE is in its 44th 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 Oct. 4-9.

At the 2000 show, the 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

The first strolling act is musical. Mo Vint from Ontario, Can-

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"BP the Clown." He is also a strolling act.

The third act is a multiple miniature horse hitch from Muncie, Ind. The "Little Hitch" will perform for both evening shows and will also be a "hands-on" exhibit in the barns. "Charlie," the world's smallest horse, will also be appearing with "Little Hitch."

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The 23rd Annual Keystone Stockmen's Contest, a youth activity in the program of the Keystone International Livestock Expo (KILE) Show, is scheduled Monday, Oct. 9 here at the Farm Show Complex.

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 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

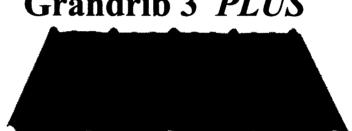
#### KILE Features Youth Contests

About 200 FFA members, 4-H members, and college students will enter the junior and collegiate judging contests at KILE. This keen educational competition is an excellent way to test live animal knowledge and verbal skills, providing students with valuable experiences for their future in agriculture. This contest begins at 8 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 7.

The Seventh Annual Keystone Arabian Horse Judging Contest will also be conducted. Prizes for this show are provided by the International Arabian Horse Association. This contest will be Monday, Oct. 9, beginning at 8

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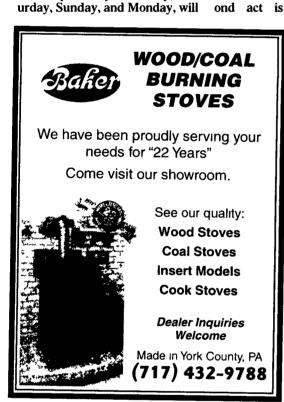
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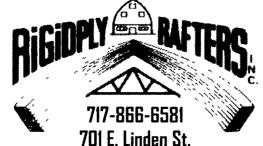
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