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POPULAR ENTERTAINER, TV CELEBRITIES HIGHLIGHT HORSE PROGRAM AT MISSOURI LIVESTOCK SYMPOSIUM

The Missouri Livestock Symposium will be held December 2-3, 2005. It features programs for horse enthusiast, beef cattle producers, sheep and meat goat producers, crop producers, and those interested in stock or guard dogs, forages, predator damage management and more. To view the entire 2005 Missouri Livestock Symposium program lineup go to <http://missourilivestock.com> or call 660-665-9866 for additional information.

According to Garry Mathes, Chair of the 23 member Missouri Livestock Symposium planning committee, the horse section of our program this year is "better than ever." "We really have a great lineup of speakers and topics – something for all horse owners and producers." This year's speakers in the horse section include internationally acclaimed hoof care expert and farrier Gene Ovnicek . Ovnicek is seen frequently on RFD-TV and has given talks world wide. He will give two talks at this year's Symposium.

Also on the horse program is Wylie Gustafson. Wylie should be a "real treat" for Symposium goers, according to Bruce Lane, vice-chair of the Symposium. Lane said Wylie will speak on "Starting the Working Horse". His band, Wylie and the Wild West, will also perform on Saturday night, December 3, at 7:30 p.m. Wylie and the Wild West have performed at the Grand Ole Opry 48 times, have appeared on CMT, and have performed at such prestigious venues as the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., and the Lincoln Center in New York City. In addition, Wylie has cut tapes for the Library of Congress and has taken his music world-wide. To learn more about Wylie and the Wild West and his "horse connections", go to

<http://www.wylieww.com>. By the way, you may have heard Wylie without realizing it – he is the voice of YAHOO!.

Also featured on the horse program will be nationally acclaimed cowboy poet and master craftsman and saddlemaker, Martin Bergin. Martin has custom made boots, saddles, and other leather products for some of the best known celebrities in the world.

In addition to Wylie and Martin Bergin, Mark Kennedy will discuss things horse owners need to know about pastures and pasture management. And finally, believe it or not – that is “Ripleys’ Believe It or Not,” the horse section of the Symposium will feature Dr. Brian Nielson, Michigan State University. Dr. Nielson, who has been featured on the TV show “Ripley’s Believe It or Not” is an equine specialist who will talk on mineral supplementation and exercise and nutrition as they relate to proper horse development. Lane said “you’ll have to attend the Symposium to learn Dr. Nielsen’s connection to Ripley’s Believe It or Not.”

Doors to the Missouri Livestock Symposium open at 4 p.m., Friday, December 3. The agriculturally related trade show, which also opens at 4 p.m. is free as well. A free beef supper takes place at 6 p.m. followed by Orion Samuelson, award winning farm broadcaster. Doors to the Symposium re-open Saturday morning at 8 a.m. In addition to the full lineup of educational programs on Saturday, a Governor’s Style Luncheon is served free of charge at noon. In fact, there are no costs related to Symposium (no pre-registration or registrations costs) except for tickets to the Wylie and Wild West concert to be held Saturday night, December 3, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are limited and sold on a first come first served basis. They are \$10.00 each and go on sale October 15, 2005. Call 660-665-9866 or email adairco@missouri.edu for tickets or ticket information.

The 2005 Missouri Livestock Symposium will be held at the Kirksville Middle School, 1515 S. Cottage Grove, Kirksville, Missouri on December 2 and 3. Program details can be viewed at <http://missourilivestock.com> or additional information can be obtained by calling Garry Mathes at 660-665-7049 or the Adair County Extension Center at 660-665-9866.