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In the News

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January 2006, a quick recap of events at the arena.

The year 2006 has started with a flurry of events during January. The **first week of the month was the final week of the Holiday Christmas Day Camp**, providing the members and guests with fun filled days out of school and doing what they like best, riding horses and learning all about what horse care entails...the weather fluctuating, as in December, from the coldest of days to the prettiest of days for camp activities and riding.

This year's first set of educational clinics, held on **Jan 7th**, were full classes, starting with a 'Canter Departure, Lead Change...Review and Practice for Tom McBeath' in the morning; and after lunch, 'In the Round Pen', A Little Cowboy's School, allowing young members to see and participate in 'horse handling from the beginning'; while 'Showmanship...Get Ready' was practicing in the arena...quite a day!

Jan 14th was a full clinic, all day, with 2 sessions completing Tom McBeath's Reining Maneuvers 101 and 102. A win-win clinic for all.

The following weekend was an action packed weekend, starting **Fri night, Jan 20th**, with the first River Riders 4-H club show timed events; and starting out **Sat am, Jan 21st**, with a full 'Intro to Dressage' clinic; and then into the pm with the River Riders club show judged events completing the day with some tough competition...

Finally, **the weekend of Jan 28th**, proved to be a fruitful 'Family Day, Universal Horse Handling for Parents' clinic, 2 sessions that offered all participants the opportunity to 'see and feel' what our young riders are learning and doing...due to that weekend being compromised by the final days of 'hunting seasons' for the dads, we will be offering that clinic again in the near future as we were able to see a genuine interest from the families and know, now, that we will need the whole day to complete the agenda set for the sessions...designed so that parents, or extended family members, can learn as much as we can teach about what we do and how we do it!

In addition, the weekend of the 28th, was the competition at the **Dixie National Livestock show in Jackson** at the coliseum for the Ms Dixie National Rodeo Queen...a Junior and Senior age division allowed a fairly large group of participants from the Vicksburg area...**6 local girls competed** for the title, 5 in the Jr division and 1 in the Sr...with remarkable wins in both age groups...**Elizabeth Wooten**, captured the overall title of Ms Jr Dixie National Rodeo Queen 2006, winning her horsemanship ride, handling her interviews and impromptus with enough 'pizzazz' to take the crown...congratulations also goes to **Rachel Caffey** for her big win in the horsemanship ride in the Sr division...what a way to go girls! All the girls participating did an excellent job of showcasing their skills and all deserve big kudos for their efforts...everyone watching was impressed with how well **all** the girls rode and with how pretty they all looked!!!

With January successfully behind us, February is full of upcoming educational clinics and events...**Sat, the 4th, was a full day, with 3 rings going**...Chris Ashley 'in the round pen', Starting Training; and the Western and English Judged Event Reviews and Prep completing the day...in addition to 2 Happy Birthday parties! Coming up are the following clinics: **Feb 11-12th**, Combined Tests, Dressage and Stadium Jumping; **Feb 18th**, Speed Event Drills (am), Hunt Seat (on the flat and over fences) (pm); **Feb 20th**, Monday School Holiday Day Camp 8am-6pm; and the final weekend **Feb 24-25th**, River Riders 4-H Shows.

We are in the process of updating our 'email' lists...please let us know if you need to change or add email addresses so that all are receiving the current info...those receiving mail at work might want to print the emails and post them at home so all family members can be in the loop...and anyone having any photos of past events should send them in jpeg format as the photo albums on the website are being updated at this time...:>)

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