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Calendar of Events: 2011

- ◆ Mar 18-20 Winter Series Dressage
- ◆ March 26-27 Winter Series H/J
- ◆ Apr 1-3 Prix de Villes Dressage
- ◆ Apr 16-17 Prix de Villes Jumper

List of Spring Shows can be found on the LEC Website.

IDA Headed to Nationals

Congratulations to the IDA team who has qualified to send a team to Nationals! The LEC Nationals Team riders are: First Level- Amy Ertas, Upper Training- Sarah Simmons, Lower Training- Meghan Marcinkewicz, Intro-Autumn Harvey. The individual competitors that will represent LEC are Anya Hurley and Autumn Harvey. The team will be headed down to the University of Florida at Canterbury Equestrian Show Place on April 30th-May 1st. We wish our girls the best of luck as they represent our college!



Horse World Expo

February 23rd-27th, LEC students Danielle Blymier and Alyssa Cunningham and Karen Davis, Coordinator EQ Center, represented Lake Erie College at the Horse World Expo in Harrisburg, PA. The event helped to recruit to prospective students from Pennsylvania and New Jersey to the equestrian program and college. Additional interest forms were submitted by students from West Virginia, Delaware, and Ohio. Lake Erie was one of only four other colleges represented at this event. The other colleges were: The University of Findlay, Hocking College, Morrisville State College, and Pennsylvania State University.

At the event, Alyssa and Danielle made many contacts for both the college and themselves. It was a great learning experience and should greatly benefit Lake Erie's advertising and rapport in that area. LEC representatives felt the trip was successful as they returned with 42 interest cards.

Several students will also be attending the Equine Affair in Columbus, OH on April 7th-10th, to do more recruiting efforts.



IHSA Western Regionals

Once again, the Lake Erie College Western IHSA team was represented at Regionals. Riders Codi Bair, Brittany Ferguson, Michelle Heinz, Anne-Marie Morgan, Julie Mramor, Chrissy Nemeth, and Anthony Nagy all traveled down to Findlay for the show. Our riders did well, Julie Mramor placing 7th, Michelle Heinz placing 10th. Anthony Nagy and Anne Marie Morgan competed in the same division and took 5th and 6th respectively. Coach Stephanie Steiner has this to say: “We had a great year in a very tough division. I am very proud of all the team members and how much effort they have put out this year. I am also very proud of how far all of them have come. It has been a real pleasure coaching this great group of individuals.” Good job to all of our riders and we look forward to their continued success!



Prix de Ville Dressage

Congratulations to the Lake Erie College students and faculty at the Prix de Ville Dressage show April 1-3! Low Division Team Reserve Champion went to LEC A La Mode, with riders Amy Ertas, Katie Stockdale, Anya Hurley, and Kelly Theisen. Anya Hurley also earned Individual Reserve Champion for the Low Division, winning First Level Test 1 Open/Team on Saturday and First Level Test 2 Open/Team on Sunday on Dolce Mio. Caitlin Byrnes won the Training Level Test 1 Open/Team on Saturday with her own horse Claymore Chivalry. Amy Ertas won Training Level Test 2 Open/Team on Jibouti (known around the barn as Emma). Kelly Theisen also had a successful weekend, earning a win in First Level Test 3 Open & Qualifying and First Level Test 1 Open/Team on her horse Doolin.

Senior Interviews

Lake Erie College and the Equine Studies department would like to thank Gayle Reveron, Nutrena representative and Kendra Mohny, Human Resources, Western Reserve Farm Cooperative for conducting general interviews to the equine seniors. Eight seniors interviewed with both people to gain interviewing experience and gain knowledge on the respective companies. Each representative had a different approach of interviewing which challenged the students' ways to improve their performances during the interview and create more chances at finding employment.

Gayle and Kendra said they had discovered a new respect for our students and their abilities. Both of them mentioned possible positions in their respective companies to the students. The students were extremely happy that they were able to interview with both company representatives. Good Luck to all the seniors in their job quest!

T'Kal and Penny

On March 20, nearly a fully month after her due date, T'Kal gave birth to a foal. Sadly, the foal was unresponsive when born, and despite efforts to resuscitate, the foal did not survive. However, there is a very bittersweet ending to two very sad stories. T'Kal has accepted a recently orphaned young filly belonging to Dr. Pam Hess. Her haflinger mare, Prissy, died of colic 12 days prior to T'Kal's foaling date, orphaning a 6-week-old filly named Penny. A very lonely Penny was immediately transported to the equestrian center, and T'Kal has accepted this little blonde filly as her own. Mom and new daughter are doing very well together!



New Arena Footing

Due to some unusually heavy rains the week before spring break, we now have new arena footing in the indoor and warm-up arenas. The old footing was completely removed, the base leveled, and a new layer of sand/clay mixture footing was installed. David Frey and Field Specialties did an excellent job with the footing. They were quick to respond and installed the footing very quickly so that the arenas would be able to be used by the time the students returned from spring break. We thank them for the new footing and their quick work!

Thank You!

We'd like to thank the Lake Erie College barn staff and maintenance staff for all of their hard work with all of the recent events at the equestrian center. They have been dedicated to keeping this program, the facilities, and the shows running smoothly and work hard every day to keep our horses happy and healthy. We'd like to thank Kelly Knauf, Herb Dill, Jim Truckley, Bud Pierce, Sara Sargent, Jeff Jernejcic, Al Burhenne, Greg Whipple, Heather West, Mike Corey, Carey Stetka, Casey Hennessey, Eric Byram, Cami Harkless, Ally Eneguess, and Karen Davis.

Coming Up

As there is only one month left in the semester, things are getting busy for everyone at the equestrian center and on campus. There are many events coming up, including the Equine Appreciation Reception on May 2nd and a driving clinic on May 7-8 with clinicians Debbie Egan and Dr. Pam Hess. IDA Nationals are April 29-May 1, and Lake Erie is hosting the Prix de Villes Jumper show on April 15-17.

Coming up in our next issue...

- ◆ Recognizing our graduating seniors
- ◆ Prix de Ville results
- ◆ Equine Affaire
- ◆ Freshman Kentucky Field Trip