

April Hoofprints

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HOOFPRINTS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Arenas. This is something that ECEA has struggled with since the club began in 1984. When the club first started, I'm told the show was held on some donated land with a makeshift arena in a pasture out on Howard Road going towards Lake Waxahachie. For a long while you could still see a hand painted sign touting ECEA hiding among some trees hanging above a barbed wire fence – I've since lost track of it and I'm sure there is a house or a business there now. Horse friends would sit in the shade under trees eating their picnic

lunches and showed in the sunshine.

As the club got smaller and smaller and nearly went defunct in 1999, a group decided it was time to make the show less about locals and appeal to a broader range of equine enthusiasts across Central Texas. One thing was very necessary for that to happen – a covered arena.

Ironically, even though I see covered arenas everywhere I drive, there are not many to choose from in Ellis County! An obvious one is very expensive and caters specifically to their church members. Most others are privately owned with parking not designed for public events. Over the last 22 years, ECEA has pushed to outlying counties such as Hartis Arena in Dallas County, Mystic Acres in Kaufman County, the Double Nickle in Kaufman County, Navarro County Youth Expo, Texas Horse Park in Dallas County. And even one year at the Waxahachie Rodeo Arena, but again not covered and was rained out too many times. The board decided to move away from each of those for various reasons like spider infestation, dark and dingy, the farm sold, the arenas overbooked us and didn't honor contracts, etc.

That's why ECEA was very excited to move back to Ellis County last year to the beautiful Sai Ranch! It's important to the board to try to keep our shows in Ellis County and have a covered facility with good parking. Sai is going through new management and changes (and is even listed for sale) so we are trying to roll with the punches while negotiating the best deal for our membership.

With that said, some changes have been made last minute that we as board members are not happy about but feel like Sai Ranch is still the best option at this time for the club. These include \$5 cash per car admission fee for everyone that enters the grounds – exhibitors, judge, volunteers, grandparents -everyone. This will be the Sai Ranch policy for every event and any organization in the future.

They will also offer a concession stand at each show and request no outside food. However, ECEA board and members, will NOT be playing "Barney Fife Cooler Patrol", so do what you want. But obviously no large set-ups of food for large numbers of people. If anyone has any contacts for other covered arenas in Ellis County, we would be interested in hearing what you to find out the details for us for future show seasons.

We are looking to have a GREAT show season as always! We already have many new members signed up for the first show. I truly believe ECEA puts on one of the greatest shows, with the best prizes and quality judges anywhere! The first show will start a little late due to 2020 awards presentations – see details below. We look forward to seeing you on April 17!

Keep your heels down,
Julie

Show Info



Some info for the April 17 show

- Sai Ranch now charges all cars a \$5 entry fee - see Julie's info above
- There will be concessions (hamburgers/hotdogs, snacks, drinks) - no larger setups for groups of people - see Julie's info above

- 2020 awards presentation will take place at 8:30 near check in
- Patterns will be emailed to members this week or whenever your registration is received

APRIL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The next ECEA General Membership Meeting is on **Thursday, April 22, 6:30** at **Flying Dollar Ranch**.

Youth will have a quick meeting of their own then open ride night while the adults have a meeting. All riders must wear helmets. Outside horses are welcome, but need to provide negative Coggins paperwork.



TRAIL RIDES & CLINICS

Jennifer Damours is the 2021 trail ride chairman. She has planned a spring trail ride at Train Robber Ranch in Rusk, Texas, on Thursday, May 20th - Sunday May 23.

Check out the website at www.trainrobberranch.com. There are different price points depending on if you need RV hookups, a bunkhouse, the main house, paddocks, pastures, stalls, etc.

Get with Jennifer for reservations and details at vande21@hotmail.com



SCHOLARSHIP INFO

Attention ECEA SENIORS and JUNIORS

ECEA Scholarship applications for graduating high school seniors are due by April 20!

High school JUNIORS - it is time to read the application now to be sure you qualify next year. 2022 graduates need to have a paid membership in 2021 and 2022, participate in a minimum four activities in 2021, and at least two activities by the April 20 deadline in 2022.

Full rules and application located here <http://www.elliscountyequine.org/scholarship.html>



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2021 SHOW SERIES



Sai Ranch, 5326 Old Buena Vista, Waxahachie, TX 75167

Books open at 8 a.m., show starts at 9 a.m.

Daily High Point Awards in four age divisions, and Green Novice.

PAC approved

Dates & Judges:
 April 17 – Cat Parks
 May 15 – Scot Jackson

September 18 – Carla McCullen
October 9 – Reggie Barnett and Heather Young

Sponsors



Ellis County Equine Association is beginning it's 38th year of promoting horse shows and equine knowledge in Ellis County! We couldn't do this without our volunteers, officers, and sponsors. Please take note of our 2020/2021 trailer sponsors below! We are currently accepting sponsorships of all levels (a buckle sponsorship is \$150 and includes a family membership). Sponsorship forms are attached.

Thank you to Flying Dollar Ranch, Joe Howard Electric and the Sipes Family for their Buckle sponsorships!

2020/2021 Trailer Sponsors

 The advertisement for Commercial State Bank features the CSB logo in green and gold. Below the logo, it says 'COMMERCIAL STATE BANK Your Community Bank'. A tagline reads 'Independently and locally owned, serving the area since 1930.' A green oval highlights 'Try our Internet Banking and Online Bill Pay - APPLY TODAY -'. To the right, it says '24-Hour Access!'. The website 'www.csbpalmer.com' is listed. Three branch locations are provided: Ferris, TX 75125 (972) 544-3000; Palmer, TX 75152 (972) 449-2283; and Wilmer, TX 75172 (972) 525-3160. At the bottom, it mentions '24 Hour TeleBank Lines (972) 449-2399 or (972) 544-2399' and logos for Member FDIC, pulse, and a local bank logo.

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 The top part of the advertisement is for A&K Platinum Show Horses, with a wooden background. It lists 'Training and Lessons in All-around Disciplines' and provides contact info for Trainer Ashley Wilder (619-813-5455) and Trainer/Coach Karen Wilder (760-402-8566). Below this is the text 'Training and Lessons in all around disciplines'. The bottom part features the logo for Brian Ingram Consulting Investigation Services, which includes a map of Texas with 'CIS' and the company name.

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Hendricks Equine Veterinary Service is proud to serve the Waxahachie TX area for everything equine related. Our Equine clinic is run by Dr. Rohn Hendricks, who is a licensed, experienced Waxahachie equine veterinarian.

Our team is committed to educating our clients in how to keep your horse healthy year round, with good nutrition and exercise. Hendricks Equine Veterinary Service stays on top of the latest advances in equine healthcare technology.

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