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Mike Major featured equine expert at Missouri Livestock Symposium



KIRKSVILLE, Mo. – Horse owners will learn health care, behavior and tack tips at the Missouri Livestock Symposium, December 2 and 3 in Kirksville, MO.

Nationally known trainer Mike Major headlines the Equine speaker section this year with 3 talks aimed at making better and safer horse owners. His three talks include, “Colt Starting: Mindset and Preparation,” “Preparing a Horse for Their Purpose with Proper Riding Techniques” and “Tack Selection, Bridles, Bits and More.”

Zac Erwin, Symposium vice-chairman, describes Mike as a modern-day cowboy with decades of experience both in and out of the arena. Erwin continues, “The Symposium committee is excited to bring Mike to Kirksville in December. He has a practical approach to training horses; this is a huge opportunity for local horse enthusiasts to interact with someone that has amassed a lifetime of knowledge.”

Mike Major has bred and trained horses at the highest level and has a successful showing career in multiple disciplines. Mike was also one of four selected to compete in the 2022 “Road to the Horse” competition.



Lynn Martin, DVM with the University of Missouri Veterinary School, will provide two talks, “Setting up Your Pregnant Mare (and future foal) for Success” and “Common Equine Eye Conditions: Let’s Take a Look at Your Horse’s Eyes.”

According to Erwin, Dr. Martin is highly a highly sought-after equine speaker and we are thrilled to have her in Kirksville.

Concurrent sessions on Saturday by national leaders will also cover beef cattle, sheep, meat goats, forages, stock dogs, horticulture, farm management and more, Erwin says.

The Livestock Symposium opens at 4:00 p.m., Friday, Dec. 2 with a trade show. Following a free beef supper at 6 pm, our evening program begins at 7 pm with keynote speaker Diana Rodgers, a “real food” nutritionist and sustainability advocate from near Boston, Massachusetts.

Saturday, December 3 the trade show opens at 8:00 a.m. with educational sessions beginning at 9:00 a.m. and concluding at 4:00 p.m. A free luncheon begins at noon. All are at the Matthew Middle School, 1515, S Cottage Grove, Kirksville.

Meals for this event are sponsored by Missouri commodity groups. A volunteer symposium committee organizes the event.

Program is free in large part to the Platinum level sponsors University of Missouri Extension, Sullivan Auctioneers, LLC, Missouri Department of Agriculture, Missouri Sheep Merchandising Council, FCS Financial, KTVO Studios, and the Missouri Beef Industry Council.

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