

## News from University of Missouri Extension – Adair County

### Julie Goodnight featured equine expert at Missouri Livestock Symposium

KIRKSVILLE, Mo. – Horse owners will learn health care, behavior and tack tips at the Missouri Livestock Symposium, Nov. 30 and Dec. 1.

Internationally recognized horse trainer Julie Goodnight of Poncha Springs, Colorado, headlines the Equine section this year with three talks aimed at making better and safer horse owners. Her topics include, “Overcome Fear of Horses and Riding,” “Find and Buy Your Perfect Horse” and “Avoid and Solve the Worst Riding Problems.”

Julie Goodnight is an internationally respected trainer and clinician with experience in many types of training. Goodnight holds clinics for horse owners worldwide and can be seen on her weekly RFD-TV program *Horse Master with Julie Goodnight*.

Dr. Martha Scharf, University of Missouri Veterinary School, will be another featured speaker, says Garry Mathes, Symposium chair. Dr. Scharf, certified in equine chiropractic, will discuss the tips and benefits of using chiropractic medicine in horses.

Also speaking in the horse section this year will be Dale Myler, Myler Bit Company in Marshfield, MO. Dale’s extensive research into equine dentistry and physiology has evolved our understanding of not only the mechanics of bits but also how they can contribute to the communication between horse and rider. Dale will discuss “Communicating through you bit, choosing the right bit.”

The Livestock Symposium opens at 4:00 p.m., Friday, Nov. 30. Saturday sessions run 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Concurrent sessions by national leaders cover beef cattle, sheep, meat goats, forages, stock dogs, farm and ranch succession and more, Mathes says. The Symposium once again features a sold out agricultural trade show. All are at the Matthew Middle School, 1515, S Cottage Grove, Kirksville.

There are no fees or advance registration.

Meals are coordinated by the Missouri Department of Agriculture with help from Missouri commodity groups. A beef dinner is 6:00 p.m. Friday. Saturday offers a Governor’s Style Lunch.

Keynote speaker Friday night is Dr. David Kohl, professor emeritus, Virginia Tech. His topic: “Agriculture Today: It is what it is...what should we do about it?”

For details go to our website at [www.missourilivestock.com](http://www.missourilivestock.com) or call the Adair County Extension Center in Kirksville, MO at 660-665-9866.