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NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN FOR 2007 WISCONSIN STATE HORSE COUNCIL ANNUAL AWARDS PROGRAM

PROGRAM PROVIDES RECOGNITION FOR EXCEPTIONAL HORSE PEOPLE IN THREE CATEGORIES

Sponsored by the Wisconsin State Horse Council, Inc., the Horse Person of the Year, Judge of the Year, and Director of the Year are annual awards that provide recognition for three exceptional horse people and are presented each spring at the Midwest Horse Fair in Madison, Wisconsin.

The Horse Person of the Year Award is presented to an individual who has made significant contribution to the Wisconsin equine industry as a whole in the areas of youth activities; education; research; industry promotion; related legislation and regulation; trails; or other equine events or activities. The nominee must be 18 years old or older and a resident of Wisconsin. They need not be a member of Wisconsin State Horse Council.

The Judge of the Year Award is presented to a Wisconsin State Horse Council Certified Judge based on the individual's contribution to the Wisconsin equine industry in their role as a horse show judge.

Nominees must be 25 years old or older, a current WSHC Certified Judge, and a current member of WSHC at the time of nomination. A complete listing of WSHC Certified Judges can be found on the Wisconsin State Horse Council website under the Certified Judges Program page.

Nominations for either award can be made by groups, clubs, associations, or individuals. This is the public's opportunity to honor the exceptional Judge or horse person who embodies the qualities these awards are based on.

The Director of the Year Award is presented to a Wisconsin State Horse Council Director in recognition for their leadership, dedication, and contributions to WSHC and to the Wisconsin equine industry as a whole. Deserving Directors are nominated and voted on by the full WSHC Board of Directors.

Special awards such as the Lifetime Achievement Award or Special Achievement and Outstanding Service Award may also be awarded by Wisconsin State Horse Council. These nominations generally originate from the WSHC Board of Directors, although some times an individual nominated for Judge of the Year or Horse Person of the Year may also be considered by the Board.

The WSHC Board of Directors will review all nominations and vote on each of the award categories. All nominees are invited to be present when the awards are given during a special ceremony at the 28th Annual Midwest Horse Fair on Saturday, April 21, 2007. The Midwest Horse Fair is held at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, Wisconsin.

Nomination forms for both the Horse Person of the Year and Judge of the Year may be downloaded from the WSHC website, or you may request one by calling the WSHC office at 920-623-0393. All nominations must be postmarked by no later than January 12, 2007 to be eligible for consideration.

A complete listing of all previous years Award winners can be found on the Wisconsin State Horse Council website.

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Photo of the 2006 Award Winners is available upon request.