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***Is proud to announce the following judges for our 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Open Horse Show at Rawlings Riding Arena***

***Our Western Judge:***

## **Dan Williams**

Mr. Williams is listed with the American Quarter Horse Association as AAA rated judge and is from Ashland, IL. He has been an American Quarter Horse Association judge since 2004, an American Paint Horse Association judge since 1978 and an Appaloosa Horse Club judge since 1989.

He has judged the AQHA Youth World Championships once, the APHA World Championships eight times and the APHC National Championships five times.

In addition to judging in the U.S., Mr. Williams has also judged abroad in several countries which include Germany, France, Italy, Canada and Australia. Some of the major shows abroad that he has been a part of include the European Paint Horse Championships and the Australian Appaloosa Nationals.

We are honored to have him this year, so please make him feel welcome at our show.



## ***Our Trail Judge:***

### ***Catrina Egan***

Ms. Egan is from Metamora, Illinois and has been involved with horses since she was nine years old when she started with classes such as Western Pleasure, Horsemanship, Showmanship and Halter. From the beginning, she was hooked and knew that this was something that she not only wanted to do but truly loved.

She attended Black Hawk College in Kewanee, Illinois where she received an Associate's degree in Equestrian Science and Horse Science Technology. While at school, she bought a two year old Paint horse named Fancy. Ms. Egan broke Fancy from start to finish while at Black Hawk College where she ended up being one of the best colts there. Today, her sister shows Fancy and has done extremely well.

While in college, Ms. Egan also participated in the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association along with participating both years in the Horse Judging Classes. This is where she found that she had a true passion for judging horse shows. Since college, she has been a judge at several shows throughout the region to include the Pekin Riding Club and Charity horse shows. She hopes to someday become a judge for a major breed association as she states that "Horses are her true passion and forever wishes to have them as a part of her life."



## ***Our English and Dressage Judge***

### **Kim Kennedy,**

Kim started riding hunt seat almost fifty years ago. Since then she had branched out to include dressage and eventing. She has spent the last forty years competing successfully at various levels in all three disciplines.

In addition to this, she has spent over thirty years as a trainer and given instruction professionally, including working with Pony Club giving various clinics throughout the Midwest while working with many of the top riders in the country throughout her career right up to the present day.



## ***Our Show Announcer***

### ***Rob Walters,***

Was raised in Weldon, Illinois, and graduated from Deland Weldon H.S. in 1984. After a couple of years, I enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. During my tour of duty, I served in Okinawa, Japan; Quan Ju, South Korea; Osan, South Korea; Angles City, Philippines; and southern California.

It was during my time in Okinawa, that I started to "DJ" at all of the military clubs around the island in my off duty time. It was a job that I enjoyed very much. I carried that enthusiasm home with me, and enrolled for classes at Parkland College in Champaign, IL. I received an Associates of Arts degree in Broadcast Performance in December 1993, and set out for the big world of "radio".

After 8 years in radio, the industry no longer held the appeal that it once did. I moved on to a few different jobs, until I came to the one I hold now...at the Illinois Lottery.

I was married for about 10 years, and it was during that time that I had the opportunity to do my first horse show (the Draft Horse Show at the Illinois State Fair). I was not raised with horses, and had NEVER announced one before. Well...everyone seemed to like the way that was doing things, and my "side business" was born.

From that first show 16 years ago, I am now doing approximately 15 shows a year, that now include National, and Regional shows all over the Midwest. I would have never guessed in a million years that I would end up doing what I am doing today!! The ride has been a lot of fun, and I've met so many wonderful people along the way. I believe the lesson here is this..."Stay true to yourself and your principles, but be flexible. A closed door leaves room for another to open up for you to discover even greater joy."



**GOOD LUCK TO ALL OF YOU!!!  
BE SAFE AND LETS HAVE SOME FUN!!!!**