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Nutrena night also offers exciting competition in the arena featuring open speed events and amateur western horsemanship.

Catch the action from junior and senior barrel racing, and junior and senior pole bending.

Last year's senior barrel finals brought excitement as Mary Burger and Whitney Baker posted exactly the same time and were forced to have a run-off. Burger finished on top and was awarded world champion honors.

Watch as this year's finalists race for the gold.

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Just click on the section "What Product Should I Select?" and go through the step-by-step process to find out which feed is right for your horse.

Change is in the Fair

Check out the new upgrades at the Fair Park this year.

By Tonya Ratliff-Garrison

The Oklahoma State Fair Park is sporting many improvements for this year's AQHA World Championship Show.

In mid-December 2005, work began on Barn 3, including a new sales facility and food service facility; Barn 7, including a new indoor warm-up arena; Arena 6; the park's utilities; Gordon Cooper Boulevard; the addition of a covered arena on the west side of Norick Arena; and a new waste transfer station.

The *Journal* talked with Tim O'Toole, Oklahoma State Fair Park president and general manager, and Todd Gralla, special projects director of gh2 Gralla Architects LLC in Norman, Oklahoma, the project's equestrian planning and design specialist. The two men outlined what exhibitors and visitors can expect at this year's World Show.

BARN 3

Barn 3 is the oldest structure at the park, having been built on the original fairgrounds site in the '30s and moved to its current location in the '50s.

Work began on it last winter and is now mostly complete. It features a 100 x 220 arena and 92 stalls.

To the east of the renovated Barn 3 is a 25,000-square-foot climate-controlled auction pavilion and food court. The food court will not be complete until January 2007, but O'Toole said that interior work will not affect World Show exhibitors as the food court is separated from the stall area.

BARN 7 AND ARENA 6

Construction is complete in Barn 7 and Arena 6.

"We added an indoor ring into 7, and we also created an entry way where you can go directly from the warm-up ring in 7 into the north end of Arena 6," O'Toole said, adding that the warm-up

HERE'S HOW TO GET TO THE COX PAVILION

How do you get to the new Cox Pavilion (aka "the Old Bubble Building")?!

With all the construction on improvements to the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds, there are some new paths to take to the trade show in the Cox Pavilion, the refurbished "Bubble Building."

If you head out the east door of Barn 1, follow the pathway north... Or take the walkway from the east side of Barn 2....

Or slip through Barn 4 out a doorway on the east side.

And while you're finding your way, check out all the improvements! Covered outdoor warm-up arenas, a remodeled Barn 3, indoor longeing pen and more.



arena measures 85 feet by 175 feet. "In Arena 6, we enclosed the west wall fully, allowing for an enclosed arena."

GORDON COOPER AND UTILITIES

For most of the year, Gordon Cooper has been closed to traffic, but it was reopened in September in time for the Oklahoma State Fair.

However, for the World Show, it is closed except for loading and unloading. The public can enter the parking areas off of the May Avenue entrances.

COVERED ARENA

The south covered warm-up arena is a pleasant surprise for many World Show exhibitors. The 100 x 200 arena is covered and is about 30 feet south of the Barn 6 stall area.

"I think the users are going to love it," Gralla said. "It's a great arena. It's large and convenient, and because it's open, it has great ventilation."

WASTE TRANSFER STATION

Before, waste was taken to an open pit in the middle of the barn area. However, a new waste transfer station built just south of the railroad tracks will improve waste management at the fair park, O'Toole said.

With this renovation comes a new

way of handling waste.

There will be plastic carts for waste to be put in.

Although there are currently only three walled concrete pad parking areas for manure carts at Barns 7 and 6A, there eventually will be curb cuts along Chisholm Trail and the west side of Barns 6 through 9, which will become parking zones for manure carts.

COLISEUM CHANGES

In the coliseum, the concession stands have been refurbished and the exterior apron has been expanded.

CHANGES FOR 2007

Starting mid-December, demolition and construction will begin to convert Barns 1 and 2 into a "super barn." This project was originally scheduled to begin last year, but O'Toole said it had to be switched with this year's projects.

"The main reason was the extensive relocation work of Gordon Cooper Boulevard to the east," he said.

"We decided that we did not want to do that project the same time we were trying to do Barns 1 and 2. The majority of the work we did this year, even though not all of it is visible, was necessary as we prepare to do the further expansion of the barns."

Maine Challenges

It's not an easy road to the World for this speed rider.

By Christine Hamilton

"The weather and no shows to go to!" Betty Dyer listed as two challenges she faces every year, to get to the AQHA World Championship Show.

Betty and her gelding, Under The Bar, aka "Billy," know what it's like to deal with winter: They hail from far northeast Perry, Maine.

"You can count on the snow coming in November and lasting into late April," Betty said. Although she has an indoor arena, it's small, and the dirt freezes at the edges making practice difficult.

"When we do start showing, you go really hard and attend a lot of shows in a short time," she added. Their show season runs from Memorial Day through September, and that's it.

"You don't have much of a chance to practice," she said. "I think it takes a lot longer to develop a horse."

On top of that, there are simply not many shows near her where she can earn enough points to qualify. The closest AQHA show is 150 miles away in Canada.

"We don't have as many barrel horses (up there)," she added. "We're lucky to get a 2-point class. That means you have to make every one and make every one count."

According to Betty, that adds an extra element of stress.

"It's a different way of thinking," she explained. "I have to think, no matter what, there's still another run. No matter what happens today, there will be another one. It might not be this year; you might have to wait six months. You just do the best you can on that run."

In spite of the challenges, Betty has made the drive to the World Show three times. She and Billy qualified this year in senior barrel racing and senior pole bending, making it back to the finals in the poles. The pair finished 10th in senior poles last year.

"It's just a thrill to be here with all



Journal photo by Christine Hamilton

MADE IT: Living and showing in Maine makes it difficult for Betty Dyer and Under The Bar to qualify for the World Show.

these people that you read about," Betty said. "I work part-time at a community college, and they were good enough to give me time off (to come) when I qualified."

Betty made the trip with her husband, Brent. They left home on October 15, showed in southern Maine and at the All American Quarter Horse Congress, staying with friends along the way.


"(Brent) keeps the equipment in good repair, thank goodness," Betty said. "I wouldn't be very good at that."

According to Brent, they've always had "road trip good luck." Their only calamity was on the way to the 1994 World Show when Betty's horse, Rocky Otter Wynn, colicked in Missouri. He had eaten acorns somewhere on the trip. The pair ended up knocking down a pole in the finals.

Billy is a 1997 bay gelding by Undertaker Billy and out of Howies Bartender by Howie Bars. Betty bought him as an unbroken 2-year-old from Chuck Givens of Richmond, Kentucky. Givens won the 2005 junior pole bending world championship on Sugar Rullah.

"It's a big thrill to see how the horse measures up and goes with everyone," Betty said. "It's such a great experience."

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What horse-and-rider combination has won six amateur barrel racing world titles since 1999?

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Congratulations to J. McAllister of Southbury, Connecticut, who correctly identified Zips Chocolate Chip as the 1989 AQHA junior western pleasure world champion that was made into a Breyer model.

Catch Some Rodeo Excitement at Tonight's Senior Barrels

Can't make it to this year's Wrangler National Finals Rodeo? Then catch a little bit of it here at the World Show when Rare Fred and Mary Burger vie for their fourth consecutive senior barrel racing championship tonight.

As of November 2, Mary and "Fred" are in second place in the Women's Pro Rodeo Barrel Racing standings with

total earnings of \$106,738.

Burger, a veteran barrel trainer, rider and futurity jockey qualified for the Pro Rodeo Tour Championship on May 14 with Fred.

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