

# Baseball camp to be held Dec. 4-5

## Region Reports

Former Coastal Carolina University baseball players Adam Rice, Cody Wheeler and Rico Noel will host a baseball camp at Cheraw High School Dec. 4-5.

Cost is \$125 for anyone aged 6 to 18. Camp will be held from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Campers will be split into age groups and learn the fundamentals of baseball, as well as specific strength and conditioning workouts to improve their games. Rice is a certified personal trainer and will also discuss the importance of proper nutrition.

Wheeler and Noel, who were each drafted in the fifth round of the 2010 Major League draft, will talk about the importance of having good character off the field.

For more information, check out [www.gameonbaseballcamps.com](http://www.gameonbaseballcamps.com), e-mail [gameonbaseballcamps@gmail.com](mailto:gameonbaseballcamps@gmail.com) or call Tristin at (843) 907-5287.

# Pegues rack up ribbons at State Fair

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Rachel and Spencer Pegues have been around cattle their entire lives, and for the past several years they have shown them at the South Carolina State Fair.

In October, the duo took six cows, two bulls and one calf to the state fair and entered 14 classes. They brought home 14 ribbons for their hard work.

Besides the work at the show, which had Rachel and Spencer up at 4 a.m. to wash and dry the animals for the ring, the real work started in August when the pair began handling each animal to be shown.

"We spend a lot of time handling each animal before it ever goes in the show ring," said Rachel. "We have to be able to lead them, and they have to stay calm amidst the distractions that they'll encounter at the fair."

Because of their age, the Pegues can enter two types of classes at the fair, including a junior division that is open only to South Carolina residents under the age of 21, and an open division that can include handlers from anywhere and any age. When asked which was their best class, Spencer didn't point to the ones that they won.

"Our two bulls placed sec-



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Pictured above, Spencer and Rachel Pegues stand with 14 ribbons they won at this year's S.C. State Fair. The duo entered six cows, two bulls and one calf into contests at the fair.

ond and third in their open classes, which was against a lot of competition," said Spencer. "We also had our cow-calf pair place second in the junior division and third in the open division."

Spencer handled a cow named "99," which won the championship in her division and competed in the overall championship class.

"The judge was trying to decide between her and another cow for the reserve champion, but ultimately we didn't get it," Spencer said.

Rachel and Spencer plan to continue to raise and show cat-

tle while working on the family farm, Pee Dee Ranch. Currently the farm has 55 head of purebred Santa Gertrudis and Angus cattle, with plans to double the size of the herd selectively.

"We are selectively breeding our animals and purchasing ad-

ditional animals when the time is right," said Rachel. "Our priority is not only producing quality animals, but also to manage our land in an environmentally friendly manner."

The Pee Dee Ranch has a long history of conservation-based land management and is

currently working with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service to keep improving its land management. The Pegues intensively manage over 250 acres and their livestock by using a rotational grazing system in which the cattle (and additional goats, pigs and sheep) are moved into a new grazing area every few days. This works well for the native species of grass that the Pee Dee Ranch uses for forage.

"We are working to get a mixture of native grasses in our pastures because they are durable, contain valuable nutrients and graze better than a single species of grass," said Spencer.

The Pee Dee Ranch also manages its land to create wildlife habitat areas and reduce erosion.

"Using sustainable, conservation practices on the entire farm allows us to get the most from the land and our livestock without overburdening any of the individual components," said Spencer.

# Save a Horse! Ride Dec. 11

Come trail ride (and more!) at H. Cooper Black and raise funds for horse sanctuary

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Palmetto Farms is celebrating Christmas the "horsey" way with a benefit trail ride, plus a lot of other "horsing around" at H. Cooper Black Recreational Area on Dec. 10-12.

The 2010 Save the Horses Christmas Celebration and Weekend will include a variety of events from a Clubhouse Mixer on Friday night to a trail ride (BYOH - Bring Your Own Horse) and Red-neck Christmas Party on Saturday. Participants will also have an opportunity to win prizes donated from local

businesses and organizations for a raffle.

Palmetto Farms is a horse rescue and sanctuary in Cheraw recently formed by Sally Boss and Kathy Hancock when they took in more than a dozen horses seized by authorities in an animal neglect case.

Many of the horses taken in were pregnant mares, which according to Hancock, should be having their foals soon. However, some of these mares may have complications because of the prior neglect they suffered, she said.

The sanctuary is also working back to health a rescued 7-year-old pony that was mauled by dogs.

Veterinary bills plus costs for feeding the horses finding sanctuary on the farm must be met, Hancock said. She and Boss are extending an invita-

tion to the community to take part in the December fundraiser and help feed a horse while kicking off the holiday season "the cowboy way." Volunteers 18 and older are also needed to help with the weekend's events.

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# Locals make Winthrop honors list

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Eight local students were

listed on the dean's list, which requires a grade point ratio of at least 3.5, including Kristin Elizabeth Adams, Stephen Richard Crawford, Jessica Marie Elvington, Mica Nicole Hutson and Rachel Elizabeth Kiser of Cheraw, and Mary Katherine Davis of Hartsville.

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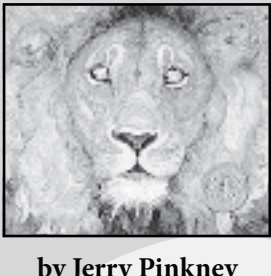


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