

This week, Hagan, one of the owners of Hagan Properties, has 11 of his horses entered in the World's Championship Horse Show at the Kentucky State Fair.

"I've done this for over 50 years," Hagan said. "I started showing when I was five and have been in the business since then."



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Hagan said the competition is split up into different classes based on style and difficulty, as well as age and gender of the rider and the horse. Of the 11 horses, Hagan is personally showing five in the competition.