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## December 2016 Newsletter

### New KHC Executive Director

As 2017 comes to a close so does my tenure with the Kansas Horse Council. Serving KHC and the equine community for the past 9 1/2 years has been rewarding, challenging and most of all, incredibly wonderful! Thanks to everyone who has in any way been a part of KHC, Equifest, our trail rides, parades, Horse Care seminars, the license plate program, Operation Gelding clinics, scholarship program, regional meetings and many other KHC projects and activities.

I'm looking forward to time with family and especially grandchildren. More time in the saddle is second on my list, so I hope to see lots of y'all out on the trail!

Your new Executive Director, Brad Harrelson, as you can see from his bio below, is well equipped with the skills necessary to keep KHC growing and moving forward to meet the diverse needs of the Kansas equine industry. I'm excited for the future of the Kansas Horse Council!

Happy Trails,  
Pattie Stalder  
KHC, Executive Director

Brad Harrelson is the new Executive Director of the Kansas Horse Council. Mr. Harrelson brings over 25 years of experience representing Kansas agriculture and agri-business. Throughout his professional career in trade association management and service he has advocated on behalf of the grain and livestock industries in Kansas and Washington D.C. He is uniquely qualified to guide the Kansas Horse Council in the future. Brad lives in Topeka, Kansas and is a lifelong horse owner and still competes in team roping when time allows. His wife Cindy is an elementary school teacher and they are the proud parents of two daughters' one attending college and the other high school. He is enthusiastic about the opportunity to work with members, volunteers and the leadership of the Kansas Horse Council to promote the horse industry in Kansas.



[KHC 2017 Renewal Invoices](#)

All KHC members should have already received an invoice for membership renewal either by email or through the US Postal Service. If yours hasn't arrived please let us know. Either call the office, 785-776-0663 or email [director@kansashorsecouncil.com](mailto:director@kansashorsecouncil.com).

In order to maintain continual coverage of your \$1,000,000 personal liability insurance policy, dues must be received by midnight December 31st, 2016. Dues received after that date will initiate coverage on the date payment is received in the KHC office.

## KHC Annual Meeting Jan. 28th

### **KHC Annual Membership Meeting, call or email to register!**

January 28, 2017

11:00 to 1:00  
Capitol Plaza Hotel, Emerald Room  
1717 SW Topeka Blvd.  
Topeka, KS 66612

All KHC members are invited to join us on Jan. 28th for the annual membership meeting and complimentary lunch.

Guest speaker will be Dexter Hedrick of the Hutchinson Correctional Facility sharing his experiences working with feral Mustangs and prison inmates in a program known as Saving Horses, Changing Men.

We hope you'll come and welcome new KHC Executive Director, Brad Harrelson. The meeting will also include presentation of the Bud Newell Award and election of two new members to the board of directors.

***GET REGISTERED BY CALLING 785-776-0662 or  
EMAIL [director@kansashorsecouncil.com](mailto:director@kansashorsecouncil.com)***

## Horse Care 101

### **HORSE CARE 101**

**Thanks to everyone who spent last Saturday with us at the KSU College of Veterinary Medicine!**

The lecture hall was full as Dr. Temple Grandin addressed attendees interested in learning more about equine communication and behavior. Dr. Elizabeth Davis, Dr. Chris Blevins and Dr. Jason Grady shared their expertise demonstrating how gastric ulcers, reproductive issues and oral problems can affect equine behavior. Chris Moran of the Hope and Healing Academy in Topeka brought two of their therapy horses and shared his experiences and skills using horses as therapy for youth and adults.

The KSU Horsemen's Association hosted youth in Weber Arena with fun, learning activities.

This event would not have been such a success without the support of our sponsors:

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## KHC sponsors 4-H Horse Project awards

The Kansas Horse Council is honored to provide senior and intermediate all-around high point awards for the Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show. This year's Senior winner was Grace Werner (left) and Intermediate winner was Faith Beesley (right) Congratulations!



## Legislative Update

### 'Disappointing': Congress Poised to Sign Spending Bill Without H-2B Visa Provision

Lexington, Ky.-Congress appears poised to sign an emergency spending bill that would keep the government funded through April without a provision that would renew an exemption to the H-2B visa cap.

McClatchy DC reports that the National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA) has joined other organizations and businesses in pushing to have the H-2B visa returning worker exemption reinstated. The organization believes that should the exemption not be renewed, many trainers and breeders will be unable to find enough workers to fill jobs, since they will be competing with other industries that rely on seasonal help.

"This is very disappointing, but not surprising given the current environment in Washington," Alex Waldrop, the president and CEO of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association, said. "We will continue to work with our colleagues and allies on Capitol Hill to seek a long-term solution to this complex issue."

[To read more click here.](#)

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## Homes for Horses



Brecken

### HOMES FOR HORSES

*This monthly feature provides contact details for a horse adoption facility in KS. Please contact the rescue or adoption service directly. All registered facilities are welcome to submit pics & info.*

*Born and bred by her previous owners (but never registered, though parentage is known), Brecken was the "best friend" to her owners daughter. As the daughter grew up and became a mother herself, Brecken remained very important but the time and resources to start her under saddle was unavailable. With a young toddler and a second child on the way, a relatively mild, but time consuming injury to a hoof was daunting. It became imperative that Brecken find a new home where she could heal from the injury and move to saddle training and then to a new home. Brecken is a sweet, calm and beautiful mare.*

[Rainbow Meadows website](#)

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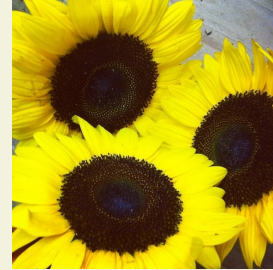
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