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## February 2017 Newsletter

### 2017 Bud Newell Award

The Bud Newell Award is a prestigious award given by the Kansas Horse Council Board of Directors to a member whose service to the council and to the horse industry in Kansas has been outstanding. Bud Newell was the founder of the Kansas Horse Council.

Rodney Schwatken was selected as the 2017 recipient because of his long commitment to the Kansas Horse Council. Not only has Rodney served as a member of the KHC Board of Directors and as a past president of the Board, for the past 10 years he has provided financial guidance and monitored our fiscal responsibilities as KHC Treasurer.



Rodney Schwatken accepts 2017 Bud Newell Award from KHC President, Dr. Justin Janssen.

### KHC Annual Meeting

**KHC Annual Meeting was held January 28th at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Topeka**

What a great way to usher in the new year with so many Kansas Horse Council members celebrating our past and our future!

Since 2007 Pattie Stalder has served as Executive Director of the council and her service was recognized with a copper plaque and a custom designed quilt.

Featured speaker, Dexter Hedrick of the Hutchinson Correctional Facility shared his

experiences working with inmates and Mustangs. Twelve of the Mustangs that have gone through his program participated in the recent inaugural parade. Two are part of the Ft. Riley Commanding Generals Mounted Color Guard and ten belong to the U.S. Border Patrol.



Pattie Stalder



2017 Annual Meeting  
Capitol Plaza Hotel  
Topeka, KS  
January 28, 2017



Dexter Hedrick



KHC Executive Director,  
Brad Harrelson



Jo Turner, EquiFest  
Vendor Chairman



Pattie Stalder & Cheryl  
Thomas, KHC Secretary

## KHC Foundation Silent Auction

### Silent Auction Items Needed!

We are looking forward to our 20th Equifest of Kansas and hope that you plan to attend! As you may know, the Kansas Horse Council Foundation, a non-profit 501(c)3 organization is guided by the Kansas Horse Council. The Foundation has one goal, and that is to raise money for scholarships to be awarded to deserving members pursuing higher education. Donations to the KHCF are greatly appreciated and will assist in the goal of supporting higher education for Kansans. Donations are tax deductible.

### How can you help?

The Foundation has one fundraiser each year, a silent auction, that is held at Equifest of Kansas. We welcome cash donations, and items to be offered in the silent auction. This year, we are also accepting good condition, used tack for the auction. We know that many of us have items that are no longer being used but may be of great benefit to someone else. So, this is a win-win deal...you get to get rid of things you don't need, receive a tax credit and the KHCF has the opportunity to sell your donations to help fund

scholarships.

**If you would like to make a monetary contribution, checks may be made payable to the:**

Kansas Horse Council Foundation  
8831 Quail Lane, Suite 201  
Manhattan, Kansas 66502

**If you would like to donate an item for the auction including used tack, please contact either**

TheresaPeddicord at:  
tmpedd@gmail.com, 785-456-5996 or Laura Thiel at:  
dlthiel97@hotmail.com

## KHC Spring Trail Ride

### Spring Trail Ride

Mark your calendars for the Spring Trail Ride to be held at Hillsdale Lake April 28, 29 & 30th.

[Click here for Ride Flyer](#)

[Click here for registration form on KHC website.](#)



## Legislative Update

### Racing legislation re-introduced in Kansas legislature

H.B. 2173 was introduced to the Kansas legislature during the last week of January. The Kansas Horse Council is in favor of the bill which would support the Kansas racing industry. A provision in the bill would provide support to the Kansas horse industry through the Kansas Horse Council and allow certain funds to be distributed to further the goals of the council.

H.B. 2173 would enable slot machines to be located at pari-mutual racing facilities in Kansas. The Kansas Horse Council would benefit from proceeds distributed by the Kansas Gaming Commission.

Watch your newsletter and email for requests for grassroots support.

## 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).

## EquiFest of Kansas 2017

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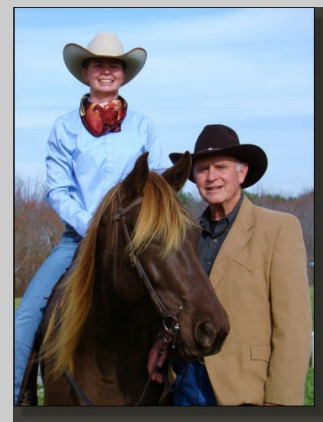
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Harley is a young gelding at Hope in



## 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.

the Valley Equine Rescue.  
He is halter broke and leads well.  
He also picks up his feet well and stands moderately well for the farrier.

[Hope in the Valley Equine Rescue](#)

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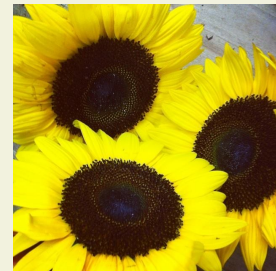
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