

*KANSAS HORSE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER.
NEWS FOR KANSAS AND THE EQUINE INDUSTRY.*



June 2021 EDITION



News, announcements and events from around Kansas, regarding the Kansas equine industry. Legislation, Insurance, Equipment & Retail discounts are just some of our membership benefits! Visit our website to learn more.

Join our herd!

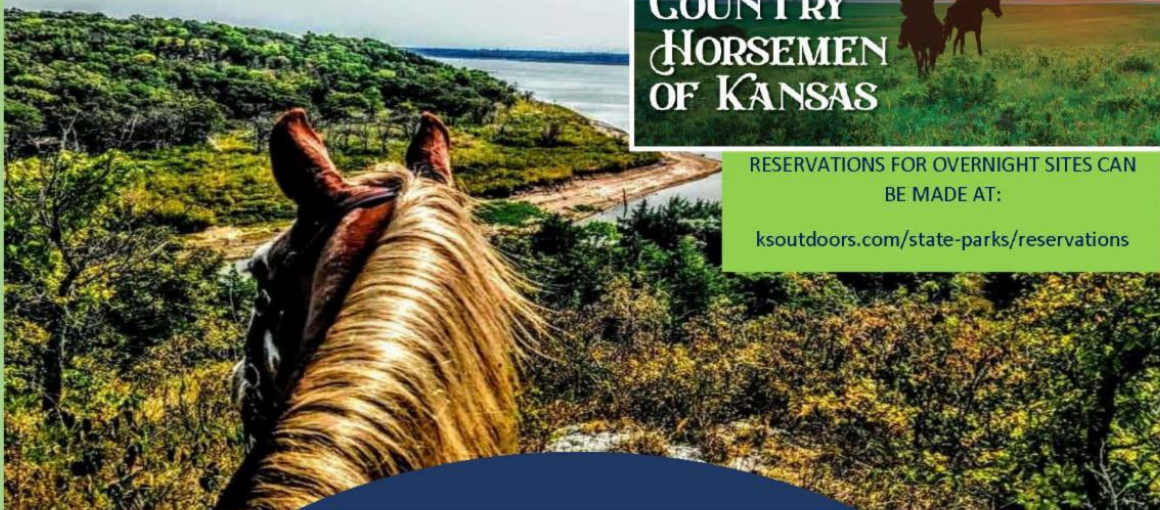
[Visit our Website](#)

2021 Upcoming Events and Calendar

For additional events throughout the year visit:
[Calendar of Submitted Events](#)

Any questions regarding events, please call us at
[785-776-0662](tel:785-776-0662)

If interested in more information or to register for an event, please email us at
director@kansashorsecouncil.com



BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF KANSAS

RESERVATIONS FOR OVERNIGHT SITES CAN
BE MADE AT:

ksoutdoors.com/state-parks/reservations

COME ENJOY THE BEAUTY OF RANDOLPH STATE PARK

JOIN THE CELEBRATION OF THE NEWEST CHAPTER OF BCHKS,

~ TUTTLE CREEK CHAPTER ~

Horses, food, prizes, friends & great trails!

SATURDAY, JUNE 5TH

➡ RIDE STARTS AT 9:30

➡ LUNCH AT NOON PROVIDED BY BCHKS (*FREE WILL DONATION*)

➡ BCHKS STATE BOARD MEETING

➡ AFTERNOON RIDE BEGINS AT 2:00

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK - *FRIENDS OF RANDOLPH STATE PARK*
COMPLETE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND THERE.

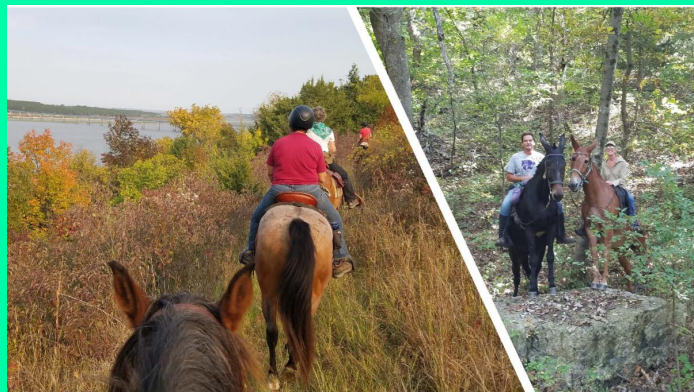
These trails are rocky in places so shoes may be needed.

*Directions: Turn south off K16 on east side of bridge between
Olsburg and Randolph.*

~EVERYONE IS WELCOME – BRING A HORSE & A FRIEND~

KANSAS TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS:

Randolph State
Park at Tuttle
Creek Lake



Situated at the north end of Tuttle Creek Reservoir, the Randolph State Park boasts 15 miles of multi-use trails with 2 trailheads. Trails are well marked through mostly wooded and some open areas. There's a bit of an Ozark feel in the hills alongside the lake. You'll find both the north side and south side of the park worthy of riding. These are split by Highway 16. Two options for accessing both sides: cross the road or go under the bridge!

Here you'll find both primitive and modern campsites. There are 20 electric w/ water sites and a dump station, plus a newer bathroom/shower facility. There's usually a camp host on site.

Map of Randolph State Park Trails is on pages 59 & 60 of the Equestrian Trails in Kansas guide. Also available online at www.kansashorsecouncil.com. This guide is a great resource for the many equestrian public access trails in Kansas! Don't forget, a Kansas Dept. of Wildlife & Parks Permit is needed when you visit the park. You can get an annual pass good for all the Kansas State Parks or buy just a day permit. Here's a [link](#) to purchase passes online or for more information. Camping fees are extra. These fees help maintain the park and provide updated amenities.

Interested in doing more than just riding? Get involved! There's a Friends of the Randolph State Park Group and they are soon to be an official chapter of the Back Country Horsemen of Kansas! Find out more by contacting Pattie Stalder (backdoor@bluevalley.net) or Gabby Hamler (gabbyb63@gmail.com).

The group has been busy blazing new trails and reclaiming old trails that were badly damaged from the flood of 2019.

Join them for a [Benefit Trail Ride on Saturday, June 5th](#) at Randolph State Park. Mounted and ready to ride at 9am!

Directions: From Manhattan, North on Hwy 24 to Hwy 77, to Hwy 16. Go east across mile long bridge then watch for turn in on your right just past the bridge. Questions about the park? Contact the State Park office at 785-539-7941. Reserve a campsite: <https://ksoutdoors.com/state-parks/locations/tuttle-creek>

Flint Hills Rodeo

Looking for something fun to do with the whole family?

The Flint Hills Rodeo in Strong City, KS is coming up on **June 3, 4, and 5!**

Tickets on sale now!

Reserved: Can pre-purchase or buy at gate. Prices range from \$12-20.

General Admission: Can pre-purchase or buy at gate. Prices range from \$11-15. Thursday night, children under age of 12 get in for FREE!

For more information, [see flyer attached!](#)



★ *Schedule of Events* ★

THURSDAY, JUNE 3 (Family Night! Kids 12 & under, FREE!)
 The first 200 kids through the east gate will receive a free hot dog compliments of the Heathman's.

6:00 pm Trade Show starts
 6:00 pm Kid's Buckaroo/Buckarette Rodeo
 8:00 pm First Performance Flint Hills Rodeo

FRIDAY, JUNE 4
 6:00 pm Trade Show
 6:00 pm Kid's Buckaroo/Buckarette Rodeo
 8:00 pm Second Performance Flint Hills Rodeo
 Slack following performance
 10:00 pm Cowboy Dance*
 featuring Braxton Keith & The Contraband

SATURDAY, JUNE 5
 2:00 pm Annual Rodeo Parade
 5:00 pm Trade Show
 6:00 pm Kid's Buckaroo/Buckarette Rodeo
 8:00 pm Final Performance Flint Hills Rodeo
 10:00 pm Cowboy Dance*
 featuring Whiskey River Band

Plus! Kid's Call Scramble and Mutton Busting all 3 performances!

See our website for more information
www.flinthillsrodeo.org



*Dance included with purchase of rodeo ticket

Budweiser FLINT HILLS BEVERAGE
 MARIETTA'S OASIS CITY

MURPHY AGRI

NG CLOVER Cliff Ranches
 OLD & BREAKFAST

VB COTTONWOOD VALLEY
 CATTLE

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lmi aerospace
 SOBCA GROUP

CITIZENS STATE BANK **CINCH**
 ARSHMAN JEANS & SHIRTS
 EMPIRIA

ONST, L.L.C. **KENWORTH**
 Cedar Point, KS

AS **SADDLE & SIRLOIN CLUB**
 Kansas City, MO

★ *Ticket Info* ★

RESERVED SEATING		
	ADVANCED	AT THE GATE
Thursday	\$12	\$15
Friday	\$14	\$18
Saturday	\$16	\$20

GENERAL ADMISSION		
	12 & under	13 & up
Thursday	FREE	\$11
Friday	\$8	\$13
Saturday	\$9	\$15

Call 620.341.1505

FlintHillsRodeo.ORG

★ *Ticket Outlets* ★

Citizens State Bank, Emporia.....620-342-0200
 Citizens State Bank, Cottonwood Falls.....620-273-6389
 Weiss Insurance Agency, Cottonwood Falls...620-273-6740
 Tickets also available online at FlintHillsRodeo.org
 ALL AMERICAN SERIES

★ *Roger Mooney returning with Stock Contractor, Cervi Championship Rodeo* ★

Oldest Continuous Rodeo In Kansas Returns To True Flint Hills Tradition At Strong City

By Frank J. Buchman

"The show will go on." E.C. Emmett Roberts insisted that a number of times when workers contended that the Flint Hills Rodeo should be canceled. Nope, in 82 years, the real-life Western tradition continued without fail even when Roberts wasn't horseback guiding the action. However, exception, which surely would have been the founder's dismay, came in 2020, with the rodeo cancelation due to coronavirus.

"The 'show will go on' this year," exclaimed Buck Bailey, rodeo association president. **"We're moving forward with the 83rd Flint Hills Rodeo at Strong City, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, June 3-4-5."** After cancelation in 2020, the Flint Hills Rodeo Association is working to make this year's rodeo the best ever," Bailey assured. "The rodeo actually began with regular practices to becoming pasture rodeos at Mr. Roberts' ranch," Bailey said. "The year 1937 is marked as the birthdate of the rodeo. It was only a natural step when Mr. Roberts put on the Chase County Rodeo in 1938. Name was officially changed to Flint Hills Rodeo the following year. "The rodeo kept going without fail until 2020," Bailey clarified. "Still, we insist our rodeo has the distinction of being the oldest consecutive rodeo in Kansas."

From the meager beginning, Roberts Rodeo Company provided livestock for the rodeo in the association arena built in 1948. The senior Roberts ramrodded the action while serving as pickup man, and three children became rodeo champions. Marjorie, generally called Marge, Roberts' first child, won women's bronc riding at Cheyenne, Wyoming, a world's championship equivalent, in 1940. Ken Roberts was the world champion bull rider in 1943, 1944, and 1945. Gerald Roberts was the first Kansan to become a world champion all-around cowboy in 1942 and again in 1948. Riding broncs and bulls, Gerald Roberts was the only cowboy winning both Turtle Association and Rodeo Cowboys Association (RCA) championships.

The RCA was predecessor to the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) under which the Flint Hills Rodeo is now sanctioned. Emmett's wife Clara kept ranch home fires burning while their other children Clifford, Howard, and Gloria always had rodeo duties. A legend in his own time, Roberts was recognized "Mr. Rodeo" at the 1979 National Western Livestock Show, Denver, Colorado.

A six-by-20-foot mural honoring the Roberts family is displayed on the Flint Hills Rodeo grounds. Roberts Rodeo Company was dispersed to the Flint Hills Rodeo Association which had the rodeo livestock several years. However, being a rodeo contractor became too much for the local board of directors. They sold out and the association directors have now hired major acclaimed professional rodeo producers for some time.

"Rodeo weekend schedule features evening performances Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 o'clock," said Toni Schneider, rodeo board member. "The rodeo museum and a trade show open each evening at 5:30," noted Schneider, Chase County Chamber of Commerce director. "There will also be a kid's 'buckaroo/ buckarette' rodeo at 6 o'clock, with all youngsters invited to participate." Thursday, June 3, is Family Night at the rodeo with children 12 and under admitted free. The first 200 kids through the east gate are to receive a free hot dog. Friday, June 4, is Military Night including recognition and free admittance with identification for all who've served in the military. Dances for all cowboys and cowgirls with a rodeo ticket are planned after both Friday and Saturday evening performances. Music on Friday is to be provided by Braxton Keith & The Contraband, while Whiskey River Band plays Saturday evening. "The rodeo parade Saturday beginning at 2 o'clock in Cottonwood Falls will end at the Strong City arena," Schneider said. "Everybody is welcome to participate or bring chairs and watch along the parade route." Cowboys and livestock are key ingredients of rodeo. "We'll have the best of both at this year's rodeo," promised Bailey, grandson of Elmore Stout, former rodeo association president.

"Several present and former world champions plus leaders in the PRCA standings at this time will be entered," Bailey added. Contestants come to compete in bareback bronc riding, tie-down roping, steer wrestling, saddle bronc riding, team roping and bull riding. There will be professional sanctioned barrel racing for cowgirls as well as calf scramble and mutton busting for children.

Binion and Chase Cervi of Cervi Championship Rodeo, Greeley, Colorado, are again contracting the livestock including National Finals Rodeo qualifiers. When their dad, Mike purchased the company in 1967, all he wanted was to provide quality livestock for fans' enjoyment. "Today Cervi Championship Rodeo performs beyond his dreams, as they are one of the leading professional rodeo producers," Bailey

added. Womanizer, born and raised on the Cervi Ranch, was voted as the 2020 PRCA Saddle Bronc Horse of the Year. "Even though his career has just begun, Womanizer has consistently been one of the highest marked horses at every rodeo where he's bucked," Bailey said.

Announcer Roger Mooney is also in a repeat performance calling the action and excitement for this year's Flint Hills Rodeo. Born and raised in Ellijay, Georgia, Mooney's career began by accident in 1984. While in college, he stepped in for the scheduled rodeo announcer who became ill. Mooney has announced the National Finals Rodeo, Calgary Stampede, the Circuit Finals Rodeo, and the National High School Rodeo Finals. "Justin Rumford, Abbyville native, will provide rodeo entertainment as the clown and funnyman," Schneider said. "Now of Ponca City, Oklahoma, Rumford won the PRCA Clown of the Year Award, a record-breaking nine times, from 2012 through 2020." Jimmy Lee, San Angelo, Texas, will serve as the rodeo bullfighter, distracting angry bulls after their riders are bucked off. "I've always liked to help people. When a cowboy is in a bind, I try to help them out," said Lee, a former firefighter.

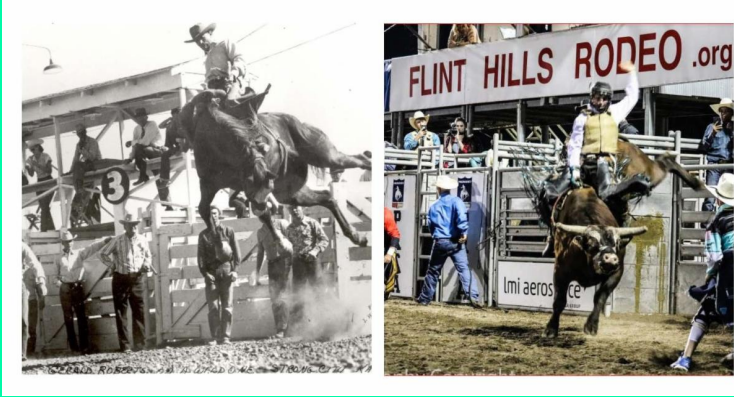
"Cattle country is the Flint Hills where working cowboys make their living; no more appropriate place for rodeo," Schneider commented. "Entertainment takes many forms, and the Flint Hills Rodeo withstands test of time as best for family enjoyment," Bailey declared.

Information can be found at www.flinthillsrodeo.org.

CUTLINES:

- In tradition began more than eight decades ago, the annual Flint Hills Rodeo at Strong City remains in the former front yard of E.C. Roberts who started the longtime Western action. Contestants from throughout United States will gather June 3-4-5, for the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association competition.
- Womanizer, the 2020 Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Saddle Bronc Horse of the Year, performed at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo in front of 75,000 fans. He'll be in action this weekend during the Flint Hills Rodeo at Strong City.
- World champion all-around cowboy Gerald Roberts rides A Wild One at the Flint Hills Rodeo in the 1940s. This year's rodeo is at Strong City, June 3-4-5.
- E.C. and Clara Roberts and family were instrumental in formation of the Flint Hills Rodeo at Strong City more than eight decades ago. Gathered in the early 1940s, they're Ken, Gerald, Clifford, Howard, E.C., Clara, Marge and Gloria.





Don't Miss the Kansas Hunter Jumper Association Family 'FUN'draiser Day
@Vermillion Valley Equine Center

Saturday, June 5th.

10:00am until Dark



This event will help support the organization financially, **so we can continue to bring amazing schooling events to the area** and build upon our fantastic community and its comradery. Make your reservations now!

The day will be filled with trail rides, hay rack rides, cross-country and hunter/jumper schooling along with dinner (included with your ticket) and silent auction.

Interested in helping? Consider sponsoring KHJA for the 2021 season or donating to the Family Fun Day! Contact Debbie at 785.213.5784 or by email dbend1269@gmail.com for more info, reservations, and entry fees.

Flint Hills Trail Ride
2pm



Come ride the open prairie and soak in the beauty of the Flint Hills.

Two groups : Advanced / Beginner

Hunter/Jumper Schooling
10am - Dark



Take advantage of the opportunity to school VVEC's amazing hunter/jumper rings.

Both arenas - the new "Briggs Arena" and the large "East Arena" - will be set with jumps.

Dinner @ 4pm
Silent Auction Closes @ 5pm



Eat, bid & support KHJA!

SILENT AUCTION

Cross Country Schooling
10am - Dark



Come jump around in VVEC's vast cross country field. All levels welcomed.



2pm Wagon rides available for those who want to kick back, relax and enjoy the day!

JJ Western

Some people may know the name J.J Western. This iconic company located in Mullinville, KS created handcrafted western horse tack and supplies. J.J Underwood, owner and creator, moved his business to Mullinville in 1990 and has continued his practice to this day.

Full article on JJ Western below:

JJ Western

Handcrafted saddles, tack, more

by Heather A. Resz
Kiowa County Signal
Maybe you already know you want a saddle with a 16 inch seat, 14 inch swells, a 5 inch cantle, a gullet that's 6 1/4 by 8 1/2, with quarter horse bars, a high horn, 7/8 flat plate ring and a Cheyenne roll.

Or maybe you just know you're in the market for a new saddle or you simply need your old faithful repaired, in any case, J.C. Underwood can help.

JJ Western moved to its present location at the junction of U.S. Highway 54 and Main Street in Mullinville in April of 1990. For the 10 years prior JJ Western was located in Severance in the north east corner of the state.

Actually, Underwood says, JJ Western is a store that specializes in the sale of handcrafted horse tack and supplies, not a saddle shop.

"Saddle making is my hobby," he said. "I don't build saddles as work."

The store specializes in offering a full line of handcrafted horse tack and supplies including a variety of handcrafted spur straps, bridles, breast straps, latigo ties and reins and tie downs.

JJ Western also repairs saddles, boots and other tack.

Before settling in Mullinville, Underwood ran a 3,000 to 3,300 mile route through Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Texas and Oklahoma distributing, filling and accepting orders for his saddles and other handcrafted merchandise.

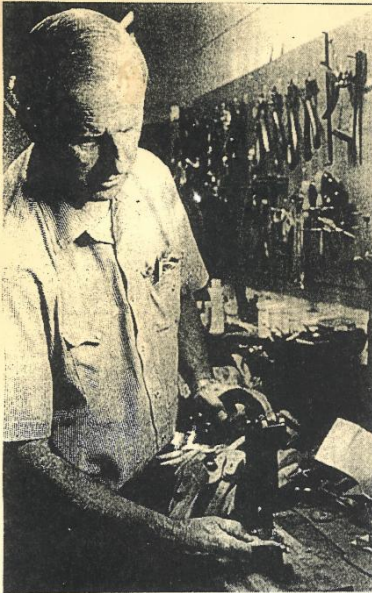
"I just got tired of running the road," he said. "That's why I got this place, so I could quit running the road."

At JJ Western, Underwood builds two kinds of saddles and other handcrafted supplies - heavy and heavier, he said.



photos by Heather A. Resz

(top) J.C. Underwood uses a die and stamping machine to cut out stirrup leathers. (below) Underwood attaches the leather to the saddle horn of a saddle under construction at JJ Western, Mullinville.



"I try and build my saddles heavy to last for the life of the individual, their children and grand-children," Underwood said. "Usually people who buy tack from me work hard and want tack that can keep pace. So that's what I build."

On average, Underwood said, a "plain Jane" saddle takes about a month to build if all goes well with prices ranging from \$550 to \$650.

"It's hard to say how long it takes to build a saddle," he said. "I may get two or three layers of leather on and decided the dimple is not quite right and take it all back apart."

"I don't sell anybody anything," he said. "They come in and buy what they want. Cowboys know what they want."

It's rare that one saddle is the perfect saddle for two different people, Underwood said. Especially rare if the two people in questions are a male and a

female.

"Men tend to ride with their legs forward," he said. "Where women generally ride with their legs straight down. So I take that into account when I build a saddle."

Underwood estimated that less than ten percent of his store's business is from the immediate area.

"When I moved here I brought my clientele with me," he said. "There's more work out there for saddle makers around here if they don't try to rip the people off."

Underwood said the prices of his merchandise are consistently lower than his competitors because a large portion of his business is done in trade.

"Whether it's a couple of tires or a stack of hay, it's all just money to me," he said. "I learned a long time ago if you buy it cheap enough you can sell almost anything, including

tires and hay."

The store also caters to a crowd of regulars who come to enjoy a cup of free coffee and some conversation.

The sign on the door says this business is open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.," Underwood said. "The sign inside says coffee breaks from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. That ought to tell you something about the way we do things around here."

Another sign says, "Prices subject to change according to customers attitude," a sign Underwood says is equally true.



Due to JJ and Doris' retirement, they are hosting a public auction on June 8th at 10:00 in Mullinville.

More information about equipment and supplies in flyer below:

PUBLIC AUCTION

Tuesday, June 8, 2021 10:00 A.M.

Hwy 54 and Main St.
Mullinville. - KS 67109

As J.J. and Doris Underwood are retiring the following
will be sold at public auction



SHOP EQUIPMENT

- * Herman Schabe Clicker Model EK no 8229 - work perfect
- * Dies are mostly 1 1/4, few are 3/4
- * Singer 29K58 Treadle Sewing Machine
- * American Hook & All Up Right Sewing Machine
- * Cowsew Leather Machine Sews Heavy Leather Model 733R
- * Landis Finish Machine (2 Polish, 2 Varnishers, 4 Sanders)
- * Leather Splitter
- * Landis 3 in 1 Skiver
- * Shoe Stand Extra Shoes & Anvil
- * Strap Cutter
- * Hand Edgers
- * Hand Riviter
- * Leather Hand Tools
- * Bench Anvils
- * Cobblers Bench
- * Hand Tools
- * 1000s & 1000s pc. Of Hardware Of All Types



- * Spurs 40+
- * Reins
- * Headstalls
- * Breast Collar Tugs
- * Pony Tack
- * Pads
- * Leads
- * Halters
- * Off Billets
- * 3 Tier Saddle Racks
- * Fold Up Saddle Racks
- * Brushes & Currys
- * Back Billets
- * New Stirrups Leather
- * 35+ Sides Of Leather
- * 50+ New Shoulders
- * Skirting Leather
- * Leather Strings
- * Fleece
- * Tie Leather



- * 2 Sets Of Aluminum Ramps
- * Bottle Jacks
- * Trailer Hitches
- * Receiver Hitches
- * Trailer Lights
- * 30+ New Trailer Balls
- * Ratchet Straps - All Sizes
- * Chain & Binders
- * Tire Display Carts
- * Ladders Aluminum
- * Chain Hoist
- * Tow Bars
- * Air Compressor
- * Receiver Hitches
- * Drill Press
- * Bench Vise
- * Bench Grinder
- * Large Floor Jack
- * Handy Man Jacks



TACK & LEATHER

- * 200+ New Back Girths
- * 150 New Breast Collars
- * 300+ New Spur Straps All Sizes
- * 3 Used Saddles
- * 3 New Saddles
- * 100s Of Curb Chains
- * New Stirrups
- * Skid Boots
- * Splint Boots
- * Stirrup Hobbles
- * Bits 150+



RV - SHOP EQUIPMENT

- * 1993 New Mar RV Country Air
- * Cushman Golf Cart With Charger
- * 550 Propane Tank 90% Full
- * International 2 Row Planter 3pt
- * 1 Bottom Plow
- * 3 pt 5' Tiller
- * 5' Brush Hog
- * 5' Box Blade
- * 3 pt Disc
- * 6' Blade
- * 18' Flat Bed Trailer - No Title
- * 3 pt Post Hold Digger
- * Pickup Bed Trailer

MISC.

- * 3 pc Bed Room Set Claw Feet
- * Old Oak Buffet
- * Gun Cab
- * Wringer Washer
- * Double Wash Tub
- * 3 Live Traps
- * Display Case
- * Display Racks
- * Lots Of Pictures
- * Horse Head Display
- * Set Of Large Horns
- * Lots Of Items To Numerous To Mention

Auctioneer's Note: They have been in this building for over 30 years. There is no way to list it all. There will be surprises



J.J. Western

Terms of Sale:
Cash - Check w/Proper ID -
Nothing to be removed until Settled for -

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NORRIS AUCTION SERVICE

Col. Ed Norris 417-296-3950

Jack Fennewald 660-492-2795

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS, LOST or STOLEN ITEMS
Statements made day of sale take precedence over printed material.
LUNCH SERVED -

Saddle Up for St. Jude

Garnett Saddle Club is hosting a benefit trail ride for the cancer patients of St. Jude Children's Hospital.

When: June 26th

Time: Registration - 9:30, Morning Ride - 10:00

Lunch - 12:00

Afternoon Ride - 1:00

Cost: \$20/individual, \$30/family

Below is flyer with directions to location of trail ride



Saddle up for St. Jude

Sharing the journey and sharing the hope.

**Garnett Saddle Club
will host a Cancer Benefit Trail Ride:**

When: June 26, 2021

Registration @ 9:30 Ride @ 10:00 Saturday

Lunch will be served at 12:00- afternoon ride begins at 1:00.

Cost: \$20 per individual - \$30 for families.

Where:



Contact: Howard Williams (785) 304-0865 or Barb Watkins 785-448-0990

Bunker Hill Founders Day Parade

With everything opening back up again, it is time to start going back out into the world. What better way to do that then a parade full of interesting and fun horse attractions!

The town of Bunker Hill in Russell County, KS is putting on a parade for their 150th anniversary!
Come help them celebrate!

If you would like to have an entry in the parade to participate, contact Parade Chairman, Alison Foos.
Information on attached flyer below.



MAKE A LITTLE HISTORY BY PARTICIPATING IN THE BUNKER HILL
FOUNDERS DAY

150th ANNIVERSARY PARADE!

Horses, carriages, horse drawn floats, in hand, under saddle, come out to
Russell County Kansas to help this little town
celebrate a milestone!

PARADE DATE JULY 31st, START TIME 1pm

Beginning on the north end of Elm Street

Parade entries will assemble on east end of 5th street at noon.

MUST BE ENTERED TO PARTICIPATE

Contact Parade Chairman, Alison Voos at 785-483-8126

WOULD BE GREAT TO SEE LOTS OF HORSES ENTERED!

Kansas Ag Summit



SAVE THE DATE!!

Equine Session
July 28 from 2:00 - 4:00
via zoom
Details Coming Soon

Sixth annual Kansas Ag Summit
August 26 at the Manhattan Conference
Center



Kansas
AG SUMMIT
GROW SMARTER. GROW STRONGER. GROW KANSAS.

Thursday, August 26, 2021
Manhattan, Kansas

Ride Prosperously 2021

Agape Ranch Ministries Production Sale and Horsemanship Clinic

Agape Ranch Ministries is gearing up for their 4th annual production sale and horsemanship clinic. A weekend full of equine events you don't want to miss! The sale will include 36 colts and fillies that are around the age of 3 that have been started and are ready for their every day jobs! Also being consigned to the sale will be some horses from a Merck Animal Health program.

Agape Ranch Ministries was founded with the interest in helping boys overcome emotional obstacles within their life. Within the program, the boys learn many new life skills to help them everyday. Each boy is paired up with a horse and works with them everyday; training, grooming, and building everyday life skills.

For more information about this amazing program, here is a video link!

[Agape Ranch Ministries Informative Video](#)

Location: Stockton, MO

Date: June 18-19th

Schedule:

Horse Sale - Saturday June 19th @ 2:00pm

**Free Clinic and Preview of Sale Horses - Friday, June 18th @ 3:00pm &
Saturday, June 19th @ 9:00am**

Ranch Horse Futurity - Friday, June 18th @ 9:00am

Free meal served on Saturday!

If you would like to view the catalog or want more information about the sale, click the link below!

[Agape Ranch Ministries Sale Catalog 2021](#)



GOING ON NOW



Kansas Horse Council's 2021 ALL BREED STALLION SERVICE BENEFIT SALE

For Info Contact: auctions@kansashorsecouncil.com or call 785-776-0662

Breed your good mares to some of the great stallions in the region AND benefit KHC!



- GALLO ESCARCHADO -
2009 BROWN AQHA STALLION. OWN
SON OF GALLO DEL CIELO (ROOSTER) OUT
OF MATERNAL. SUN#087 BLOODLINES
SIRE OF VERSATILE RANCH HORSES.



RT WYOS ROAN FRECKLE
2016 BAY ROAN AQHA ALL AROUND RANCH &
COWHORSE HORSE SIRE.



- GALLO VAQUERO -
2011 SOBREL FULL BROTHER TO
GALLO ESCARCHADO. SIRE OF GOOD
QUALITY RANCH HORSES.



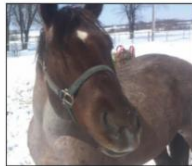
- RIDIN A METALLIC -
2015 BAY, NRCHA AND NCHA MONEY EARNER.
15 HANDS. SON OF THE GREAT METALLIC CAT.



- RUSH CREEK GERONIMO -
2012 BAY AHA RANCH HORSE, ENDURANCE
HORSE ALL AROUND SIRE.



- ZEE BUSINESS -
1999 BAY AHA RANCH HORSE AND ALL
AROUND SIRE.



- KSU OUT OF UR LEAGUE -
2016 RED ROAN AQHA SIRE. UNSHOWN DUE TO
INJURY. OWN SON OF MY FINAL NOTICE. PRODUCER
OF AQHA WESTERN AND ENGLISH CHAMPIONS.



- SHINEY OUTLAW -
BUCKSKIN AQHA STALLION. WORKING
COWHORSE RANCH VERSATILITY CHAMPION.
WORLD'S GREATEST HORSEMAN 2021 RES CHAMP.
FIRST COLT CROP STARTING UNDER SADDLE.



- GAYFIELDS THE THIEF -
CHESTNUT REGISTERED WELSH PONY SECTION
B. SIRE OF HUNTER PONY CHAMPIONS.



- JAKE JACSPIN -
2008 AQHA PALOMINO SHOWN SUCCESSFULLY
IN REINING, CUTTING AND RANCH HORSE
EVENTS. COLT CROPS ARE STARTING UNDER
SADDLE AND SHOWING PROMISE.



- DIEDERIK -
BLACK REGISTERED FPS FRIESIAN STALLION.
SIRE OF DRESSAGE, JUMPING AND EVENTING
CHAMPIONS.



- BYTHEWAYIMHERE -
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Help Prevent Equine Disease This Summer

MANHATTAN, Kansas — As summer approaches, the Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Animal Health encourages horse owners to take proactive steps to prevent the transmission of vesicular stomatitis virus (VSV), an equine disease that is common in the summer months. VSV is transmitted by insect vectors, and recent years have seen an increase in cases of VSV in Kansas.

If you own horses or take care of horses, this is the time of year to be vigilant in changes to your animal care routine to prevent introduction of VSV. Consider these best practices in your horse care this summer:

- Strict fly control. VSV is primarily spread by black flies and midges. Keep pens clean, remove manure, and use appropriate fly sprays and traps. Minimize bright lights that attract insects at night.
- Regularly inspect horses for symptoms that might indicate VSV, such as blister-like lesions, fever, excessive salivation, reluctance to eat, or lameness.
- If you travel to events with horses from other properties, keep your horses separated. Don't tie up your horse with other horses, and don't share equipment, tools, tack or water buckets.

Kansas experienced a significant outbreak of VSV in 2020, with positive cases on over 100 premises in 26 counties. Other species including cattle can be susceptible to VSV, although it is primarily an equine disease. VSV is a reportable disease by state law; if there is a concern of a possible VSV infection or another reportable disease, call the Kansas Animal Health Commissioner at the KDA Division of Animal Health.

Putting these best practices into action now can protect horses across the state and assist the Kansas equine industry in disease prevention to help avoid an outbreak this summer. Go to www.agriculture.ks.gov/VSV for more information about VSV symptoms and prevention.

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Morgan Clinesmith
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Megan Newlon
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**Most Versatile Lifetime Yet Still Young; All-Around
Cowgirl Anticipates Rodeo World With Ranch Ties**

By: Frank J. Buchman

"I fell in love with horses when my parents got me started riding when I was two-years-old." Chancy Johnson of White City fondly remembers her pony Pepper. "He was just perfect and positive experiences with Pepper are probably why I still enjoy horses so much," she verified. "Pepper was a good one even though he did buck me off a couple times," Chancy admitted. "But that was okay, because it helped me learn to ride better."

Since starting, Chancy has had several horses and become an outstanding all-around cowgirl and leader among young people. "I've been so fortunate that my parents and family have been such strong supporters of all I've done," Chancy appreciated. Eighteen-year-old daughter of ranchers Chad and Janon Johnson, Chancy has a younger brother Colter. "Dad and Mom have always seen that I had nice horses, provided coaching and hauled me to activities," she added. "They've been so very helpful."

While horses are high on priorities, Chancy has a very busy life beyond the ranch and arena. She graduated last week as valedictorian of her class at White City High School in White City. "It's been a crazy busy year, but oh what fun," she declared. Active in other athletics, Chancy has played high school basketball four years being a starter. "We had a good team this year, but it didn't go as well as we

had hoped," she noted. "I also played volleyball this year for the first time, and it was sure exciting, too." Active in 4-H work, besides showing horses, Chancy has exhibited other projects and served as a club leader. "I've shown several top steers and heifers, which means a lot to me and my ranch family," she commented. Serving leadership roles in several community and school activities, Chancy was an FFA officer four years including the presidency. "It has been a great learning experience, especially participating in the contests. Livestock judging was quite educational and enjoyable," she insisted. Whenever there has been need, Chancy stepped up to help at many school, horse, and rodeo activities.

First competition experience for the cowgirl was in the Eastern Kansas Horseman's Association. "I started riding our big bay ranch gelding called Tex in about every event," Chancy said. "He was a great all-around horse. I'd ride Tex in shows and Dad also used him in the pasture and at ranch rodeos, a cool deal. Tex is now 29-years-old out in retirement." From horse shows, Chancy started competing in junior rodeo associations collecting a number of championships in several events. "I competed in about everything there was at one time or another," she said. "I've had some top pole bending, barrel racing and roping horses, even tied goats for a while."

Highlight of Chancy's accomplishments to date she said was being reserve world champion Little Britches breakaway roping. "I'm pretty proud of that because there were more than a thousand contestants in the finals at Guthrie, Oklahoma," Chancy remembered. In the two-head, long go-round, the cowgirl was 7-seconds, and came back to rope her short-go calf in 5-seconds. Competing in the Kansas High School Rodeo Association the past four years, Chancy has concentrated on barrel racing and breakaway.

To be a winner at that level requires lots of practice and Chancy has a dedicated work ethic. "When I'm out for school sports I still work my horses two or three times a week," she said. "Now, I ride just about every day, giving them a day off occasionally. Not always in the arena, but often in the pasture to keep the horses legged up." That's no small workload coupled with her new job at Building Blocks childcare in Council Grove. Lay people have not an inkling what a science it is to be a top roper. "I practice roping every day," Chancy said. "I like to rope live calves, but when that's not possible, I spend time practicing on the roping dummy."

How long practice is and how many loops are thrown depend on how the session is going. "In order to be as sharp as possible, I want every loop to be perfect," Chancy said. "What I like to see is a perfect figure eight with the rope going around the calf's head." While she has done limited team roping, Chancy wants to stay more focused on breakaway. "Different loops are required for each event," she said. "I may start doing more team roping, but I have to make sure I rope in breakaway the best I can." Ranking in high school rodeo standings, Chancy is anticipating the Kansas yearend finals at Mulvane. "I sure want to qualify for the National High School Rodeo Finals. That's my main goal," she said.

Arena achievements have earned Chancy a rodeo scholarship to attend Northeastern Oklahoma A&M (NEO) at Miami, Oklahoma, this fall. "I will major in agriculture business and accounting while competing in the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA)," she said. "I plan to live in the dorm and have two or three horses there at the college facilities." Following classwork team members practice daily with guidance from highly successful NEO rodeo coach Kolby Ungeheuer.

While she's had hard luck with top horses in the past, Chancy is confident of her two present college mounts. "I'll be riding Leo in barrel racing and roping off of my bay gelding Mack," she said. Looking toward qualifying for the NIRA Finals while attending NEO, Chancy will move from there to a four year school. "I'm uncertain if it'll be K-State or Oklahoma State," she said. "I may continue to college rodeo depending on how it goes at NEO. I sure want to concentrate on my studies the final two college years." Upon graduation, Chancy looks to a career in accounting and agriculture business management. "I have a small cow-calf operation of my own and

will always maintain my ties at our family ranch," she assured. "Breakaway roping is becoming a major event in professional rodeo. So I see a strong future there along with whatever else I do."

Fun Facts: See Pictures above.

- Competing in barrel racing, Chancy Johnson, White City, is on Leo at a rodeo in Garden City.
- Leo, Mack and Saber are the mounts for Chancy Johnson, White City, who will be on the Northeast Oklahoma A&M (NEO) Rodeo Team at Miami, Oklahoma, this fall.
- Chancy Johnson, White City, was reserve world champion in breakaway roping at the National Little Britches Finals Rodeo.



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Kansas Horse Council Announces Equine Economic Impact Survey

MANHATTAN, Kansas — The Kansas Horse Council, with support from the Kansas Department of Agriculture, is seeking equine owners across Kansas to participate in an Equine Economic Impact survey to generate data and information regarding this segment of the Kansas livestock industry.

The equine industry in Kansas is relatively small, compared to production livestock; however, equine ownership positively impacts the Kansas economy and should be recognized for its contributions. The equine sector in Kansas is an evolving sector that typically includes all forms of Equidae (sometimes known as the horse family) and may include educational, artistic, sport, leisure, therapeutic, and working classes of equines.

As part of the Kansas Ag Growth Strategy, leaders from throughout the Kansas equine industry collaborated in the development and implementation of long-term strategic growth goals with input and discussion among key stakeholders. One published outcome includes completing an economic impact study which led to development of the Equine Economic Impact survey.

The purpose of this survey is to assess the current economic contributions of the equine sector to Kansas. The equine sector is an economically diverse industry, and this survey will include all horse ownership regardless of use. Direct ownership provides a ripple effect supporting sales and service industries by virtue of adjunct needs, such as grain, hay, transport services, real estate, fuel, truck/trailer/tires service and sale, veterinary, farrier and so forth. Information may help identify opportunities for new niche markets or expansion of existing business and services where needs might be identified. Data should reveal relevant information to help update labor statistics in the equine industry.

The Equine Economic Impact survey is voluntary. The survey will be open through December. To take the survey, please visit www.tinyurl.com/equineks. If you have a disability and are unable to complete the survey, but wish to participate, please contact Justine Staten at 785-776-0662 or director@kansashorsecouncil.com to receive a written survey or to take the survey over the telephone.

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'One-Of-A-Kind' Cowboy Saddle Maker

Storyteller Honored In Memorial Services

By Frank J. Buchman

"It was almost like turning pages of the True Old West back more than a century-and-a-half." John's Shoe and Saddle Repair on the southeast corner of Wamego's Main Street certainly gave many such a warming feeling. Walking into the rattily 156-years-old original front door, whoever it was their eyes brightened in the dingy-lighted dusty business foyer. Well-used cowboy saddles lined both sides of the room as bridles, halters and every imaginable piece of tack hung nearby. Then, "What can I do for you," was the greeting from the back working area of the shop. John Lyon welcomed cowboys, of course, and many others from a wide area anxious to service their leather needs.

Now, each and every one who knew the cowboy-at-heart, talented-leatherworker, highly intelligent diversely-capable gentleman miss him so much. Lyon, congenially acknowledged as John, or Johnny to perhaps even more, has gone to the Great Beyond.

John Albert Lyon succumbed April 4, 2021, to world-dreaded coronavirus in a Topeka hospital. Stories are completely unending from those who knew Johnny. Usually, he was first recognized for his quality leather work then, more so, for being such a nice guy. "I think of myself in the oral tradition, as a troubadour, a village tale-teller, the man in the shadows of the campfire. That's the way I'd like to be remembered, as a storyteller, a good storyteller." Renowned Western novelist Louis L'Amour first said it.

Johnny Lyon brought cowboy storytelling to real life. In what became a most familiar kindly drawl, Johnny always had true cowboy stories to tell. They weren't made up tales like the famous author but, revealed the cowboy life Johnny continued to live. Yet, those true cowboy stories had a certain artistic background with the undeniably realistic presentation.

Seldom if ever was there not leather work to be done. But when such time came or not, Johnny would sometimes be cocked back in his easy chair reading. He might relate some Western novel excerpts, comment what book was next, or more likely share his cowboy life's stories. "When going in to get work done, you'd better plan on spending an hour even if it was a 15-minutes job." That's an often-repeated comment from nearly every one of Johnny's most dedicated customer friends. Work and talk went together keeping the customer intrigued with both, such that visitors frequently just stopped in to listen. They may have heard the story before, but it was always fun to hear again in often apparent exaggerated variations.

Now, don't be misled. Johnny Lyon was not-even-arguably "the best" at his trade. There is no shortage of wannabes in working with leather, but quality of product is widely different. "If Johnny fixed shoes or boots, built a saddle, made tack, or repaired horse equipment, it was done to last." Again, a frequent appreciative remark said about the artisan. Never criticizing, yet recognizing, an added comment was often made. "Leather might not match, the job may not be the prettiest, but it would work for a long time."

Always anxious to share whatever he had; Johnny trained Fort Riley's Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard members in leather work. Born April 21, 1949, to Fort Riley-based parents, Johnny lived in Pottawatomie County since adolescence becoming a star multisport athlete. Following graduation at Wamego, Johnny's strong military heritage prompted him to be a Navy aviation machinist mate. His athletic skills were demanded playing football, baseball, and softball on championship Navy teams. Completing military career, Johnny returned to Wamego and married his beloved Valerie (Vernese).

Rodeo, horses, and cowboy work became his life with diverse machinist and welding employments. With his brother-in-law Mike Vernese, Johnny owned, trained, and merchandized a number of quality horses. Many were of strong racing lineage and high value prompting sales throughout the country. One of which Johnny was proudest frequently showing its picture decades later was Shelljet, featuring a Jet Deck pedigree. Additional elite speed offspring including that of renowned Go Man Go were among his horse entrepreneurships.

Johnny's masterful welding skills were sought to assist his brother-in-law construct elaborate horse facilities. The vast equine breeding, training, fitting, sale accommodations remain just north of I-70 near McFarland. Competing in rodeos and jackpots, Johnny started the leather business five decades ago. He's been at the present historic two-story native stone building location nearly 40 years.

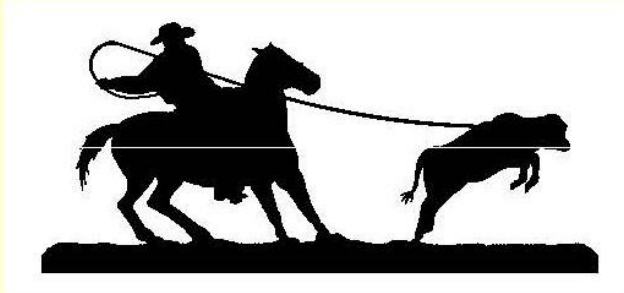
Proudest day was birth of his namesake son destined to of course be a cowboy and all-around talented industrialist. Often confusing, Johnny named his boy, John, also called Johnny at school, and nowadays Matt, or Matthew, his middle name. "There were four of us named John Lyon, before Dad passed, so some call me Matt, preventing mix-up," son explained. In the saddle at an early age, Matt followed Johnny's abilities becoming a proficient roper collecting arena titles. "I wasn't much into leather but still like Dad, a cowboy, machinist, welder, truck driver," Matt said. Literature interests flowed through genes too. "We wrote a self-published book about my great-great-grandfather Pressler's service during the Civil War," younger Lyon added.

A 12-acre tract purchased northeast of Wamego became The Lyon Family Farm providing relaxing cowboy pastime for Johnny and Matt. Together they built a high quality steel fenced roping arena and nearby three-stall horse barn. A park area was established to host crowds of friends for Johnny's birthday, Fourth of July, and a soup supper. Cattle were acquired with regular practice sessions and occasional jackpot events. "We bought, tuned, traded and sold a lot of horses, more than a hundred through the years," Matt counted.

The Lyon Family Farm was most appropriate for remembrance of John Albert Lyon 1949-2021. Bright warm sunshiny afternoon, American flags were flying in the breeze. More than a hundred cowboys, customers, motorcyclists, friends of every caliber gathered. Marty Robbin's "Strawberry Roan" and George Strait's "A Love Without End Amen" set the tone. Dan Biedenbender of the Cowboy Country Church officiated with reflections and Biblical appropriates. Remembrances of Johnny by several attendees brought agreeable nods from everybody there. American Legion Post 172 conducted military honors with ceremonial flag folding presentation, rifle firing salute and Taps. Family placed a military market at the Wamego City Cemetery.

Johnny Lyon's generosity was acknowledged during the Running Raged Youth Rodeo Finals and a BlackJack Saddle Club Show. Vince Mowry led a symbolic riderless horse tacked with equipment Johnny had made and the fallen cowboy's own boots. Johnny's donations of leatherwork given for yearend awards were recognized with plaques. **A Johnny Lyon Benefit Memorial roping is planned Saturday, June 5, in the Onaga Arena, at 10'clock. Entire proceeds from the jackpot competition presented by Rafter GB Productions will benefit the John Lyon Memorial. Additional information and sponsorships are available by calling 785-844-0941.**

John's Shoe and Saddle Repair is now closed with future undetermined. Remembrances of the "one-of-a-kind" cowboy saddle maker storyteller are welcomed at <https://everloved.com/life-of/john-lyon/>.



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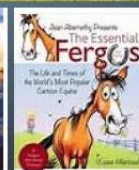
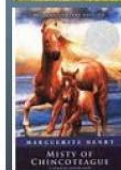
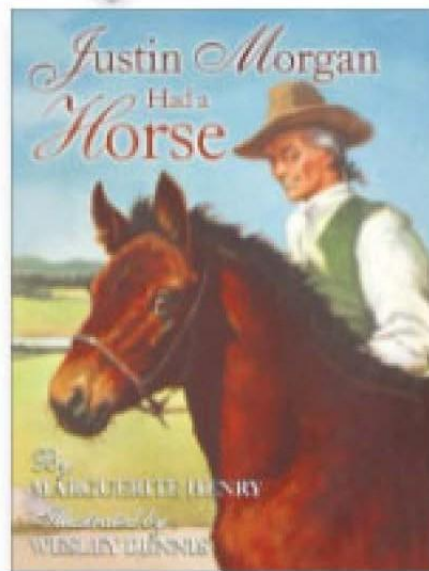
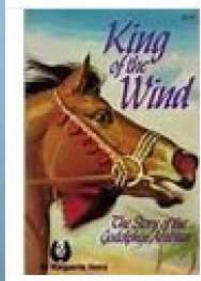
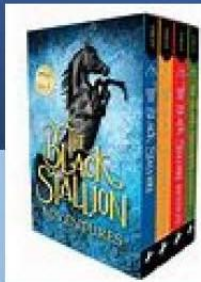
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Fun Facts:

- John Lyon of Wamego was a cowboy with arena success competing in team roping events.
- John's Shoe and Saddle Repair in Wamego was the place to go for anything leather that needed made or repaired and to hear true stories about cowboy life.
- Memorial services in appreciation of Johnny Lyon's generosity giving leather products as event awards was recognized during the Running Ragged Youth Rodeo Finals at Diamond L Arena, Dwight. Vince Mowry lead a symbolic riderless horse tacked with equipment Johnny had made and the fallen cowboy's own boots.
- Albert De La Garza, president of the BlackJack Saddle Club, presented a plaque to John "Matthew" Lyon in appreciation for his dad Johnny Lyon's generosity sponsoring horseshow awards.
- During Johnny Lyon recognition ceremonies before a Blackjack Saddle Club show in Manhattan, good friend Vince Mowry lead a symbolic riderless horse tacked with equipment Johnny had made and the fallen cowboy's own boots.
- Cowboys and friends from all walks of life attended celebration of life for John Albert Lyon at the Lyon Family Farm northeast of Wamego. Military honors including flag folding, gun firing salute and Taps were presented by American Legion Post 172.



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Angela is requesting new and gently used horse themed books and videos for kids of all ages! She envisions the kids coming to the barn, learning about horses, maybe grabbing a book and spending time reading to a horse or taking a book or video back to the dorm where the learning and enjoyment can continue. All things horse is the source!

If you would like to donate any books or videos, Kansas Horse Council is a collection site. For questions and donations, call the KHC office, 785-776-0662, email director@kansashorsecouncil.com, or drop by the office at 8831 Quail Lane, Suite 201, Manhattan, KS 66502 or you can mail your gifts.

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What's the best way to stay informed of BCHKansas news and activities?

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There are several Facebook pages set up to keep BCHKansas members and all equestrians up-to-date on activities on several of our public trails. Here's a list:

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Listed below are some BCHKansas sponsored activities scheduled this year:

June 5 - Randolph State Park BCHKS Informational Trail Ride, Tuttle Creek (Details pending)
Sept. 18 - 200th Anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail Ride on the Flint Hills Trail,
Bushong to Council Grove (Details pending)

Spring is here, get out and enjoy our Kansas public trails.
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Steve and Priscilla Lindsey: Dedication to Kansas Equine Trails

BCHKansas Honors Lindseys

The Kansas chapter of Back Country Horsemen of America recently honored Steve &

Priscilla Lindsey with the BCHKS Lindsey Grant in appreciation of a lifetime of dedication to trail building in Kansas. Steve and Priscilla were founding members of BCHKS in 2013 and have since held leadership positions at both the state and national levels. The Lindsey Grant will be awarded annually to members and regional chapters in amounts from \$100 to \$500 in support of projects that meet BCHA's Mission. Steve also served several terms on the board of the Kansas Horse Council.

Steve and Priscilla's interest in trail building began in 1982, when they were asked by the US Army Corps of Engineers to develop equestrian trails at Kanopolis Lake, a 3,500-acre reservoir in the Smoky Hills region of north-central Kansas. Steve remembers having no GPS or Google Earth in those days, but he had experience laying out and maintaining logging roads as a forester in southern Missouri. Over 30 miles of trails were developed at Kanopolis, with many of those original routes still in use. Kanopolis trails are a favorite among Kansas equestrians.

As Steve's career transplanted him and Priscilla to different parts of Kansas, there always seemed to be a lake nearby with trail potential. They spent two years cutting brush and developing trails at LaCygne Lake on the eastern border and became involved with the initial scouting and layout of trails at John Redmond Reservoir. In the early 90's, the Lindseys moved to southeast Kansas near Big Hill Lake. Trails were already developed there, and Steve and Priscilla became active with trail maintenance through the Big Hill Lake Development Committee. The Lindseys also saw potential for 35 miles of virgin trail in Chautauqua County. Again, without GPS or Google Earth, Steve spent a year marking, mapping, and riding. The North American Trail Ride Conference held the Championship Challenge Distance Ride there in 1998.

The next move took Lindseys to northeastern Colorado. There were no mountains, but the headwaters of the Republican River featured rough prairie with deep canyons. With access to 30,000 acres of private ranch land, Steve and Priscilla again saw potential for a competitive ride. In developing a trail for this ride, they gained permission to cross another ranch in the middle of the area. They remember the rancher in the middle changing his mind about letting them cross his property about a week before the scheduled ride! Thankfully, GPS was now available in primitive form; Steve got on his horse and rode and timed the new route with a GPS. Following his crude map, Priscilla and her sister marked the trail with ribbons and painted rocks just in time to welcome nearly 60 competitors.

In 2005, Steve and Priscilla returned to north-central Kansas. They jumped right back into trail work and were very involved in competitive riding and raising Arabian endurance horses. Steve remembers their business partner, Erin Glassman, talking about a trail organization she had read about, Back Country Horsemen of America. In doing some research, Steve and Priscilla discovered an organization with the same mission they had devoted their lives to. Steve started thinking, why couldn't Kansas get involved with an organization like this? In the fall of 2012, they invited every Kansas equestrian they knew to a trail ride weekend at Kanopolis Lake to explore the possibility. In 2013, Kansas was chartered and became the connecting BCHA link between eastern and western states.

Steve and Priscilla have served as National Directors for Kansas and have attended many BCHA national meetings, where Steve could often be found conducting the fundraising auctions. In 2014, Steve accepted an appointment to the Expansion Committee; in five years in that position, he helped charter Iowa, North Dakota, Wisconsin, Alaska, and Louisiana. Steve was also serving as President and Treasurer of the BCHKS chapter during this time.

In 2020, a long-term goal was met. After a four-year process, Steve was able to get a Memorandum of Understanding developed between BCHA and the US Army Corps of Engineers. This agreement will be invaluable to the Plains states, where a large share of public land is USACE property.

Steve and Priscilla are proud of the growth of BCHKS. A partnership was recently

formed recognizing BCHKS as the trails division of the Kansas Horse Council. Positive working relationships have been formed between BCHKS and public land managers throughout the state.

Many of the trails on Kansas public lands have Steve and Priscilla's bootprints, and they are known among equestrians throughout the state. It is hoped that the Lindsey Grant will continue their legacy of providing trails for the enjoyment of generations to come. As Steve and Priscilla settle into retirement, they will continue to be involved in trail building and maintenance in Kansas. Their advice and experience will always be welcome!



Lifetime of Dedication to Kansas Trails Development and Maintenance
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Steve and his wife Priscilla have a passion for equestrian trails across the U.S and have played a huge role in the development of many trails in Kansas. The purpose of this grant is to continue what they started by funding projects to help better the trails of Kansas and keep their legacy moving forward!

If you would like more information or want to apply for the Steven E. Lindsey Grant, click the link below!

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
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