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NEWS FOR KANSAS AND THE EQUINE INDUSTRY.*



January 2022 EDITION



News, announcements and events from around Kansas, regarding the Kansas equine industry.

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Equine Collaborative International

Winter Webinar Series

This webinar series has a long line-up of multiple equine industry professionals that will cover a multitude of topics from wild horses to equine advocacy on the hill.

There are a limited number of seats in each webinar room, so register ASAP if you are interested!

Series Prices (all sessions):

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This webinar series will start January 4, 2022 and go until April 5, 2022.

The list of topics along with backgrounds on each presenter are listed below:

[ECI Webinar Schedule](#)

[Presenter Biographies](#)



Come join KHC for Fun-Time Trail Ride!



Join the Kansas Horse Council for a weekend at the Little Barn Ranch in the beautiful Gyp Hills!

Friday: Arrive any time after Noon. Short ride available at 4pm.
7 pm - Potluck Dinner (bring dish to share, fire pit/grill available)

Saturday: 9:30 am – Saddled up & ready to ride! Lunch on the trail at noon (pack your own).
6:30 pm – Supper provided at camp. Door prizes.

Sunday: 8 am – Breakfast provided at camp.
9:30-11:30 am – Morning ride.

Primitive camping, 20 pens available, \$10/ea. Contact Marti: cowgirlpointofview@yahoo.com.
Campers may set up portable pens; high line available near camp. Water for horses is available.

Little Barn Ranch is located 3 mi. west of Medicine Lodge on Hwy 160 and 6 mi. south on Gyp Hill Road.

Registration: \$30 for either BCHKS or KHC members; \$40 non-members.
Non-riders welcome, \$20/each. Kids under 12, free.

To register, contact KHC Office, 785-776-0662 or director@kansashorsecouncil.com.

Rain or Shine - Ride limited to 45 riders.

Tux N' Boots Dinner, Auction, and Dancing!

Tux 'n' Boots will be back as a live event this year! We are so excited to have all of our friends join us at the Heartland barn for this incredible night of fun. There will be great food, a lively auction, an open bar, and inspiring stories. We will end the night on the dance floor getting down to the ever-popular sounds of Lost Wax.

This one night provides over 80% of HTR's operating budget so we are over the moon to be able to have everyone back to continue supporting our riders.

Mark your calendars for **APRIL 29th** now and look for your invitation to arrive in the mail in late February.

We can't wait to see you at Tux 'n' Boots 2022!



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Message Us to Enroll for 2022!

Trails Advocate Level Individual: \$80
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One enrollment to support two organizations! Simple and makes sense!

Kansas equestrians deserve a big pat on the back for another impressive year of volunteer work on public trails! Our public land managers and other trail organizations continue to be impressed by the dedication of equestrians to taking care of the trails we love to ride.

BCHKs volunteers reported the following for 2021 - 3,783 hours, with a value of \$259,326 in labor and supplies.

Since BCHKs started keeping track in 2014, equestrian volunteers in Kansas have contributed - 23,000 hours, with a value of \$1,250,943 in labor and supplies!

We do make a difference!



Serious Health Setbacks
Enhance Determined
Dedication As Eureka
Teenage Cowboy Excels
At Las Vegas Junior
World Finals Rodeo

By Frank J. Buchman

One Flint Hills teenage cowboy made lights shine even brighter in Glamour Town during the first week of December. At the spectator-packed famed Thomas & Mack, the world's best tie-down ropers were loudly applauded for speedy clock stops. Just right down The Entertainment Capital's

Boulevard Strip, Cash Fuesz was matching roping times indicative America's Number 1 Sport's future. Simultaneously Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association's National Finals Rodeo, Eureka's 18-year-old became a Las Vegas Junior World Finals Rodeo reserve champion. A remarkable most admirable feat only fully appropriately acknowledged when applauders hear the rest of the story.

Yes, Cash Fuesz is an inbred cowboy, parents and grandparents working ranchers, and he was riding horses before walking. Yes, the high school senior is a lifelong athlete excelling to be one of the state's best football quarterbacks. Added to strong heritage, Cash Fuesz is an ambitious, intelligent, smiling, humble, strong-in-faith, cooperative, leader, congenial friend to everyone everywhere. That's all great, but what the highly skilled tie-down roper has overcome to achieve is even more heartwarming remarkable.

Champion in rodeo arenas long before kindergarten adding football starship in second grade, Cash found his favorite sports complementary. "Rodeo has probably always been my favorite, but I have really enjoyed football too," Cash said. Knowing defeat yet with overriding accomplishments in rodeo and football, major disappointment, heavy discouragement came his freshman year. "I had a serious left knee injury playing football that pretty much put me out of commission in sports," Cash admitted. "I couldn't play football and I couldn't rope and tie calves."

Major surgery was required. "It was unsuccessful which really was more painful for me than the injury itself," the cowboy-football player professed. A second knee surgery performed still didn't take care of the problem. "Finally, I was referred to an orthopedic specialist who had been team doctor for the Denver Nuggets," Cash explained. "I went to Vail, Colorado for his expertise knee operation, and fortunately the third time was a charm."

Closely following therapy directions, Cash said, "That wasn't too hard because I just considered them workouts to be healthy again." Without knee pain except when it's very cold, Cash said, "I may not be perfect. And there could be issues later in life, but I feel just fine now. I can rope, tie calves and play football."

Review of his final high school year's successes is living proof. "I'm able to rope and tie calves to win rodeos plus it's been good on the football field," Cash appreciated. That's an understatement about his final high school year pigskin accomplishments. Eureka Tornados Number 4 player Cash Fuesz was recognized All-State Honorable Mention Quarterback. "After all of the setbacks I've had playing high school football, this really helped make up for it," he confessed.

Yet it has all made a quite hectic schedule for the rodeo cowboy at heart. "The senior year has been so much busier than the rest of high school," Cash, five-foot-seven, 190-pounds, said. "I didn't want to miss out on any of it, do my best at football, roping and academically. It was usually close to midnight before bed every day and then going again early the next morning."

Son of Cory and Heather Fuesz, Greenwood County ranchers, Cash is heavily involved in all aspects of the ranch work too. "I help with the cow-calf operation and looking after about 4,000 yearlings on summer pasture," Cash said. "Dad has a lot of ability with horses and is a skilled roper although he didn't get started in rodeo competition at an early age. "Mom grew up riding, competing on horses, a rodeo queen, a journalism degree graduate from Kansas State University," Cash informed. "Now, Mom is Eureka's Main Street director, but still a big help with ranch work on horseback during busy times."

Grandparents Clint and Irlene Huntington are Eureka ranchers as well. "My grandpa Clint is 90-years-old and still takes care of his large cow-calf operation. Of course, my parents and I do help out when needed," Cash said. His other grandparents, Gary and Vicki Fuesz farm near the northeast Colorado community of Haxtun.

"My family is my greatest supporter in everything I do," Cash credited. "I wouldn't have been able to do much of anything without my dad, mom and my grandparents. I really appreciate all of their ability, knowledge and encouragement." My brother Clinton Laflin is a real inspiration and one of my biggest supporters too," Cash said. Laflin is a well-known, popular, most knowledgeable Kansas State University Extension livestock production specialist serving Russell and Ellsworth counties.

Starting out in junior rodeos, Cash competed in every event from sheep riding to roping to the speed classes. "He enjoyed every part of it and actually was really outstanding in goat tying," mom Heather inserted. Graduating to Heartland Youth Rodeo Association and Kansas Junior Rodeo Association competitions, Cash excelled during upper elementary years. "I qualified for the National Junior High Rodeo Finals three times and made the short-go every year," Cash said. His youthful arena talents earned Cash five all-around cowboy trophy saddles and more than 50 championship rodeo buckles.

Knee injury sharply hampered, Cash competed in the Oklahoma High School Rodeo Association. "Those rodeos were closer to home. There weren't as many of them, but I still couldn't go much due to my knee," he said. Most tie-down accomplishments have come in the form of junior calf roping events. They've included the Joe Beaver Roping, Chris Neal's Rising Stars events, and The Patriot. "This summer my family had fun at the International Youth Finals Rodeo in Shawnee, Oklahoma, and the Best of the Best in Gallup, New Mexico," Cash said.

Specializing in tie-down roping instead of competing in several events, Cash said. "There's more

action to use my athletic ability." Besides personal skills, being a champion roper requires lots of practice and top horses. "I'm fortunate to have my great horses," Cash appreciated. His main tie-down horse is a 14-year-old gelding called Main Grey Fly with a six-year-old sorrel called Hammer as backup. "Tie was my main horse, but he had a serious injury and is under treatment in Texas," Cash said. "While Tie's only 10-years-old, I don't know if he'll ever be sound again."

Personal practice regiment is daily with heaviest work Wednesday and Thursday while weekends are often at competitions. "There are more open rodeos and jackpots in Oklahoma so I often go that direction. I also sometimes compete in a couple different amateur rodeo associations," Cash said. "During football my dad and mom keep my horses in shape during the week and ready for me to practice," Cash said. "I usually rope and tie a couple calves off each horse, maybe breakaway a couple, and then score several head. I practice flanking and tying calves tied on the post plus roping and tying dummies."

Credit is given for mentors who've worked with Cash to improve his roping skills. "Besides my parents, Clif Cooper, James Barton (Barton Performance Horses), Mick Loyd, Roy Durfey and Thadd Davis have really been a great help developing my abilities," Cash appreciated. "A friend Clint Graves hauled my horse to Las Vegas and then I flew down for the competition," Cash said. He roped and tied four calves in 36-seconds while the champion was 35.9-seconds. Such fast compilations require clocks stopping less than 8-seconds, unheard of feats by the world's best ropers just decades ago. "Your horse, the calf, personal timing everything must be right to rope and tie them with that consistency," Cash confirmed.

Even more than a rodeo and football star, Cash runs track and is a school and community leader. "I'm in 4-H, FFA and FCA competing in competitions and serving as an officer for each of the organizations," he said. A Key Award signifying 4-H most elite is proudly displayed with vast rodeo award tokens and football citations. National Honor Society initiate testing high intellectually, Cash will attend Weatherford College, Weatherford Texas, on academic and rodeo scholarships. "Johnny Emmons, former NFR qualifier is a great coach there, so I plan to tie-down rope in the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association," Cash said. "I'd sure like to make the National College Rodeo Finals every year." Pursuing a degree in agricultural economics, Cash said, "I intend to rodeo professionally fulltime after college. Then I may work into real estate marketing, appraisals or become a broker. Of course, I'll likely always have ranching operations as there look to be opportunities here with my family."

Rodeo overhead is high making Cash most appreciative of sponsorships from American Hat Company and Kimes Ranch Jeans, arena attire. Success is proof that setbacks can't hold down a determined cowboy. Seen kneeling in prayer before a rodeo, Cash is "leaving a legacy whether you know it or not," spectator acknowledged. "Awesome. God bless him, may His face shine upon him."





Congratulations to the Newly Elected KHC Board Members!



Molly Olson

Molly moved to Kansas 4 years ago and immediately started working within the horse industry. She is a member of AQHA, Saddle and Sirloin Club, American Royal, and EKHA.

She has been involved with many Ranch Rodeo committees throughout these Associations including EquiFest for the past 3 years, which she will continue as we welcome her to the Kansas Horse Council Board!

Frank J. Buchman

Frank is no stranger to the equine world. He has showed, trained, competed, and owned horses all of his life. Frank is a member of AQHA, KHC, EKHA, NEKSAG,

KSHSC, Black Jack Saddle Club, Valley Falls Saddle Club, Douglas County Trail Riders, Morris Co. Youth Rodeo Association, Flint Hills Extension Board, and Morris Co. Fair Board.

Frank is a writer and photographer, having work published in 36 publications; 5 of which are national horse publications. We are very happy to have him on our board!



Jenifer Stalder

Jenifer was born and raised around horses. She has a love for them and wants to help educate other of the industry. She participates in trail rides, Equifest, along with many other equine events throughout the year.

She is also Secretary for the recently organized Tuttle Creek Chapter of the BCH-KS. We are very excited to welcome her to the board!

Equifest of Kansas 2022

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- Adequan RANCH RODEO - Friday/Saturday DRAFT HORSE COMPETITION - Friday/Saturday MOUNTED SHOOTING COMPETITION - Friday WPRA/WCRA Sanctioned BREAKAWAY ROPING by K-State Rodeo - Sunday AWESOME GRAND FINALE - Sunday

KLA Wildfire Relief in Kansas

KANSAS LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION

The Kansas Livestock Association has been providing relief efforts to those that have been affected by the wildfires and sever storms all across Kansas. They have been taking donations from a multitude of people as well

as big corporations.

As of January 6th, 2022, the KLF have received and collected \$1.39million in donations. All the proceeds will be used to help those affected by the wildfires and severe weather.

Large contributions have been made by Cargill, Tyson, 24-7 Travel Stores, Certified Angus Beef, Beef Marketing Groups, Creekstone Farms, Mary Vanier, U.S Premium Beef, First National Bank of Syracuse, Pandorf Land and Cattle, Texas Cattle Feeders Association, and Capital Federal Foundation.

If you are interested in making a monetary donation, you can click the link below or send a check to 6031 SW 37th St, Topeka, KS 66614. Please put "wildfire relief" in the memo line.

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Hope in the Valley - Horse of the Month!

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For January 2022, the horse of the month is:

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Thank you to all who took the time to complete the equine economic impact survey from start to finish.

We look forward to a finalized report being available just before EquiFest.

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- **Protect against reclassification** of horses from livestock to companion animals
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Kansas Horse Council Specialty License Plate

Kansas Horse Council license plates are available at your local County Treasurer's office. You don't have to be a member to sport one, on your car, truck or trailer! Show your love of horses with this colorful statement plate!

KHC License Plate Info



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WHAT YOUR TAX DEDUCTION SUPPORTS



Leadership, Education, Public Policy Advocacy Provided By Horse Council To Equine Industry

By Frank J. Buchman

"The Kansas Horse Council (KHC) provides the Kansas equine industry leadership and direction through education, promotion and public policy advocacy."

Kallie Emig, Maple Hill, president of the KHC headquartered in Manhattan, opened the KHC annual meeting at Lawrence. Twenty-two KHC members rode horses in Lawrence's Old-Fashioned Christmas Parade then gathered at the Douglas County Fairgrounds for the session.

Veterinarian Dr. Fred Gardner, KHC director from Garnett, discussed the Equine Economic Impact Survey. "It's especially important for everyone with horses and a part of equine businesses to complete the survey," Gardner said. "Information collected from it will help determine assistance programs which can positively impact people involved with horses in Kansas." While the survey is voluntary with no cost, it will be open only through December. "Such surveys are conducted infrequently so information gathered now could impact the horse industry for 25 years," Gardner said.

Director Dr. Craig Barnett, veterinarian at Paola, previewed the virtual format of the KHC Horse Care 101. "Anatomy for the Ride will be featured in presentations by several veterinarians," Barnett said. The program will be available for viewings at no charge all of the new year through the KHC website link.

Diana Skinner, Lawrence, national director representing Back Country Horsemen of Kansas, (BCH-KS) recapped the Santa Fe Trail Ride during September. "The 11-mile ride which our association sponsored celebrated the bicentennial of the Santa Fe Trail," Skinner said. "Fifty riders participated in the ride from Bushong to Council Grove. Two years of planning and more than 400 volunteer hours contributed to success of this ride."

Joint memberships are now available for the KHC and BCH-KS at a lower cost with additional benefits for both groups. Details can be found on the organizations' websites.

Cheryl Thomas, Lyndon, KHC secretary, recognized KHC's Horsemanship Rewards Program honorees. Jan Moore, Wellsville, has logged 2,000 hours while Donna Droge and Kelley Hamersky, both of Tecumseh, have each logged 1,500 hours. Thomas has also logged 1,000 hours.

Justine Staten, KHC executive director, presented the annual KHC report. "The 25th EquiFest of Kansas is March 18-19-20 at Salina," Staten said. "We can expect to see significant improvements made to the Saline County Fairgrounds this year." The Kansas Horse Council Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit group founded in 2003, Staten reminded. "Its mission is to encourage learning and higher education pursuits of individuals involved in the equine industry," she said. "The foundation is largely funded by a silent

auction during EquiFest." Besides lower cost for joint membership in the KHC and BCH-KS, Staten said KHC membership for 2022 includes a subscription to "The Horse" publication. Tera Benefiel, Burrton, EquiFest Volunteers chairperson, said Sign Up Genius is ready for volunteers to register on the EquiFest website. "EquiFest typically requires more than 250 volunteers to assist with the three-day event," Benefiel pointed out.

Jana Barcus, Paola, KHC director, drew names to receive EquiFest wristbands as door prizes. Recipients were Ed Adams, Deanna Dugan, Kathy Foster, and Judy Jones.

Emig announced Marty Bloomquist, Tecumseh, to receive the Bud Newell Award. "This award is named after Bud Newell who founded the Kansas Horse Council," Emig said. "Marty is this year's recipient for service 'above and beyond' to the Kansas equine industry." Bloomquist was unable to attend the meeting but was told about the recognition during a special phone call. She expressed surprised gratitude for the award. "Marty has volunteered many hours of leadership and creative ideas benefitting the Kansas Horse Council," Emig credited. It was also announced that Bloomquist donated a Dale Chavez show saddle to the KHC to be used for fundraising.

Sheryl Strathman, Topeka, KHC director, announced candidates for open KHC board of directors' positions. Incumbent Strathman was reelected with Frank Buchman, Alta Vista; Molly Olson, Junction City; and Jen Stalder, Wamego, elected new directors. Jim Thomas, Lyndon, KHC advisor, expressed appreciation to those attending the session and for everyone's KHC service. Additional KHC directors not previously named are Shanda Mattix, Colby; Greg McDonald, Stillwell; Erin Glassman, Buhler; Dr. Chris Blevins, Manhattan; and Joann Kouba, Manhattan.





BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF KANSAS

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

Follow Facebook.

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:

Back Country Horsemen of America Kansas Chapter
Sunflower Chapter of Back Country Horsemen of Kansas
Saddle Ridge Chapter of Back Country Horsemen of Kansas
Tuttle Creek Chapter of Back Country Horsemen of Kansas
Saddle Ridge Chapter
Big Hill Lake Riders
Friends of Randolph State Park
Friends of Rockhaven Park
Let's Ride—Perry Lake
Kanza Rail Trails Conservancy

Receive notifications of workdays or see reports on trails-maintenance or campground improvements. Join in on workdays whenever possible!

Follow the www.bchkansas.com website.

Encourage a new member to join BCHKS and be entered into an end-of-year drawing.

NOTES FROM BCH-KS TO MEMBERS:

Have you completed the **Equine Economic Impact Survey**? You still have a couple of weeks to complete this valuable survey. Information on the impact equestrian owners have on the economy in Kansas has not been collected since the 1990's! Go to: www.tinyurl.com/equineks.

While supplies last, **BCHKS LED flashlights** will be given to members who get 2022 dues paid in a timely manner.

BCHKS and BCHA have **grant opportunities** available! Be thinking of how a little bit of grant money might fix an existing problem on one of your favorite trails. Check with the local Friends group or the park manager,

first; then, let one of your officers know if you'd like help with the application.

The **BCHKS Annual Meeting** is scheduled for **January 22**, at the Flint Hills Saloon & Eatery in Council Grove. Come at noon to eat; meeting will start at 1pm. Barb Stambrough, groundskeeper for the Allegawaho Memorial Heritage Park near Council Grove, will share history on the Santa Fe Trail and its connection to the Council Grove area.

Have you marked your calendars for **Equifest of Kansas**? March 18-20, Salina, Ks. Chris Cox, Phil Hagen, Michael Gascon, Trixie Chicks are confirmed, so far! BCHKS will be front and center with our informational booth in the main lobby of Tony's Pizza Event Center. Make plans to attend.

The **National BCHA Annual Meeting** will finally be held live and in person in Kansas City, April 9-13. Stay tuned for more info.

Contact a state officer if you have questions or need more info.

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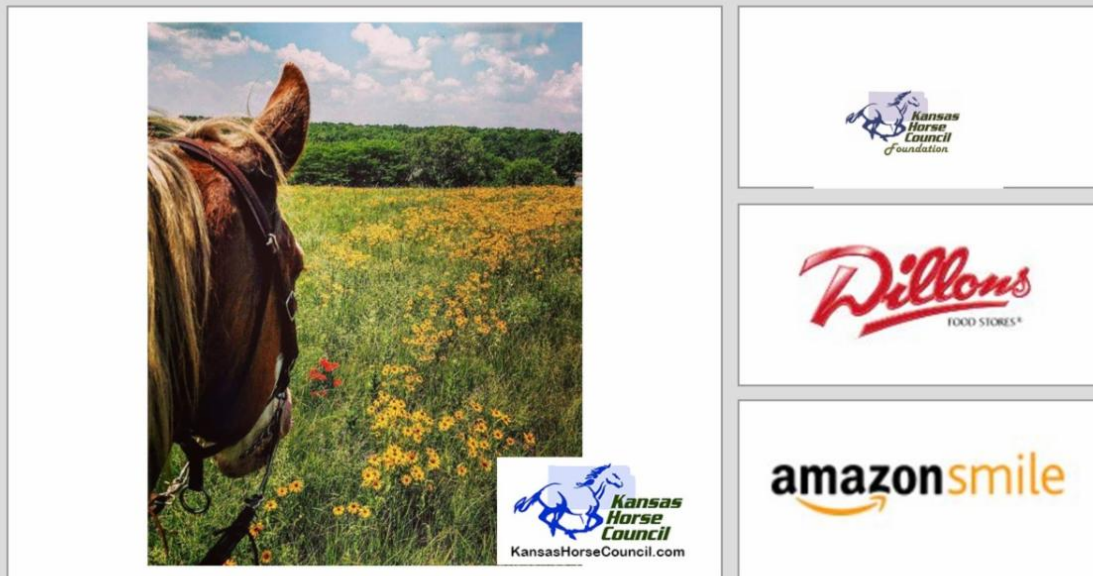
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"A Regular Day" Poem by: Del Shields

I stumbled from my tattered bed.
My heart was pounding in my head.

My eyes were dim, with matted blur.
I heard my wife begin to stir.

I found my jeans and dragged them on.
The window light, showed morns new dawn.

My right knee popped. My elbow twinged.
My back felt like it came unhinged.

Outside, I heard the cattle bawl.
To the kitchen I made my morning crawl.

The fire lit. The water hot.
I loaded up the coffee pot.

Again I wiped my blurry eyes.
Through the window shown the brightening skies.

It was time I take my morning run.
To the cold outhouse, where the work is done.

A cup of joe. Then a second one.
I'm feeling better. I can see the sun.

The caffeine kicked in and I'm feeling spry.
There's still a chance I may not die.

All the chores are done and I feel I could dance.
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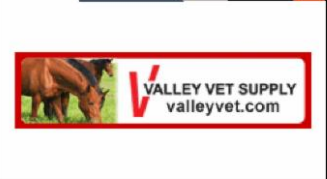
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National Finals Rodeo Puts Big Paychecks In Kansas Cowboys Billfolds To Move Up In World Standings By Frank J. Buchman

Three Kansas Cowboys have collected major checks to rank high in Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) yearend world standings. They each won money at the 10-round National Finals Rodeo (NFR) in Las Vegas, Nevada, advancing their regular season winnings.

Jess Pope, Waverly, ended up a close second in the world bareback bronc riding list with \$340,499. Kaycee Feild, Genola, Utah, was named the world champion bareback bronc rider winning \$357,420. Feild went into the NFR fifth in regular season bareback riding standings with \$125,856, while Pope was sixth with \$110,024. However, Pope won the NFR bareback bronc riding average with 873-points on ten head worth \$69,234. Feild was second in the average with 872.5-points on ten head to collect \$56,171. Pope won first in four go-rounds each worth \$26,957, scoring: Round-1, 90.5-points; Round-2, 89.5 points; Round-7, 88.5-points; and Round-10, 92-points. Money was paid to the top six in each go-round, with Pope collecting checks in eight of the 10 rounds. Feild beat the Kansas cowboy for the world championship by collecting prize money in all ten go-rounds. The Top Gun Award for the NFR contestant who wins the most money in one event also was awarded Field for his total of \$231,564. Feild has won world championships in 2011-14 and 2019-20 breaking the all-time bareback riding world championship of five.

Jake long, Coffeyville, placed sixth for the year in the team roping heeling standings winning \$199,062. He was also sixth in the regular season heeling standings with \$95,226. Clay Tryan, Billings, Montana, served as Long's

header as they placed fifth in the team roping average. They stretched eight steers in 43.2-seconds to collect \$23,513 each. Tryan was sixth in the world heading standings with \$198,086.

Biggest move for the Kansas cowboys in world standings was by team roping heeler Buddy Hawkins II, Columbus. He went into the NFR in 11th place in heeling standings with \$68,842, and ended up sixth for the year with \$184,652. With Andrew Ward, Edmond, Oklahoma, heading they won the team roping average with 54.7-seconds on ten head worth \$69,234 to each roper. Ward was seventh in the world heading standings with \$184,652.

Kaleb Driggers, Hoboken, Georgia, and Junior Nogueira, Presidente Prudente, Brazil, won their first team roping header and team roping heeler world titles. Driggers finished with \$263,227 and Nogueira earned \$277,612. The team finished third in the average with 52.6-seconds on nine head. For the second straight year, Stetson Wright, Milford, Utah, left the National Finals Rodeo as a two-time world champion. After winning the all-around and bull riding world titles in 2020, Wright won the all-around and saddle bronc riding crowns in 2021. Wright finished the season with a PRCA regular season record of \$686,513. He also won the all-around title with a record \$585,850. Wright collected \$343,524 as the saddle bronc riding champ. This was Wright's third all-around title in a row and he broke Trevor Brazil's record for most money won in a season at \$518,011, which the Decatur, Texas, cowboy accomplished in 2015.

Tyler Waguespack, Gonzales, Louisiana, cowboy won his third world championship by earning \$289,791 in steer wrestling. Waguespack, who also won world crowns in 2016 and 2018, finished second in the average with 48.1-seconds on 10 head earning \$56,171. Will Lummus, Byhalia, Mississippi, who won the average, finished second in the world steer wrestling standings with \$248,168.

Tie-down roper Caleb Smidt, Belleville, Texas, always seems to rope his best at the NFR. Smidt clocked a 7.8-seconds time in Round 10 to secure his third world title and third NFR average title with 83.1-seconds on 10 head. Collecting \$318,455 this year, Smidt also won world championships and average titles in 2015 and 2018.

Sage Kimzey, Salado, Texas, is once again atop PRCA's bull riding mountain. Kimzey captured his seventh bull riding world championship in eight years, earning \$411,465.

Third in the average, Kimzey held off Josh Frost, Randlett, Utah, who finished second in the world standings with \$363,353.

Barrel racer Jordan Briggs, Tolar, Texas had quite the NFR, winning both the world championship and the average championship. Briggs clocked 136.83 seconds on 10 runs, a new record, to collect the \$69,234 average check. Her world standings total is \$297,460. Hailey Kinsel, Cotulla, Texas was runner-up for the barrel racing world championship with \$281,156, after placing second in the average with 146.41-seconds, worth \$44,414.

A new feature of the NFR was breakaway roping as Sawyer Gilbert, Buffalo, South Dakota, won the world championship with \$71,653. She was also won the average winner recording 46.3-seconds on ten head worth

\$11,313. Taylor Munsell, Alva, Oklahoma, was second in the breakaway average clocking 25.10-seconds on nine head to win \$9,179. Her yearend total was not verified at press time.

Cole Patterson, Pratt, was named the world champion steer roper at the recent National Finals Steer Roping in Mulvane with \$190,242. His dad Rocky Patterson ended the season in tenth place with \$63,029.



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