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NEWS FOR KANSAS AND THE EQUINE INDUSTRY.*



## July 2022 EDITION



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

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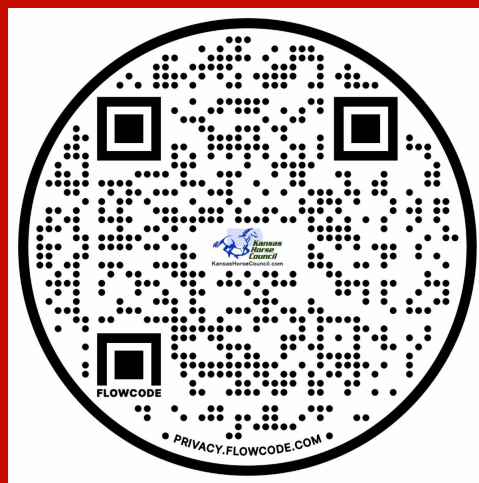
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# Calendar of Upcoming Events!

## KHC & Affiliate Groups

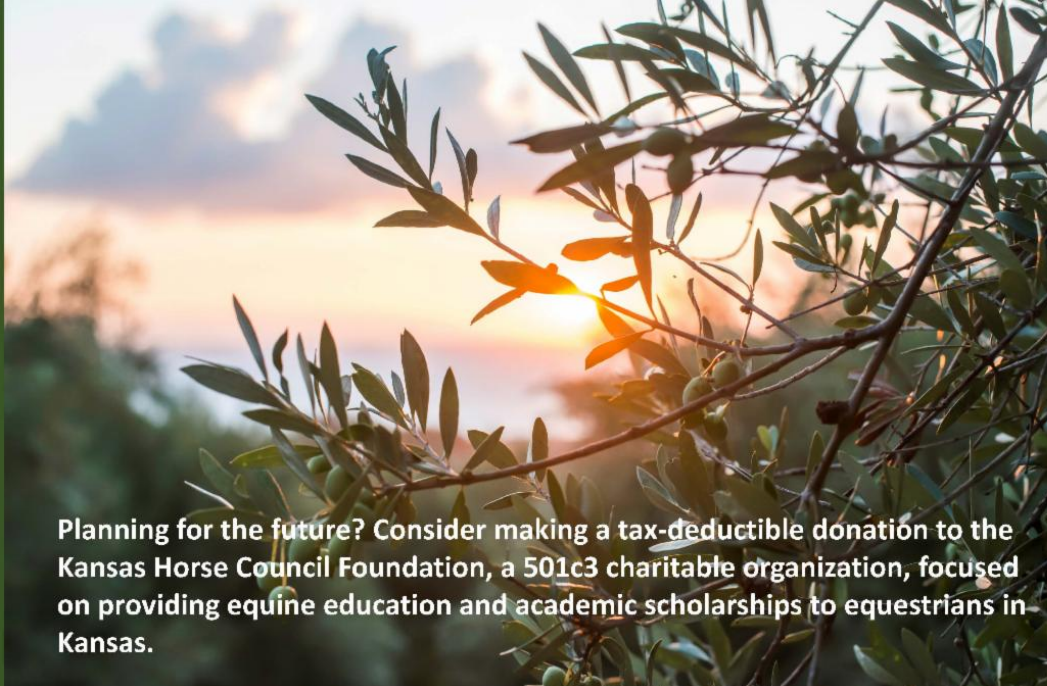
- **May 7 & 8**
  - KHC Region 5 at Better Equine Open House and Farm Tour
- **May 14:**
  - BCH-KS & Big Hill Lake Riders Meeting @ Cherryvale Shelter House
- **June 4:**
  - BCH-KS Tuttle Creek Chapter Youth Ride @ Randolph
- **June 10-12**
  - KHC Region 4 Trail Ride at Sheetz Ranch in Medicine Lodge
- **June 24-26**
  - KHC Region 2 Trail Ride at Carnahan Park & Neighboring Private Ground along Tuttle Creek
- **July 20**
  - KS Ag Summit Equine Sector Session from 2:00pm to 3:30pm
- **September 9-18**
  - Horses @ Kansas State Fair!
- **September 10**
  - Tentative Date for KHC Region 1 Horseman's day with CCC Equestrian Team & Th. Co. Farm Bureau
- **September 24**
  - KHC Region 3 Trail Ride, location TBD
- **October 15-16**
  - KHC Region 5 Liberty Clinic with Modern Day Horsemanship's Patrick Sullivan at Saddle & Sirloin Riding Club
- **October 22**
  - KHC & KSU Vet Med present Horse Care 101
- **December 3**
  - KHC Region 2 Event. Lawrence Christmas Parade followed by the KHC Annual Meeting

If you have any questions regarding any upcoming events, please contact our office!

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# UNITED HORSE COALITION

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E-Mail: [UHC@horsecouncil.org](mailto:UHC@horsecouncil.org)



## Winner of UHC's 2022 benefit raffle Announced

The American Horse Council Foundation (AHCf) recently hosted a raffle fundraiser to benefit the United Horse Coalition (UHC) and its efforts to provide resources to horse owners in need of assistance with maintaining and ensuring the health and wellbeing of their horses.

UHC is excited to announce that Dr. Tom Lenz was randomly selected as the winner of the benefit raffle for a 2 guest, 4-night all-inclusive stay at the White Stallion Ranch in Tucson, Arizona.

"It is a tremendous honor and surprise to win the White Stallion Ranch Package. I bought the raffle tickets in an effort to support the UHC because I

strongly believe in its mission with no thought about actually winning. I've been a strong proponent of the UHC since its founding in 2005 where we were focused on raising awareness of horses in transition, educating owners and providing advice on responsible ownership. I've been so impressed over the years to see the organization expand its efforts to include their Equine Response Database and their ability to further help owners in need using information coming of the Equine Welfare Data Collective, just to name a couple of its successes. I'll continue to support the organization and encourage others in the horse community to do the same." says Dr. Lenz  
If you, or someone you know needs help caring for their horse please reach out. The UHC is here to help owners find the resources and tools they need to make responsible decisions on behalf of their horse.

<https://unitedhorsecoalition.org/equine-resource-database/>

*The United Horse Coalition is a broad alliance of equine organizations that have joined together under the American Horse Council to educate the horse industry about the issues facing horses at-risk or in transition. We seek to provide information for existing and prospective owners, breeders, sellers, and horse organizations regarding the long-term responsibilities of owning and caring for horses, as well as focusing on the opportunities available for these horses.*

## **Horse Care 101**

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## "Anatomy for the Ride"

Presenters:

- **Dr. Sue Dyson** - Equine Behaviors While Tacking & Suitability of Rider Size for Optimal Performance
- **Dr. Dylan Lutter** (KSU Vet Med) - Lameness & Use of Chiropractic Applications
- **Dr. Judith Klimek** (KSU Vet Med) - Equine Anatomy & Feeling for Issues
- **Windy Winn** (KSU Rodeo Coach) - Saddle Fitting Procedures and Pointers



Kansas Ag Summit - Equine Sector Session



# Kansas AG SUMMIT

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## EQUINE SECTOR MEETING

Wednesday, July 20 • 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Register online at [agriculture.ks.gov/summit](http://agriculture.ks.gov/summit)



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Welcome & Overview of Session Ground Rules

KS Department of Agriculture

International: What's Happening with Ukraine Horses?

Keith Kleine, AAEP

International: Attn Breeders, Opportunities for Equine Genetics Export

Billy Smith, U.S. Livestock Genetics Exports

National: Amateur Rule Changes & Industry Starters Needed  
Questions/Comments/Discussion

Billy Smith, Executive Director APHA

State Updates:

Updates on Arena Infrastructure Across the State:

Kansas State Fair Expo Center Improvements

Bryan Schulz, Kansas State Fair

K-State Animal Sciences Gateway

Kerry Wefald, K-State Foundation

- Ag Competition Complex
- Equine Unit

Dr. Michael Day, K-State Animal Sciences

Dr. Justin Janssen, Livestock & Meat Industry Council

2021 KS Equine Economic Impact Study Summary

Justine Staten, Kansas Horse Council

Horse Discovery Centers, A Model for Growth in Kansas?

Anne Litz, Field Marketing Specialists, MHIB/Maryland Dept. of Ag  
Ross Peddicord, Exec. Dir. of Maryland Horse Discovery Centers

Comments/Questions/Discussion

Prioritizing the 2022/2023 Objectives

Justine Staten, Kansas Horse Council

Register for the Ag Growth Summit-a recap of all ag sector sessions: Thursday, Aug. 18, 2022

[www.agriculture.ks.gov/Summit](http://www.agriculture.ks.gov/Summit)

[If you are planning on attending the Equine Sector Session, please use the link below to sign up!](#)

[Registration Link](#)

[Kaw Valley Rodeo and Riley County Fair](#)





Coming up SOON!

## Rodeo: July 21st - 23rd

Starts at 8:00pm, gates open at 6:30  
Thursday night is Military Appreciation  
night. Military personnel and their  
families can get in at a discounted rate!

Friday night is "Tough Enough to Wear  
Pink", show support for Cancer research  
and support!

### Tickets:

Buy Early Location: Copies 4 Less, Dara's Corner Stores, Dillon's (Both  
Locations), Outpost Western Wear, YeeHaw Country Outfitters, and  
Vanderbelt's in Wamego.

### Prices:

Advanced - Adult = \$10  
Advanced - Child = \$5  
At the Gate - Adult = \$12  
At the Gate - Child = \$6

## Fair: July 21st - 25th

Multiple 4-H shows and events going on throughout the week!

Come show your support for all the local 4-Hers hard work with their  
projects and/or come enjoy the awesome rides and games to play!



## BreyerFest Annual 5K



**Breyer.**

Join Us for the Strudel Sprint - 7th Annual BreyerFest 5K!



**SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2022**

[Learn More](#)

Want to get your cardio on?! Then this is for you!!

Breyer Horse is hosting their annual BreyerFest, July 15th - 17th at the Kentucky Horse Park. The 5K is set to be Sunday, July 17th with lots of awesome prizes for each competitor! If you don't think you can make it in person, don't worry!! BreyerFest has a virtual run option available!

For more information or to register for the event, click the link below!

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## KWHA State Show

Where: Lyons, KS

When: September 2 - 4th, 2022

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Camping spots are limited, so call in soon. We are excited to highlight this Kansas treasure on RFD TV and we'd love to have you there to be featured as well.

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## **Region 3 Trail Ride @ Lake Scott**

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Registration  
Form

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\$10 for KHC/\$15 for nonmembers. Kids 12 & under Free.

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**OCTOBER 1st, 2022**



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Family: \$100 (\$20 to BCHA/\$10 to BCH-KS/\$15 to BCH-KS Chapter of Choice/\$40 for insurance/\$15 to KHC)

Message Us to Enroll for 2022!

**Trails Advocate Level Individual: \$80**

**Trails Advocate Level Family: \$100**

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.



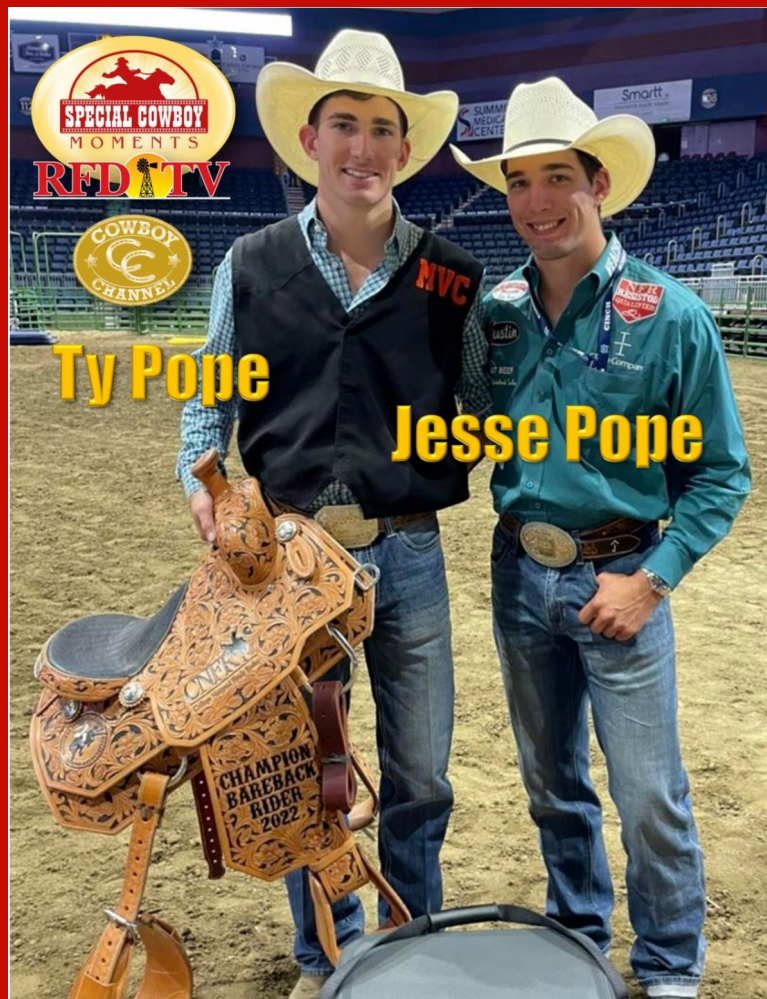
BCHKS volunteers reported the following for 2021 - 3,783 hours, with a value of \$259,326 in labor and supplies.

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!

## Kansas Cowboy Wins Bareback Championship at the College National Finals Rodeo!

If you watched the NFR from last year, you might remember the name Jesse Pope. He was the bareback champion at the NFR from Waverly, KS. Following in his footsteps is his younger family member, Ty Pope from Williamsburg, KS.

Ty competed at the CNFR in Casper, WY in June with his college team, Missouri Valley State. Finishing with a score of 85.0 to win the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association bareback title!



## EDCC HealthWatch

Boehringer Ingelheim and the Equine Network, LLC have partnered with the Equine Disease Communication Center (EDCC) to develop a three-year collaboration program, whose goal is to help spread the information of equine diseases more reliably and quickly.

This new program will provide alerts that will have more in depth information regarding disease outbreaks. Equine enthusiasts will be able to learn more about the diagnosis, treatment, prevention, and biosecurity of each disease.

For more information about this new partnership, please visit the link below!

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The logo features the acronym 'EDCC' in a bold, black, sans-serif font. A red cross is positioned to the left of the 'D'. To the right of the 'C's is a stylized black silhouette of a horse's head in profile. Below this, the words 'HealthWatch' are written in a large, bold, black, sans-serif font. The 'W' is significantly larger than the other letters and has a white outline. A thin black horizontal line runs underneath the entire 'HealthWatch' text.

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The complex block features a white background with blue wavy lines on the left and right sides. In the center is the Kansas Horse Council logo, which includes a silhouette of a horse running over a map of Kansas. Below the logo is the website address. At the bottom, there is a call to action with a phone number and a link to the website.

Busy St. George  
Family Life  
Centers Around



## Horses

By Frank J. Buchman

"Horses are who we are and what we do. We've always had horses and our family and lives center around horses, the horse industry and horse people." That's how Tara Mowry proudly described the Vince Mowry family of St. George, including sons Cooper, Jacob, and Rylan.

Perhaps first and best recognized today as a farrier is Vince Mowry,

servicing horse owners throughout northeast Kansas. Yet every member of the family is closely tied to working with horses and livestock at their Pottawatomie County farmstead. "All I've known is horses," Vince insisted. "I grew up horseback near Hoxie in Sheridan County helping Dad look after yearlings on wheat pasture and stalks." Competing in rodeos from Little Britches through high school, college, amateur and ranch competitions, Vince collected titles on all levels.

Still one of the accomplishments fond to Vince's memory is the first horse he trained. "I started that mare as a two-year-old from scratch and really had her going great," Vince said. "I had an offer to sell her as a four-year-old and finally gave in. Dad encouraged me to take the money and go on even though I didn't want to." Confident in his heart of the young horse's ability, Vince was pleased when two years later he saw her in professional rodeo competition. "I talked to the cowboy riding the mare, and he said she was the best he'd ever ridden. 'Whoever started this mare did an excellent job.' That really made me proud," Vince remembered.

Looking to a future working with horses, Vince wanted to be a farrier. "I was intrigued by Elden Boyington who did our shoeing when I was growing up," Vince said. "I was always asking him questions and then attended a shoeing school. I started my own business to help pay my way through college." Vince had the desire to be a veterinarian specializing in equine health care. "I took pre-vet courses at junior colleges in Colby and Dodge City before enrolling at Kansas State University," Vince said. "My K-State animal science degree readied me for a livestock profession, even though vet school didn't work out."

With similar livestock interests, Tara (Poppe) grew up near Montezuma in Gray County. "My family always had horses and I did ride horses but also showed cattle," Tara said. "I was active in 4-H and was always interested in taking care of all the livestock alongside my Dad."

Working at a local veterinary clinic during high school, Tara also envisioned her life's profession as a veterinarian. "After graduation, I enrolled in pre-vet courses at K-State," she said. "I then became burned out on school and decided to lay out a semester." Following relief from studies, Tara enrolled at Colby Community College before returning to KSU to complete an animal science degree in production management. "Vince and I dated during college and were married in August 2004," Tara said. The couple had several job offers after college. But they decided that the Flint Hills was where they wanted to stay and raise a family. "Vince already had a significant clientele built with his shoeing business," Tara said. "I got promoted to office manager at the vet clinic, so we bought a place and stayed close."

The operation is recognized for the Flying M brand on their horses' hips. "We registered that brand after we were married. We wanted our own unique brand rather than our families' brands," Tara said. "I put my farrier's card in a dozen rural Manhattan mailboxes and got two responses," Vince said. "It was a boost for the horseshoeing business that fortunately continued to grow." Working at the Lyons Angus Ranch for a time, Vince then became a welder for Travalong Trailers in Manhattan. "It worked well with my farrier trade sometimes helping increase my



contacts with horse people," he said. "When our first son Cooper was born, I became a stay-at-home mom," Tara said. "I was fortunate enough to be home for about 10 years while our other sons, Jacob and Rylan, came along."

Farrier business and additional diverse professional abilities expanded such that Vince became fully self-employed supporting the growing family. Although Vince is first a professional farrier, his skills that all directly and indirectly relate to horses are most diverse. "I ride some customer horses and train a few colts," he said. "I also do cowboy daywork whenever there's a call, especially when somebody needs a stray caught and with roundups." From experience gained working at Travalong Trailers, Vince is called upon regularly from a wide area to do trailer repairs. "I also custom-build fence and really can help ranchers with lots of repair work if they need assistance," he said.

Similarly, Tara again went to work after the boys were all in school becoming general manager of Taussig Landscape. "With my bookkeeping experience in veterinary clinics and appreciation for landscaping, it's a perfect job," she said. "Looking back to college days, now I think I should have majored in horticulture or accounting."

Although not competing in rodeo much nowadays, Vince is called on to judge such events highlighted by officiating ranch rodeos. "I'm Vince's wife, but it's true, there's not much related to horses and ranches that Vince can't do," Tara credited.

Farrier work is sought from Vince by nearly 400 clients. "I work on more than 3,000 horses a year in at least 22 counties," he said. "I put about 35,000 miles on the pickup annually." To be more efficient, the farrier sets his schedule to work in certain areas each day, "I was in the Eskridge community today and will be north of Wamego tomorrow," Vince said. "I can usually work a couple dozen horses in a day; that's trims and shoe sets." His daily record for trimming is 28 horses. The farrier has nailed on a dozen sets of shoes, that's 48 new shoes, on horses in a day. Of course, experience is the best training in any profession and perhaps even more important as a farrier. "I have a forge and can make horseshoes to fit, but it's more efficient to use keg shoes," Vince said. "I've dealt with a wide range of feet issues and been able to make horses more sound with improved performance." "I do recommend working with veterinarians when clients have horses with foot problems or lameness," Vince continued. "However, I've found it interesting that sometimes veterinarians come to me for advice about horse feet and lameness issues."

Being a farrier is much more than shaping a horseshoe and nailing it on. "Knowing how to handle the horses sometimes requires more ability than the farrier skills," Tara inserted. "Vince's background working with horses is an asset to handling the many different horses he's called to trim and shoe." Vince quickly commented, "I really think the farriers' schools should put more emphasis on horsemanship. They teach horse shoeing but usually don't even talk about how to handle the horse being shod."

All three of the Mowry boys are included in the family livestock work. "They have had cattle projects and have their own sets of chores to do," Tara credited. "They all three ride horses, with Rylan and Cooper riding in local horse shows and doing quite well. Jacob doesn't care for competition, but he's a great supporter and eager to help the others."

Keeping track of her four cowboys keeps Tara busy along with her fulltime profession. "I do go trail riding with the family sometimes, but I really don't ride that much," she admitted. "I prefer to help where I'm needed and teach the boys more about horsemanship and showmanship."

Loyal workers in their community and school district, Vince and Tara are also leaders in the BlackJack Saddle Club. "We want to do all we can to keep the family involved. The saddle club is a great learning experience for the boys," Vince said. Tara is also a leader for the Pottawatomie County 4-H Horse Project.

Their farmstead fits the horse-oriented family quite well. "We like having a little acreage to raise our family," Tara said. "It gives the boys experiences some of their classmates don't have." The Mowry family's land operations in Sheridan County are now managed by Vince. "Since my parents have passed away, we rent the farm out, but still go there several times a year," he said. Days and years down the trail? "We may decide to expand our operations here in the Flint Hills, maybe develop a cowherd," Tara said. "With the toll on my body now, I don't expect to be a farrier when I'm 70-years-old," Vince said. "Whatever the future holds, horses will always be a part of



our family. I expect it to continue into the next several generations like it has from Tara's and my backgrounds."



## 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!

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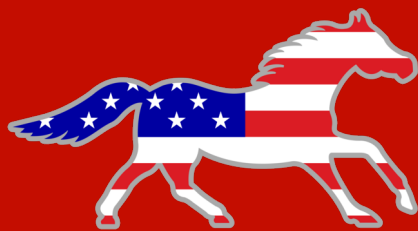
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## Coalition of State Horse Council's Update



**COALITION OF  
STATE HORSE COUNCILS**

During the June 14, 2022 meeting of the Coalition of State Horse Councils (CSHC), **Justine Staten, Executive Director of the Kansas Horse Council, was named their new Chair.** The officer team includes Brandi Ebner, with the Oregon Horse Council, as Vice Chair; Sarah Coleman, with the Kentucky Horse Council, as Secretary, and Tom Tweeten, with the Minnesota Horse Council, as Treasurer. The new officers will receive guidance as needed by advisory council of the

outgoing leadership, former Chair Bill Scebbi. The position terms are for 2 years and as leadership of the CSHS will be intricately involved in nationwide discussions, advocacy, and education.

The Coalition of State Horse Councils (CSHC) has been a longstanding committee of the American Horse Council (AHC) formed to advise the AHC on state and local issues, to involve state horse councils in the work of the AHC, to provide cohesive national leadership for state horse councils, to serve as a networking forum and center for information dissemination for state horse councils, and to positively contribute to the work of the AHC in keeping with the best interests of the horse industry.

The CSHC meets virtually quarterly with horse councils across the country to share information, gain education to better run programs, learn from industry leaders, and more. Regularly the CSHC comes together to act as a conduit for strong, effective grassroots activism on issues of importance impacting the equine industry and the well-being of equine sharing information up and down across the states.



## BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF KANSAS

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

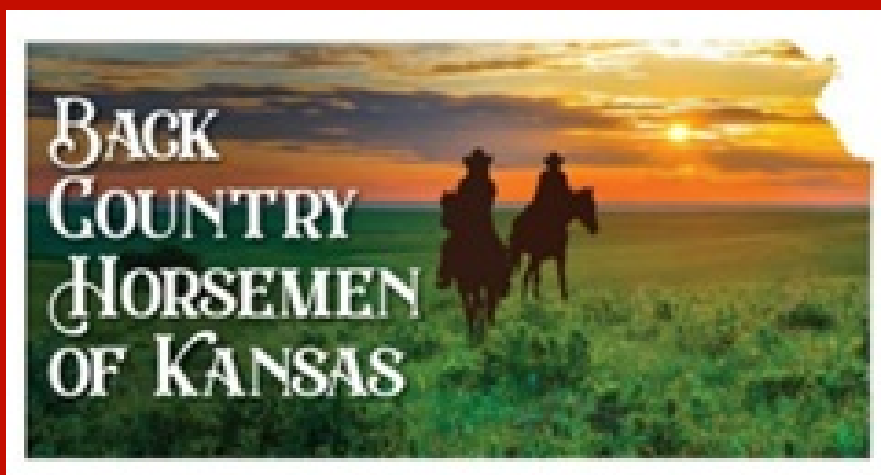
***Follow Facebook.***

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](http://www.bchkansas.com) website.  
Encourage a new member to join BCHKS and be entered into an end-of-year drawing.







## Call to Action to support "The Old Guard"

(Washington, D.C., June 10, 2022): Several weeks ago, the American Horse Council was made aware of some concerns regarding the conditions of the facilities housing the soldiers and horses of The Old Guard at Arlington Cemetery. The 3d U.S. Infantry, traditionally known as "The Old Guard," is the oldest active-duty infantry unit in the Army, serving our nation since 1784. The Old Guard is the Army's official ceremonial unit and escort to the president, and it also provides security for Washington, D.C., in time of national emergency or civil disturbance.

The concerns were highlighted in an CNN article dated April 7, 2022, which stated that "The military horses that carry America's heroes to their final resting place in Arlington National Cemetery are living in unsanitary and potentially life-threatening conditions, according to a US Army report reviewed exclusively by CNN, consuming poor-quality feed, suffering from parasites and standing in their own excrement in tiny mud lots scattered with gravel and construction waste." The 60-plus horses of the Old Guard are rotated between two facilities in northern Virginia: a stable facility with three paddocks nestled in the Army base at Fort Myer, barely 2 miles outside Washington, and a 6-acre pasture complex at Fort Belvoir, an Army base about 30 minutes outside the city.

To obtain additional information and determine what actions may be needed, AHC staff spoke with The Old Guard leadership; 1LT Carlin Keally, US Army Caisson Platoon Leader, and Major Shahin Uddin, Director of Communications with The Old Guard. They indicated the matter had been addressed and a "detailed and systematic approach to improving the facilities and processes surrounding the care of the horses" has been developed, including the allocation of additional \$2M in funds for the improvements. We offered both officers our continued support should they need anything to help them bring these improvements to fruition.

More recently we understand that funding has been held up in the Department of Defense. AHC is urging the equine community to write/call your congressional members to express your support for The Old Guard and encourage them to expediate the funding.

It has been AHC's honor and privilege to work in partnership with The Old Guard on several community outreach projects over the years, and we are happy to provide them our assistance.

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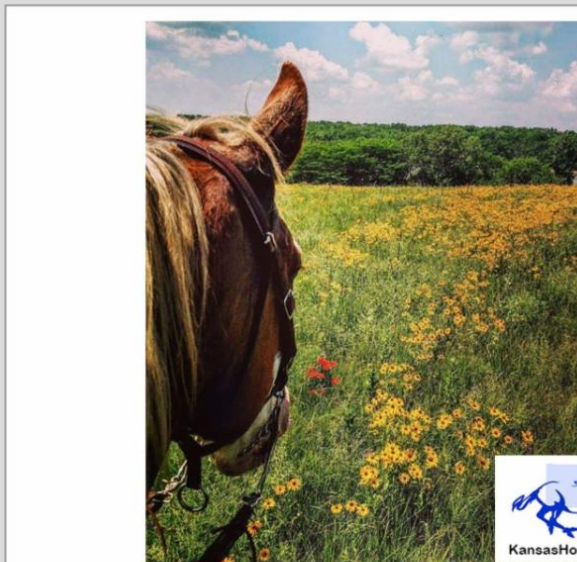
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## Water Needs Of Horses Increase During Summer

By Frank J. Buchman

Horses can sweat as much as three gallons per hour, a serious health management concern during the hot summer.

Thus, it becomes more important to ensure horses are drinking enough water to maintain good health. It is also essential to know when



to back off an animal's level of activity. "Depending on the temperature and workload, a horse can become dehydrated in two hours," said Kris Hiney, Oklahoma State University equine specialist.

Owners can suspect dehydration in their horse by recognizing the signs: sunken eye, dullness, dry skin and mouth, drawn up flanks, depression or excessive thick saliva. A simple, but not always accurate way to judge dehydration in horses is to conduct a simple skin pinching test, Hiney said. Skin should immediately return into its natural position. If

the skin remains in a ridge from two-to-five seconds, this could be a sign of mild dehydration.

The average horse will intake five-to-ten-gallons of fresh water per day. Water is needed to avoid colic, dehydration, and death. Just like humans, different horses crave or need different water amount intakes. "Cool, fresh water should be offered to the horse often during strenuous activities," Hiney said.

You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make them drink. If where the water is, does not have the same taste as at home, the horse may refuse to drink. "Before going to an event try flavoring the home drinking water with Gatorade or apple juice to accustom the horse to the flavor," Hiney said. For convenience of the horse owner, prepared powdered electrolyte packets can be added to drinking water to replenish necessary items.

Like humans, horses dissipate most of their excess body heat through sweating. When a person sweats, the electrolyte concentration goes up in the blood, resulting in thirst. "However, a horse's blood does not increase electrolyte concentration with sweat loss, so it may not be thirsty," Hiney said. Studies show horses will cool themselves normally if the heat index is less than 130. However, a heat index exceeding 150 requires cooling assistance. "Cool water rather than very cold water should be applied inside of the legs and on the neck," Hiney recommended. "Cold water can result in limited blood flow to the horse's skin." Continuous running water will help cool the horse faster.

Supplying fans or keeping the horse in an area with wind flow is ideal. Fans with higher velocities provide more effective cooling. Standing under shade trees allows a horse to radiate some heat to leaves.

Long trips may require schedule changes to avoid the hottest time of day. "The muscle work of balancing in a trailer during a road trip can put an additional heat load on a horse," Hiney said. "The rule of thumb," Hiney said. "If you are consuming and desiring water, then the chances are the horse is also having the same desires." Riding horses is great exercise for the rider and also an additional strain on the horse's metabolism. "Be safe and smart. Keep the horse hydrated, Hiney advised.





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