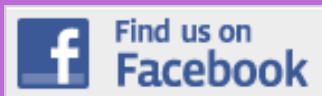


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May 2021 EDITION



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MAY 22-23, 2021
HILLSDALE LAKE

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KHC Region 5 Trail Ride & Gathering

When: May 22-23, 2021
Where: Saddle Ridge Shelter House campground
Hillsdale State Park, Hillsdale, Kansas

Schedule:
Saturday Check in Starts 9 am

11:00 - 12:00 Bill Barcus BE Saddle Pads available for saddle fittings
12:30 pm *Rides begin (Both 2 and 4 hour groups head out together)
5:00 pm *Dinner *Kansas Pioneer* will be serving Taco Bar, drinks & dessert
5:30 pm *Speakers "Let the Fun Begin!" Justine Staten, KHC Director
5:45 pm What's your fit? Bill Barcus, *BE Saddle Pads*
6:15 pm "You're Not Alone" Desiree Garcia, *Pockets for a Purpose*
6:00 pm *DRAWING FOR Metal Art print by Josey Butler - Presented and Donated by Janet Turney, *Kansas City Horse and Home* & Julie Frank, *Rise and Shine Equine LLC*
7:00-10:00 pm *SILVER BULLET BAND (sponsored by Janet Turney & Julie Frank)

Sunday, May 23rd

7:30-8:30+ am *Breakfast served by Chris Cakes
8:30 am - 9:30 *Fellowship (Cory Young & Ed Mayhan Music)
9:45 am *Drawing for Total Equine Feed Feed giveaway (5 Bags to One lucky person! Donated by *Total Feeds/Better Equine*)
10:00 am-12:00 *Demonstrations -(25 min each)

- 10:00 am "The Balancing Act-Are your Horses Balanced?" Julie Frank *Rise and Shine Equine*
- 10:30 am "Little Whispers" *Living Life Ranch* Healing Hearts Melissa Cowan
- 11:00 am Impacting Impacts: On the Trail Belinda Schuman, *Hit Air Vests*
- 11:30 am "Forward Vision-Keeping Kansas Tails open for future generations" *BCHKS* Cheryl Thomas & Stephanie Huss
- 12:30-2:30 Ride (2 hr) / Then back & break camp - *HOPE YOU ALL ENJOY THE WEEKEND!*

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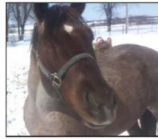
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Or email: director@kansashorsecouncil.com for more information or to register!

Woodard Mercantile 2021 Equine Group Expo

From Chris Kaegi-Stephens, Region 4 KHC Director:

On March 20th, I participated in the first Woodard Mercantile Equine Group Expo. The event was held from 10am to 3pm at the Woodard Mercantile on Andover, KS (east of Wichita, KS). The event was a huge success by offering special discounts on many of the merchandise in the store, grilling

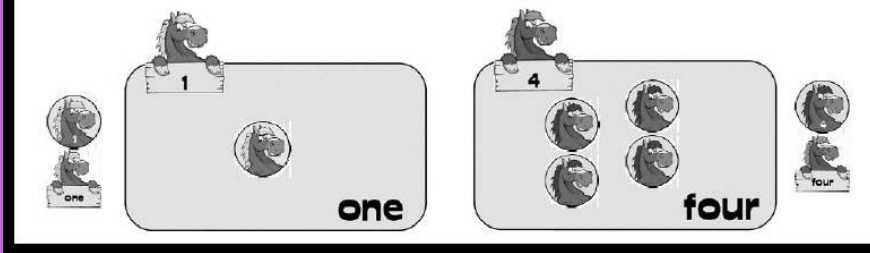
demonstration on Crawford Grills, games for children (and a few young-at-heart adults as well). They also lined up the following speakers throughout the day: Tim Peissig with Purina Mills (speaking on certain feeds Purina offers), Jessica Hodes with Rose Hill Veterinary Health Center (speaking on the necessary spring vaccines), myself (sharing the benefits of Kansas Horse Council membership), Miranda Ruther (speaking on Kansa Performance Therapy), and Brian Langford (speaking on Trust Think Products). It was a very impressive list of speakers with valuable information for equine enthusiasts. The vast array of equine groups who came out to share information on their businesses and organizations was quite impressive. Eighteen in total included:

Bit 'N Spur Saddle Club
Butler County 4-H Group
Crystal Socha Photography
CKYRA (Central Kansas Youth Rodeo Assoc)
Fairfield Polo Club
Freedom Hooves Therapeutic Riding Center
Haysville Saddle Club
Home Grown Ranch
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Kansas Horse Council
MCFA Rodeo Royalty
Murdock House farms Sanctuary
Newton Saddle Club
Rainbow Meadows Equine Rescue
Sunflower State Mounted Shooters
Sunflower Breyer Model Horse Club
Three Wooden Crosses Cowboy Church Arena

It was a gorgeous spring day filled with a festive energy of all participants and attendees. I personally want to thank the Woodard Mercantile staff for giving us this opportunity to reach so many within the equine community and sharing the many services, clubs and organizations who are part of those offered within region 4 of Kansas Horse Council. I look forward to being at next years Equine Group Expo in 2022, and representing KHC again.



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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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Be sure to fill out the survey for the Kansas Horse Council!

To request a paper copy, please call or email KHC
Office.

[LINK TO KANSAS EQUINE ECONOMIC SURVEY HERE!](#)

Takes about 15 minutes. Together we can show everyone that horses are a vital part of the economy. Where would we be without horses?

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Contribute to their success by donating to
the KHCF scholarship fund.

Applications for the 2021 scholarship year have
been submitted and are under review by the
Scholarship committee.

Stay tuned for the announcement of the
winners!

Wednesday June 9, 2021, Kansas
Horse Council will be hosting the
scholarship awards banquet to
recognize the 2021 recipients!





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
BCHA 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

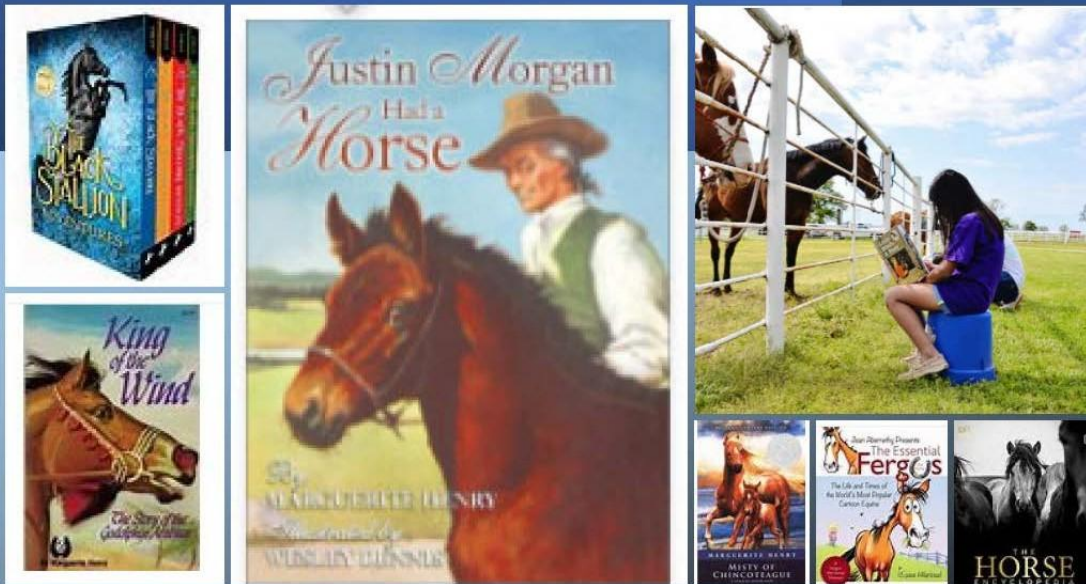
Receive notifications of work days, or see reports on trail maintenance or campground improvements. Join in on work days whenever possible!

Follow the www.bchkansas.com website.
Encourage a new member to join BCHKS, and be entered into an end-of-year drawing.
([Membership Form Here](#))

Listed below are some BCHKansas sponsored activities scheduled this year:

May 22-23 – KHC/BCHKKS Trail Ride Gathering, Saddle Ridge Campground, Hillsdale State Park
(<https://kansashorsecouncil.com/regional-events-%26-sign-up>)
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.
Be sure to thank the park managers and staff you see
for making these trails and campgrounds possible,
and definitely thank any trail workers you may run across!



St. Francis Ministries is a Non-Profit program serving 6 states, providing services of adoption, foster care, family preservation and more. A state-of-the-art residential care campus is set among gentle rolling hills west of Salina where young people, ages 6-18 can heal from traumatic experiences and broken relationships. There they find hope and begin anew.

St. Francis Ministries helps youth overcome severe mental and behavioral health struggles, often trauma related, so they can return to families and communities and lead healthier lives. An equine therapy program is one way St.

Francis Ministries is providing healing to hurt children. Program Director, Angela Price, often looks for new ways to further develop a love for horses in these children. Her latest endeavor is a Book Drive for building a library in the barn.

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.

These will be hand delivered to the Saint Francis Ministries Equine Therapy Program. There is not an end of collection date yet, it will remain open until abundant inventory is acquired.

A tax-deductible letter can be provided for your donation value. Please provide your contact information, request for tax deductible letter and approximate value with donation.

To learn more about the program, read their online newsletter here:

[HiLites 2021: Spring e-zine • Saint Francis Ministries](#)

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>





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A NIGHT ON THE RIDGE

Poem by Del Shields

As the sun was setting in the west,
 I rode to the rim of the ridge.
 The vastness stretched out before me;
 In the distance was the Rope Mule Bridge.

I sat for a bit and I pondered,
 Reflecting on the scenes of the day.
 The night birds began their night chorus
 As my thoughts slowly drifted away.

Down the canyon came the sound of rocks falling.
 A buck made his way through the brush.
 His interruption brought surprise to a small bunch of grouse.
 His bold presence made them nervous and flush.

Then the hoot of an owl belched across the dark canyon
 And the yip of a coyote somewhat near.
 The night came alive with crickets and frogs
 and a beller from a renegade steer.

When my senses revived I soon realized
 The night sky had swallowed the day.
 Copper sky gone, the twilight turned on
 With stars sparkled brightly and gay.

Too late to return to the ranch in the dark,
 I unsaddled my horse on the rim,
 Then pillowed my head as God's creatures surround.
 I thank Him for each one of them.



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AMAZON SMILE PROGRAM: Kansas Horse Council Foundation (Scholarship Fund) is also now enrolled in the Amazon.com Smile Program! When you shop Amazon.com you may select Kansas Horse Council Foundation as your Non-Profit charity upon Checkout! KHCF will receive .05% of your total purchase, of Amazon SMILE program eligible products! To learn more about this program and how it works go here: smile.amazon.com

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KHC License Plate Info



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A white pickup truck with a horse head on the side and a KHC license plate. A diagram shows the tax deduction supporting various programs: RECREATIONAL AND TRAIL MAINTENANCE, EQUINE HEALTH AND WELFARE, EDUCATION PROGRAMS, and YOUTH ACTIVITIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS.

Working Ranch Cowboys Battle Professional Skills In Rodeo Arena At EquiFest Of Kansas

Article by Frank Buchman

Excitement in the arena and bleachers ran high as working ranch cowboys competed in teams exhibiting their true professional skills. Two complete ranch rodeos on Friday and Saturday evenings in Tony's Pizza Events Center Arena were highlights of the recent EquiFest of Kansas at Salina.

Four member teams representing ranches from throughout the Midwest competed in the true Western action with winners honored at both evenings' rodeos. "Payback went to the top three teams overall and the first place event winners in each performance," according to Justine Staten. EquiFest is sponsored by the Kansas Horse Council which Staten serves as executive director, and she provided the rodeos' results. "The champion team riders at each rodeo also had the option of taking home trophy buckles or saddle pads," Staten explained. "Whichever award they didn't select went to members of the runner-up team."

Lonesome Pine Ranch of Cedar Point claimed the endeared championship for both rodeos. Father and son, Bud and Troy Higgs along with Bo Krueger and Travis Duncan represented the team. They selected buckles for the Friday title and pads for winning on Saturday.

Second place saddle pads in the Friday evening rodeo went to Lilley Performance Horses of Strong City. Cowboys included Josh Lilley, Ty Swiler, Colby Boos and Chase Gibbs.

Third place team Friday was combination of the Spring Fed Cattle Company and CRB Cattle operations of Pottawatomie County. Members included Cody Brock, Jacob Kehler, Jayton Hart and Ben Doyle.

Patry Cattle Company, Dwight, collected buckles for being second in Saturday's overall team placings. Josh and Heather Patry along with Randy Peterson and Mason Ringgold were riders. Lilley Performance Horses placed third in Saturday's overall team scoring.

Both team sorting and wild cow milking events Friday were won by the joint team of K Diamond Bar and Stueve Ranch of Lyon County. Cowboys representing the team were Walker Kleiner, Dalton Stueve, Rowdy Harnois and Wyatt Carlson. Nelson Angus and Broken H Ranch from Riley County joined efforts to win the Friday trailer loading. Cowboys on the team were Mike Nelson, Brian Wurtz, Cliff Hall and Clay Hokr. Lilley Performance Horses claimed the Friday single mugging event.

In Saturday's events, Patry Cattle Company was first in both team sorting and single mugging.

Nelson Angus and Broken H Ranch again joined efforts to be winners in trailer loading on Saturday. Lilley Performance Horses won Saturday's wild cow milking.

IMAGES BELOW:

Lonesome Pine Ranch of Cedar Point won both ranch rodeos featured during the EquiFest of Kansas. Team members are Travis Duncan, Bo Krueger, Troy Higgs and Bud Higgs. *(Kansas Horse Council photo)*

Patry Cattle Company of Dwight was second in Saturday night's ranch rodeo during the EquiFest of Kansas. Team members include Heather Patry, Josh Patry, Randy Peterson and Mason Ringgold. *(Marlene Patry photo)*

Lilley Performance Horses, Strong City, placed second Friday and third Saturday in the ranch rodeos during the EquiFest of Kansas. Team members are Josh Lilley, Ty Swiler, Colby Boos and Chase Gibbs. *(Kansas Horse Council photo)*

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Nelson Angus and Broken H Ranch joined efforts to win the trailer loading at both Friday and Saturday ranch rodeos during EquiFest. Team members are Mike Nelson, Brian Wurtz, Cliff Hall and Clay Hokr. *(Kansas Horse Council photo)*



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Opening ceremonies for the ranch rodeo at the EquiFest of Kansas were presented by the Fort Riley Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard.

Fort Riley Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard Provides Link To Cavalry's Key Part In Nation's History

Article by Frank Buchman

"A spine tinging feeling spread through hearts as the mounted cavalry troops galloped into the arena with nation's colors flying. It was Saturday morning's opening ceremonies for EquiFest of Kansas at Salina creating feeling of history a century-and-a-half gone by.

The Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard provides a link recognizing importance of the cavalry soldier during the Civil War era. "Established in 1992, the Color Guard is composed of active-duty Fort Riley soldiers," said Commander Captain Michael L. Haynes.

Troopers and their horses were outfitted in period-appropriate uniforms, accoutrements and equipment. With Haynes on his buckskin gelding named Buck, they demonstrated the skill and precision required of cavalry soldiers. "We have 30 Color Guard members and 22 horses at this time," Captain Haynes explained. "It is a fulltime unit with the soldiers each serving two years."

Soldiers are detailed from the ranks of units assigned to Fort Riley and receive instruction from manuals used by Civil War cavalymen. From privates to officers, these men and women recreate the colorful spectacle of the American Horse Soldier.

A background with horse experience is not a requirement to be a member of the Color Guard. "We have soldiers who've never been around horses as well as those who have extensive horse knowledge," Haynes related. There are regular training sessions for the horsemen and their horses. "We have a senior rider, the most skilled rider in the unit, who oversees all horse-rider training," Captain Haynes said.

When acquiring horses, the Mounted Color Guard typically looks for five-to-10-year-old bay geldings with little or no white markings. "We want the horses to stand 15 to 15.2-hands high and weigh 1,100 to 1,200-pounds," Haynes said. Horses with solid feet are preferred. "They must be sound and possess the ability to perform at the level that our training and performances demand," Haynes explained.

"Original 7th Cavalry horses were bay, but units are authorized by original doctrine to have two off-color horses," Haynes said. "As the commander I ride my buckskin and a white horse is ridden by the guidon bearer. "These different colored horses allow cavalymen to identify those in command of troops," Haynes continued.

"We strive to use animals that will provide for authentic recreations during battle re-enactments and other historic activities," he added. "Our horses have come from a wide range of backgrounds and are all owned by Fort Riley," the commander said. Horses are housed in the cavalry stable with the original cobblestone floor on Fort Riley's main post.

"Constructed of native limestone, this 143-foot-by-63-foot building was built in 1889 at a cost of \$8,861," Haynes said. "It originally housed 76 horses utilized by the Cavalry Riding School." While housing Color Guard horses, the stable is staffed by a commander, first sergeant and special duty soldiers. Visitors are welcome during the week by appointment.

Trimmed in yellow, branch colored wool and cotton uniforms worn by the Color Guard provide degrees of warmth and coolness. "While in camp or garrison, the sack coat and muslin shirts are

common attire," Haynes noted. Kersey blue trousers are reinforced in the seat to prolong wear. "The wider the yellow stripe, the higher the enlisted rank," Haynes pointed out. "Officer's trousers have only eighth-inch welt of yellow cord down the outside seam." Black knee-high riding boots are worn. Headgear includes a forage cap, which was copied from a style popular in the French Army. "Enlisted men occasionally wear slouch hats or campaign hats, without yellow hat cords," Haynes related.

Standard saddle used by the Color Guard is the 1859-pattern McClellan designed for the comfort of the horse. "Captain George B. McClellan developed the saddle's design after his travels in Mexico and Europe in the 1850s," Haynes explained. "Distinctive feature is the rawhide seat adapted for economy." Including a curb bit bridle, this saddle, with certain modifications, was used by the cavalry until World War II. Cavalrymen also carry two canteens; feed bag, lariat and saddle bags.

The Civil War cavalryman used a variety of weapons as does the Color Guard. "Our handguns include 1858 .44-caliber Remington and 1873 .45-caliber Colt revolvers," Haynes related. "We also have 1873 .45-caliber Remington lever-action rifles and 12-gauge double-barrel shotguns. Original cavalrymen might have also carried a standard pattern 1861 light cavalry saber. The saber gave the horse soldier another weapon in his arsenal if the situation required its use," Haynes said.

The 1871 Army Escort Wagon pulled by two molly mules was an EquiFest attraction as well. "We acquired two Percheron draft horse cross mules from Tennessee in 2005," Haynes said "They have earned several awards in draft working events at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson." The U.S. Cavalry Museum donated the escort wagon to the Color Guard in 2001. "Records show the wagon came to Fort Riley from Fort Knox," Haynes commented. "Hardware of the wagon is 98 percent original, but, when the unit received the wagon, much of the wood was decayed. Soldiers and a wagon company restored the wagon to its current condition."

The box is constructed of red oak while the undercarriage and wheels are made out of white oak. "While escort wagons were not common, they were sought after to transport the cavalry's beans and bullets," Haynes said.

Renowned horse clinician Chris Cox visited with Color Guard members as a highlight for the cavalrymen during EquiFest. The Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard has performed throughout the United States including President Trump's Inaugural Parade. "We are available to do parades and other community events. An encampment is available as are cavalry tactics demonstrations," Haynes said. "We are flexible and can adjust performances and parades for your community."

Requests for the Color Guard to participate in community events are available on Fort Riley's community relations page or by calling 785-240-0306.

IMAGES BELOW:

Waiting outside the arena for their performance at the EquiFest of Kansas, the Mounted Color Guard's white horse ridden by the guidon bearer stood out among the other cavalrymen's bay horses.

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Captain Michael L. Haynes, commander of the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard, on Duke, left front, with Staff Sergeant Bryan Joyce on Smoke, to his right, prepare to dismiss after the change of command ceremony December 12, 2019. *(Gail Parsons photo)*"





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