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November 2016 Newsletter

New KHC Executive Director

Brad Harrelson has recently been hired as the new Executive Director of the Kansas Horse Council. Brad replaces Pattie Stalder who will be retiring at the end of the year after serving KHC for the past nine years. More information will be provided in our December newsletter.

KHC Renewal Invoices for 2017

Members of the Kansas Horse Council will soon be receiving their 2017 membership renewal invoices. Members with email addresses on file will receive invoices via email which makes it quick and easy to immediately pay your dues online. Those invoices can also be printed and mailed in with payment. Members with no email address on file will receive a hard copy via the US Postal Service.

In order to maintain continual coverage of your \$1,000,000 personal liability insurance policy, dues must be received by midnight December 31st, 2016. Dues received after that date will initiate coverage on the date payment is received in the KHC office. Questions ~ 785-776-0662

Who Maintains Our Riding Trails?

When you're out enjoying a ride on one of our Kansas public trails, do you ever wonder who maintains these trails and keeps them cleared for riders? In most cases in Kansas, that work is being done by volunteers! Most of our state and federal parks have neither the manpower nor the budget to keep equestrian and multi-use trails open; without volunteer efforts we could lose the privilege of being able to ride these public lands.

Several of our parks with equestrian campgrounds and trails have dedicated volunteer groups who are out there on a regular basis mowing, trimming and hauling chainsaws, often using personal equipment and personal funds for supplies. Trail maintenance is never completely done; there's always a wind storm, heavy rains, high lake levels, erosion, and spring and summer growth. These volunteer groups schedule work days throughout the year and welcome and appreciate any help they can get. Through the new chapter of Back Country Horsemen of Kansas, a dedicated effort is being made to log these volunteer hours. For 2016, BCHA-KS recorded over 2,000 hours of boots-on-the-ground trail work by dedicated equestrians! Jim Thomas, Kansas Horse Council Trails Director, reports these figures to state and federal officials, who in turn are more willing to support equestrian activities when they see the commitment to preserving our trails.

Clinton Lake, Eisenhower State Park at Melvern Lake, Kanopolis State Park and Perry State Park all host annual benefit trail rides with funds raised going directly into campground and trail improvements. This past year, equestrians raised a total of \$17,351 through benefit trail rides at Kansas public parks. This information also has a positive impact on our public land managers. It really makes a difference



when we can show state and federal park managers the equestrian dedication to keeping public trails open. Details for these benefit rides can be found at www.kansashorsecouncil.com under the Calendar link.

When you're out enjoying a ride on one of our Kansas public trails, instead of thinking, "Someone needs to get out here and trim this trail", be part of the solution. Contact one of the "trail friends" at your favorite park and ask how you can help with trail maintenance. Jim Thomas can put you in touch with these people; call or email him at 785-633-4761 or thomasjc68@gmail.com. Or come out and support one of the benefit trail rides. Help preserve the riding opportunities we have in Kansas!

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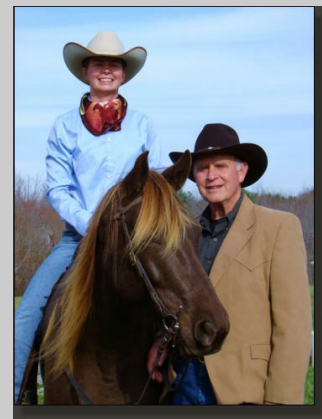
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Horse Care 101

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Dr. Temple Grandin to speak at Horse Care 101

When: December 3, 2016

Where: KSU College of Veterinary Medicine, Frick Auditorium

Our featured speaker this year at Horse Care 101 will be Dr. Temple Grandin! Registration flyers will be mailed to all current KHC members by the end of October, or download a copy here: [Click here for registration flyer.](#)

Dr. Grandin is an autistic American professor of animal science at Colorado State University, world-renowned autism spokesperson and consultant to the livestock industry on animal behavior. She is widely celebrated as one of the first individuals on the autism spectrum to publicly share insights from her personal experience of autism. She is also the inventor of the "hug box", a device to calm those on the autism spectrum. In the 2010 Time 100, an annual list of the one hundred most influential people in the world, she was named in the "Heroes" category. She was the subject of the award-winning, semi-biographical film, Temple Grandin.

Event sponsors include: Horselik, Vanderbilts, Timber Creek Veterinary Center, Noble Outfitters, Rock-n-Horse Vet & The Basement Tack Store

KHC hosts the Coalition of State Horse Councils

The Kansas Horse Council hosted the Coalition of State Horse Councils annual fall seminar Oct. 28 - 30th. The Coalition of State Horse Councils is a group of 43 state councils that work together to provide grassroots support and education to encourage and grow participation in state horse councils and provide national issues support to the American Horse Council. It is the largest grassroots horse network in the U.S.

The seminar began on Friday, Oct. 28th in Kansas City with presentations including: Recruiting, Building, Maintaining and Managing an Effective Nonprofit Board by Luann Feehan of NonProfit Connect; Nonprofit Board Compliance Issues by Denise Farris of Farris Law Firm, LLC; Schellie Blochberger of the Certified Horsemanship Association; a multi-user trail panel featuring Brian Leaders, Landscape Architect for the National Park Service; Linda Lanterman, Kansas State Parks Division Director; Jeff Bender, Regional Supervisor, Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism; Monica Chapman, American Endurance Ride Conference and Back Country Horsemen; Cliff Jones, Kansas Trails Council; and Jim Thomas, Trails Director and Vice President, Kansas Horse Council, BCHA-KS, and Kansas Trails Council Board Member.

The second day provided attendees a scenic drive through the Flint Hills with a stop at the KSU College of Veterinary Medicine for a panel discussion on "What's Ahead for Horse Owners" led by Dr. Beth Davis, Dr. Warren Beard, Dr. Jason Grady and Dr. Dylan Lutter. After lunch at the Stanley Stout Center the Ft. Riley Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard provided a unique and engaging performance of cavalry maneuvers.

The continuing tour of the Flint Hills included an afternoon stop at the Mill Creek Lodge outside Alma

where there were more presentations including an update on national issues by American Horse Council President, Julie Broadway and Dexter Hedrick of the Hutchinson Correctional Facility who shared his experiences working with inmates and Mustangs in a program called "Saving Horses, Changing Men". After dinner everyone loaded on the coach bus and watched the movie "Unbranded" as the sun set in the west.

This is the first time that Kansas has hosted this group. The splendor and uniqueness of the Flint Hills was the perfect backdrop for showing off our state and making this a memorable event for all attendees. States and organizations represented included: Arkansas, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Wisconsin, American Horse Council, American Youth Horse Council, and the North American Trail Riding Conference.

Homes for Horses



Rohan

HOMES FOR HORSES

This monthly feature provides contact details for a horse adoption facility in KS. Please contact the rescue or adoption service directly. All registered facilities are welcome to submit pics & info.

Rohan is a gentle, gray mare. We think she was born no earlier than 2011.

She was rescued from the kill buyer's pen with her baby, Griffon, at her side. Her colt has been weaned and now she is ready to go to a new forever home.

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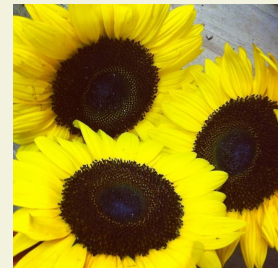
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