

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



## November 2021 EDITION



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

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# KLA Today

November 10, 2021

## Congress Passes Legislation Important To Livestock Haulers

The U.S. House of Representatives recently passed the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021, which included an additional 150 air-mile exemption for livestock haulers on the destination of hauls. This is a provision KLA and NCBA have been actively pursuing and one that will provide some much-needed flexibility.

Current hours-of-service (HOS) rules allow for 11 hours of drive time, 14 hours of on-duty time, and then require 10 consecutive hours of rest. When transporting livestock, there is a real need for further flexibility beyond the current hours-of-service. Unlike drivers moving consumer goods, livestock haulers cannot simply idle or unload their trucks when drive time hours run out without jeopardizing animal health and welfare. This new provision would allow livestock haulers to drive with no HOS restrictions once they are within 150 air miles of their destination.

The legislation already was passed by the U.S. Senate and now awaits the president's signature.

Hear more from KLA in the latest news [video](#).

He can only do his job, if his mom does hers.



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## American Horse Council Tax Bulletin

The AHC's Tax Bulletin is sponsored by Zoetis.

This is the quarterly tax bulletin, providing tax court case and regulation update information. All these are tax developments that affect the horse industry directly. Use this bulletin for





informational purposes only.

Click the link here to see the bulletin:

AHC Tax Bulletin

## Funding Needed for Recreational Trails Program

The Recreational Trail Program (RTP) is an assistance program through the Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration. The goal of this program is to provide funds to states to help keep up and maintain recreational trails and trail facilities of all uses.

The program is in need of funding for the 2022 Fiscal Year due to Congressional Budget Cuts.

Click the link below for more information about how the RTP has helped the State of Kansas over the years:

RTP - State of  
Kansas

### The Recreational Trails Program

Improving America's Trails Since 1991

**\$281+M** Paid annually in federal taxes by non-highway recreational users.

From FHWA report to Congress on 7/29/21. Non-highway recreational fuel is taxed at 18.4 cents/gallon and deposited into the Highway Trust Fund.

**\$84M** Appropriated annually for all trails.

**Recreational Trails Program**

- Over 30,000 projects funded.
- Benefiting tens of millions of motorized and nonmotorized trail users.
- Administered by states (20% match required from states).
- Trail users receive less than 30% of the taxes they pay.
- Applies user pay-user benefit principle of Highway Trust Fund to recreational trails.

**Highway Trust Fund**

**\$24 Million** has been provided for Kansas Trails over the years through RTP!

Check out the details:  
<http://recreationaltrailsinfo.org/rtp-state-profiles/>

Congressional Budget Cuts will impact trail funding in Kansas and all over the U.S.

Contact Sens. Moran & Marshall, & Reps. Mann, LaTurner, Davids & Estes to ask that they advocate to keep the budget funded for Recreational Trails!

- RTP is arguably the most impactful recreational trail program in the country having funded more than 30,000 successful projects since its creation under ISTEA in 1991.
- RTP funding has not been increased in more than a decade.
- A Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) recreational fuel tax study from July 2021 confirms nearly \$300 million in federal motor fuel tax is generated annually by nonhighway recreational activity, but RTP receives only \$84 million of that annually, only 30% of the funds generated.
- The House-passed INVEST Act – recognizing the disparity in funding and the value of recreational trails – would have increased RTP funding to \$147 million per year.
- Recreational trails contribute to the nearly \$900 billion/year outdoor recreation economy that supports 5 million jobs.





## **BCHKS Recap of the Santa Fe Trail Anniversary Ride on Flint Hills Trail**

On September 18, 2021,

Back Country Horsemen of America-Kansas welcomed over 50 riders to celebrate the bicentennial of the Santa Fe Trail with an 11-mile ride on the Flint Hills Trail. This event was the culmination of over a year of planning by a group of five BCHKS officers. The planning committee consisted of: Diana Skinner, BCHKS National Director; Stephanie Huss, BCHKS State Chair; Sheila Watkins, BCHKS State Treasurer; Cheryl Thomas, BCHKS Volunteer Hours Coordinator; and Pattie Stalder, Chair of the BCHKS Tuttle Creek Chapter.

We were first made aware of the upcoming 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail while hosting a BCHKS booth at the Sunflower Trails Appreciation Day at the State Capitol in Topeka in 2019. We started thinking about how BCHKS could be part of this historic celebration. After doing extensive research, we decided to plan a trail ride along a stretch of the Flint Hills Trail that closely follows the Santa Fe Trail. The 117-mile Flint Hills Trail is nearing completion and is built on the old railroad corridor as it stretches east to west across Kansas. This multiuse trail system was officially adopted into the Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks system in 2018. The 11-mile section from the Bushong, Kansas, trailhead to the Kaw Nation's Allegawaho Memorial Heritage Park just east of Council Grove was the perfect location for this ride. This section of trail crosses the beautiful Flint Hills, which represent one of the last remaining tallgrass prairie ecosystems in the world. Riders along this section of trail view the same panoramic vistas of virgin prairie that travelers on the Santa Fe Trail viewed 200 years ago.

A year of planning this ride included weekly zoom meetings and many trips to scout the area and figure out the logistics of parking, overnight camping, traffic flow, etc. Numerous phone calls were made to local officials to clear the way for this event and to gather information for facilitation. One of the first emails was made to Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks to get permission to host this event on the Flint Hills Trail. Then, we needed to find areas that could accommodate a large number of trailers at both the trailhead and trail's end. After much scouting, we determined the small community of Bushong (population 300) to be the best place to begin the ride. With contacts to Mayor Gary Smith, we were able to get approval to use the city park and shelter house for registration and breakfast. We also worked with the mayor in designing a plan for traffic flow, as trailers would enter the town, stop by the city park and shelter house, and proceed to the Flint Hills Trail trailhead nearby. Once we knew where we were starting, we did a couple of reconnaissance rides of the trail to check out trail conditions, crossroads for emergency access, and familiarize ourselves with the area and the route our ride would be taking.

There were a couple of options for trail's end; with a few phone calls, we were granted permission to use Allegawaho Memorial Heritage Park, a Kaw Nation property, just east of Council Grove. This historic area allowed a ride of 11-miles, then plenty of room for parking trailers for rider's convenience at trail's end. Groundskeeper Barb Stambrough even arranged for portable toilets and a water wagon to be available at the end of the trail. Allegawaho Memorial Heritage Park is the site of the last Kaw Indian Village in Kansas prior to the tribe's forced relocation to Oklahoma. Almost 200 acres of native homeland includes a limestone monument and remains of a Kaw Village that may be viewed from a two-mile trail that surrounds the park.

We decided there would be no fee for this ride. As the ride was first posted on the BCHKS Facebook page, registration was full in less than a week! There were several requests for overnight camping. Again, after a few phone calls were made, the Council Grove Chamber of Commerce approved overnight parking at the old Katy Railroad Depot, one of many historical sites in Council Grove. This was a very convenient location for any riders wanting to camp either the night before the event or the day of and attend the bicentennial activities taking place in Council Grove that weekend. The *Voices of the Wind People* pageant included historic wagon displays, a mountain man encampment, and the pageant that evening. Council Grove was the last trading post area on the Santa Fe Trail heading west before reaching Santa Fe, New Mexico, and has lots of historical information and sites throughout the city. As we continued to plan the event, we had several conference calls with KDW&P Flint Hills Trail Manager Trent McCown and Assistant Manager Lucas Hertlein. We were pleased that as they presented us with their checklist, we had already planned for most of their concerns! They provided several useful suggestions for traffic flow the morning of the event and made sure local emergency services were aware of the event. KDW&P even arranged for portable toilets at the Bushong City Park and the trailhead the day of the ride.

We made frequent posts on the Kanza Rail-Trails Conservancy Facebook page about the event making sure other trail users would be aware of the large number of equestrians on this section of trail. Of course, there was concern among other trail users about the evidence horses would leave behind. We already had a pair of BCHKS members who volunteered as Poop Patrol! We were prepared to cancel the ride in event of significant rain. The trail bed is crushed limestone and very sustainable, but we did not want to leave any obvious hoofprints on the surface and damage the trail in any way.

### *Kanza Rail-Trails Conservancy Facebook posts—*

#### **Cheryl Thomas**

Just a heads up that Back Country Horsemen of America Kansas Chapter has a trail ride scheduled on the Flint Hills Trail, September 18, to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail. Riders will leave from the Bushong trailhead between 7:30-9am and ride to the Kaw Nation Memorial that's just east of Council Grove. We estimate riders should be off the trail by 1pm. We've obtained a permit through KDWP, and we will have a poop scooper crew on cleanup detail! Event will be canceled in event of rain just prior to or on the 18th. We're looking forward to sharing this beautiful section of the FHT!

#### **Clark Coan (Board Member of the Kanza Rail-Trails Conservancy)**

I'm hoping to be in Council Grove that day to help celebrate the 200th Anniversary. Glad you are doing this.

#### **Cheryl Thomas**

Just a reminder... there will be a large number of equestrians enjoying the beauty of a fall morning on the Santa Fe Trail this Saturday starting at Bushong and going to Allegawaho Park on the FHT. Most riders should be off the trail by 1pm. And, yes, a poop scooping crew will bring up the rear!



### **Trent McCown (Kansas Wildlife & Parks Flint Hills Trail Manager)**

This is a reminder that there will be an equestrian event on the Flint Hills Trail on Saturday, September 18 2021. There may be in the neighborhood of 100 horses on the trail between Bushong and Council Grove in the morning hours. Cyclists would be advised to use another area for the day if possible to help avoid conflicts, or if riding the area please remember to stop and walk your bike past the horses or simply stop and allow the horse to pass you. This is common trail courtesy to help lessen trail conflicts.

As plans came together and were being finalized, a call went out to BCHKS members for assistance in hosting the event. We were overwhelmed by the response of both BCHKS members and others asking how they could be involved! On the day of the event, we had close to 15 volunteers who helped with registration, breakfast, traffic control, and shuttling of trailers to trail's end. One of our riders was from the Council Grove area and referred us to both a local farrier and a local veterinarian who agreed to be on standby that day. Fortunately, the services of neither were needed.

The weather was perfect both the week before the event and the day of. Due to the large turnout expected, we did not have a specific start time. We felt it would be safer to stagger arrival times, trailer shuttling, and departure on the trail. We invited riders to arrive between 7:30am-9am. They registered, ate biscuits & gravy, then proceeded to the trailhead where they unloaded horses. We had volunteers available to hold horses, while people drove their trailers to Allegawaho Park. Shuttle drivers were waiting to return them to the trailhead. At that point, riders were ready to mount up and head west on the trail. We had several outriders on the trail, but once riders were on the Flint Hills Trail, there was no way to get lost on the way to Allegawaho Park. Volunteers and outriders were easily identifiable by their bright orange BCHKS vests.

Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks had four staff members onsite that day. They arrived before sunup to set up barriers and signs that would help direct traffic. Then, throughout the ride one of them was at every crossroad along the trail until the last rider passed through. It was a warm day, and one of the rangers did assist a lady who became a little overheated. Kansas Park Ranger Ted Craig even accompanied us on horseback and brought up the tail end making sure that every rider made it safely to the end of the ride. All KDW&P staff members were pleased to see so many equestrians enjoying this trail and asking for more information about it.

We appreciated seeing a variety of equestrians who participated in the event. There was a rider leading a packhorse, a horse and buggy, and several families of all age groups. One rider came from Oklahoma! Several riders commented that they had been unaware of this Flint Hills Trail and all of the options it provides for riding across the state of Kansas. The small community of Bushong has a beautiful veterans' memorial that was visible to ride participants as they came through town. Riders were also surprised by Allegawaho Park and the Kaw Nation history evident in that area.

As ride participants registered and ate breakfast, our BCHKS tent was available with information about our organization and the work we do to preserve trail riding in Kansas. The BCHKS Poop Patrol made several trips up and down the trail, until they were sure no evidence of horses was left behind!

We estimate that between riders, volunteers, and other support staff, over 75 people were involved in the success of this event. All of our planning resulted in a beautiful day with everyone having a great time! We had not charged a fee for

the ride, but we did have donation boxes to help offset costs of breakfast and to offer reimbursement for gas costs to the shuttle drivers. Every shuttle driver refused compensation, and we ended up with enough to cover expenses and to make a small donation to the City of Bushong for use of their park and shelter house. The week following the ride, we were overwhelmed by the emails and Facebook posts thanking BCHKS for hosting the event and commenting on how well organized it was. There were even suggestions that we continue to sponsor rides on other sections of the Flint Hills Trail!

From the BCHKS Facebook page -

**Maggie Swartz Bradshaw**

Thank you volunteers and support staff for all your hard work. Everything was so well organized and coordinated. We enjoyed the 200th Anniversary Celebration for sure!

**Jana Harrington Barcus**

Thank you to all for the hard work it took to make it possible. We all had a GREAT day!

**Emilee Morgan**

Thank you to all who helped out. Nice of you to check on us. Nice temp out for the ride.

We estimate that as a group, the committee accumulated over 400 volunteer hours planning and facilitating this event. We felt like we successfully supported the mission of BCHA by: perpetuating the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness areas; working to ensure that public lands remain open to recreational use; assisting various government and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource; educating, encouraging, and soliciting active participation in the wise and sustaining use of the back country resource by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage.

BCHKS plans to continue to promote the Flint Hills Trail and the history of the Santa Fe Trail, as we invite Barb Stambrough, Allegawaho Park groundskeeper, to be the keynote speaker at our 2022 annual meeting. Barb is well versed on the history of the both the Santa Fe Trail and the Kaw Tribe in this area of Kansas.

## 2021 Upcoming Events and Calendar

For additional events throughout the year visit:

*Calendar of Submitted Events*

Any questions regarding events, please call us at

785-776-0662

If interested in more information or to register for an event, please email us at

[director@kansashorsecouncil.com](mailto:director@kansashorsecouncil.com)

## 28th Annual Old Fashioned Horse Parade!

Douglas County Fairgrounds  
Lawrence, KS

SAVE THE DATE!



Don't miss an awesome opportunity to ride/watch the annual parade and afterwards stay for the KHC Annual Banquet Celebration!

More information or questions, please contact the office:  
phone, 785-776-0662 or  
email, [director@kansashorsecouncil.com](mailto:director@kansashorsecouncil.com)

		 <p><b>SAVE THE DATE!</b> Saturday December 4<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> annual Old Fashioned Horse Parade in Lawrence!</p> <p>Join Kansas Horse Council in the Parade</p> <p>Stay afterwards for KHC Annual Banquet Celebration Douglas County Fairgrounds, Lawrence, KS</p>
		

The Lawrence Christmas Parade is one of the most unique parades in the nation. Authentic horse-drawn carriages parading down Massachusetts Street is the perfect way to kick off the holiday season. Cozy up with hot cocoa and blankets. Feel the true holiday spirit while watching dozens of beautiful horses and wagons adorned in garland and bells. Join us to celebrate American heritage and keep our tradition alive this holiday season.

Need to know who is IN for 2021! Come Horseback, Driving or In Hand!

You are invited to participate WITH Kansas Horse Council- if interested, contact the KHC Office at 785-776-0662 or email [director@kansashorsecouncil.com](mailto:director@kansashorsecouncil.com)

If you would be interested in participating this year but not with KHC, please contact Marty Kennedy to request an entry form by email at [martyk9541@gmail.com](mailto:martyk9541@gmail.com)



It's Never TOO early to think about Christmas!

**Certified Horsemanship Association (CHA)**  
**International Conference**



## November 9 - 11th @ Forth Worth Stockyards



CHA is an all-breed and all-discipline organization. Don't miss out on this amazing chance to see and hear speakers from all over the equine industry!

There will be opportunities to ride in lessons for Full Conference participants!  
Get registered today!

Some of the speakers include, National Cowgirl Hall of Fame winner Pam Minick, cutting horse trainer Barbara Schulte, Road to the Horse Winner Wade Black, CHA Spokesperson Julie Goodnight, Equine Nutrition with Dr. Bob Coleman, Simple and Flying Changes with Ren Bannerman, Barrel Racing and Pole Bending with Amy Obringer, Jumping - Pace, Position and Line with Jody Taylor.

There will be many more so make sure you click the link below to register!!

[CHA International Conference](#)

## Equine Collaborative International Webinars:

### Veterans for Mustangs

#### **ECI welcomes VETERANS FOR MUSTANGS**

to our membership and will be introducing their organization and mission on  
**November 9, 2021 at 8p.m. during a free webinar.**

The webinar will include an update on the current status of America's Wild Horses and Burros, the Bureau of Land Management Roundups, and the plans for action by this group. Time for Q&A will be reserved at the end of the presentation.

ZOOM LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88586496976?pwd=dU1QbGJFdGRRZzhxQ1NoeS9uTEdrUT09>

If you have any questions please contact Cameron Ring  
at [cameronring@andromedapictures.net](mailto:cameronring@andromedapictures.net) or by phone- (540) 250-7292

ECI is hosting a webinar on November 9, at 8pm EST. This is a new organization to be introduced and will cover the status of current statuses of America's Wild Horses and Burros, the Bureau of Land Management Roundups, and the plans for action to be done by this group.

If you are interested, the Zoom link and password are below!

[Zoom Link](#)

Password: 858061

## 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):

\$25: Non-members of ECI

\$15: Members of ECI

Single Presentation Prices:

\$15: Non-members of ECI

\$10: Members of ECI

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](#)



[American Horse Council Hosts Randy Savvy Webinar](#)





On November 15th at 1:00pm EST, AHC will host Randy Savvy of the Compton Cowboys!

Randy and his crew provide an opportunity for youth through the use of equestrian activities. His family founded the Compton Jr. Posse in 1988 to help keep kids off the streets when crime, drugs, gangs, and other issues were very apparent. Randy has kept the program going by starting the Compton Cowboys in 2017 along side some of his closest friends

who were part of his families program. Their goal is to help change the lives of youth by introducing them to horses and the activities you can do with them while leaving a lasting impact on the world.

If this interests you and you would like to register for the webinar, please email [info@horsecouncil.org](mailto:info@horsecouncil.org) no later than **November 12th!**

## Equine Extravaganza!

Brought to you by MKC and Purina

Wednesday, November 17th from 7-9pm, come out and enjoy some exquisite wine while listening to the latest news and updates about equine nutrition!



Please RSVP by November 10th. Information listed on flyer below of who to contact.



**MKC** Shared growth.  
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# EQUINE EXTRAVAGANZA

*An evening dedicated to equine and wine.*

**Wednesday, November 17**

**7 p.m. - 9 p.m.**

**Rim Rock Conference and Event Center**

**7003 Tuttle Creek Blvd • Manhattan, KS**

This relaxed evening will include the perfect mix of fun and learning. MKC and Purina Animal Nutrition will provide the latest news and updates on horse nutrition. In addition, special guests from local wineries will provide a brief overview of their products and tasting. Hors d'oeuvres will be served.

**RSVP by November 10**

Zoe Miller at 620-386-4125 or [zmiller@mkcoop.com](mailto:zmiller@mkcoop.com)

Katelin Hendricks at 785-776-9467 or [khendricks@mkcoop.com](mailto:khendricks@mkcoop.com)

## **Where Campfires Burn Poem by: Del Shields**

Reflections of the campfire, burn  
bright within my mind.

As my thoughts drift back to the  
Cowboy days, these truths begin to  
unwind.

If it hadn't been for the campfire,





the cowboy may have felt alone.

But riding in at the end of the day,  
it was it's light that guided him  
home.

He felt like he was at home in the  
kitchen. For his food came hot  
from the  
fire.

It was a welcoming feel, when your  
three months from home, out  
where there are no cities or wire.

It served as a place to gather.  
Where socialization took place

every night.

Like a living-room setting where stories were told, while flames danced  
gaily and bright.

The campfire served as a bedroom, while cowboys in their siggins huddled  
close.

Except for the ones riding night guard, who dreamed of the end of their  
post.

Some night, the fire pit was a stage for a wrangler who might strum the  
guitar.

He might sing of the herds that stampeded, or a gal he once kissed neath  
the stars.

That old fire was a work station also.

There the irons flowed red in her coals.

While the branding was done, the cowboys would talk of their future  
desires and their goals.

Yes, the cowboy and campfire were companions of sort.

Each one kept the other alive.

As I reflect this truth, one thought come to mind. We all need such trust  
to survive.

So, keep that old campfire burning.

Keep it stoked for old cowboys who roam.

Maybe he'll see that far distant flame, and know there's a place to come  
home.

**American Horse Council 2021 Virtual  
Congressional Fly-in Meeting**



On Thursday, October 28th, 2021, AHC hosted their annual fly-in meeting virtually with multiple industry advocates and congressional staff covering a wide range of topics regarding equine.

This event was for anyone who wanted to learn more about equine advocacy and legislative issues that could effect the US equine community and ask questions about those topics with congressional staff and advocacy individuals.

Below you will find a link to a recap of the topics discussed during the meeting.

[AHC Fly-in Meeting Recap](#)

## Equifest of Kansas 2022



KANSAS HORSE  
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# Equifest of Kansas 2022

**March 18th, 19th, and 20th**

Saline Co. Expo & Tony's Pizza Event Center in Salina, KS

**25th Anniversary Celebration!**

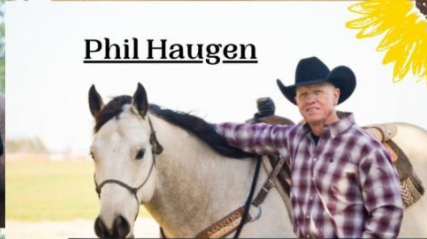
Bring your friends and family and be entertained with  
all the fun activities to do and see!

## 2022 Clinicians

Chris Cox



Phil Haugen



Michael Gascon



Trixie Chicks

## **Gathering On The Santa Fe Trail Fine Art Show-Sale At Council Grove**

By: Frank J. Buchman

It'll be a celebration of art recognizing the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail and the Flint Hills. "For the 15<sup>th</sup> year, artists and craftsmen from across the Midwest will exhibit and sell their works," announced Cheryl Hayes. This year's Gathering in the Grove is appropriately "Gathering on the Santa Fe Trail 2021" fine art show-sale November 5-6-7 at Council Grove.

Serving on the Gathering in the Grove Committee, Hayes said the show-sale will be in the Carnegie Building at 303 West Main Street. Hours are Friday, 5-8 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; and Sunday 1-4 p.m. Much of the artwork will commemorate the 200 anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail as

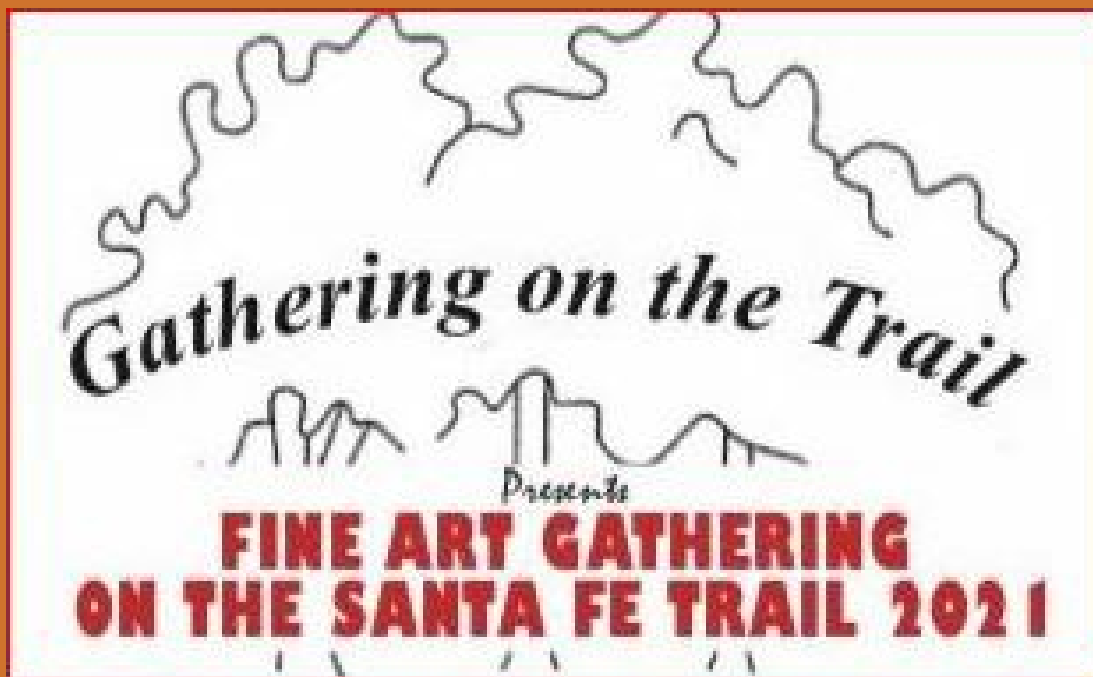


well as recognize the Flint Hills. Paintings will depict prairies, Native Americans, pioneers, wagon trains, wildlife, cattle, horses and much more. Bison hair pottery, jewelry, glass art, wool art, photography, scroll saw art and sculptures are to be featured.

Participating artists from the Midwest include Dea Aldrich Banka, Gardner; Patricia Adams, Manhattan; Zak Barnes, Lawrence; James Brewer, Haskell, Okla.; Kris Collier, Alta Vista; Kellie Dillinger, Wamego; Lisa Harris, Roseville; Joyce Jenkins, Wilsey; Sue Krehbiel, Inman; Cathy Lieber, Osage City; Cher Olson, Kingman; Craig Ridenour, Oklahoma City; and Kelly Siebert, Allen. Council Grove artists presenting their works are Laura Buller, Lizzy Buller, Harold Gaston, Karla Jo Grimmett, Rhonda Higginbotham, Sheila Litke, Sharon Mock, Linda Cosgrove and Rhonda Bryant.

Costumed portrayals of the Santa Fe Trail era are to to be on Main Street Saturday night, during Candlelight Charm for shopping until 9 p.m. "An additional special attraction is to be carriage and trolley rides for guests in the historic community," Hayes pointed out.

Information can be found on the Gathering in the Grove Facebook page.







**JOIN TODAY! 785-776-0662**

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[www.kansashorsecouncil.com](http://www.kansashorsecouncil.com)

## Lake Scott Trail Ride

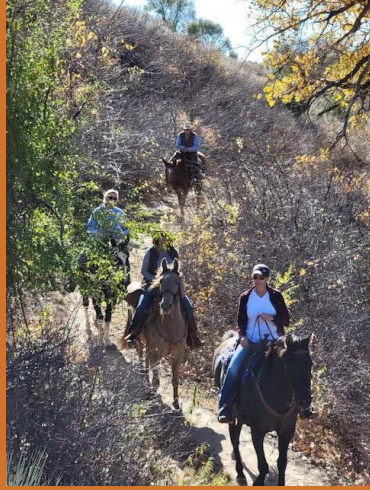


The Region 3 ride at Historic Lake Scott on October 3rd was a small but mighty turnout.

Five attendees enjoyed a packing demonstration by Mr. Stan Loewen of Meade, then they hit the trail and on return enjoyed a nice barbecued pork luncheon sponsored by AJ & Alisha Owens, our Region 3 Director.

Thanks to all who attended and to the Owens' for their hospitality!





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

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



**NEWS RELEASE**  
March 30, 2021

**For more information:**  
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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](http://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](mailto:director@kansashorsecouncil.com) to receive a written survey or to take the survey over the telephone.

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## **[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?

## **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



# ENJOY THE RIDE WITH KHC!!

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**KANSAS HORSE COUNCIL PLATES**

are available to anyone who owns or leases an automobile, RV, truck or trailer with a gross weight of 20,000 pounds or less.

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FILL OUT a Kansas Royalty Tag form

PAY a one time production charge of \$50.00 plus title fees, registration fees, personal property tax and a \$30 donation to the Kansas Horse Council. The \$30 tax deductible donation will appear on your paperwork every year when you renew. If the vehicle is currently tagged, the original plate must be returned and the current owner's registration and proof of insurance will need to be provided.



WHAT YOUR TAX DEDUCTION SUPPORTS



## Region 5 Gathering Recap



Saturday October 16th was a beautiful day for the Community Farm Tour and Region 5 gathering at Better Equine Ranch.

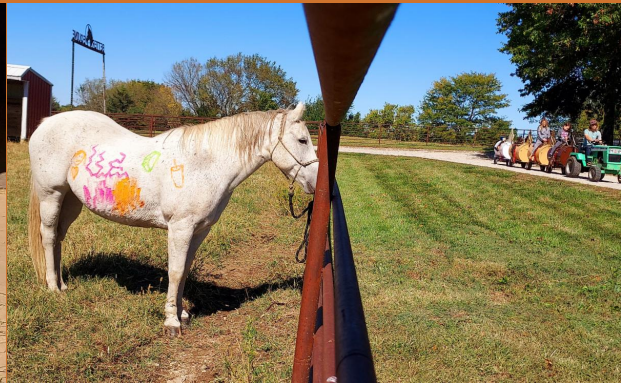
Living Life Ranch was on hand for demonstrations throughout the day of connecting to your still small voice within, while you enjoy time with horses.

There was also a hay rack ride to see the cattle, a tour of farm animals including a cute little chubby pony and a horsey train ride around the property!





Kansas Horse Council visited with many folks talking about the equine economic impact survey and the 25th anniversary of EquiFest coming March 18, 19 & 20, 2022.







## 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](http://www.bchkansas.com) website.

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

[\(Membership Form Here\)](#)

## Kansas Farm Bureau Updates



The American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture is looking for orchards, pumpkin patches, corn mazes, and more to showcase on a new app dedicated to connecting consumers with agritourism venues. The American Farm Trail app, created by the Foundation and sponsored by Corteva, allows farmers, ranchers, and farm attraction managers to sign up for free to showcase their agritourism venue. This app will help farms and attractions promote their business, history, and available products.



The Foundation plans to launch the app in the Spring of 2022.

If you would like more information about this project, please visit the link below:

[American Farm Trail](#)

## Kansas FFA Membership Reach An All Time High



**KANSAS FFA**

Kansas FFA reached a goal of having 10,000 members statewide. This had been a goal for the organization but in 2021 was finally reached!

On October 3rd, in a Facebook post, the Association stated "We are excited to announce that for the first time in our association history, we have over 10,000 FFA members across the state of Kansas! Many programs are creating unique and innovative programming for members, and those experiences wouldn't be possible without our many sponsors and supporters. Here's to chapters and programs building the next generation of Kansas leaders!"

## Kansas Horse Council Rewards Programs

### **DILLONS COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM:**

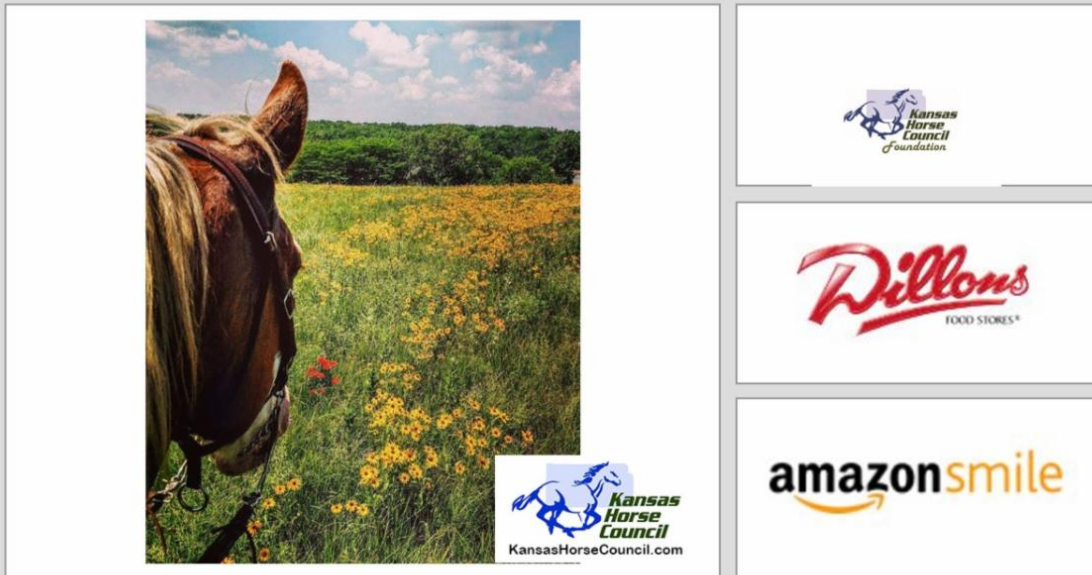
- When you shop at Dillons and use your Rewards card, KHC will earn a percentage rebate based on your Dillon's purchases!
- To link & register your rewards card click here: [Dillons Rewards Link](#) and log into your existing account. Search for Kansas Horse Council or enter our NPO number, KS920 and click Enroll. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a \*Rewards Card. \*You must have a registered Dillons Food Stores rewards card account to link the Community Rewards program to Kansas Horse Council. (Cards are available for FREE at any Dillon's customer service desk.) SHOP: Purchases will not count towards rebates for KHC until you register your rewards card and link to Kansas Horse Council here: DILLONS REWARDS LINK Registered Rewards Cards must be swiped at checkout or use your phone number registered with your Rewards Card when shopping for purchases to count. This program does not affect your Fuel Points balance. Points will still accumulate for your personal use. Rebate program is based on purchases at Dillon's stores payable to Kansas Horse Council as a Non-Profit Organization. Thank

you for your continued support to the voice of equine enthusiasts in Kansas!

### **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](https://smile.amazon.com)



## **From the Land of Kansas: Christmas Gift Boxes**

Don't miss out on your chance to get a box full of goodies from Kansas producers, agribusinesses, and food companies! There are 3 types of boxes to order, varying in size and goods.

- Ad Astra - \$55
- Bluestem - \$30
- Konza - \$25

To guarantee holiday delivery, must order by December 10th, 2021!



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Each box is filled with a variety of both sweet and savory goods, so there is something for everyone to love. Purchase your delectable selection of goods by December 10 to guarantee holiday delivery!



- \*\*Prices do not include tax and shipping.
- \*\*Shipping available to all 50 states.
- \*\*If you are ordering a quantity of more than 10 gift boxes, please call 785-564-6759 to ensure your delivery can be fulfilled and delivered by December 25.



Saddle up with Kansas Horse Council Horsemanship Rewards members only program! Earn





IT'S TIME TO JOIN UP

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THE KANSAS HORSE COUNCIL PRESENTS

## HORSEMANSHIP REWARDS PROGRAM

Earn rewards while working with your favorite equine friends! This program is open to anyone who enjoys working with horses, minis, donkeys, ponies, or mules, including "grade" equines.

This program recognizes participation in Equine Activities such as riding, schooling, competing, showing, training, ground work, driving, exercising, and assisting in a Therapy Program or Rescue. The program does not include feeding, stall cleaning and maintenance.

Awards are given at 25, 50, 100, 250, 500, 1000, 1500 & 2000 hour milestones. Upon 2000 hours completed, members are welcome to re-enroll and start again!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
 KANSAS HORSE COUNCIL, 8831 QUAIL LANE, SUITE 201, MANHATTAN, KS 66502  
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prizes for spending time with horses!

Be sure to renew your 2021 membership and pay your fees to rollover your

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[Horsemanship Rewards Info](#)

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**KDWP State Parks info.**



Do you have your copy of our Equestrian Trails in Kansas?

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These guides are also available at all KDWP offices.

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