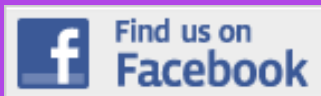


*KANSAS HORSE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER.
NEWS FOR KANSAS AND THE EQUINE INDUSTRY.*



October 2021 EDITION



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

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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

Coalition for Recreational Trails

\$24 Million has been provided for Kansas Trails over the years through RTP!
Check out the details:
<http://recreationaltrailinfo.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 & Este 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 \$800 billion/year outdoor recreation economy that supports 5 million jobs.

2021 Upcoming Events and Calendar

For additional events throughout the year visit:
[Calendar of Submitted Events](#)

Any questions regarding events, please call us at
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If interested in more information or to register for an event, please email us at
director@kansashorsecouncil.com

- WATCH *healing with horses* EXERCISES by LIVING LIFE RANCH at the BETTER EQUINE RANCH FARM TOURS
- A Region 5 Kansas Horse Council Event!

- WHEN: Saturday October 16th
- WHERE: 29545 Pleasant Valley Road, Paola
- COME AND GO between 10am and 4pm for a Farm, Tack & Feed Store Tour
- EXERCISE DEMOS at 11am, 1pm & 3pm




Kansas Horse Council will be on site at Better Equine in Paola Saturday October 16th from 10am to 4pm. Kansas Horse Council will have a table set up with KHC stuff, ready to greet you and answer questions. Better Equine is a host farm with "A Day On The Farm In Kansas" community farm tour offering tour participants a look at 16 different farms all within an easy drive! It's a come and go event!

While you visit Better Equine, you can pet the farm animals, see the garden, tour the tack and feed store, learn about the BE products that are made on site, to include saddle pads, pet treats and comfort products. Kids can do a horsey craft and ride the horse themed train.

Living Life Ranch will be in the arena doing demonstrations of their faith based equine assisted philosophy for healing with horses. Demos at 11am, 1pm, and 3pm.

Are you interested in learning more about Living Life Ranch's exercises? Become a participant at 11am, 1pm, or 3pm...or in all 3 exercise demos. Here's the link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D4AA8A723A31-living>

Be sure to check out Better Equine



- Interested in learning more about faith based equine experiential healing? Also called faith-based equine Assisted Philosophy™. We invite you to participate in a mini-clinic during the Better Equine Farm Tour on Saturday October 16th.
- Equine experience exercises include leading a horse, calming exercises and taking a horse through obstacles. Participate for one hour or all day (11am to 4pm)
- Ever experience fear, anxiety, grief or negative thoughts that hold you back from achieving something? During each session, participants will do self-reflection exercises relating to the horse while seeking guidance from internal thoughts, as stirred by the holy spirit! Get in touch with that still quiet voice to unlock what holds you back!
- Three 1-hour Mini Clinics at: 11am, 1pm and 3pm
- Limit 10 participants per clinic
- Participation is FREE! Must be signed up to participate. Contact Living Life Ranch at 913.723.5579 for more information or to register.

and the other farms along the tour...

28th Annual Old Fashioned Horse Parade!

Douglas County Fairgrounds
Lawrence, KS

SAVE THE DATE!

Don't miss an awesome opportunity to ride in 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



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Saturday December 4th
28th annual Old Fashioned
Horse Parade in Lawrence!

Join Kansas Horse Council
in the Parade

Stay afterwards for
KHC Annual Banquet
Celebration
Douglas County Fairgrounds,
Lawrence, KS

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](#)

Livestock Marketing: Like a Champion



The Kansas Department of Agriculture is offering a webinar series that will cover techniques and insight into marketing purebred livestock and genetics. This series will have multiple livestock producers and professionals to help give tips and tricks to improve your marketing skills!

[There will be a webinar every Wednesday evening from 7-8:00pm starting October 6th and ending November 3rd.](#)

The webinars are free of charge, but you must register for each event you wish to partake in!

For registration information, please contact:

Suzanne Ryan-Numrich
International Market Development
Kansa Department of Agriculture
785-564-6704 (Office)
Suzanne.Numrich@ks.gov
www.agriculture.ks.gov

For more information, please click the link:

[**KDA Livestock Marketing Webinar Series**](#)

Scott Lake State Park Trail Ride

The Kansas Horse Council would like to invite you to come ride with us at the Scott Lake State Park! There will be cookies and door prizes following the ride for all participants!!


Come out and enjoy the fun filled day! Bring friends, family, or both!

Come ride with KHC as your guide at beautiful, historic Lake Scott State Park!
follow signs to gathering area, just beyond the lake.
On site registration from 8:45am to 9:45am.
\$10 for KHC/\$15 for nonmembers. Kids 12 & under Free.

Call 785-776-0662 for more information.
Primitive Camping available. All vehicles need Park Permit.

Cookies & Door Prizes following ride!

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Horsemanship Rewards Program- Mile Marker Award Winners!

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100 Hours:

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- Frank Buchman
- Jennifer Carahan
- Karen Carr
- Julie DeYoung
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- Debbie Mercer
- Jan Moore

- Sila Samo
- Pattie Stalder
- Chris Kaegi-Stephens
- Rosie Sweeten
- Cheryl Thomas
- Jim Thomas
- Joyce Troyer
- John Zeliff



250 Hours:

- Lyric Bartz
- Marty Bloomquist
- Frank Buchman
- Karen Carr
- Julie DeYoung
- Donna Droge
- Kelley Hamersky
- Gabby Hamler
- Cadence Mai
- Jan Moore
- Nancy Owens
- Pattie Stalder
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- Rosie Sweeten
- Cheryl Thomas
- Jim Thomas
- Joyce Troyer

500 Hours:

- Karen Carr
- Donna Droge
- Kelley Hamersky
- Jan Moore
- Cheryl Thomas

1000 Hours:

- Donna Droge
- Jan Moore
- Cheryl Thomas

1500 Hours:

- Donna Droge
- Jan Moore

2000 Hours:

- Donna Droge



American Horse Council Youth Engagement Survey

The purpose of this survey is to determine the level of engagement in the equine community to help assist with youth and young adult involvement.

It will also help determine the perception of the community's support and efforts towards youth and young adults within the industry.

Please click the link below to fill it out!! Only takes a couple of minutes!

Survey closes October 8, 2021!

[AHC Youth Engagement Survey](#)



Winners Named At Ranch Rodeo In Council Grove

By Frank J. Buchman



Rezac Land & Livestock of Onaga won the 35th annual invitational ranch rodeo Sunday afternoon at Council Grove. Fourteen teams of Flint Hills cowboys competed in the oldest continuous ranch rodeo sponsored by the Morris County Youth Rodeo Association.

Members of the winning team are Tyrel McClintock, Russell Rezac, Matt Rezac, and Corey Lundberg. Event placings included team roping, second; double mugging, second; steer

branding, seventh; and team penning, seventh.

Second place team honors went to Lilley Performance Horses of Strong City. Riders were Josh Lilley, Kolby Boos, Cliff Hall and Ty Swiler.

Keith Cattle Company, Allen, was third represented by Justin Keith, Paul Blair, Zack Parkin and Clay Wilson.

Fourth place was Edwards/Hebb with Bailey Hebb, Bill Bankson, Colby Bankson and Vance Hill.

Bar Flying W Ranch, Council Grove, won the youth ranch rodeo Sunday morning. Team members were Mandy Wainwright, Macey Bolen, Jayden Patry and Ransom Tiffany.

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Animal Welfare Council News and Updates

**Biden Decision to Ban Horses for
Border Patrol Draws Backlash
from Republicans**

On September 23rd, 2021, Biden released a statement saying that U.S Border Patrol agents were banned from using horses in Del Rio, TX after a picture had gone viral showing the agents apprehending immigrants.

The Republican Party responded by saying Biden needs to pay more attention to the border crisis his administration started

For the full article, click the link below:

[*U.S Border Crisis*](#)



Activists Rally to Ban Carriage Horses in New York City

Animal rights activists came together and rallied outside of the stables on the West Side of New York to protest the use of horses on the streets.

To see the full video/story, click the link below:

[*Banning of Carriage Horses in New York City*](#)

Training Horses To Stand With Hobbles Has Long Term Benefits

By Frank J. Buchman

Most horses are not taught to be hobbled. However, teaching a horse hobbling can be low stress with long-lasting benefits when done methodically and safely.

That's according to trainer Bryan Neubert with years of horse experience using them to work cattle in wide-open spaces.

Hobbling a horse makes it comfortable with the restraint when he uses them

for ranch work. Hobbling prepares the horse to stand for a farrier and makes handling the horse's legs and feet easier. While Neubert trains most young horses to hobbles, but whether young or old, he uses the same method.

When I work on big ranches there is seldom anywhere to tie a horse," Neubert said. "The only way to leave a horse is to hobble it, so that has become a standard procedure." Training a horse to hobbles helps it learn to yield instead of having a defensive frame of mind, Neubert continued. Still there is a systematic method starting with soft leather hobbles, a long rope, and the horse on soft ground.



Each session lasts about 15 minutes, depending on the horse's mindset. Typically, the first hobbling lesson is after the horse has been ridden. In the middle of a corral, Neubert stands the same direction as the horse and starts rubbing the front legs. "I am on the left side of the horse. I don't want to bend over and get kicked if the horse isn't used to being handled," Neubert said. "I run my hand down the horse's leg and if it stands, I attach the hobbles to the right foreleg." Standing on the left but attaching the right first allows Neubert to keep feet close together for hooking the hobbles. "I put the hobble high on the cannon bone, right under the knee," Neubert said. "Hobbles must have plenty of holes to adjust to different horses' sizes." Once Neubert applies the right hobble, if the horse is accepting pressure, he attaches the left side. Then Neubert steps back and to the side of the horse, never in front, in case it jumps.

It is natural for the horse to struggle when first restrained. "That makes a horse insecure because it can't spread its feet," Neubert said. "Some will try to take off; others will come toward you looking for a friend. Sometimes they will run backward and can turn over if not given plenty of slack in the rope." The horse might fall down. "Don't just stand there when the horse is struggling, but don't try to outrun a horse in hobbles," Neubert said. "The rope is necessary to control the horse's speed.

"I don't want a horse to figure out how to travel pretty good hobbled," Neubert said. "I come to this whole thing as a cowboy, and I want to keep that horse where I last saw him." "I rub on the horse, console it when standing still," Neubert said. "Once the horse wants to stand and decides

it can live with the hobbles, I may call it a day."

When Neubert starts to trust a horse to stand hobbled, he will add a distraction to the situation with another horse. "Usually, the hobbled horse tries to follow before understanding it is easier to stay put," Neubert said. "A hobbled horse will be more secure with other hobbled horses, so I will try it in a group." One thing Neubert doesn't do is let the hobbled horse graze. If the horse grazes the area nearby, it will start to travel to better grass.

When a horse is hobble-broke, Neubert wants the horse ready to head out in a hurry. So, he leaves the bridle on, reins tied up to the saddle horn, and the horse hobbled to stand. "If a horse is broke to hobble, it is less apt to pull its foot hard when caught in a fence," Neubert said. "No matter what the horse's job will be, hobbling helps."



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NEWS RELEASE
March 30, 2021

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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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[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

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KHC License Plate Info



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The \$30 tax deductible donation will appear on
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be returned and the current owner's registration
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Insurance Wise Investment For High Valued Horses

By Frank J. Buchman

With record prices being reported for top performance horses, owners are the most conscious ever about insuring their investment "Many factors must be considered when purchasing equine insurance to get the right coverage at affordable prices," said Karen McCuistion. "Foremost it is important to find an agent who knows the horse business," emphasized the American Quarter Horse Association official. "Partner with an agent with expertise in your horse's discipline," advised McCuistion from her Amarillo, Texas, office. "Ask around for recommendations for from someone who has done business with that agent before."

Insurance is an important part of any business or individual's financial foundation. "Many horse owners learn the hard way that opting against insurance can be costly," McCuistion said. Horse accidents can be expensive. "Buying insurance is one way to help protect your financial investment," McCuistion said. "Horses can be become one our biggest assets, so it's important to be covered correctly."

Most people understand the necessity of carrying homeowner's insurance. "That same logic should apply to horse insurance," McCuistion explained. "Upon buying a horse insurance policy, the financial risk associated with losing that horse is transferred to the insurance company." It can be difficult to put a value on a horse.

"When determining the value of a horse, the ultimate decision is made by the insurance underwriter," McCuistion said. "The agent is a good resource who will be familiar enough with the market to help determine the value." Many factors are considered when assessing a horse's value. For weanlings being insured by their breeders, generally the stud fee is used as a starting point. As the horse enters training and makes its first start, its value will change. "A good insurance agent will adjust those values as time goes on," McCuistion continued. "So, an owner isn't paying extra premiums on a horse whose value has dropped or underinsured on a new champion."

When compared to veterinary bills and training costs, horse insurance premiums can be among the lowest in a budget. "Still, there are times that the budget needs a little

help," McCuiston said. "Owners should work with their agent to secure the most coverage they can afford within their limits."

When insuring a large number of horses or a handful of high-dollar horses, there can be benefit from deductible policies. "Agreeing to pay a deductible increases the amount of risk an owner is willing to take. However, the premium is lowered in the process," McCuiston said. "Deductibles are sometimes referred to as self-retention. The more an owner retains risk, the insurance becomes cheaper." Most carriers require a minimum policy value to write a deductible policy for horses. "Still, if insuring horses for a large amount, it is worth checking into advantages of a deductible policy," McCuiston said.

Another option for insuring large numbers of horses is specified peril policies, which are less expensive than full mortality policies. "Typically, specified peril policies cover things such as fire, lightning, transportation, theft, acts of God and accidents," McCuiston said. It's important to check for discounts when it comes to equine insurance by combining farm auto and equine mortality with one company. "Even though you may not be eligible for a multiple-horse discount, you could be eligible for threshold discounts," McCuiston said.



Attention Horse Owners! **Confirmed West Nile Virus Case!**

The Kansas Horse Council and Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Animal Health want to make it aware to all horse owners that a case of West Nile Virus (WNV) in Shawnee County has been confirmed in one horse. If you or anyone you know has horses, read this statement from the KDA with information about WNV!

NEWS RELEASE
September 3, 2021

For more information:
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West Nile Virus Confirmed in Horse in Shawnee County

MANHATTAN, Kansas — The Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Animal Health has received notification of a confirmed case of West Nile virus (WNV) in a horse in Shawnee County.

“West Nile virus is a preventable disease, and we know that annual vaccinations have proven highly effective for horses,” said Kansas Animal Health Commissioner Justin Smith. “Unfortunately, the infected animal had not been vaccinated for this virus. We strongly encourage all horse owners to consult with your local veterinarian and make a vaccination plan for your horses.”

WNV is a virus that can infect humans, horses, birds and other species. Horses infected with WNV can have symptoms that range from depression, loss of appetite and fever to severe neurologic signs such as incoordination, weakness, inability to rise, and hypersensitivity to touch or sound. WNV can be fatal in horses. If you see symptoms of WNV in your horse, contact your veterinarian immediately.

The virus is carried and transmitted by mosquitoes; although both horses and humans are susceptible, it is not directly contagious from horse to horse or from horse to human. Horse owners should work diligently to reduce the mosquito populations and their possible breeding areas, including removing stagnant water sources and using mosquito repellents. WNV is a reportable disease in Kansas, which means the law requires any confirmed case must be reported to the KDA Division of Animal Health.

For more information about West Nile virus or other animal disease issues in Kansas, go to the KDA Division of Animal Health website at www.agriculture.ks.gov/AnimalDiseases. Information about WNV risk for humans can be found on the Kansas Department of Health and Environment website at www.kdheks.gov/epi/arboviral_disease.htm.

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If you are a horse owner traveling, please be aware of your horses health as there have been confirmed cases of WNV in Colorado, Washington, Oklahoma, Oregon and California. As well as, Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) in Arkansas and Minnesota.

As an owner it is good to be aware of all the signs and symptoms of different diseases. The Kansas Horse Council and Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Animal Health want to remind owners all over the state to be proactive in trying to prevent disease outbreaks across the state.

If you ever have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Horse Council via phone or email!



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:

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!

The Lawrence Christmas Parade is one of the most unique parades in the nation. Authentic horse-drawn carriages parading down

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

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.

Marty Kennedy is president of the Parade board/committee, and she is asking who might be interested in participating in a 2021 Lawrence Horse Parade on December 4th.

If you would be interested in participating this year or in the future, please contact Marty by email at martyk9541@gmail.com



It's Never TOO early to think about Christmas!

Cowboys Sometimes Have Superstitious Beliefs

By Frank J. Buchman



"Don't touch my hat." A livestock judging teammate demanded that one late Saturday night after a national contest. Without a thought, his black felt hat on the table with crown down had been moved onto the nearby bed. Immediately the hat was returned to original location and his direct order is still remembered a half

century later. Cowboys are generally very conscientious about their hats, many having certain superstitions about them.

Obviously, first and foremost, "don't put a hat the bed, because it brings bad luck." True or false, a hat is never thrown on the bed, preferably hung on the rack. One year during the National Finals Rodeo, a cowboy's mother accidentally placed his hat on the bed. He showed up to compete in a smashed hat after he'd threw it outside and stomped the bad luck out.

Nearly everyone involved with horses is superstitious about certain things. Competitors agree: "Don't wear anything new or anything yellow in competition or green if riding English tack." Horseshoes are believed to bring good fortune. "Hanging a horseshoe heels up above a doorway brings luck to all. But a horseshoe turned upside down will let all the luck drain out." Still others claim a horseshoe should be hung upside down to stop the devil sitting in the bottom of it. "A shoe from the hind foot of a grey mare is luckiest of all." The reason one of Boots' old shoes is still in the tack room, although she's been gone several decades.

"One white foot, buy him. Two white feet, try him. Three white feet, be on the sly. Four white feet, just pass him by." John Wayne, Jim Hardy, Rex Allen, Roy Rodgers, and Gene Autry obviously didn't have that superstition. "Stepping in manure is good luck," according to one superstitious racetrack groom who doesn't do his job very well.

Old time horse trainers had superstitions that have carried through generations and are still sometimes quoted. "Horses with two whorls on their head will be trickier to train. Roman nosed horses are stubborn. A horse with ears that curl will be feisty and hot-heated." Obviously sometimes they're right, but often they're wrong. Horses can be weather forecasters, according to some beliefs. "It's going to rain if you see horses standing with their backs to a hedge."

Breeding top horses is a gamble at best despite proven records to the contrary. Certain breeders insist, "If a stallion dips his nostrils deep into water, he will be a good sire." Before modern imaging technology, horsemen claimed to be able to tell the sex of an unborn foal. "Tie a nail to a hair from the mare's tail and hold it above the mare's hindquarters. If it swings in a circle, it's a filly. If it swings back and forth, it's a colt. If it doesn't move, the mare isn't in foal."

Not many horsemen call horses by their registered names. A high percentage of horses have a call name. "Yet, it's unlucky to change a horse's name," the superstitious claim. Few cowboys braid manes although there are some who will braid the tail to keep it out of mud and water.

The show people and English riders who do braid manes claim: "Always braid 13 plaits for a gelding, and 12 for a mare." Others believe it should "always be an even number of plaits, including the forelock to avoid bad luck."

A horse with an indentation in the neck, often called a "Devil's Thumb Print" is seen to be lucky. The horse supposedly "survived an encounter with the devil." Several mares in the pasture have such indentions, and they always seem to have the best foals. Darker horses are sometimes believed to be difficult. Grey-colored horses were popular centuries ago when they were claimed to "offer protection against the evil power of witches." Many grey horses in the ranch pasture are there because two mentor horse breeders found considerable success with grey stallions. "When you see a white horse, lick your left thumb. Press it to your right hand and stamp it with your left fist. This brings good luck," a friend's grandma believed.

Still when a black cat crosses in front of a colt on the first ride, it's best to be ready.

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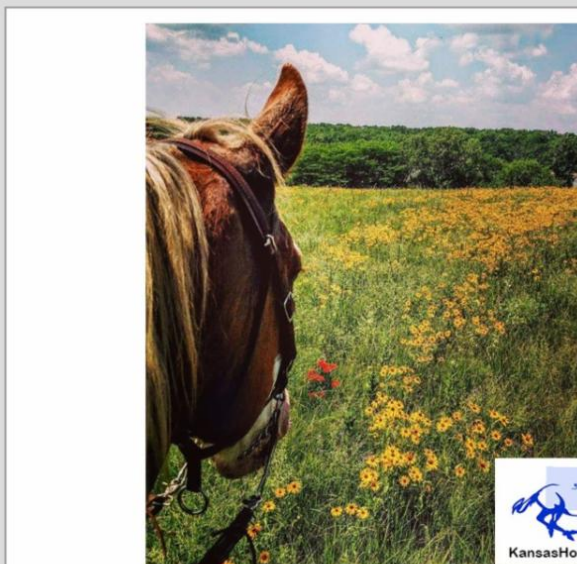
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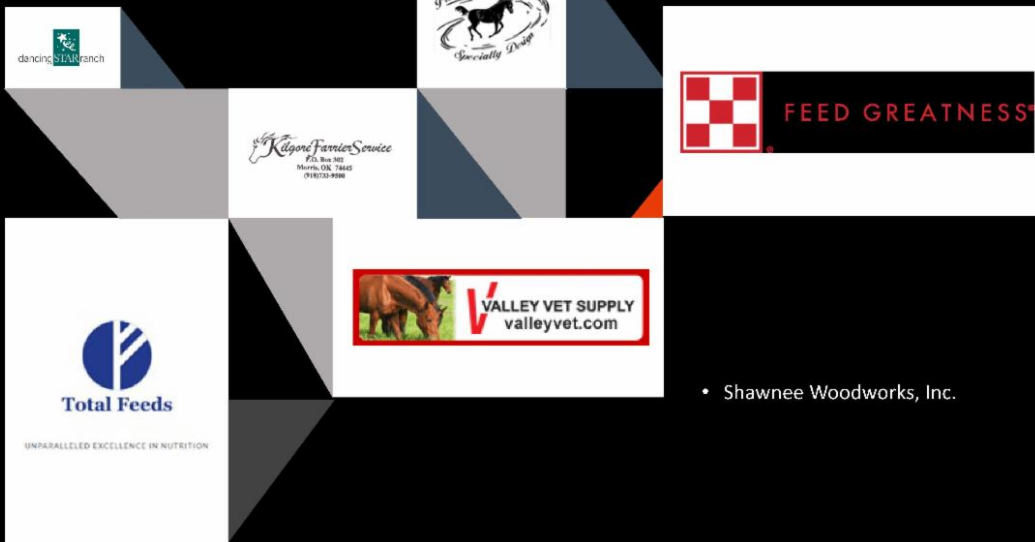
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