

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



September 2021 EDITION



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

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2021 Upcoming Events and Calendar

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[Calendar of Submitted Events](#)

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If interested in more information or to register for an event, please email us at
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Kansas State Fair Versatility Ranch Horse Show

AQHA Versatility Ranch Horse Show will be hosted on **September 12 and 13th** at the Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson, KS. Also offering ALL BREED Futurity Derby and Stakes classes!

KANSAS STATE FAIR

Offering
ALL BREED
Futurity
Derby & Stakes
Classes

AQHA VERSATILITY RANCH HORSE SHOW Sunday, September 12 & Monday, September 13

Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson, Kan. • www.kansasstatefair.com

Judges: David Avery, Amarillo, Texas; Tracy Willis, Rogersville, Mo.

Show Manager: Sue Nickel - 620-874-2452 ** Western Kansas Horse Show Management

SUNDAY - 1PM

1. ALL BREED Futurity Herd Work
2. ALL BREED Derby Herd Work
3. VRH Open Cutting
4. VRH Amateur Cutting
5. VRH Lmt. Amateur Cutting
6. ALL BREED Futurity Cow Work
7. ALL BREED Derby Cow Working
8. ALL BREED Non Pro Stakes Cow Work
9. ALL BREED Lmt. Non Pro Stakes Cow Work
10. VRH Open Cow Work
11. VRH Amateur Cow Work
12. VRH Lmt. Amateur Cow Work

\$7,000 ADDED MONEY

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<https://www.kansasstatefair.com/p/competitions/livestock-exhibitor-information/in-state-animal-health-certificate-requirements>

MONDAY - 9AM

13. VRH Amateur Ranch Riding
14. VRH Amateur Trail
15. VRH Lmt. Amateur Ranch Riding
16. VRH Lmt. Amateur Trail
17. VRH Open Ranch Riding
18. VRH Open Ranch Trail
19. ALL BREED Non Pro Ranch Riding Stakes
20. ALL BREED Open Ranch Riding Stakes
21. ALL BREED Futurity Reining
22. ALL BREED Derby Reining
23. ALL BREED Non Pro Stake Reining
24. ALL BREED Lmt. Non Pro Reining
25. VRH Amateur Reining
26. VRH Ltd. Amateur Reining
27. VRH Opening Reining
28. VRH Amateur Conformation
29. VRH Ltd. Amateur Conformation
30. VRH Open Conformation

AQHA &
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Show

FEES & STALLING

AQHA VRH Entry Fee: \$15 per judge
AQHA Drug Fee: \$8 per judge
Cattle Charge: \$35 per run
Jump Out Fee: \$15
ALL BREED Open Futurity, Derby & Stakes Entry Fee: \$150
ALL BREED Non Pro Futurity, Derby & Stakes Entry Fee: \$75

Stalling and bedding must be reserved online thru the Kansas State Fair **prior to August 15**. No outside bedding is allowed on grounds. Exhibitors will receive one reduced cost gate wristband and additional may be purchased at time of stall reservations.
<https://kansaseq.fairwire.com/> for online stall reservations.

Kansas O-Mok-See Fun Day Show

Fun day show hosted by the Bit and Spur Saddle Club at the Bar K Bar Arena in Lyons, KS! Lots of events to participate in with some awesome prizes!

Entries:

Postmarked between July 16th - August 15th, \$8/event
Postmarked between August 16th - September 25th, \$9/event
At event - cash only, \$10/event

When:

September 26th - Grand Entry starting at 10:00am
September 27th - Grand Entry starting at 9:00am

Info/Questions:

Asa Galloway: (316)-619-6289
Kim Miller: (316)-244-8516



SEPTEMBER
26TH & 27TH 2020

BAR K BAR ARENA
LYONS, KS



INDOOR ARENA ELECTRIC & STALLS AVAILABLE

7 & Under ☀ 8-11 ☀ 12-15 ☀ Women ☀ Men ☀ Sr Women ☀ Sr Men

Awards Given in Each Age Group

Hi-Point Saddles

CERTIFICATE FOR CORRIENTE CUSTOMIZABLE TROPHY SADDLE

Reserve Hi-Point Buckles

CERTIFICATE FOR CUSTOMIZABLE BUCKLE

& Many Other Prizes



INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

KEYS 360 EIGHT RACE
HALF EIGHT FIGURE EIGHT
ARENA RACE KEY RACE
3 POLE WEAVE TOP & TURN
FLAG RACE 2 BARREL FLAG

TEAM EVENTS PAIR EVENTS
WESTERN RELAY PAIR POLES
 TURN & BURN PAIRS

Rules and regulations will be in accordance with NSCA's rules

WILL BE RAN IN 3 LANE FORMAT

GRAND ENTRY
SATURDAY
10:00 AM

GRAND ENTRY
SUNDAY
9:00 AM

COWBOY
CHURCH
SUNDAY 8:30 AM

\$30 Sponsorship Fee Required to be Eligible for Hi-Point Awards

For every \$500 collected in Sponsorships 1 Rider's Entries are complimentary
 For every \$250 collected in over \$500 Sponsorships 1 STALL is complimentary

ENTRIES ENTRIES WILL CLOSE AT 7:00 AM DAY OF SHOW

SEE ENTRY FORM FOR ADDITIONAL FEES AND INFORMATION

POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE JULY 15TH \$5 PER EVENT
 POSTMARKED BETWEEN JULY 16TH - AUGUST 15TH \$8 PER EVENT
 POSTMARKED BETWEEN AUGUST 16TH - SEPT 25TH \$9 PER EVENT
 TURNED IN AT EVENT CASH ONLY \$10 PER EVENT

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KHJA Shows



Vermillion Valley Equine
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Location:

Belvue, KS

When:

September 18 - 19

For more information,
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Kansas State Fair Horse Show Schedule

Come on out to the Kansas State Fair to witness all of the
equine shows going on from **September 10th - 19th!**

Schedule:

September 10th:

Equitation Show - 8:00am
Draft Horse Show - 12:00pm

September 11th:

Equitation Show - 8:00am
Draft Show - 10:00am
Draft Team Pull - 4:00pm
Draft 6 Horse Hitch - 6:30pm

September 12th:

Draft Horse Show - 10:00am
Quarter Horse Versatility Show - 1:00pm

September 13th:

Quarter Horse Versatility Show - 9:00am

September 14th:

Miniature Horse Show - 9:00am
Mounted Shooting Demos - 9:00am
Mounted Shooting Competition - 4:00pm

September 15th:

American Freedom Riders Demo - 10:00am

September 16th:

4-H Horse Show (Halter, Showmanship, and Trail) - 2:00pm

September 17th:

4-H Horse Show (Western Pleasure, Horsemanship, Reining, and Ranch Classes) - 8:00am

September 18th:

4-H Horse Show (English) - 8:00am
Mustang Show (In-hand Trail) - 3:00pm

September 19th:

Mustang Show (Showmanship and Freestyle) - 8:00am

For full schedule of events, click the link below:

[Visit our website](#)



2021 South Central Versatility Ranch Horse Affiliate

The SCVRHA is an affiliate of the National Versatility Ranch Horse Association (NVRHA). They cover Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma putting on versatility shows and clinics.

**They will be hosting the NVRHA Finals in Lincoln, NE on
September 24th - 26th.**

For more information or to register, please see flyer below.
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2021 SOUTH CENTRAL VERSATILITY RANCH HORSE AFFILIATE

Sept 24-26
NVRHA FINALS
Lincoln, NE

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100 Hours:

- Skylar Amlong
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- Marty Bloomquist
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- Olivia Bova
- Frank Buchman
- Jennifer Carahan
- Karen Carr
- Julie DeYoung
- Donna Droge
- Michaela Gruber
- Kelley Hamersky
- Gabby Hamler
- Cadence Mai
- Jean McCormick
- Debbie Mercer
- Jan Moore

- Nancy Owens
- Dee Romanda
- 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

500 Hours:

- Karen Carr
- Donna Droge
- Kelley Hamersky

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- Julie DeYoung
- Donna Droge
- Kelley Hamersky
- Gabby Hamler
- Cadence Mai
- Jan Moore
- Nancy Owens
- Pattie Stalder
- Chris Kaegi-Stephens
- Rosie Sweeten
- Cheryl Thomas
- Jim Thomas
- Joyce Troyer

- Jan Moore
- Cheryl Thomas

1000 Hours:

- Donna Droge
- Jan Moore
- Cheryl Thomas

1500 Hours:

- Donna Droge
- Jan Moore

2000 Hours:

- Donna Droge



Come see Chris Cox at
Equifest 2022!

He will be giving presentations and clinics on a variety of topics you don't want to miss!

Save the Date - March 18th, 19th, and 20th!

We hope to see you there!!



Positioning Of Feet Often Overlooked Vital Part In Developing Riding Horse

By Frank J. Buchman

"A positive start is the key to an outstanding finished working horse." However, that requires skill and finesse, according to Chris Cox, professional horseman and clinician. At a recent colt starting event, the Mineral Wells, Texas, trainer revealed tips to prepare horses for a performance career. "It is vital to start a young with soft cues every single time and only increase as needed", Cox emphasized. "Communicate to your horse by gently showing the horse what you'd like it to do," he said. "Feel in your own body persuades the colt to follow your ideas. "Do not ever jerk on a horse as it makes him defensive," Cox pointed out.

Still, if a horse isn't catching on, a firmer cue will help the horse understand boundaries. "When a horse doesn't respond to multiple requests, a sharp reprimand like heavy heel force will generally correct him," Cox said. More extreme correction is only necessary when a handler needs to defend himself from a horse kicking, biting or pawing. One of the worst things is to let a young horse become bored. "These colts want you to move forward on them," Cox said. "So you must have short sessions in a learning rhythm.

"Their mind operates so fast, and you must keep up with that," the clinician continued. "If you get too lethargic and slow, their mind gets to looking for sourness." This is true for the initial saddling and riding process as well. "Get your young horse out on the range," Cox encouraged. "Provide your horse with fresh obstacles in the arena like pushing steers, crossing bridges, even just swinging a lariat."

Feet of the horse must be controlled. "Their head has nothing to do with their feet initially," Cox explained. "The handler must concentrate on the horse's feet connecting the rein to their feet." Flexing the horse's head around with the young horse just standing can create a dangerous situation. "It is vital that all four of the feet move so the horse doesn't get stuck," Cox said. "If feet get stuck then the rest of his body becomes stiff which could result in a potentially explosive setup." When a young horse gets rambunctious, "A lot of times, it's because their feet are stuck," Cox said. "Once moving, it must be all feet, not just one or two."

After a horse is going comfortably under saddle, the final piece of the puzzle is developing more "feel" while being ridden. Again, stiffness in the horse usually indicates a problem in the feet. "Never address resistance like a tossed head by pulling on the horse's face," Cox said

"Instead ask the horse to soften and move their feet smoothly. "When a rider jerks on their young horse's head, they're training them to have to raise their head the rest of their lives," Cox said. "It's not about their head it's about controlling those feet."



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Historical Council Grove Pageant

Come out and watch the historic play at the Neosho River Amphitheater on September 17th and 18th starting at 8:00pm!!



Historical Council Grove Pageant Depicts Tensions Between Native Americans And Santa Fe Trail Settlers

By Frank J. Buchman

First settlers in Council Grove on the Santa Fe Trail were intruders on Native Americans already long-established area residents. "Times when Native American and Euro-American cultures collided 150 years ago are being relived at Council Grove," said Sharon Haun. "Voices of the Wind

People is an historically accurate depiction of the tensions surrounding those events," the committee chairperson explained.

The pageant will be in the new Neosho River Amphitheater Friday and Saturday evenings, September 17-18, at 8 o'clock. "Pre-performance music and activities will begin at 7 o'clock, so plan to arrive early," Haun encouraged.

Performances take the audience back in time to the mid-1850s presenting changes affecting two vastly different cultures. As the Kaw people were being relocated and European American settlers were populating Council Grove, co-existence proved to be intense. "Their stories are told in alternating perspectives of the Kaw Nation and the new settlers," Haun said.

Chief Allegawaho, recorded by his real life descendent, Luther Pepper, narrates the Kaw story. Seth Hays, performed by Council Grove resident Mark Brooks, recounts the rural town's version. Written by Ron Parks and first performed in 1992, the dramatization eventually became a biennial production until last year.

"Coronavirus issues caused cancelation of that scheduled presentation with the last pageant in 2018," Haun said. "However, this year's pageant will be even more special as we commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail."

This multimedia production incorporates historic photos, images of the prairie landscape, and video montages. There will be live-action re-enactments of a pack train, wagon train, stagecoach, gunfights, dancing, tepees, and a Kanza campfire.

Entirely volunteer staff and performers present the two-hour production "Thirty members of the Kaw Nation travel to Council Grove from Kaw City, Oklahoma, to portray their ancestors," Haun said. "They enact village scenes and perform dramatic roles and traditional dances." Stadium seats or cushions are encouraged as the seating in the amphitheater is built of native limestone.

"There will be a historical horse drawn wagon show and a mountain man encampment," Hawn said. "Speakers and demonstrations are scheduled to discuss and present skills needed on the original Santa Fe Trail." Additional details and ticket information can be found at voicesofthewindpeople.com, as well as santafetrail200.com, and on Facebook.



Equine Owners and Enthusiasts!

The Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Animal Health is wanting equine owners to start taking proactive measures to prevent VSV, Vesicular Stomatitis Virus.

Last year, there was an outbreak across Kansas of VSV. This year, the KDA and KHC want owners to be aware of the symptoms and signs of the virus to help prevent another outbreak from occurring.

Vesicular Stomatitis Virus (VSV) in Horses

Vesicular stomatitis virus (VSV) is a viral disease that primarily affects horses and cattle and occasionally swine, sheep, goats, llamas, and alpacas. Humans can also become infected with the disease when handling affected animals, resulting in flu-like symptoms, but this is a rare event. Time from exposure to the onset of clinical signs is 2-8 days.

Infected premises are placed under quarantine for a minimum of 14 days. VSV is a state reportable disease.



Symptoms:

1. Excessive salivation
2. Lesions in the mouth & nose
3. Lack of appetite
4. Lesions around the feet
5. Lameness
6. Teat, prepuce & ear lesions

Report:

Vesicular stomatitis is a reportable disease. To report VSV, call the Kansas Division of Animal Health at 785-564-6601.

Prevention:

1. Strict fly control in and around the farm
 - Manure management and elimination of fly breeding areas
 - Appropriate insecticide use for horses, barns, and outdoor areas
2. Do not share equipment, tools, or tack
3. Separate suspect animals immediately and report
4. Shows, fairs, and rodeos may institute new entry requirements
 - A health certificate issued within 2-5 days prior to an event can be beneficial in reducing risks

Old Bloodlines Important For Producing Today's Top Performance Quarter Horses

By Frank J. Buchman

"That horse is too old fashioned. It takes modern bloodlines and type to be successful in the Quarter Horse business today." Many times new enthusiasts to Quarter Horse ownership and exhibiting made that comment four decades ago.

To an extent, they were correct. Horses with pedigrees different than what many breeders had been producing were the show ring winners and sale toppers. They looked different and performed more exclusively to

unique precision without names of foundation horses in their lineage. Time has again turned the table. "What was old is new again," according to increasing number of breeders today producing highest-priced, demanded, well-conformed athletic Quarter Horses

In the '50s and '60s, it was typical for a Quarter Horse showing morning halter and afternoon rail pleasure-type competitions. Then back home in the evening rounding up cattle. As shows became more discipline-specific, it was advantageous to have a specialized Quarter Horse that performed its show-particular job better.

However, that also had drawbacks. In some cases, bones and joints became more fragile, hoof sizes shrank and dispositions became temperamental. Now, a number of Quarter Horse breeders are looking back to the tried-and-true traits of older bloodlines for today's horses.

Deborah Skow, Horizon Quarter Horses, Keenesburg, Colorado, and John Anderson, Willow Creek Quarter Horses, Plainview, Nebraska, are among them. "When horsemen were establishing the Quarter Horse registry, they wanted to separate it from other breeds of horses," Skow said. "They wanted an all-around horse that could do everything." The industry moved away from that to specialization. "However, the breed's original focus is again our breeding objective," Skow insisted. "We want that versatile, all-around athlete with a good disposition."

Anderson's breeding program focuses on producing a horse that can work. "We run a 15,000-head feedlot and an 800-head cow ranch. Our main focus is a true cow horse" he said. "Many of today's cutting and reining horses are not true working outfit-type horses." Unlike many ranches, four-wheelers are not used in Anderson's operation. "We have 12 to 14 geldings saddled every day to check pens and drive cows," he said. "We need a horse from 14.3 to 15 hands, because a smaller horse has problems in ranch country."

Both Skow and Anderson have foundation-type stallions and broodmares in their breeding programs. "We are pretty picky about what we like," Skow verified. "We will usually sit down and go carefully over what was produced the previous year." Eleven stallions used in the Horizon Quarter Horses program are mostly Poco Bueno or Doc Bar bred. "Certain mares have a better mix on one stallion than another. We are always looking to better our horses," Skow said, "I like to look at the individual and consider if I need to breed more bone or foot. Then, I might select one of our foundation horses to breed to a more modern-bred horse."

Willow Creek Quarter Horses produces colts to be consistent. "We don't want to be all over the board in our breeding program," Anderson said. "When somebody sees one of our geldings that's what we expect all of our horses to look like." Those horses have a sound mind and athletic ability. "Good disposition is first priority for us," Anderson said. "I feel like some of the older bloodlines are more inclined to that."

Disposition is of high importance for Skow too. "We started out with some halter horses. 25 years ago. But that wasn't going to serve the interests we had," she said. "We're selling mostly to an all-around market. We need

horses that are going to be something our customers enjoy." Conformation of early-day Quarter Horses appeal more to these breeders. "They were big, bulldog-type horses with lots of muscle, plenty of bone and good feet," Skow said. "A lot of modern lines are more refined with intent for speed which has led to health and soundness issues. Foundation horses can provide more solid bone and mass."

Time-tested genetic positives work well with certain bloodlines to fill in genetic weaknesses. Yet all foundation bloodlines are not equal. "I think the word 'foundation' has been over generalized and used a bit too loosely," Anderson said. "There are some foundation bloodlines that needed a real cowboy to ride them. Most of today's horse owners really can't be considered working cowboys who have that ability."

The breeders incorporate some line breeding into their programs. A horse is "line bred" or the product of line breeding when it has a common ancestor outside the fourth generation. Theories of line breeding can be very involved. "While he was an outstanding cutter in his time, I don't think Poco Bueno could compete well today," Skow said. "We keep Poco Bueno stallions for breeding to some bloodlines of today. This gives us the best of both worlds and produces an exceptional horse."

Willow Creek doesn't over emphasize the foundation blood "We have a lot of Driftwood in our horses but we never tout the percentage," Anderson said. "We like Driftwood, but we think to get caught up in single-trait selection lowers the bar on a breeding program. We always intend to make horses we produce better."



Foundation Stallion "Driftwood"

Be sure to fill out the survey



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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

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!!

GET A KANSAS HORSE COUNCIL TAG
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KANSAS HORSE COUNCIL PLATES
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HOW TO GET YOURS:
TROT over to your County Treasurers Office
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.


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Give Me A Horse Poem by Del Shields

Give me a horse when things are upside down.
He'll make me forget I have a care, how it all just came unwound.

Give me a horse when I'm feeling sad and blue.
Just feeling his girth between my knees, makes my spirit feel brand new.

Give me a horse when there's cattle work to do.
I don't need an ATV to see the job go through.

Give me a horse when the grandkids come to call.
We'll spend the day just ridin, as I set in the saddle tall.

Give me a horse while parading down the street.
I don't need a motorcade, I'm comfortable in my seat.

Give me a horse when the sun begins to set.
I'll take my sweetheart on a ride, she won't forget, you bet.

Give me a horse in the Springtime or the Fall.
I'll ride him in the Summer heat, and the Winter winds do call.

Give me a horse when my trail comes to an end.
I'll ride into the sunset, There I'll trade him with a Friend.

He'll give me a horse that I'll ride through endless day.
There, I'll trail His white horse, For I know HE knows the way.



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:
Heather Lansdowne
785-564-6706
AgMedia@ks.gov

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!

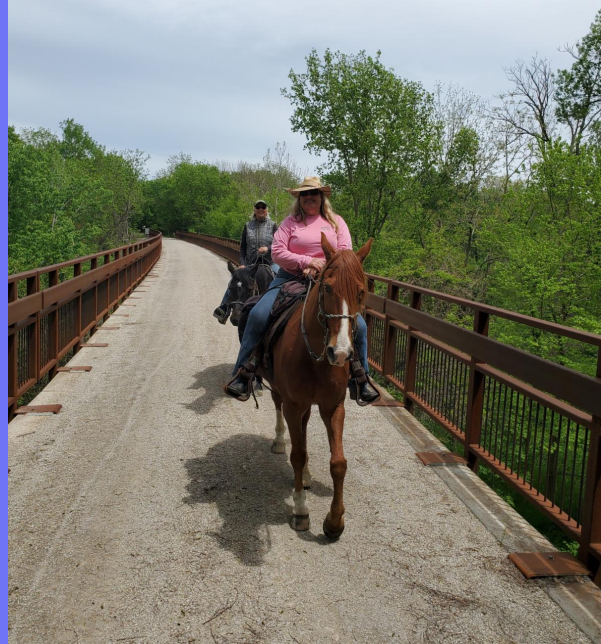
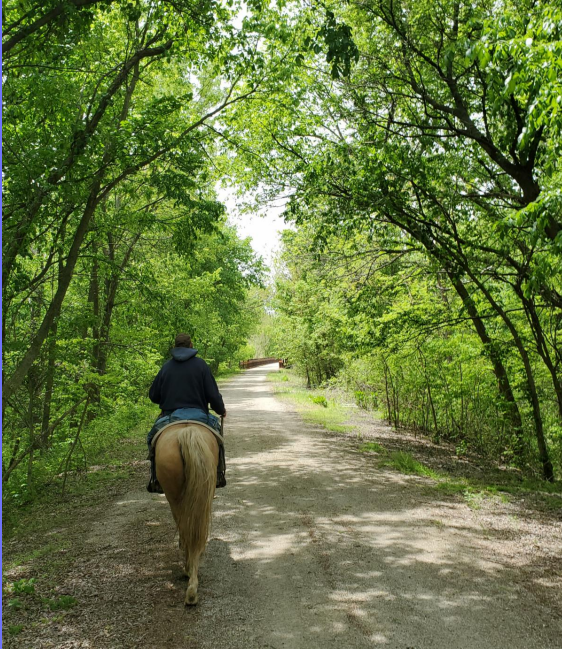
News & Updates From BCHKS

Back Country Horsemen of America-Kansas (BCHKS) has been overwhelmed by the response to the Santa Fe Trail Ride on the Flint Hills Trail, September 18. Registration closed within days of posting this event!

The organization looks forward to sharing the same views of the Kansas prairie that early pioneers saw as they traveled west toward Council Grove. The ride begins at the Bushong trailhead on the Flint Hills Trail and continues west to the Allegawaho Kaw Nation Memorial Park, just east of Council Grove. When completed, the Flint Hills Trail will extend 117 miles from Osawatomie to Herington and is open to non-motorized trail use. The trail is built on old railroad corridor and travels through several small Kansas communities. The Flint Hills Trail is currently open from Osawatomie to Council Grove and was recently adopted as a Kansas State Park.

If you are interested in reading more about the Santa Fe Trail, click the link below!

[View Article](#)



Back Country Horsemen of America-Kansas is looking forward to scheduling workdays on some of our public trails as the weather cools off this fall.

Much work is needed on the Pomona Lake trails and on the LaCygne Lake trails; the Saddle Ridge chapter has workdays already scheduled for **September 30** and **October 2**.

Stay tuned to the Facebook page, Back Country Horsemen of America Kansas Chapter, for workday information. Trail workdays are fun, and there is a job suitable for everyone!

LaCygne
Lake,
located in
Linn County,
KS



BCHKS Sunflower Chapter

Previous Trail ride at Pomona Lake located in Osage County, KS

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!

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!

The U.S Para Dressage Team Wins Bronze at Tokyo Olympics

The U.S Para Olympic Dressage Team finished the 2020 Tokyo Olympics with the Bronze medal!

The team consisted of:

- Kate Shoemaker aboard 14yr old Hanoverian, "Solitaer 40".
- Rebecca Hart aboard 12yr old KWPN (Royal Dutch Sport

Horse), "El Corona Texel".

- Roxanne Trunnell aboard 9yr old Hanoverian, "Dolton".



For the full article about the team and their winnings, click the link below:

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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



Crowning of Miss Rodeo Kansas 2022

At the beginning of August, Dodge City Roundup Rodeo hosted the annual Miss Rodeo Kansas Pageant. Girls from all over the state competed for the titles of Miss Rodeo Kansas and Miss Teen Rodeo Kansas!

The Kansas Horse Council would like to CONGRADULATE the new **Miss Rodeo Kansas 2022 - Zoe Bean** and **Miss Teen Rodeo Kansas 2022 - Eva Gaschler!!**



Miss Rodeo Kansas 2021 - Tiffany McCaffery will go on to compete for Miss Rodeo America!

This pageant competition will take place from November 28th - December 5th, so be sure to send support her way!

The Kansas Horse Council wants to thank Tiffany for all she has contributed to the council and wishes her Good Luck as she goes onto compete!





IT'S TIME TO JOIN UP

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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!

PROGRAM RULES & REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be a current KHC Member.
- Must pay a \$35.00 initial program enrollment fee the first year and then a \$15.00 annual program fee thereafter.
- May ride or handle more than one horse and it is not necessary to be the owner of the horse.
- Hourly log sheets may be submitted monthly, quarterly or annually. Annual submissions must be postmarked no later than December 31st.
- The KHC Member participant will need an Individual membership to track member rewards by name.
- Rewards points are not retroactive. Date of log begins on enrollment date.
- Rewards are subject to change based on availability.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
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Saddle up with Kansas Horse Council Horsemanship Rewards members only program! Earn prizes for spending time with horses!

Be sure to renew your 2021 membership and pay your fees to rollover your hours for the New Year!

Logs are submitted quarterly. Saddle up, ride and earn rewards...it's a great way to start a NEW year!

For more details visit:

[Horsemanship Rewards Info](#)

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SAVE THE DATE!!

Equifest 2022 has been set for **March 18, 19, and 20th!** That's right, we have moved to the third week of March! Mark you calendars today so you don't miss the fun!

We are going to be celebrating our 25th Anniversary, so you can be sure it will be packed with loads of amazing and fun activities for the whole family!

SAVE THE DATE!

25TH ANNIVERSARY!

EQUIFEST 2022

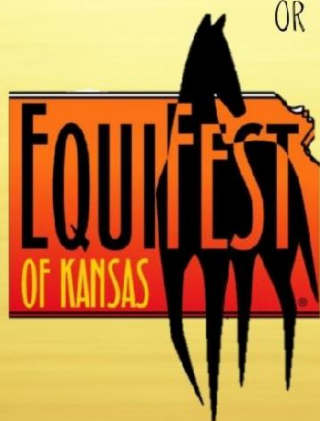
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Check our website or Facebook page for updates and news regarding Equifest! More information will be released soon!

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