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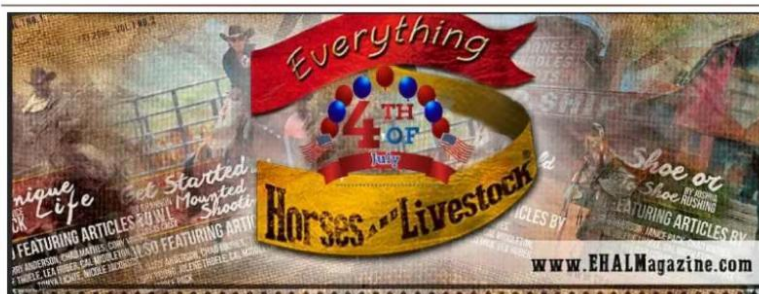
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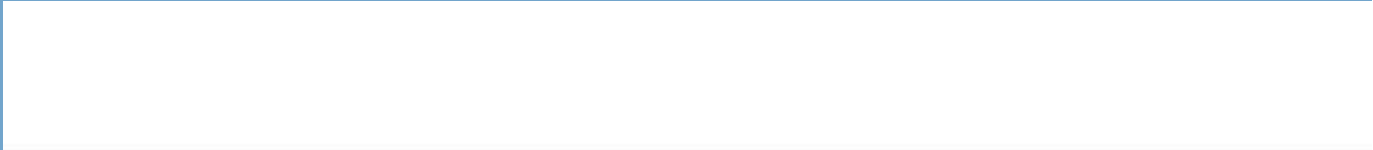


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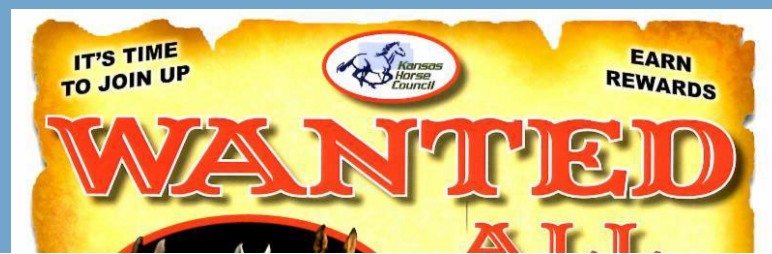
Pictured Right: Jan Moore

Jan is the KHC Region 5 Regional Director and Region 2 Regional Representative.

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Teenager Proves Horsemanship Skills As Repeat Highpoint 4-H State Fair Winner

By Frank J. Buchman

A young horsewoman's dedicated hard work combined with a "phenomenal" horse make repeat champions. Mallory Jackson and SLJ Smart Lil Okie, affectionately called JJ, won the highpoint 4-H horse show award at the Kansas State Fair. What makes the honor even more impressive is that it was the second consecutive year for the horse and rider team.

"I love showing horses and am fortunate to have such a great horse," said the 15-year-old Brewster High School sophomore. "Mallory spends lots of time perfecting her riding skills, and it has paid off," credited mom Melanie of Colby.

JJ is a 19-year-old sorrel Quarter Horse mare with a proven performance record. "We are a team and work well together," Mallory appreciated. Actually only riding five years, Mallory started out with another older sorrel Quarter Horse mare called Piggy. "We really didn't know much about horses or showing when she began, but we both spent a lot of time studying," Melanie noted. "I did everything I could on Piggy, learned by losing, but just kept practicing," Mallory admitted.

Occasionally seeking advice from professional horse trainers, the mother-daughter team learned together. "Mallory has provided lots of encouragement and been a great coach," Mallory appreciated.

Participating in 4-H horse activities, the young horse woman rode at local horse shows in Thomas and surrounding counties. As her skills improved, Mallory acquired a retired black and white Paint Horse. "Prince was 21-years-old with show experience and we did well together," she noted. However, to advance further, Mallory donated Prince to the Colby College Equestrian Team and found JJ. "She was a winning reining horse, and her previous owners actually sought out Mallory for her," Melanie said. "JJ is a great horse, but Mallory had to spend time learning to ride to her mount's ability. Still, Mallory is truly a natural working with horses," Melanie emphasized.

With outdoor and indoor riding facilities, Mallory was on horseback while classmates were often in other social activities. "I really always want to show my horse to her best abilities," Mallory said. Obviously, the young horsewoman's objective has been met and proven with repeat performances at the state fair in Hutchinson. A remarkable achievement, the highpoint championship was accomplished competing against a record number of horse show entries this year.

Anybody is pleased to win one class but Mallory and her great mount won five. They were first in reining, ranch riding pattern, ranch rail, level IV horsemanship and trail. Top that, the horse-rider team placed second in both English equitation and horsemanship. They were third in ranch trail, fifth English pleasure, sixth Western pleasure and 10th showmanship. "The overall championship is determined by the highest point exhibitor in all events," Melanie noted.

"JJ is truly an all-around horse, and I am very conscientious to ride the patterns with precision," Mallory said.

Having competed successfully in speed events, the horsewoman most enjoys perfecting her horsemanship skills in performance classes. "Mallory did well in racing competition with a horse she donated to a Garden City therapeutic horsemanship program," Melanie acknowledged.

In addition, Mallory won the state 4-H horse public speaking contest. She has attained the Level IV Horsemanship designation based on her riding ability, interview and testing.

"Before the state fair, I showed JJ at the American Quarter Horse Junior World Show in Oklahoma City," Mallory said. "That was a different level and a great experience." They placed 40th out of 196 entries in the ranch riding class.

Appreciating the work and knowledge necessary to succeed in horse competition, Mallory helps younger horse owners. "I really enjoy assisting 4-H members' increase their abilities with horses," she said. On top of serving as the 4-H club treasurer, Mallory is treasurer of the Brewster FFA Chapter. "I like to participate in all 4-H and FFA activities and especially enjoy livestock judging," she said.

Raising two foals out of a mare she owned, Mallory sold them as weanlings. "I learned so much about breeding and producing horses from that experience," she said. To expand her personal horse training abilities, Mallory has acquired a prospect from an area breeder. "I intend to train him myself and show in the 4-H pleasure futurities at the state fair," she said.

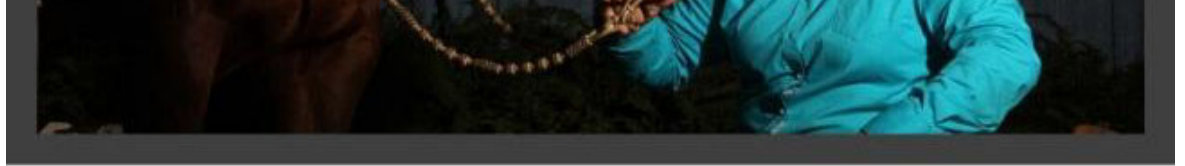
Again recognizing her Mom's assistance with horses, Mallory also credits her older sister. "Miah doesn't have the same interests in showing personally but she's a big help for me getting ready for competition," Mallory appreciated.

Uncertain about her career, Mallory knows she'll be lifelong involved with horses. "I am still considering what direction my education will go," she said. "Horse health is very important to me, so I will probably pursue studying veterinary science."

Participation on an equitation team is a strong possibility during her college years.

With her proven abilities, champion horse exhibitor Mallory Jackson insisted, "I definitely want to help others improve their horsemanship skills."





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KHC 2020 REGIONAL EVENT RECAPS & MORE TO COME



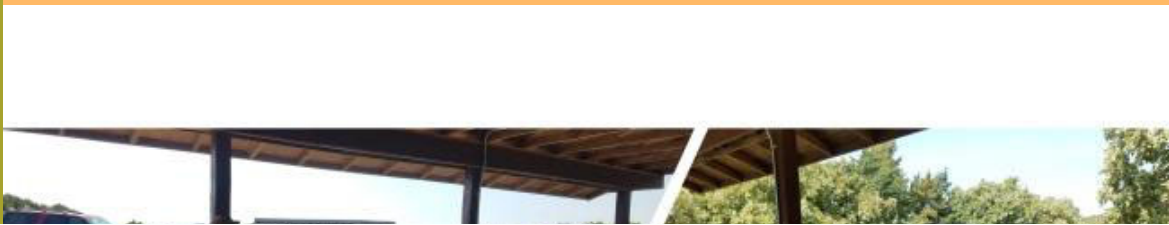
Saturday, September 26 was the KHC Region 2 trail ride at Randolph State Park, coordinated by Pattie Stalder.

The event drew 32 riders on a warm and sunny Saturday! Guest Speakers over the lunch hour included Olivia Huddleston of Kansas Trails Council, Luc Valer a dedicated trail steward, Diana Skinner with Back Country Horsemen of KS (accompanied by Sherry Watkins-BCHKS) and Todd Lovin, the Tuttle Creek Parks Manager.

Trails there are technical and Ozark like, which provided a nice challenge to the riders.



Age of riders was 6 years on up to 70+. The overarching goal of this Region 2 event was to encourage support of the park trails, maybe develop a chapter of BCHA-KS folks or a Friends group to help step up and maintain the park trail system as there is not currently a group in place (just a few individuals) for future continuation of maintenance and improvements.





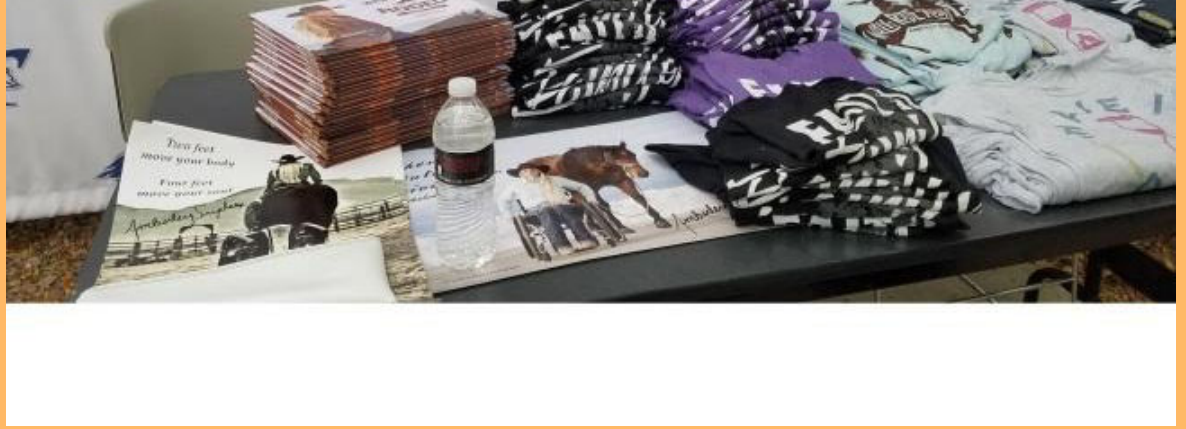
While most of the riders were from Wichita, there were several within an hour distance who were interested in helping if a workday is scheduled in the future.

Work Day planners will notify KHC and we will share news with BCHA-KS.

All parties will post these workdays on FB to encourage volunteer support. It was also reiterated that group riders using these trails **do** help to keep them cleared, just by usage!

Bring your friends to Randolph and ride some trail!





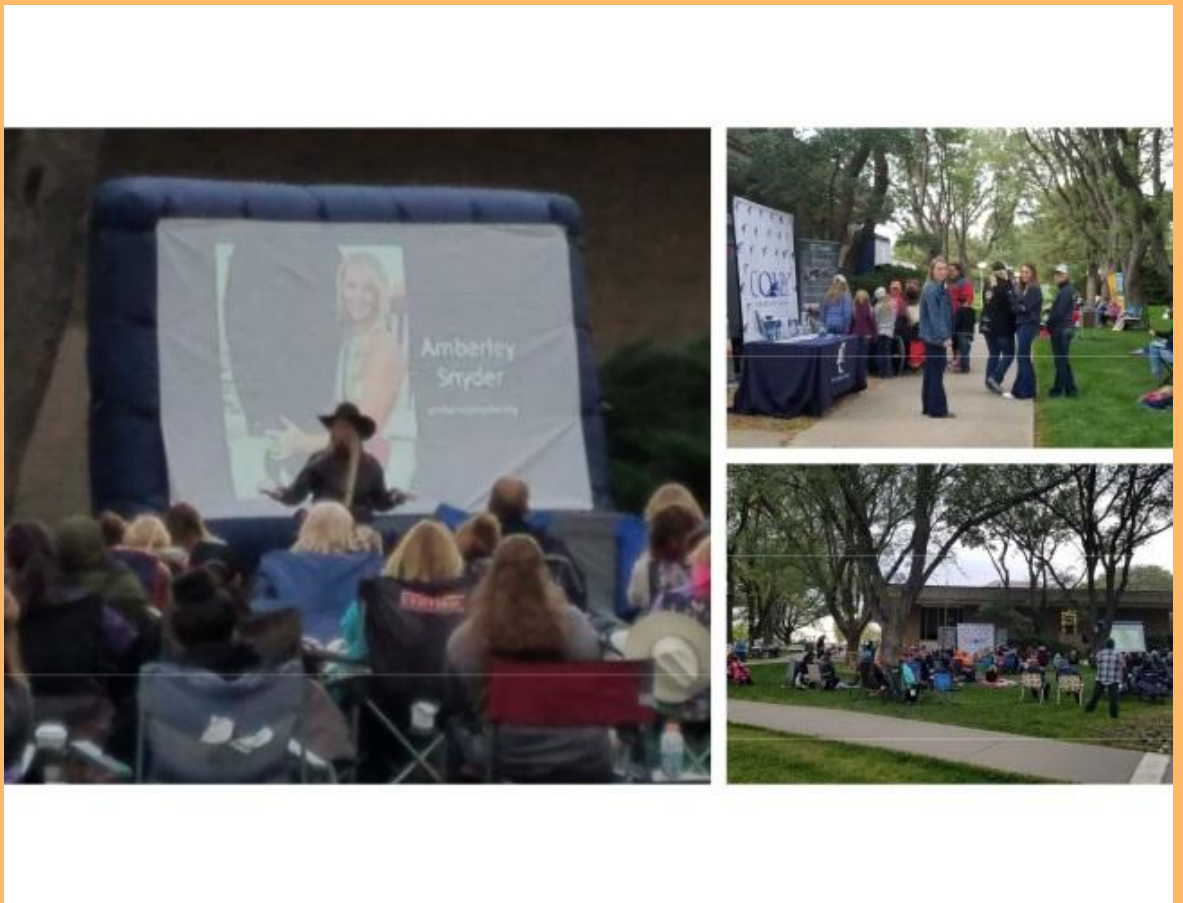
September 27th was KHC Region 1 Gathering, at Colby Community College, coordinated by Shanda Mattix.

Ms. Amberley Snyder flew in to speak at Colby Community College about her personal journey through "Walk Ride Rodeo". Amberley is incredibly personable and caring and a true inspiration. This event was nothing short of an incredible success!





There were probably 250 people spread out on the lawn for an outdoor evening presentation.
The event occurred from 6:30pm to 10:00pm.



Shanda did a great job coordinating all the arrangements:

Shout out to Colby Community College Campus for Event Support, CCC IT Dept. for outdoor projection/screen & sound, plus Livestream on the Colby Agriculture FB page, Amberley's travel arrangements made possible by Peoples State Bank of Colby and Thomas County Farm Bureau, and the Colby Equestrian Team for help with set up, snack and drink serving, merch sales, and tear d



Shanda presented opening comments on behalf of Colby Community College, Justine Staten presented briefly about KHC, then Amberley presented for about 45 minutes.

The takeaway from Amberley's presentation is that Life hands us a bag of surprises. She demonstrated this with a group of kids called forward to draw surprises from her Purina bag. The message conveyed is that some things you draw from this bag can be good and some can be less desirable. What you do with it is up to YOU! A great inspirational message.

The kids drew candy bars, and feathered boas and sometimes something confusing. They then had to respond or act out something related.



The presentation was done in less than an hour, but the line to buy t-shirts and posters and to meet Amberley was 2.5 hours! Amberley was incredibly personable throughout the event, making each person feel special that wanted to meet her! She had fans of all sorts there and for varying reasons!

The Hoxie crew (Our Region 1 Representative, Jessica Milliman and Company) had a barrel race that was held in Hoxie. Exhibitors had grandparents take horses home so they all could come directly to Colby for the event! They were a large and fun group!

The KS State Fair 4H Buckle winner, Mallory Jackson and her family attended too! There were many families in attendance whom we recognize as participants of the State 4H Horse Judging and State Fair Panorama events. Many KHC Foundation Scholarship Recipients were among the crowd. Also, among the crowd was Rep. Adam Smith, from District 120, out of Weskan, who like many, has a horse crazy daughter! It was a great time to see Kansas Horse Council members (past and present) in Western Ka

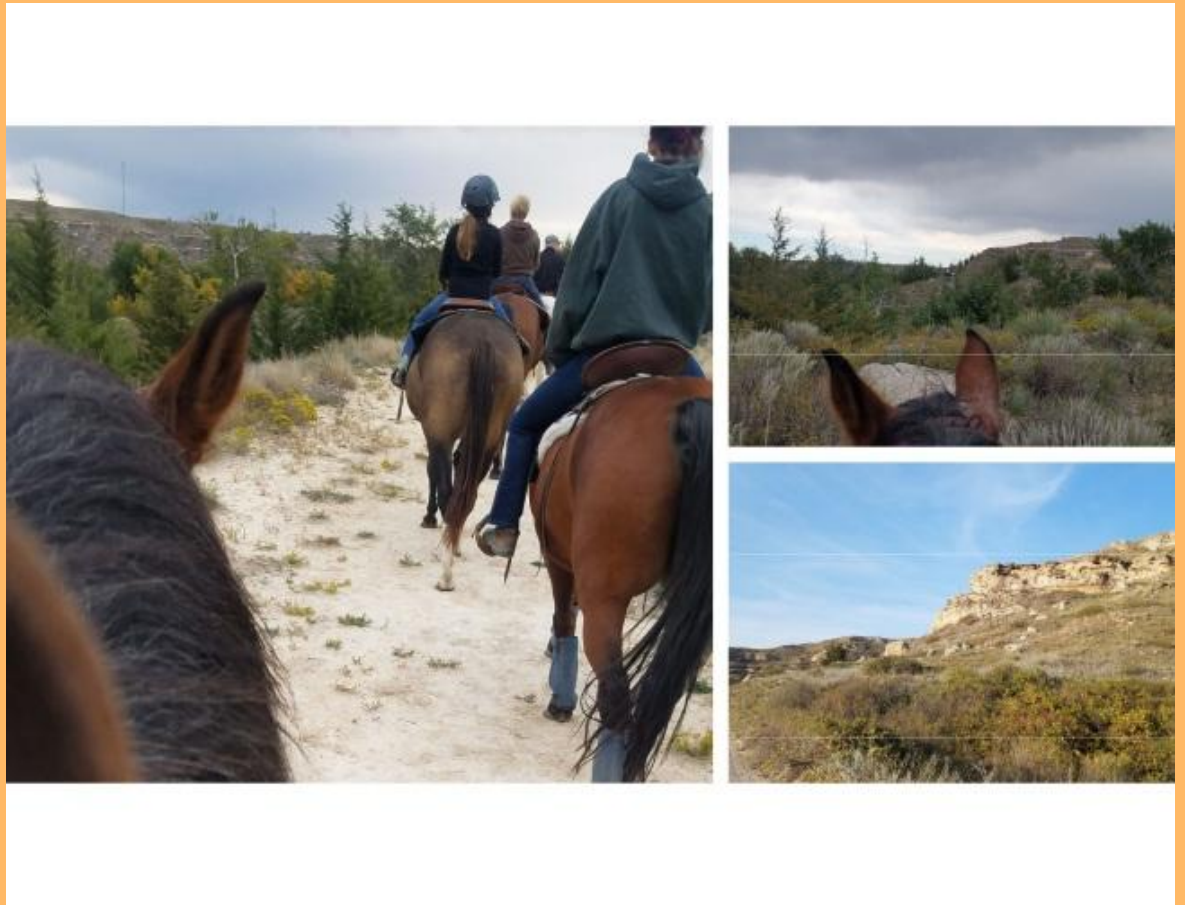
The numerous circles of equine enthusiasts coming together for this event made Colby feel like homecoming!



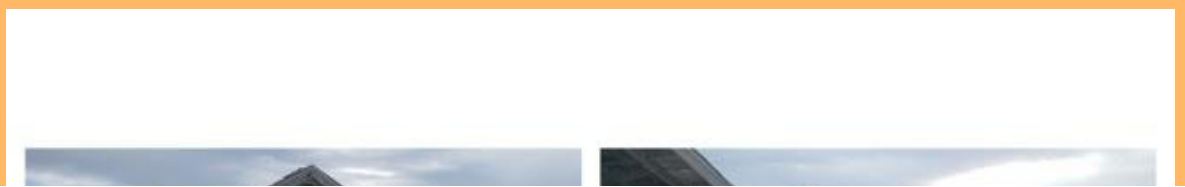
Saturday, October 3rd was KHC Region 3 Trail Ride at Historic Lake Scott coordinated by Alisha Owens.

The weather was beautiful for this event and the 18 riders who attended.

It was a delightful surprise to meet some horse enthusiasts who came to ride on their own but quickly joined our band of merriment!



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It was a great day for a Region 3 Ride!





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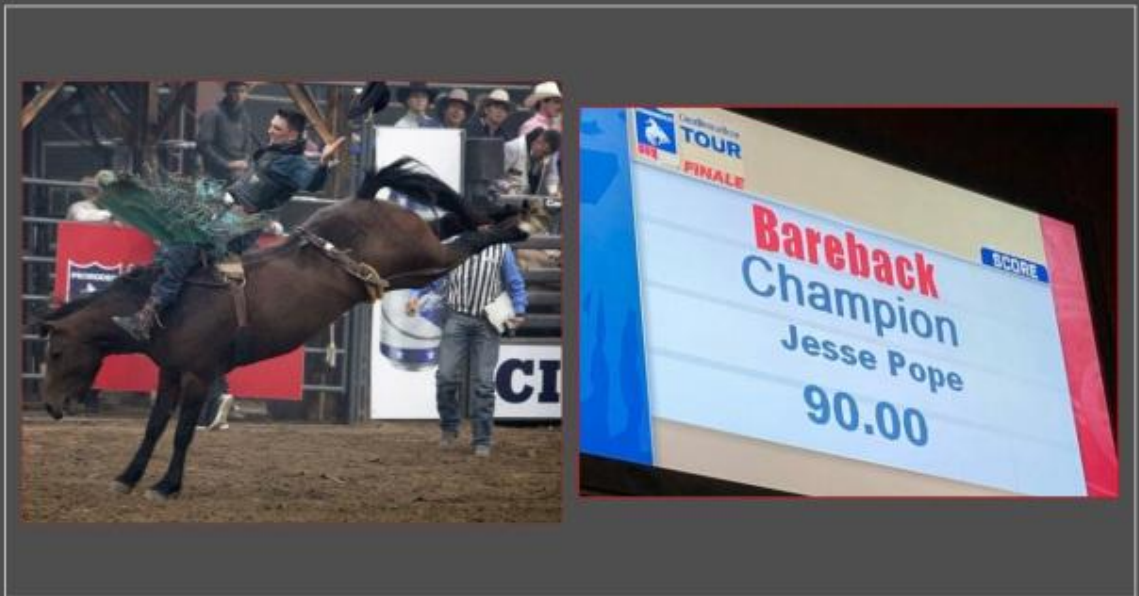
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Native Kansas Cowboy Preparing For Riding
Bareback Broncs At National Finals Rodeo
By Frank J. Buchman

Making the buzzer is the first requirement of becoming a champion rodeo rough stock contestant. Jesse Pope scored on all but one of 42 bareback bronc rides this year in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA). Equally as important, many of the world's bucking horses were among his draws earning the cowboy big rodeo checks.

His career best ride came this year at Des Moines, Iowa, where Pope marked 91.5 points on Three Hills Rodeo's Weenie worth \$2,897. Put it together, Jesse Pope, Waverly, Kansas, has qualified for his first National Finals Rodeo (NFR).

"Ever since I was little, I dreamed about calling home to tell Mom and Dad that I made the NFR. I got to do that, and it was everything I dreamed it would be," Pope admitted. Now on the Missouri Valley College Vikings Rodeo Team, Pope lists Marshall, Missouri, as his address. Thursday afternoon, Pope flew to Fort Worth, Texas, where he visited before attending the Friday wedding of champion bull rider Sage Kimzey.

"I haven't stopped smiling since I locked in my slot to the NFR. I am very grateful," Pope

appreciated. "I'm grateful to my family and friends for their support as I chase my dream. Grateful to my sponsors for helping me get up and down the rodeo road. Grateful to the rodeo committees who took the risks to make rodeos happen after the coronavirus shut everything down."

When the PRCA world standings were posted September 30, Pope had won \$49,611.85, since the season started October 1, 2019. That put him 11th in the world, with the Top 15 money-winning bareback bronc riders qualifying for the NFR.

After being in Las Vegas for a number of years, the 2020 NFR has moved to Arlington, Texas, December 3-12, 2020.

"Traveling across the country to rodeos is a major ordeal and my sponsors relieve some of the pressures," Pope acknowledged. His corporate sponsors include Rock & Roll Denim, Panhandle Western Wear and Resistol. "I visited a couple of them today," he said Thursday. "I really like their clothing. They're such great people, outstanding supporters of rodeo. I'm proud to have Emporia Livestock, Veach Leather and T Bar T Cattle also as sponsors," Pope appreciated.

As if the 21-year-old, 170-pound, 5-foot-10-inch cowboy isn't busy enough on the pro rodeo tour, he's a fulltime college student. "I'm a senior in public relations at Missouri Valley," Pope explained. "To be able to be a fulltime college student and a professional rodeo cowboy requires good communications with my instructors."

"Having a rodeo team scholarship has also been an asset to my rodeo career," Pope noted. Competing in National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association events, Pope adds to his impressive rodeo career. "I've qualified for the National College Rodeo Finals every year," he said.

Coronavirus issues did cancel the 2020 college finals. "However, they've extended my eligibility so I'll continue to rodeo as a fifth year college student," Pope noted. "Ken Mason is a phenomenal bareback bronc riding coach," Pope declared. "Coach Mason has an inherent talent for improving bareback bronc riders."

Tim O'Connell, Zwingle, Iowa, who's leading the yearend PRCA bareback riding standings, has also been coached by Mason. "Tim is a Missouri Valley College graduate and a good friend I frequently travel with," Pope said.

Bret and Jennifer Pope of Garnett, the bareback rider's parents, receive considerable appreciation from their son. "Mom and Dad were always encouraging me while I was growing up. They went out of their way to make sure I was at the rodeos," Pope said. "Dad never competed in rodeo but he and Mom are my biggest supporters."

Little brothers are following in Jesse Pope's boot steps. "Ty is a freshman on the Missouri Valley Rodeo Team. Judd is a Waverly freshman competing in high school rodeos," Pope said.

Rodeo titles are nothing new for the NFR qualifier. He was the Kansas High School Rodeo All-Around Champion in 2016. "I've concentrated on bareback bronc riding in college and professional rodeos," Pope said.

Only planning to mount two bareback bucking horses at college rodeos before the NFR, Pope is dedicated in his workouts. "I really can't take the risk getting on bucking horses for the next few weeks," he said. "I have a stringent daily regimen on the bucking machine, spurring board and stretching exercises."

While Pope has mounted ten bucking horses ten days in a row before, the NFR will be different. "These will be the best bareback broncs and the best cowboys in rodeo," he qualified. "With a high payout in every round and the average, anybody in the Top 15 could end up being a world champion. I'm getting my mind and body in shape so that can be me," Pope analyzed.



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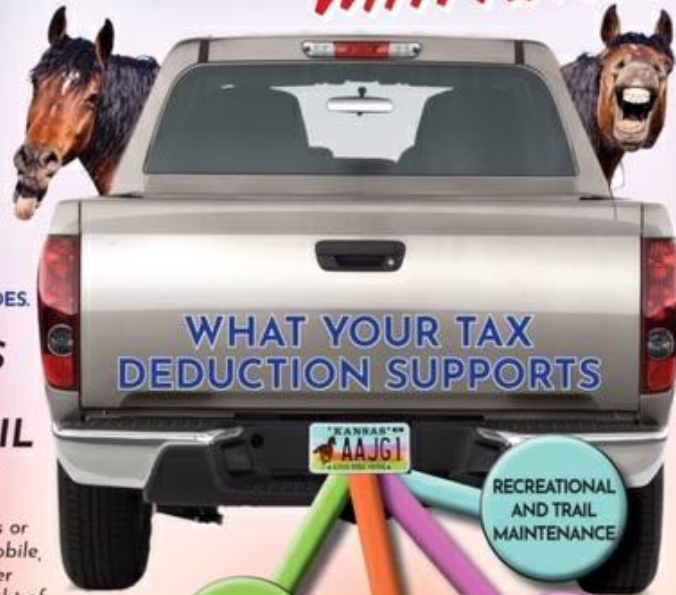
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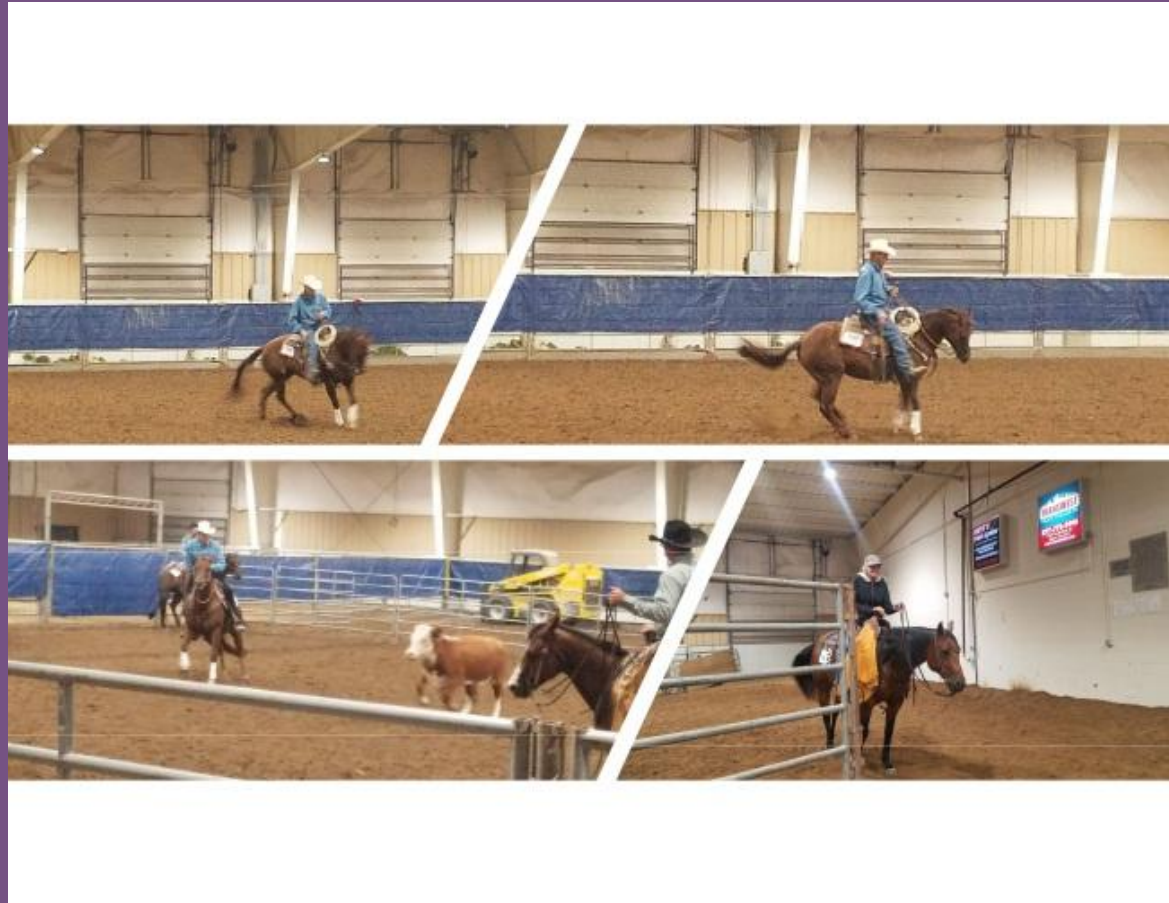
Ages ranged from little lead line kiddos to +70 and still going strong!

It was a good time to catch up with friends and talk horses.

Great job to the volunteers who put it together. KQHA National Director Alan Hinds, Dustin & Stefanie Henley, Lisa Wainwright, Heidi & Matt Lange, Mark Hinds, Jason Fillmore, Peggy Pickford, and so many more

Some have done some of the same as a location for this event too!

Some legendary competitors were on location for this event too!



Check out the [Kansas Quarter Horse Association Facebook page](#) for more pictures and list of winners!

Looking to spectate some fun horse events this month?
Look no further than any of our great arena venue calendars!

- **Bar K Bar Arena**, Lyons, KS is hosting a Kansas Saddle Horse Association show, some Reinhardt Barrel Clinics and Wild Wind Horse Shows this October.
- **Kingman Expo Center Arena**, Kingman, KS is hosting some Christian Youth Rodeo Assoc. and some Heartland Youth Rodeo Assoc. events in October.
- **Stormont Vail Events Center**, Topeka, KS is hosting a KS09 Barrel Race and NBHA Barrel Race in October.
- **Western State Bank Expo Center**, Dodge City, KS is hosting the Young Guns Rodeo Series starting at end of October.
- **American Royal**, Kansas City, MO is hosting some equine events in November & December.
- **Kansas Star**, Mulvane, KS is hosting the Clem McSpadden National Final Steer Roping in early November.





4H State Horse Show Exhibitors Warm Up for the 2020 Show

Cancelation Of State's Biggest Attraction Puts Kansas State Fair In Financial Bind

By Frank J. Buchman

"We did not have a Kansas State Fair this year." David Tobias, interim general manager of the state's biggest annual event at Hutchinson, was most emphatic reiterating the fact.

Like many activities throughout the world, the state fair was canceled due to coronavirus health concerns. However, the elaborate state fairgrounds facilities still must be sustained without the annual income to do so. Two hundred eighty acres comprise the Kansas State Fairgrounds including 70 buildings all together maintained by 26 employees.

Contrary to common belief, the state of Kansas provides no fiscal appropriations for this facility which represents a state entity. The Kansas State Fair is a separate body unrelated to any state programs. **"The Kansas State Fair is a fee-funded agency. We do not get funding from the state,"** Tobias clarified.

Upon cancelation of the state fair two months ago, the former general manager resigned. With 9½-years' experience working for the Kansas State Fair, Tobias was then appointed to the interim position. Since 2018 legislative action, the fair does get a percentage of state sales tax generated on the grounds, Tobias noted.

"We live by concert tickets, gate admissions, vendor rentals, sponsorships, and competitive entries. Obviously that has all been very little this year," Tobias said. "About 90 percent of our income is from fair-time revenue in 10 days, with the rest from non-fair building rentals. Due to the fair cancellation and lack of anticipated revenue, the fair's current operating shortfall is \$2.3 million," Tobias said.

"In clarification the Kansas State Fair celebrates the best of Kansas communities, commerce, youth and food," said Amy Bickel. "It's also the largest gathering of Kansans every September since the first official fair in 1913," the marketing director explained. "This is the first year the state fair has been canceled."

Kansas State Fair survived through the Spanish Flu pandemic of 1918 and nearly canceled in 1945 due to World War II, but the war ended during August and the fair continued.

According to a 2018 Department of Agriculture report, the fair has a \$74.6 million annual impact on the State of Kansas economy. Also, there's a \$40 million-plus impact in just a 60-mile radius around Hutchinson, Tobias pointed out. "We have contacted Commerce Secretary David Toland, who indicated we need to work with Washington to secure funding," Tobias said. "The International Association of Fairs and Expositions has spearheaded legislation for \$500 million to help preserve the fair," he added.

"We are also looking at micro events that could help generate some funding," Bickel said.

While there was not a Kansas State Fair, livestock competitions did continue, according to Jenn Galloway, livestock events coordinator. Youth including 4-H and FFA members work all year on projects to exhibit at Hutchinson' Kansas State Fair during September. "The Grand Drive weekend, our premier youth livestock show, attracts more than 800 youth exhibitors and 3,000 entries," Galloway said. More than 10,000 youth projects are entered annually at the Kansas State Fair. In 2019, that included 2,200 photography exhibits, 935 rabbits and 1,616 food entries. "In 2020, we still hosted live the 4-H horse show, the Grand Drive, poultry, dairy cattle and dairy goat shows," Galloway noted.

Virtual static competitions were conducted for other youth projects. "In a normal year, we have 4,800 open exhibitors, including both livestock and static entries," Galloway said. Only 1,300 open exhibitors participated this year because there were no static entries such as baking, gardening and

quilts."However, in the open livestock division, 652 cattle were exhibited, the most ever, and double a normal year," Galloway said.

"Traditionally nearly 700 vendors rent space to promote their products at the Kansas State Fair. About 85 percent of them are from Kansas," Bickel said.

"Facing unparalleled challenges, our full time staff remains committed to do everything they can to continue the longstanding celebration," Tobias said. "We all hope the fair will sustain these unprecedented times and hope to bring the tradition back in 2021."

The Kansas Fairgrounds Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting special needs for the fair. "That group is offering financial assistance at this time," Tobias credited.

Donations can be made to the Kansas Fairgrounds Foundation, 2000 North Poplar, Hutchinson, Kansas, 67502. "Entire amount of donations goes to the Kansas State Fair," Tobias promised.

The "Kansas Cares About The Fair 2020" campaign was developed to help in this time of need," according to Bickel. "Individuals can give online at KansasStateFair.com by clicking donate. All funds go entirely to the Kansas State Fair. Your gift, large or small, will help secure the future of the Kansas State Fair for generations to come," Bickel said. "We continue 'Celebrating All Things Kansas' until we meet again. Stay strong, Kansas."

Below: The Midway in 2019; a ghost town in 2020



REFLECTIONS FROM THE CHISHOLM TRAIL, Best of America By Horseback Ride

A modern day drive on the historic Chisholm trail, was a memory maker for more than 40 riders on September 9-13, 2020. The crew from Best of America by Horseback filmed the event and hosted anxious eventers.

The weather turned chilly and wet as the trailers rolled in early that week. Horsemen and women donned slickers and hats to shed the rains throughout the first couple of days riding. As can be expected, those individuals who worked so diligently to make this event come together wondered what the weather would do to their plans. Then, after a couple days of clouds, rain, and chilling weather, the sun came out.

Despite the cold rainy weather, most saddled up daily and rode together. They even moved a herd of cattle from the fairgrounds, six miles to the Klausmeyer dairy farm, where the herd remained staged from Thursday through Saturday. On Saturday, the crew returned and drove them back to the Clearwater Saddle Club Arena.

Excitement filled the air, much the same way it must have been when the big herds were brought into the stockyards in the 1800s. There was a sense of accomplishment, and fulfilling of a dream to drive cattle on this historic trail.

On Sept. 11th, riders saddled up and rode into town, parade like, ending up at the Chisholm historic marker in the park where Lonnie Stieben gave a short talk about the trail's history. It was also a photo opportunity while at the historical marker. Guest riders were able to have their picture taken with Del Shields and Sam Wiley, along with the girls carrying flags. The horses performed well while traveling through the streets of town.

Additionally on this day's ride, Tom Seay made it a point to ride past the local Senior care center and wave at all of the residents from a distance. It was very touching to see the responses of the residents, and the riders, an exchange Tom loves to make happen where ever he goes.

Trail riders and seasoned cowboys came to Clearwater Kansas to be a part of this Best of America by Horseback event, hosted by The Chisolm Trail Saddle Club of Clearwater and several community leaders. These great folks went through months of planning and prep of the event to create a successful event.

Key planners include Lonnie Stieben who worked tirelessly, alongside Ryan Karrick, and Tom Wylie, each ensuring every detail was handled. From our side of the fence, it appeared all went without a hitch.

Sam led the rides with much care and success. Ryan and his family, and fellow club members took care of every other detail. The community is truly blessed by these individuals.

Tom Seay and his wife Pat are always a special treat. Their personal interaction with the riders and visitors is second to none. Not only do they produce and host the top rated trail riding show in the world, they love being among the people they host.

For example, on the morning of Wednesday Sept. 9th, Tom and Pat cooked breakfast at the horse trailer for all the guests. The rain could not dampen the spirits of a hearty breakfast amongst friends.

Story telling, jokes and laughter naturally follow where ever they go. Their ability to make shows from every location, tells the real story of their success- the friendships built along the way.

Evenings included various entertainment and good food. Historians from the area came and shared with the group, much knowledge and history of the Chisholm Trail, and the world of its advancement. Del Shields played and sang for the group.

Saturday evening was stepped up a bit when he was joined by Kansan, Makayla Brownlee, 17 year old, top 40 contestant on American Idol. Also on Saturday, Justine Staten, Director of the Kansas Horse Council joined the ride and spoke to everyone about this great organization providing details on what it's about. The theme was, a unified horse community makes a strong representation in the state. "Become a member of the Kansas Horse Council."

Shortly after the Saturday dinner and tented concert, everyone moved their chairs outside to a campfire. There they were blessed by the Saddle Club, as some of their young Ladies carried flags on horseback as Del sang the national anthem, and Lee Greenwood's, "God Bless the USA."

Sunday morning was concluded with a church service at the tent. Trailers then began the exodus from the campgrounds. Some were helped out by the big, green, John Deere tractor thanks to the prior rains, while others simply eased out and headed for home. Such a great event and once again a reminder of the simplicity that can exist in the midst of chaos in our world.

There is a common bond among horsemen, that seems to be unshaken and undeterred by the elements who love this lifestyle.

Del Shields
Cowboy Singer and Co-Host
Best of America by Horseback
On RFD-TV
&
Kansas Horse Council Member

Next, An Original Poem By Del Shields, written 9-16-20

Memories on the Old Chisolm Trail

Recently I was afforded the chance

to wander back in time.
I let go of the daily woes
as the past settled deep in my mind.

We pushed some cattle on the old Chisolm Trail
where once the great herds fed.
Somewhere deep inside my mind
the past filled up my head.

I could hear the sounds of crunching
grass as the big herds grazed along
It seemed could hear young
cowboys sing in the dark the nighthawk song.

The scent of a campfire drifted up,
my senses came alive.
It reminded me that the fires of the past
are what helped those boys survive.

I could see them in their sugans
lying scattered all around.
For months those moldy lumpy
beds would be their comfort on the ground.

There were whoops and yips from cowboy lips
as they encouraged the cattle to move
With the slapping of chaps and the
cracking of whips, they kept them in their groove.

Somewhere in the distance
a clackity rattling sound,
the chuckwagon following behind.
I see ol' Cookie cooking on the ground
and reheating old coffee grinds.

In my mind's eye was the crashing of lightening
across the Kansas Plains.
Only to be followed by the pounding sound
of the bone chilling flooding rains.

I could hear the celebration
as the stockyards came into view.

Young cowboys blowing off some steam
and talking of what they do.

But the shrilling sound of a Meadowlark
brought me back to the modern day.
It was then I thought of how blessed I am
through what others had to pay.

I looked beside me at my wife

I looked beside me at my wife,
her Palomino keeping time.
My blue roan filly between my knees
told me life was pure sublime.

Our history books are treasures
of the way it was back then,
but if I have the chance to repeat this life,
I'd do it all again.

TWO PARKS IN KANSAS DESIGNATED FOR EQUESTRIAN USE ONLY!

WILD HORSE AT PERRY SADDLE RIDGE AT HILLSDALE

For the horse campers out there, two Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, State Parks are now designated for equestrian use, only. Meaning, non-equestrians may not reserve spots in Wild Horse Camp Perry State Park (Lake Perry) or Saddle Ridge Campground, Hillsdale State Park (Hillsdale Lake). You may not have a horse to camp in these areas as designated equestrian campground use only. **For reservations, please contact the respective park offices, Wild Horse Equestrian Camp is still listed on Reserve America.com.**

[PERRY STATE PARK INFORMATION HERE](#)

You must contact the Hillsdale Park Office to reserve a campsite in the Saddle Ridge Equestrian Campground at Hillsdale State Park.

[HILLSDALE STATE PARK INFORMATION HERE](#)

Allowing only equestrians in these parks, is safer for everyone. Equestrians have limited, designated areas, and this helps to preserve them.

While visiting our State Parks, please don't litter on the trails. If you pack it in, pack it out. And clean your pens prior to departing.

Thank you for respecting while visiting our State Parks and natural resources, and the efforts to preserve them for equestrian use.

***With the current restrictions due to COVID 19,
please call before you haul to any event, trail ride or activity.***

***Event managers will be the best source for status
of an organized ride, show or other event prior to attending.***

Check the [KHC Events Calendar](#) on the website for events listed.



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You may also join or renew online at
www.kansashorsecouncil.com

Check Out These Upcoming KHC Events!

October 31 & November 1st:
Region 5 Trail Ride
& Clinic at Hillsdale State Park
[Online Sign Up Link Here](#)

November 14:
KHC Annual Meeting and Banquet
[Online RSVP Link Here](#)



More In Store for 2020...

Follow and "LIKE" our Facebook page
for announcements
or visit the Kansas Horse Council
calendar of submitted state wide events
available on our website

[**HERE!**](#)



back row L to R:

Caroline Gatschet, Marcus Hetherington, Anna Hixon, Alan Hinds, Megan Miller, Reagan Dailey

front row L to R:

Brook Staten, Morgan Clinesmith, Megan Newlon, Kinsey Griffith

Congratulations 2020 Scholarship Recipients!



Collegiate:

**Morgan Clinesmith, Cimarron
Caroline Gatschet, Topeka
Kinsey Griffith, Wakeeney
Alan Hinds, Tonganoxie
Anna Hixon, Belle Plaine
Megan Miller, Oskaloosa
Megan Newlon, Hugoton**

High School:

**Reagan Dailey, Topeka
Marcus Hetherington, Valley Falls
Brook Staten, Olsburg**

**Would you like to contribute to the future of the equine industry in Kansas?
Consider donating to the Kansas Horse Council Foundation.
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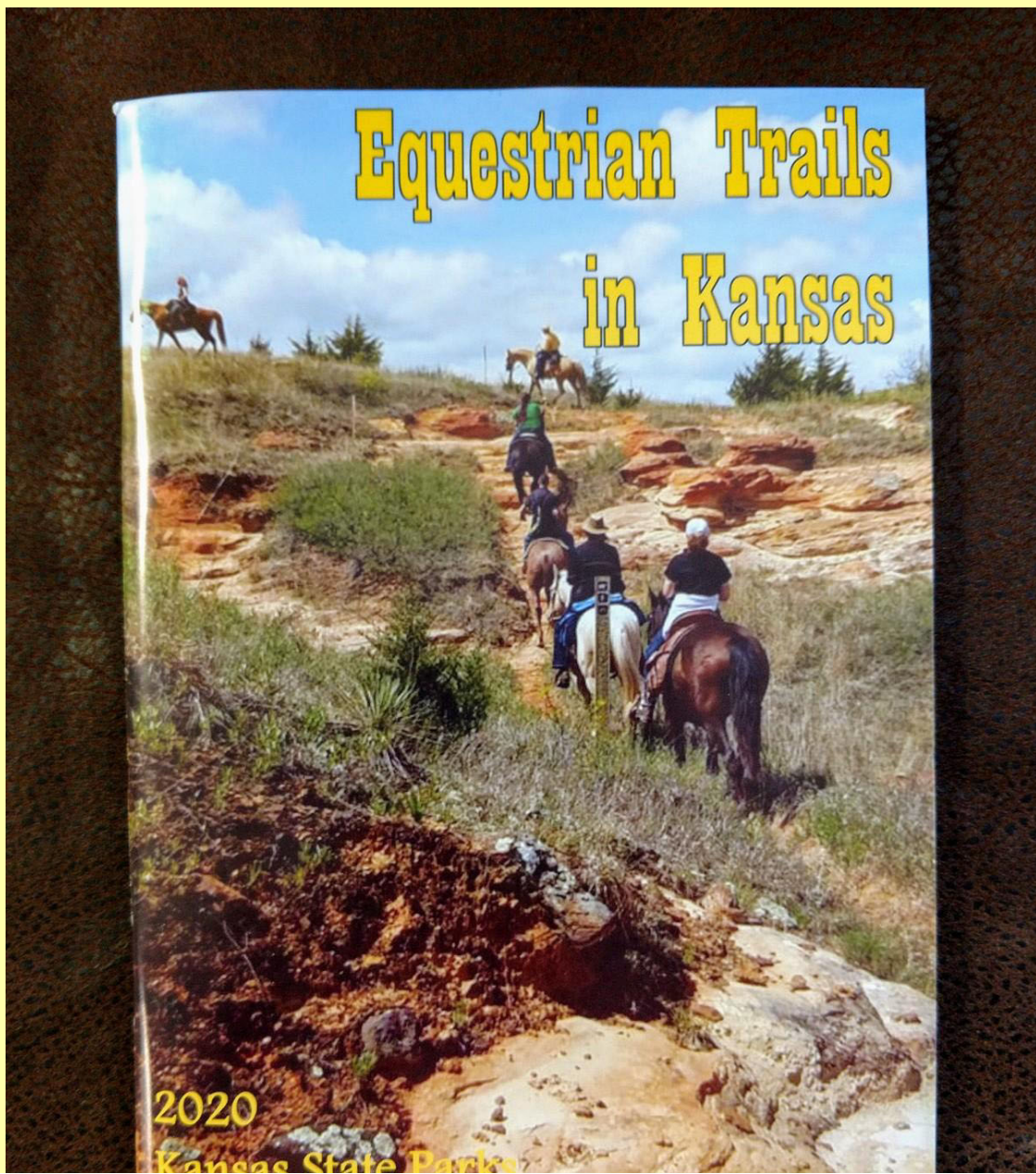


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KANSAS HORSE COUNCIL FOUNDATION

To learn more about the KHC Foundation click below:
[Kansas Horse Council Foundation](#)

FEATURED TRAILS IN KANSAS RETURNS!

FROM OUR 2020
EQUESTRIAN TRAILS IN KANSAS GUIDE
FROM KANSAS HORSE COUNCIL





This month's featured Kansas Trail is
[El Dorado State Park](#)

Located in the Boulder Bluff Area #2 of El Dorado State Park, just NE of El Dorado, KS. 19 sites, with 50 amp and water hook ups. 20'x20' pipe corrals, wash bay, shower bldg., pit toilets, poles for cross tying or picket lines, tables and charcoal grills. 20 miles of equestrian trails through native prairie surround the lake.

For more information refer to page 21& 22 of our Equestrian Trails in Kansas, 2020 edition.

Or visit our website

[HERE.](#)

[Guides are complimentary at all Kansas Horse Council events, or available for \\$3 s/h on our website \[HERE.\]\(#\)](#)

KANSAS HORSE COUNCIL DESIGNATED REGIONS

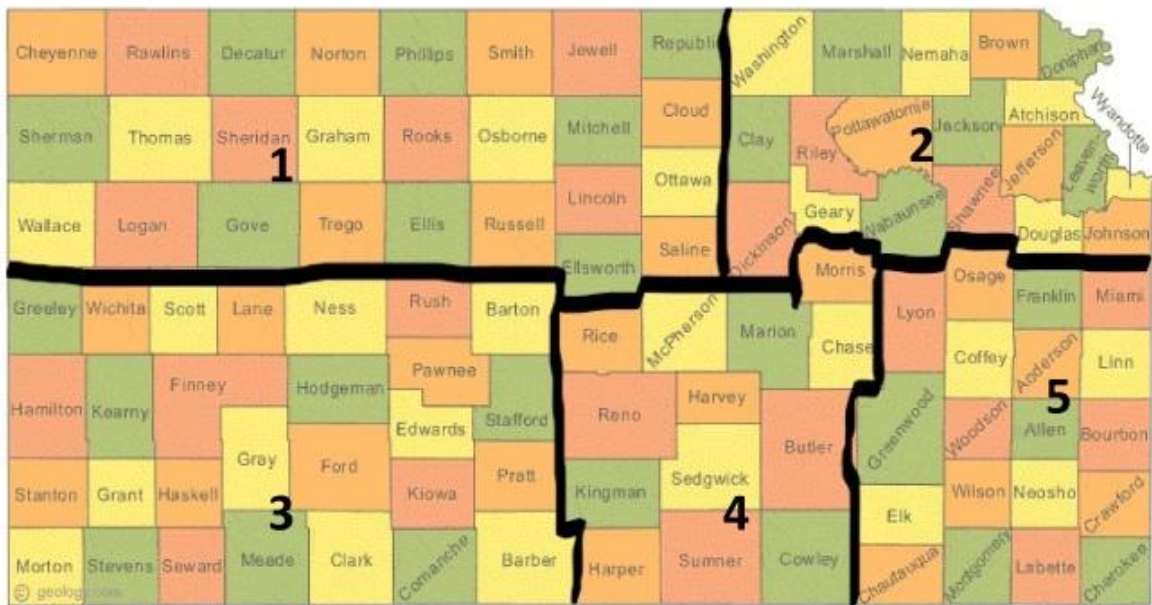


The Regional Directors and Representatives help organize events and actively promote Kansas Horse Council throughout our State!

Please refer to our region map below to see what region you reside in and get to know your Regional Director(s) and Representative(s).

For a current listing of all our Regional Directors and Representatives in your area, click [HERE](#)

Kansas Horse Council Regions



JOIN OUR HERD!

Ready to camp, ride & share stories with friends, old & new?

Consider joining the Kansas Horse Council!

Not only do we have great membership benefits but it's a great way to enjoy the outdoors with friends too!

Memberships run from January 1st to December 31st; calendar year.

You don't have to be a current Kansas resident to be a member and enjoy the benefits!

Wherever you go with your horse, the \$1,000,000.00 Personal Excess Liability Policy has you covered!



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have to be a resident
of Kansas to be a
member of Kansas
Horse Council!

Are You a KHC Member?

Be part of the largest equine network in Kansas!

Membership supports:

- fun and educational opportunities
- trail rides
- growth for the equine industry
- legislation and health concerns impacting the equine industry within KS
- helps secure the future of our equine-related jobs, recreation, and lifestyle.

\$1,000,000 personal liability policy that covers all of your horses any time, any place; scholarship opportunities; discounts on liability signs, KHC trail rides and more!

Membership Benefits

Go to Purchasing Package link below to see discounts you receive with KHC membership at Kansas owned and national businesses!

CLICK ON ANY HYPER LINK BELOW FOR MORE INFORMATION!

[\\$1M Personal Excess Liability Insurance FAQ](#)

[KHC Member Purchasing Package Discounts](#)

[New for 2019! Horsemanship Rewards Program!](#)

What are you waiting for? [CLICK HERE AND JOIN TODAY!](#)

Want to know about equine events in Kansas? [KHC Calendar of Events](#)

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NEWS and EVENTS throughout KANSAS





For additional submitted equine events throughout Kansas, visit our Kansas Horse Council website and calendar of events, here:
[Calendar of Events](#)

Do you have an equine business in Kansas you want to promote for [FREE](#)?

[KANSAS EQUINE DIRECTORY](#) is your source!



Brought to you by Kansas Horse Council



[FREE](#) Advertising for your equine business!

Do you have an equine business, service or monthly event in Kansas or close surrounding states?

Equine services, businesses, events, venues and more can advertise for [FREE](#) in our Kansas Equine Directory!

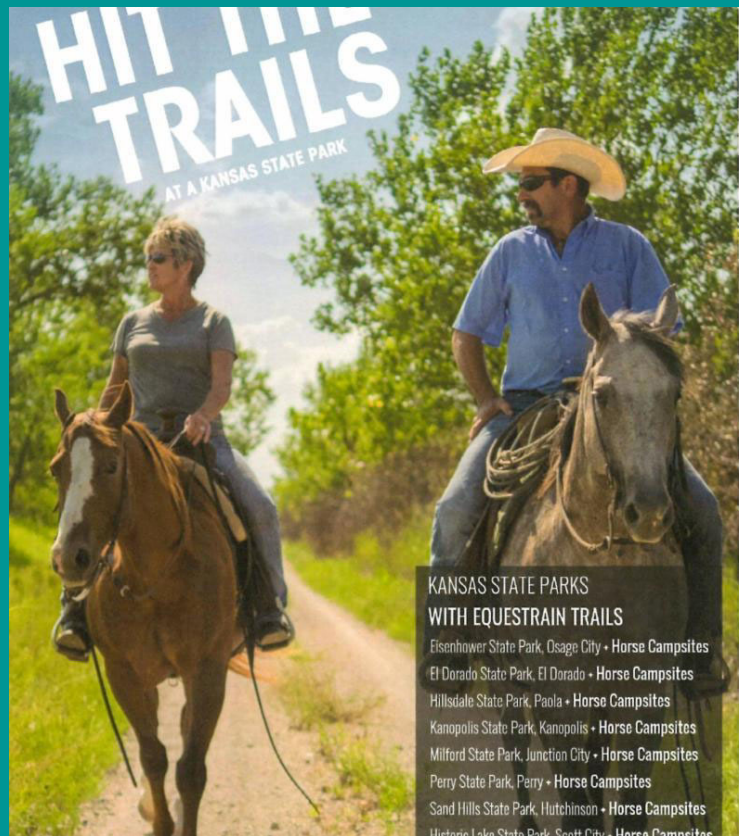
We want to be the source of your equine business for Kansas!

equine business for Kansas!

Create your **FREE** ad today
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Over 50 categories to choose from! Get listing today!

RIDE KANSAS





We ask you please call any park before hauling to ensure accessibility of trails and overnight camping facilities. When visiting our parks, please clean up after yourself and respect the trails. Refrain from riding during especially muddy conditions.

VISIT this link for current Kansas State Park Alerts and Conditions:

CURRENT STATE PARK ALERTS



FREE EQUESTRIAN TRAIL GUIDES ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL OUR STATE PARKS

or request a copy of the full color 2020 edition Equestrian Trails in Kansas guide [HERE](#)

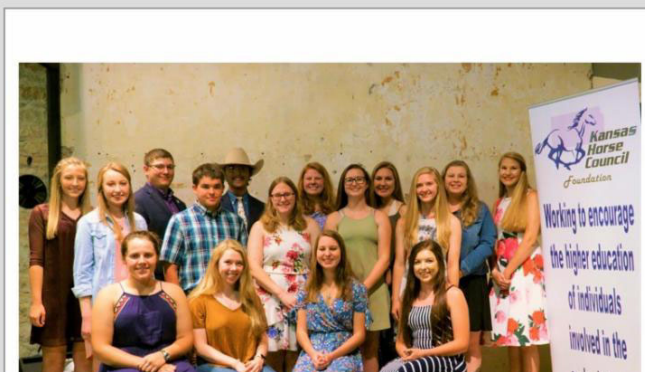
THANKS TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS & BACK COUNTRY HORSEMAN OF AMERICAN KANSAS CHAPTER, FOR YOUR HARD WORK IN MAINTAINING ALL OUR KANSAS TRAILS!

AND REMEMBER...

**RIDE KANSAS
USE IT OR LOSE IT
IF YOU PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT.
LEAVE ONLY HOOFPRIENTS BEHIND
LET TRAILS DRY BEFORE YOU RIDE**

**DILLONS REWARDS PROGRAM BENEFITS
KANSAS HORSE COUNCIL.**

**AMAZON SMILE PROGRAM BENEFITS
THE KANSAS HORSE COUNCIL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM**





DILLONS REWARDS PROGRAM

We are now renrolled in the Dillons Community Rewards program! Now, 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 DILLONS](#)

Purchases will not count towards rebates for KHC unless you register your rewards card and link to Kansas Horse Council here:

[DILLONS REWARDS LINK](#)

Registered Rewards Cards must be swiped at check-out 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. They 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!

Learn about Kansas Horse Council [HERE](#)

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.com SMILE program eligible products! To learn more about this program and how it works go here:

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OUR EXCLUSIVE MEMBERS ONLY HORSEMANSHIP REWARDS PROGRAM!



IT'S TIME TO JOIN UP

EARN REWARDS

WANTED

ALL EQUINE LOVERS

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.

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.

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:
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Want to earn GREAT rewards for spending time with a horse? We have that covered!
You don't have to be a horse owner to participate, just a current member of Kansas Horse Council!

Learn more about this new and unique member benefit (additional fees to join the Horsemanship Rewards Program do apply).

[VISIT OUR WEBSITE HERE](#)

TO ROLL OVER 2019 HOURS TO 2020, YOU MUST RENEW THE PROGRAM FOR THE \$15 FEE IF YOU WERE ENROLLED FOR 2019 AND A RENEWED KHC MEMBER FOR 2020.

1ST TIME ENROLLEE FEE IS \$35 WITH CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

YOU MUST BE A CURRENT KHC MEMBER AND A MEMBER OF THE REWARDS PROGRAM TO START LOGGING TODAY!

***ENROLLED PARTICIPANTS ARE ASKED TO SUBMIT ALL LOGGED HOURS ON A QUARTERLY BASIS IN 2020.**

***ALL HOURS MUST BE ADDED BY PARTICIPANT BEFORE SUBMITTING LOGS**

***EACH PARTICIPANT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR KEEPING TRACK OF THEIR HOURS LOGGED (COPIES OF) AS WELL.**

AS A MEMBER OF KHC AND THE REWARDS PROGRAM, YOU CAN EARN DOUBLE HOURS RIDING AT A KHC SPONSORED TRAIL RIDE, OR VOLUNTEERING FOR A KHC EVENT THAT INVOLVES HORSES!

ANY ACTIVITY WITH EQUINES COUNTS! GROOMING, CAMPING, VOLUNTEERING AT A SHOW, BUT SORRY...CHORES DON'T COUNT!

2020 Current Enrollee's:

Marty Bloomquist, *Bella Bova*, Olivia Bova, *Frank Buchman, *Jennifer Carnahan*, *Karen Carr*, Julie DeYoung, Donna Droge, *Jackie Fry*, Gab Hamler, *Kaidence Ma, Jean McCormick, *Debbie Mercer*, Jan Moore, *Alicia Owens*, Nancy Owens, *Dee Ramonda*, *Silo Samo, Pattie Stalder, Chris Kaegi Stevens, *Rosie Sweeten*, Chery Thomas, *Betty Thompson*, *Patrice Thomsen*, Joyce Troyer. *Denotes NEW participant for 2020*

**Just a reminder to please submit all logs, quarterly.
Thank you.**

Let's log some hours! Stay well and stay positive! Stay outside horseback if you can!





**PROUDLY PRESENTS
OUR PREMIER EVENT:**



EquiFest of KS 2021

**Save the Date for the 24th Annual EquiFest of KS
March 5th, 6th & 7th, 2021**

**Tony's Pizza Events Center and Saline County Expo Center
Salina, KS!**





**Hold your horses! We've got some work to do!
Details for EquiFest of KS in 2021 is a work in progress!**

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Visit our official EquiFest of Kansas website for all event information as i
develops for 2021

Visit our website at: www.equifestofks.com

WE HAVE LOTS TO DO!
STAY UP TO DATE!

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and  for updates and announcements!
See you In Salina, KS! March 5th-7th, 2021!

SUPPORT OUR EQUINE PARKS! WE WANT TO KEEP THEM!



DUE TO RECORD AMOUNTS OF RAINFALL THROUGHOUT THE MIDWEST 2019, OUR STATE PARKS CAN USE YOUR SUPPORT IN 2020. REMEMBER CALL BEFORE YOU HAUL OR VISIT, [KSOUTDOORS.COM](https://ksoutdoors.com)



**ENJOY RIDING THE TRAILS IN KANSAS?
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BCHA-Kansas

Dues of \$45/individual, \$50/family include both Kansas and national memberships. Find out more about BCHA, read their Mission Statement at [BCHA of Kansas Chapter Info](#)

BCHA-Kansas is committed to keeping track of hours spent by volunteers across the state maintaining trails keeping our public trails open. In 2014, trail volunteers have accumulated well over 2,000 hours and have raised several thousand dollars for Kansas public trails and camps that are open to equestrians! This information continues to have an impact and improves equestrians' relationships with land managers. Across the US, there are 13,000 BCHA members and chapters in 29 states! For a membership form or information contact Steve Lindsey, steve.lindsey@lia-ks.com.

Our 2020 Membership Purchasing Partners offering Kansas Horse Council Member Discounts with your current KHC Membership card.

SHOW YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD AND GET 10% OFF AT THESE PARTICIPATING KANSAS & OKLAHOMA BUSINESSES

For Equine Equipment Savings, discounts off Exmark, Farmpaint, Tenda and Toro, call or email to set up your Member account.
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To enjoy the benefits of one stop shopping with discounts, call NTRA Advantage to set up your account. 866-678-4289. See National Brands below:

Information on accessing these USEF Fan Club Member Perks Can be found on insert in your KHC member packet.

We are pleased to offer these 2020 Kansas Horse Council Membership Discounts. Visit [Kansas Horse Council](#) to learn more about our organization. You don't have to be a Kan

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JOIN OUR HERD!

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