

# KQHA

## Down The Rail & On The Trail

### Hope In The Heartland Adds New Class

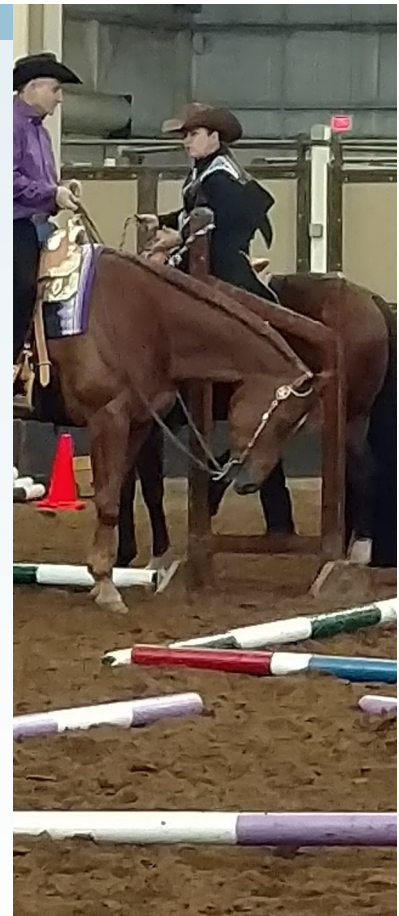
KQHA invites you to attend Hope In The Heartland AQHA & VRH shows to be held September 26 - 29, 2024 at the Stormont Vail Events Center in Topeka, KS. There are a total of 4 sets of points for both the regular AQHA classes and the VRH classes. This show is geared towards the ranch classes but we do have amateur and youth showmanship and horsemanship as well as open halter classes. Judges for the event will be Doug Allen, Mark Guynn, Chele McGauley and Chris Benedict.

This year in addition to the popular Ranch Riding Sweepstakes and the Ranch Trail Sweepstakes a new event is planned. The Tradition Ranch Horse Invitational will be shown to 2 judges on Friday September 27th and will consist of 3 phases - working western rail, ranch riding, and boxing. There are 15 slots with each exhibitor only allowed to show one horse. 10 of the slots will be filled with people who are invited to participate with 5 slots being held open to be filled at the show on a first come first served basis. Entry fee for the event is \$200 and this includes the cattle charge. Minimum added money is \$1000 with 80% of the entry fees to be added to the pot. Rules are still being developed and will be on the Facebook page and website shortly.

### 2024 Scholarship Winners Announced

This year KQHA will be awarding 4 deserving Youth members scholarships to attend the university/college of their choice. The winners are:

Jenae Lee from Stilwell, KS who will be attending Washburn University  
Bailey Ceder from Lawrence, NE who will be attending Wyoming  
Lexi Wooten from Udall, KS who will be attending Ft. Hays State  
Ty Scheer from Garden Plain, KS who will be attending Kansas State University



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#### VRH Shines in Kansas

- Cowboy Classic VRH awarded Top 3 VRH show last year
- Celebrating Kansas awarded Top 10 VRH show last year
- Hope In The Heartland awarded Top 10 VRH show last year



## Celebrating Kansas Shines in May

The Kansas Amateur Quarter Horse Association sponsored their annual show Celebrating Kansas on May 3—5, 2024 in Hutchinson, KS. The show experienced a nice increase in size over last year with 529 entries showing to each of the 3 judges, Steve Heckaman, Scott Merritt and Keith Longacre.

This year every horse entered received a KQHA laptop/book bag. In addition breakfast was served free of charge every morning for the exhibitors. There was a pizza party on Friday which was very popular. Added money was awarded in the Open Western Pleasure and Open Ranch Trail. The amateurs awarded rolling tool boxes for high point all arounds in 13 categories and provided many random drawings throughout the show.

Special thanks are in order for the following sponsors of the event. The JoAnn Goldstein family, Mark Gratny, Heartland Equine, Bull & Sandy Parker, Josh Huston, Scheer Cattle Company, Tullock Performance Horses, Annette Thornburg, PR Realty and Champagne Performance Horses.

*“American Quarter Horses and kids make a perfect pair!”*

### Dean Smith Memorial Sportsmanship Award

During the annual KQHYA meeting, members honored Logan Hickey with the 2023 Dean Smith Memorial Sportsmanship award. Logan was selected for the award by his youth peers at the meeting. He was nominated for his support of his fellow youth exhibitors, his willingness to help run errands, and set up and tear down at the shows along with his positive attitude. It is fitting that Logan is the inaugural winner of the award as Dean is his grandfather. Congratulations Logan, the award is well deserved.

## KQHYA World Show Team Is “All In” For 2024

KQHYA will be represented by 17 members at the 2024 Youth World Show. The show will run from August 2—11 at the State Fair Park in Oklahoma City, OK with the theme “We’re All In”.

It is the world’s largest, single-breed world championship horse show that is open exclusively to youth exhibitors 18 years and younger. Contestants will compete in a variety of events both judged and timed for the title of World Champion. This event will also host the Adequan AQHA Lvl 2 Championships, the Nutrena Lvl 1 Champion of Champions, Team Spirit competitions and the presentation of the AQHA youth high points.

KQHYA participants this year are:

Johnay Bauer & Highbrows Royal Fury  
 Riley Humbarger & Spark N Delight  
 Logan Hickey & Royal Cattilion  
 Teaghen Elledge & Potential To Be Big  
 Tripp Stover & Hard To Get Playboy  
 Sayer Byers & Ill B At The Bar, Wished You Were Here, Xcused  
 Baleigh Schneider & One Stylish Rose, Sweet Pepto Chex  
 Avery Jost & Diamond Trax  
 Harper Jost & Glory Investment  
 Kylar Larsen & Howdya Like Me Now  
 Lexi Wooten & SLR Flyin Low Woody  
 Zoe Winsor & Savio Advantage  
 Emma Peterson & Dynamic Sweet Invite  
 Talen Barry & Ohh Brother  
 Anna Hendricks & Now That’s A Hot Iron  
 Kate Bormann & Mr Envious  
 Bailey Ceder & Peptos Seven Six

For updates about the show check out our Facebook page!



2024 KQHYA Youth Excellence Seminar attendees

## KQHYA Attend YES Conference

8 KQHYA members attended the 2024 YES Conference held July 9—11th in Amarillo, Texas. The Youth Excellence Seminar is open to anyone ages 10 to 18 can attend – current AQHYA members and nonmembers. This year the KQHYA members attending were Emily Stamper, Ashlynne King, Zoe Winsor, Natalie Bramblett, Sarah Day, Jake Huston, Logan Hickey and Hudson Lange. Youth Advisor Bobbie Hinds and national AQHA director Denise Thompson chaperoned the group along with assistance from Elizabeth Stamper and Marki Huston.

Youth will experience leadership development sessions and workshops, take part in a service activity, network with horse enthusiasts from around the world, and take inspiration from engaging keynote speakers. Sessions included learning how to grow your affiliate membership, understanding the influence of public perception of the equine industry and equine activities, and learning how to deliver a positive interview and control the narrative.

This years service activity involved spending time at the Dove Creek Equine Rescue.

Five AQHYA officers will be elected—president, first vice president, second vice president, member and member. 3 directors from each of the regions will also be elected—AQHYA has 11 regions; each region elects three AQHYA members as directors. . Emily is finishing up her year as region 8 director representing Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Colorado and Texas. Due to college commitments she has decided to not seek re-election this year. Jake has decided to throw his hat in the ring and will be running for Emily's spot. If elected, I know he will represent us well. Our designated delegates are Jake, Ashlynne, Logan and Zoe.

While there were lots of opportunities to grow and develop the conference also offered lots of fun events as well providing the chance to meet people from other areas of the country and disciplines. The first night included a mix and mingle event and Wednesday was highlighted by a masquerade themed dinner and dance. The last night featured an awards dinner to introduce the new officers and the winner of the Aspire Award. For information on attending the conference next year contact Youth Advisor Bobbie Hinds at [kqhyadvisor@gmail.com](mailto:kqhyadvisor@gmail.com) or 515-480-3533.

## Kansas Members Excel at VRH Championships

KQHA members had a great time competing at the VRH Championships held in Amarillo, Tx the week of June 16—22nd. The following placings were those that were reported to us.

Bailey Ceder—Reserve in Youth Ranch Riding and Ranching Heritage Youth Cutting

Morgan Snyder—12th & 13th in Sr All Around

Jake Sutton—5th in VRH Cowboy Ranch Cow Work

Megan Newlon—4th in VRH Limited All Around

Marcy Martin—Champion in VRH Amateur Ranch Conformation, 10th in VRH Ama Ranch Riding

Melanie Acre—13th in Lvl1 Ama Ranch Trail

Sherri Dannenberg—3rd L1 Amateur Boxing, 8th L1 Select Ranch Riding

Ryan Cole—11th VRH Jr Ranch Cutting

Aiden Long— 9th in VRH Cowboy Cow Work

Quintana Garcia—Reserve in VRH Jr Ranch Riding, 3rd in VRH Jr Ranch Reining, 4th in VRH Jr All Around

Tonya Brigance—3rd in VRH Ltd Ama Ranch Riding, 2nd in VRH Ltd Ama Ranch Trail

Other members who showed were Jennifer Gomes, Sydney Gottsch, Jamie Stover, Tripp Stover, Wendi Regier, Brad Weller, Sue Weller, Jason Perry, CJ Perry, and Holly Decker.

## Equifest of Kansas

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and talents to make the 2024 Equifest of Kansas Youth Judging Contest and KQHA promotional booth a big success. This year KQHA partnered with Kansas 4-H to host the state horse judging contest. Over 60 youth from across Kansas and Nebraska competed in the event.

Congratulations to the Individual and Team overall winners in the following divisions

Individual

Intermediate—Kate Bormann

Limited—Luke Bormann

Senior—Adelaide Haverkamp

Team

Intermediate—Pottawatomie Co

Senior—Marais des Cygnes

For a complete listing of all the awards and placings check the website under the Amateurs and Youth tab.

## Annual Meeting Well Attended

The annual meeting and awards presentation was held February 17th at the Territory Ballroom in Council Grove, KS. This is the first time the meeting has been held outside of the larger metropolitan areas and made a nice change of pace.

On Friday the KQHA Amateurs hosted a meet and greet event which featured awesome food and great company.

The general meeting and awards banquet were held on Saturday. KQHA was pleased to have national directors Susan Tullock, Denise Thompson and Gordon Hare in attendance at the event. We also hosted a special guest, Jim Hargrove representing the Don Harder estate. He presented the KQHA Youth Scholarship Fund with a check for \$100,000.00 to Stan O'Neil on behalf of the estate. Mr. Harder was a long time KQHA participant in halter classes and supported the youth with a scholarship that he provided from his own funds for many years.

At the meeting 4 KQHA board members were elected. They are Chris Champagne, Denise Thompson, Jamison Gross and Lisa Wainwright. The new officers are Matt Lange—President, Ryan Cole—Vice President, Tom Davies—Past President.

KQHYA officers and directors selected are Jake Huston—President, Baleigh Schneider—Vice President, Ashlynn King—Secretary. The Board of Directors will be Logan Hickey, Bailey Ceder, Zoe Winsor, Kate Bormann, Natalie Bramblett.

The KQHA officers are Lindsey York—President, Mark Hickey—Vice President, Lisa Wainwright—Treasurer, Jennifer Gilbert—Secretary. Board of Directors are Heidi Lange, Melanie Acre, Kelly Carlson, Sherri Dannenberg and Marki Huston.

## Prairie Classic Returns in 2025

The Prairie Classic will return again in 2025 to the State Fairgrounds in Oklahoma City, OK. Judges are currently being contacted and dates confirmed with the facility. The tentative date is February 5—9th. In the near future we will be meeting with our show coordinator, Jackie Krshka to determine if any changes need to be made to the show schedule or classes added.

We are currently looking for suggestions for circuit and all around awards for the show. If you have any ideas you would like to share please contact Peggy Pickford at [pickford56@gmail.com](mailto:pickford56@gmail.com).

This show is one of the biggest shows in the Midwest and attracts a diverse crowd from all over the country. It is our primary fundraiser for year end awards, and provides us with discretionary funds to support projects such as Equifest, YES conference, Hope In the Heartland and others.

## Horseback Riding Program Up & Running

The KQHA Horseback Riding (HBR) Program is designed to promote and reward KQHA members for enjoying their American Quarter Horses, and other breeds, outside of the show ring.

Each person who enrolls keeps a log of the hours they spend in the saddle and awards will be given to those who accumulate the greatest number of hours throughout the year. Lifetime achievement awards recognition will also be given to participants who reach benchmark hours. There are currently 2 divisions, Adult (19 and over) and Youth (18 and under). Both divisions will be open for logging hours on any breed of equine.

You must be a member of KQHA to participate on any breed of horse and complete the enrollment process. For more information on the program go to our website [www.kqha.com](http://www.kqha.com) and click on the Horseback Riding Program tab.



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This story can fit 100-150 words.

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One benefit of using your newsletter as a promotional tool is that you can reuse content from other marketing materials, such as press releases, market studies, and reports.

While your main goal of distributing a newsletter might be to sell your product or service, the key to a successful newsletter is making it useful to your readers.

A great way to add useful content to your newsletter is to develop and write your own articles, or include a calendar of upcoming events or a special offer that promotes a new product.

You can also research articles or find “filler” articles by accessing the World Wide Web. You can write about a variety of topics but try to keep your articles short.

Much of the content you put in your newsletter can also be used for your Web site. Microsoft Publisher offers a simple way to convert your newsletter to a Web publication. So, when you’re finished writing your newsletter, convert it to a Web site and post it.

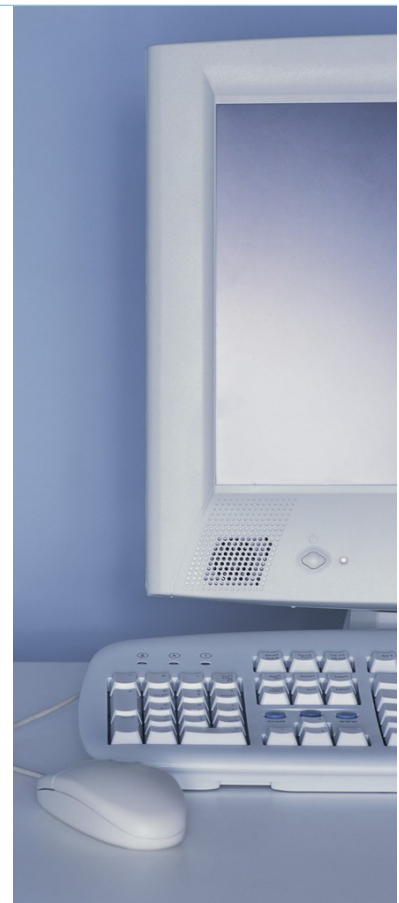
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The Kansas Quarter Horse Association was incorporated on August 3, 1953 with the first office being in the Animal Husbandry Department at the Kansas State College in Manhattan, KS. The founders of the organization included Hade Gupton, RB Cathcart, Paul Mahoney, Dean Ewing, QG Demmitt and Orville Burtis.

## Upcoming KQHA Approved Shows

The following shows will count towards KQHA year end awards. Remember that to win an award in a class you must show at least 2 weekends to at least 6 judges and both owner and exhibitor must be current members. Points start counting when membership is paid.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Show</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact Info</u>
July 19-21	Way Out West	Lyons	Sue Nickel
Sept 4—8	American Royal	Kansas City	
Sept TBD	VRH Show	Lyons	Sue Nickel
Sept. 26-29	Hope In The Heartland	Topeka	kqhaoffice@gmail.com
Oct. 10—13	Salt City Circuit	Hutchinson	Sue Nickel

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