

KQHA

Down The Rail & On The Trail

KQHA Hall of Fame Member Passes Away



Long time KQHA member Ernestine Morrison passed away at the age of 88 on July 3, 2025. She was predeceased by: her parents, Anna Ball (Gannon) and Wilson Blair Ball; and her husband Harold. She is survived by: her daughters, Kimberly Norwood (Fred), New Cambria and Teri Ann Johnson (Michael) of Temple, TX; and her grandson Brandon Norwood (Mandy).

Ernestine spent over 25 years, being involved with the Kansas Quarter Horse Association as a youth parent, exhibitor, and horse show secretary. In fact, the Morrisons made service to KQHA a family affair as Harold served as a Youth Advisor and President while Ernestine served as executive secretary and publisher of the magazine. They are both in the KQHA Hall of Fame for their contributions to the organization. They also assisted Dr. Stan O'Neil with the Gorthy Serrault scholarship fund when it was created.

Away from the horses, Ernestine had a great passion for community theater and participated in the Salina Community Theater presentations for over 5 decades as an actress, chorographer, staging consultant and director.

Although she stepped away from actively participating in KQHA around 2007 her contributions during some very trying times for the association enabled KQHA to continue on. We are forever in her debt.



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KQHA is looking for a points secretary for the next show season and beyond. The pay for 2025 is \$800 for the season and a laptop which has MemberEase and Office365 software is provided along with a printer. Person will have the option to use the Member Ease database software or keep the points in an Excel spreadsheet. Contact kqhaoffice@gmail.com if interested.



Long Time KQHA member Judy Muench Passes Away

Judy S. Muench, age 78, passed away peacefully at her home on Monday, April 21, 2025, in Scott City, Kansas. She was born on September 14, 1946, in Clay Center, Kansas, the daughter of Axel W. and Wilma Meyer Miller. She was a resident of Scott City, Kansas, since 1970, moving from Leonardville, Kansas.

Judy attended the United Methodist Church in Scott City, Kansas. She was a member of the American Quarter Horse Association and the Kansas Quarter Horse Association.

On October 14, 1967, she married John Dennis "J.D." Muench in Walsburg, Kansas. He passed away on January 3, 1996.

Survivors include her Daughter - Julie M. Dawson of Burlington, Kansas, Friend - Sue Nickel of Scott City, Kansas, and Sister - Linda Robinson of Manhattan, Kansas, Grandson - Owen Dawson of Burlington, Kansas, and Granddaughter - Rylie Dawson of Burlington, Kansas.

She was preceded in death by her Parents, Husband, Son - Jay Muench, and Brother-in-law - Larry Robinson.

Judy was an avid member of KQHA and had many nice horses over the years with Craig Cole providing instruction and support to Julie and Sue who did the showing in the amateur classes. They had many placings at the AQHA World show and Region 8 show in halter as well as winning numerous year end awards in KQHA including overall High Point Halter Horse with Boyyd in 2021, Reserve High Point Halter Horse with The Best Intention in 2016, High Point Amateur Halter Horse with The Best Intention in 2016.

KQHYA Youth Accomplishments In Other Sports

Talen Barry—Working Cowhorse—2nd in state yearend, 1st in the 1st & 2nd preliminary rounds, 2nd in the short round and 2nd in the finals average.

Talen Barry—Girls Cutting—3rd in the state year end, 2nd in the 1st & 2nd preliminary rounds, 4th in the short round and 3rd in the finals average.

Logan Hickey— Boys Cutting—3rd in the state year end standings

Trap Shooting—2nd in state year end standings

Light Rifle—4th in state year end standings

Tripp Stover—Jr High State Rodeo—Team Roping—2nd in the short round



2025 KQHya YES Attendees

KQHya Summer News

For more information please check out www.KQHya.com and the youth Facebook page or contact Youth Advisor Bobbie Hinds at kqhyadvisor@gmail.com or 515-480-3533.

KQHA members have been busy this summer at both KQHA events as well as other disciplines such as the IEA, Pinto World, High School Rodeo, YES conference and the upcoming AQHA Youth World.

At the Salt City II show youth held a drive to collect supplies for the New Heights Therapeutic Riding group.

8 KQHya members traveled to Amarillo, Texas to attend the 2025 YES Conference held July 8-10th. YES welcomes [American Quarter Horse Youth Association](http://AmericanQuarterHorseYouthAssociation.com) members and nonmembers, ages 10 to 18, to experience a three-day, action-packed event that offers valuable leadership skills, inspiring speakers and tons of fun. Members attending were Jake Huston, Jenna Henskensiefken, Ashlynn King, Zoe Winsor, Emma Peterson, Logan Hickey, Natalie Bramblett and Alyce Baier Ritchey.

There were lots of activities to choose from including seminars on how to navigate the interview process, exploring how you as an individual can impact change, tours of AQHA and the Hall of Fame, a dinner concert, awards dinner and a service project at the Amarillo Zoo.

In addition, elections for national officers and regional directors were held and Jake Huston was re-elected as a director for Region 8 which includes Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, New Mexico and Texas.

Next up on the agenda is the Youth World Show in Oklahoma City. Along with the members showing there will be at least one judging team competing. There are lots of contests to choose from including art and photo, speeches, affiliate gift basket, stall decorations, parade of teams and the Wrangler jeans & boots decorating contests.

Kansas Youth Excel At VRH Championships

Katelyn Turek—Paradox Harvest Boon

Conformation—14th

Cow Work—16th

Cutting—3rd

Reining—16th

Trail—15th

Ranch Riding—15th

Katelyn was also awarded the 2024 High Point VRH Rookie award at the show.

Cole Snider—Playin It Wright

Conformation—17th

Cow Work—Champion

Cutting—7th

Reining—3rd

Trail—17th

Ranch Riding—12th

Riley Jo Humbarger—Sparkin Delight

Rookie All Around—3rd

Conformation—8th

CowWork—9th

Cutting—9th

Reining—5th

Trail—7th

Ranch Riding—9th

Kaelyn Samuels—Cat Boon Too

Rookie All Around—4th

Conformation—14th

Cow Work—5th

Cutting—10th

Reining—10th

Trail—6th

Ranch Riding—Champion

Shy Ann Walker—SF Bucks Of Boon-

Rookie All Around—6th

Conformation—4th

Cow Work—4th

Cutting—13th

Reining—9th

Trail—7th

Ranch Riding—7th

KQHA Member Shines at IEA National Finals

Hozanah Hanon was awarded the 2025 Myron Leff Leading Western Rider award at the Interscholastic Equestrian Association National Finals. She was the top placing individual rider in the horsemanship and reining classes. This is the highest western award given and was named after IEA Co-founder Myron Leff.

Katherine Bormann Excels at the Pinto World Show

Katherine Bormann took her double registered partner Strutinwith-mybootson to the Pinto World shows and came home with 6 World and Reserve World titles along with the saddle for the Solid Bred All Around Youth for the show.

Attention!!!!!!!!!!!!!! All Around Exhibitors

With the rule change requiring 3 weekends and 6 judges this year to be eligible to win a year end award in a class, you might want to make sure that you have been 3 distinct weekends. With the cancellation of the American Royal show the last chance to get points in the core classes such as hunter under saddle, trail, western riding, western pleasure, horsemanship, equitation etc will be at the PHEK Show in Lyons, Kansas in August. There will be only open halter, youth and amateur showmanship and youth and amateur horsemanship at the Hope in The Heartland in September. Please consider attending the PHEK event which has 2 aqha judges with very reasonable entry fees and an all day fee.

VRH World Results for KQHA Members

Roos Annie Girl - Angela Degraeve

VRH Amateur Ranch Conformation - 4th
VRH Amateur All Around - 15th

Hes Crazy Quick - Jason Perry

VRH Cowboy Ranch Conformation - 5th
VRH Cowboy Ranch Cow Work - 1st
VRH Cowboy Ranch Cutting - 2nd
VRH Cowboy Ranch Reining - 3rd
VRH Cowboy Ranch Riding - 6th
VRH Cowboy Ranch Trail - 6th
VRH Cowboy Ranch All Around - 3rd

RV Ginnin Cat - Jake Sutton

VRH Cowboy Ranch Conformation - 4th
VRH Cowboy Ranch Cow Work - 6th
VRH Cowboy Ranch Cutting - 6th
VRH Cowboy Ranch Reining - 5th
VRH Cowboy Ranch Riding - 4th
VRH Cowboy Ranch Trail - 3rd
VRH Cowboy Ranch All Around - 5th

Spotted Hot Silver - Quintana Garcia

VRH Junior Ranch Cow Work - 13th
VRH Junior Ranch Trail - 5th
VRH Junior Ranch All Around - 15th

Spotted Hot Silver - Tina Knoll

VRH Ltd Amateur All Around - 15th

Sophisticateddiamond - Harva Leigh Lambert

VRH Ltd Amateur Ranch Conformation - 2nd
VRH Ltd Amateur Ranch Riding - 3rd

Callme Mister Mister - Pam Rasmusen

VRH Ltd Amateur Ranch Conformation - 8th

Spook N Boon - Carrie Garland

VRH Ltd Amateur Cutting - 11th

JB Habanero Whiz - Tonya Brigance

VRH Ltd Amateur Ranch Trail - 1st

Milo - Matt Turek

VRH Rookie Amateur Ranch Conformation - 8th

VRH Rookie Amateur Ranch Cow Work - 14th

VRH Rookie Amateur Ranch Cutting - 4th

VRH Rookie Amateur Ranch Reining - 15th

VRH Rookie Amateur Ranch Trail - 6th

VRH Rookie Amateur Ranch All Around - 6th

Collen Cats Spot - Jason Samuels

VRH Rookie Amateur Ranch Cow Work - 7th

VRH Rookie Amateur Ranch Reining - 10th

VRH Rookie Amateur Ranch All Around - 12th

Sophisticateddiamond - Quintana Garcia

VRH Senior Ranch Conformation - 5th
VRH Senior Ranch Riding - 6th
VRH Senior Ranch Trail - 7th

Spook N Boon - Jason Perry

VRH Senior Ranch Cow Work - 7th
VRH Senior Ranch Reining - 5th
VRH Senior Ranch All Around - 12th

JB Habanero Whiz - Tonya Brigance

VRH Senior Ranch Cutting - 12th
VRH Senior Ranch Reining - 8th
VRH Senior Ranch Trail - 11th

A Lil Ruff N Spooky - Kelsey Ward

VRH Senior Ranch Trail - 13th

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Hope In The Heartland

Presented by the Kansas Quarter Horse Association

September 25 – September 28, 2025

Stormont Vail Events Center – Topeka, KS - 8:00am

Thursday/Friday Judges – David Avery, David Denniston

Saturday/Sunday Judges – Cyndi Robbins, Michael Swain

Thursday & Saturday Classes

- 1 VRH Rookie Cutting
- 2 VRH Ama Rookie Cutting
- 3 VRH Limited Cutting
- 4 VRH Ama Limited Cutting
- 5 VRH Cutting
- 6 VRH Ama Cutting
- 7 VRH Open Cutting
- 8 VRH Rookie Reining
- 9 VRH Ama Rookie Reining
- 10 VRH Limited Reining
- 11 VRH Ama Limited Reining
- 12 VRH Reining
- 13 VRH Ama Reining
- 14 VRH Open Reining
- 15 VRH Rookie Cow Work
- 16 VRH Ama Rookie Cow Work
- 17 VRH Limited Cow Work
- 18 VRH Ama Limited Cow Work
- 19 VRH Cow Work
- 20 VRH Ama Cow Work
- 21 VRH Open Cow Work
- 95 AQHA Box Drive
- 96 AQHA Ama Box Drive
- 22 AQHA Boxing
- 23 AQHA Lvl1 Boxing
- 24 AQHA Ama Boxing
- 25 AQHA Ama Lvl1 Boxing
- 26 AQHA Working Cow Horse
- 27 AQHA Ama Working Cow Horse
- 28 AQHA Open Working Cow Horse
- 29 AQHA Lvl1 Ranch Riding
- 30 AQHA Ama Lvl1 Ranch Riding
- 31 AQHA Open Lvl1 Ranch Riding
- 32 AQHA Ranch Riding
- 33 AQHA Ama Sel Ranch Riding
- 34 AQHA Jr Ranch Riding
- 35 AQHA Ama Ranch Riding
- 36 AQHA Sr Ranch Riding
- 37 Ranch Riding Sweepstakes - \$1000 added
- 38 Yearling Stallions
- 39 2 Yr Old Stallions
- 40 3 Yr Old Stallions
- 41 Aged Stallions
- 42 Performance Stallions
- 43 Gr & Res Stallions
- 44 Yearling Geldings
- 45 2 Yr Old Geldings

- 46 3 Yr Old Geldings
- 47 Aged Geldings
- 48 Performance Geldings
- 49 Gr & Res Geldings
- 50 Yearling Mares
- 51 2 Yr Old Mares
- 52 3 Yr Old Mares
- 53 Aged Mares
- 54 Performance Mares
- 55 Gr & Res Mares

Friday & Sunday Classes

- 56 VRH Rookie Trail *
 - 57 VRH Limited Trail *
 - 58 VRH Trail *
 - 59 AQHA Ranch Trail *

- 60 VRH Ama Rookie Ranch Trail
- 61 Lvl1 Ranch Trail
- 62 Lvl1 Youth Ranch Trail
- 63 Lvl1 Ama Ranch Trail

- 64 VRH Ama Limited Trail *
 - 65 VRH Ama Trail *
 - 66 AQHA Ama Ranch Trail *
 - 67 AQHA Ama Sel Ranch Trail *

- 68 VRH Open Trail *
 - 69 AQHA Open Ranch Trail *

* Classes will run concurrently. Enter AQHA and 1 VRH per section and pay one entry fee

- 71 KQHA Tradition Ranch Horse
- Invitational – Sunday only \$1000 added
- 72 VRH Rookie Ranch Riding
- 73 VRH Ama Rookie Ranch Riding
- 74 VRH Limited Ranch Riding
- 75 VRH Ama Limited Ranch Riding
- 76 VRH Ranch Riding
- 77 VRH Ama Ranch Riding
- 78 VRH Open Ranch Riding
- 79 VRH Rookie Conformation
- 80 VRH Ama Rookie Conformation
- 81 VRH Limited Conformation
- 82 VRH Ama Limited Conformation
- 83 VRH Conformation
- 84 VRH Ama Conformation
- 85 VRH Open Conformation

- 86 Showmanship At Halter
- 87 Ama Showmanship At Halter
- 88 AQHA Working Western Rail
- 89 AQHA Jr Working Western Rail
- 90 AQHA Ama Work Western Rail
- 91 AQHA Ama Sel Work West Rail
- 92 AQHA Open Sr Work West Rail
- 93 Western Horsemanship
- 94 Ama Western Horsemanship

Fees

AQHA Administration Fee - \$10.00/show number/horse

Entry Fees – Open - \$15.00/judge/class

Amateur - \$15.00/judge/class

Youth - \$15.00/judge/class

AQHA Lvl1 - \$15.00/judge/class

Sweepstakes - \$75.00/class

Invitational - \$200 includes cattle fees

Cattle Charge – Market Rate will apply

All Weekend Entry Fee - \$395.00 excludes stall, shavings, AQHA admin, cattle fees,

sweepstakes & invitational

Office Charge - \$15.00/horse

Stalls - \$150.00/weekend

Jump Out - \$25/horse/day

Shavings – Market Rate through facility.

Stormont Vail events center is now accepting

only credit cards for payment of shavings.

Camper Hook Ups – first come first served

through facility. Payment by cash or credit card

only. Contact

www.stormontvaileventscenter.com/p/visitorinfo/campusmapprvparking

Host Hotel – Hotel Topeka City Center

1717 SW Topeka Blvd, Topeka, KS 66612

(800) 579-7937

For stall reservations – Diane Gage

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For more information contact:

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Please note that due to new regulations

current Coggins tests are now required

for all horse competing at this show

whether in state, or out of state.

Flint Hills Ranch Pearls Compete in Extreme Cowgirl Challenge May 9-11th

The Flint Hills Ranch Pearls comprised of KQHA members Terri Scheer, Jennifer Gilbert, Lisa Wainwright, Tomi Hitt and Heidi Lange competed at the Extreme Cowgirl Challenge held in Leoti, KS May 9th through the 11th. This team event featured 15 teams comprised of 5 women each. All the competitors showed in 4 individual classes and a 5th team competition with the top 5 teams coming back to show in a cattle event as a team. The Pearls ended up in 6th place overall after placing 8th in the Team obstacle event. High scoring individuals for the team in each event were:

Ranch Riding—Terri Scheer, Jennifer Gilbert

Reining—Jennifer Gilbert

Trail—Jennifer Gilbert

Congratulations Ladies!!!!!!

Kansas Quarter Horse Association

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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 Gup-ton, RB Cathcart, Paul Mahoney, Dean Ewing, QG Demmitt and Orville Burtis.

Upcoming KQHA Approved Shows 2025

The following shows will count towards KQHA year end awards. Remember that to win an award in a class you must show at least 3 weekends to at least 6 judges and both owner and exhibitor must be current members. Points start counting when membership is paid.

Date	Show	Location	Contact Info
Feb 5—9	Prairie Classic	Oklahoma City	Peggy Pickford
Feb 21-23	Cowboy Classic	Hutchinson	Sue Nickel
Apr 3—6	OQHA Spring Show	Tulsa, OK	OkQHA
Apr 10—13	Cottonwood Classic	Hutchinson	Sue Nickel
May 2-4	Celebrating Kansas	Topeka	Diane Gage
Jul 18-20	Way Out West	Lyons, KS	Sue Nickel
Aug 9-10	PHEK Summer Sizzler	Lyons, KS	
Oct 11-12	Sunflower Celebration	Lyons, KS	Sue Nickel
Sept. 25-28	Hope In The Heartland	Topeka	kqhaoffice@gmail.com
Dec 27—28	Salt City Circuit I	Hutchinson	Sue Nickel

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