

KANSAS HORSE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

NEWS FOR KANSAS AND THE EQUINE INDUSTRY.

October 2024 Edition

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

**Legislation, Insurance, Equipment & Retail discounts are
just some of our membership benefits! Visit our website
to learn more.**

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- ☐ Individual Membership- Kansas Horse Council \$50.00
- ☐ Family Membership- Kansas Horse Council \$80.00
- ☐ Club Membership- Kansas Horse Council \$35.00
- ☐ Business/Organizational Membership- Kansas Horse Council \$100.00
- ☐ Individual with Back Country Horsemen of KS \$45.00
- ☐ Family with Back Country Horsemen of Kansas \$50.00
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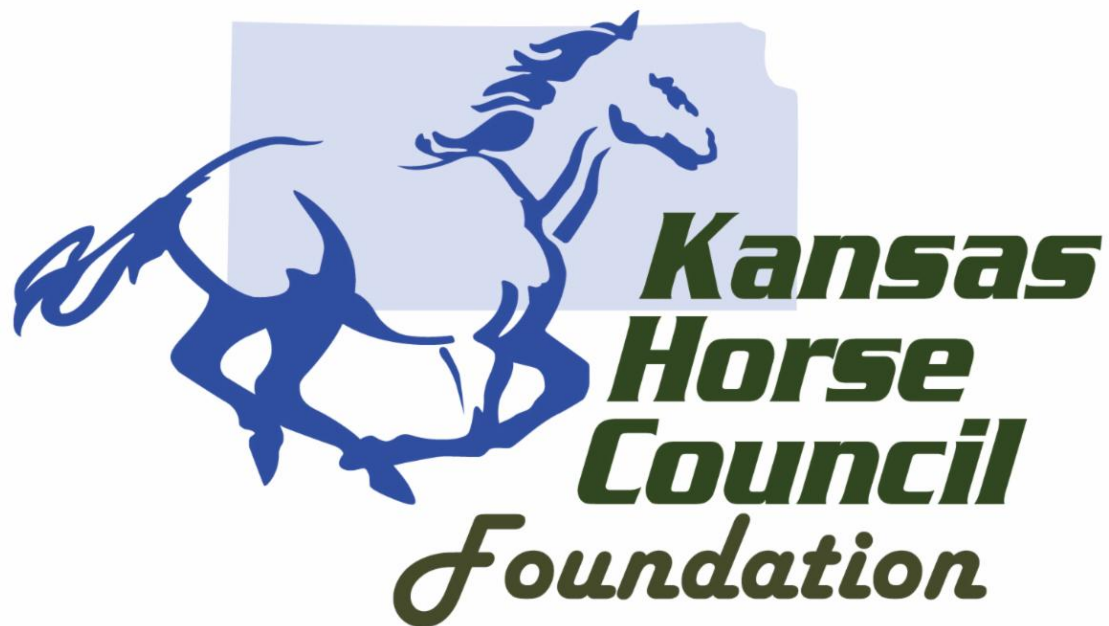
NEW for 2024 and beyond!

When you set up an account and you are logged in, any purchases you make are listed in your personal account, so you can always see your transactions and you'll always have your member number handy.

HRP, Lifetime Insurance, Signs and Guides are in the "store" options, just under the Membership options page.

We hope you like the changes. We'll still be able to take memberships over the phone or check by mail...this online provides convenience and an auto-renewal option if you'd like!

Feel free to email or call if you have any questions.
director@kansashorsecouncil.com, 785-776-0662



Planning for the future?
Consider a tax deductible donation to
the Kansas Horse Council Foundation, a 501c3 charitable
organization, promoting equine education and providing academic
scholarships to equestrians.



Earn Horsemanship points for the quality time you spend with horses, mules, donkeys, ponies and minis!

Registered or Grade, owner or non-owner, or as a volunteer, we want to recognize your participation in Equine Activities!

("Activities" do not include feeding, stall cleaning and general maintenance.)

Examples include groundwork, grooming, trail, recreational riding, schooling, lessons, competing, driving, training, exercising and other horse care.

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- Construction Equipment: up to 26% off



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- 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



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be returned and the current owner's registration
and proof of insurance will need to be provided.



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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
- Saddle Ridge Chapter of Back Country Horsemen of Kansas
- Tuttle Creek Chapter of Back Country Horsemen of Kansas
- 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 workdays or see reports on trails-maintenance or campground improvements. Join in on workdays whenever possible!

Follow the www.bchkansas.com website.
Encourage a new member to join BCHKS and be entered into an end-of-year drawing.

Joint membership with KHC & BCH-KS for you!

Trails Advocate Level Individual: \$80

Trails Advocate Level Family: \$100

One enrollment to support two organizations!

Simple and makes sense!



BCHKS 2023 Volunteer Hours Summary

Across Kansas, BCHKS volunteers are assisting in the maintenance of trails on public lands. We do make a difference! Equestrian volunteer work hours on Kansas public lands in 2023 are as follows:

(Formulas provided by BCHKA and determined by The Independent Sector.)



Backcountry Horsemen of America - Kansas			
Volunteer Hours Report			
January - December 2023			
	Totals	Rate per hour/mile/day	Total Value
Total Basic Hours	539	\$29.95	\$16,143
Total Skilled Hours	1398	\$44.93	\$62,812
Non-Trail Hours	1076	\$29.95	\$32,226
Travel Time	201	\$29.95	\$6,020
Total Hours	3214		\$117,201
Personal and Stock Use	11738	\$1.00	
Total Travel Miles	11738		\$11,738
Power Equipment	730	\$30.00	\$21,900
Heavy Equipment	165	\$110.00	\$18,150
Total Equipment Hours	895		\$40,050
Total Stock Days	152	\$100.00	\$15,200
Total Donations	\$11,466		\$11,466
	Total		\$195,655

Keeping Kansas Trails Open for Future Generations!

2023 Trail & Campground Improvements

Join both BCHKS and Kansas Horse Council at discounted rate with one payment.
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Big Hill Lake BCHKS:

~ New water hydrant at Timber Hill Trailhead funded by endurance ride donation

Chisholm Trail BCHKS:

~ Planned & hosted 6 Fill-the-Campground events (donation of manure cart to each)
~ BCHKA \$500 grant funded safety vests, eye/ear protection, hand tools, chainsaw

Clinton Lake (Sunflower BCHKS):

~ Benefit ride raised \$850 for ongoing trail maintenance projects

Eisenhower State Park, Melvern Lake (Sunflower BCHKS):

~ Several new cross trails added to trail system
~ Benefit ride funds used to build round pen at West Point Equestrian Campground
~ Benefit ride raised \$5,480 for campground/trail improvements
~ Hosted Best of America by Horseback in September

Hillsdale State Park (Saddle Ridge BCHKS):

~ Hosted Best of America by Horseback in September
~ Installation of new bathroom near shelter house by park management
~ All campsites now have pen
~ Extensive clearing and widening of trails
~ Fundraiser event raised \$3,000 for trail/campground improvements

Kanopolis State Park:

~ Benefit rides raised \$1,450 for trail/campground improvements

Perry State Park (Sunflower BCHKS):

~ Benefit ride raised \$5,890 for campground/trails
~ Benefit funds used to rebuild tractor used for moving trails
~ Water and electric lines updated by State Park management
~ Work began on site for new arena

Randolph State Park (Tuttle Creek BCHKS):

~ Benefit ride raised \$1,200 for campground/trail improvements
~ BCHKS grant funded purchase of two manure carts for campground

Since 2014, equestrian volunteers have donated 29,538 hours toward the preservation and maintenance of trails on Kansas public lands with a value of \$1,902,543!

BCHKS, celebrating 10 years in 2024!!

bchkansas.com or bcha.org

On Facebook - Back Country Horsemen of America Kansas Chapter

In 2023, BCHKS

**volunteers
contributed
3,214 hours of
work on public
trails. This
equates to
\$195,655!**

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JOINT MEMBERSHIP AVAILABLE IN BOTH ORGANIZATIONS!

Individual: \$80 (\$15 to BCHA/\$15 to BCH-KS/\$15 to KS Chapter of Choice/\$20 for insurance/\$15 to KH-C
Family: \$100 (\$15 to BCHA/\$15 to BCH-KS/\$15 to KS Chapter of Choice/\$40 for insurance/\$15 to KH-C

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- Use Caution and Speak Up Around Horses

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Saddle Up and RIDE Kansas! Visit our Kansas Department of Wildlife and U.S. Corps. of Engineers equestrian facilities. Visiting and riding or camping shows support of our parks, and keeps them open for future use and possible funding of improvements. Always leave only hoofprints behind. Share our multi-use trails. Call before you haul if in doubt before your visit.

KDWP State Parks info.



Do you have your copy of our Equestrian Trails in Kansas?

Copies are provided FREE at all Kansas Horse Council events, or \$3 for s/h and we'll mail you one. These guides are also available at all KDWP offices.

Trail info is also available online here:

Public Trails in Kansas



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checkout 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. Points 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!

[Register Here](#)



4-H Horse Show at the Kansas State Fair



Results

- Senior Performance High Point (14-18) Faith B., Stevens Co. with Mr. Big Romance
- Intermediate Performance High Point (9-13) Clara B., Atchison Co. with Only Lope With Me
- Senior Ranch Division High Point (14-18) Joscelyn T., Sedgwick Co. with Little Bit
- Intermediate Ranch Division High Point (9-13) Grant S., Geary Co. with Dun It With Chics
- Senior Speed High Point (14-18) Isabella L., Miami Co. with Heza Heart of Gold
- Intermediate Speed High Point (9-13) Gentry D., Cowley Co. with Scooby

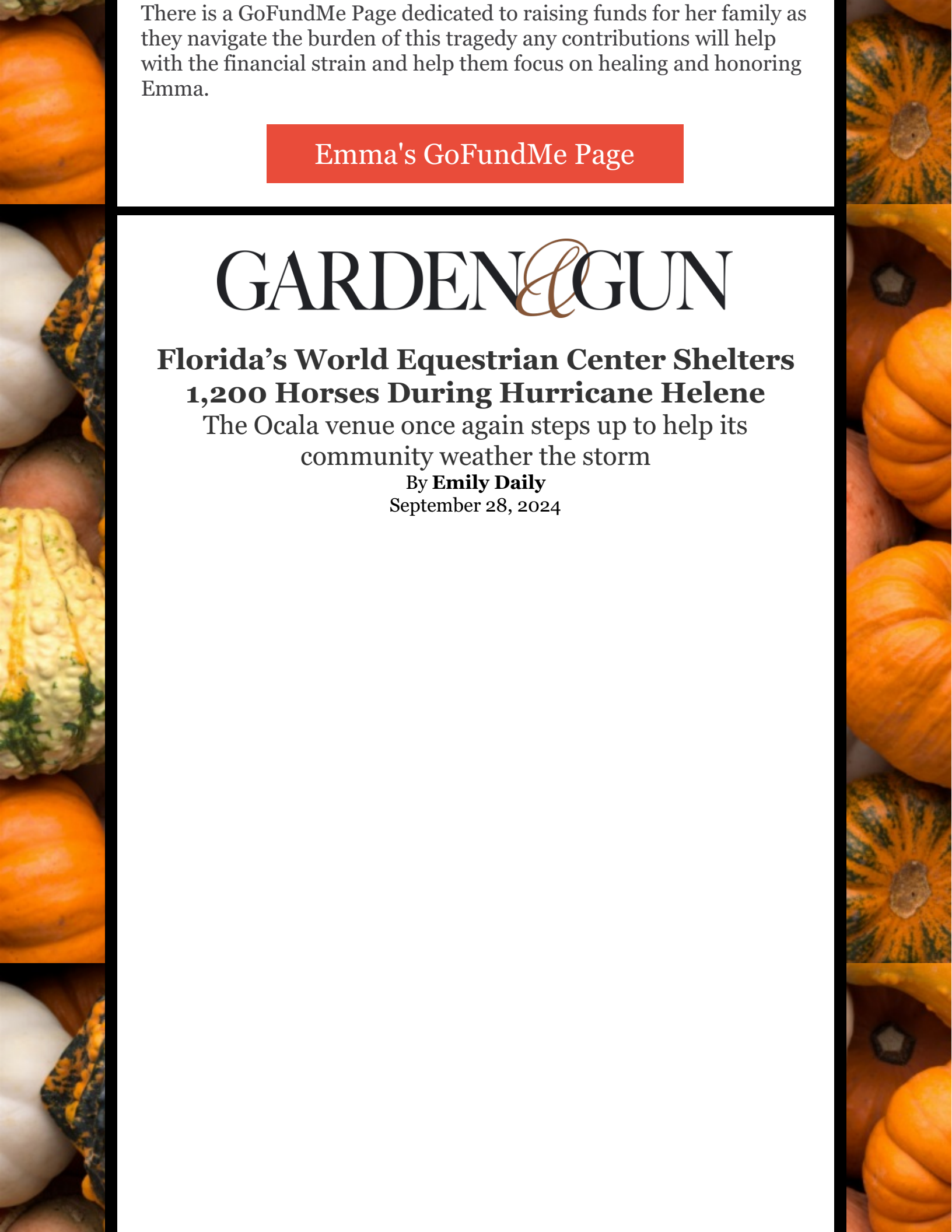
Remembering Emma Brungardt



The horse industry of Kansas unites to offer condolences to the family of Emma Brungardt, who tragically passed in a vehicle accident early this month. In the words of Miss Rodeo Kansas Pageant FB page: "Emma was a true gem and horsewoman who embodied what it meant to be a rodeo queen, always going above and beyond what was expected of her.

We will miss her contagious smile and one in a million personality. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers as they navigate through this unimaginable loss."

Emma, age 19, competed on the Colby Community College Rodeo Team, in goat tying, breakaway and team roping. She was an avid horse woman, a rodeo queen, a mentor, and a shining light for all who know her.



There is a GoFundMe Page dedicated to raising funds for her family as they navigate the burden of this tragedy any contributions will help with the financial strain and help them focus on healing and honoring Emma.

[Emma's GoFundMe Page](#)

GARDEN & GUN

Florida's World Equestrian Center Shelters 1,200 Horses During Hurricane Helene

The Ocala venue once again steps up to help its
community weather the storm

By **Emily Daily**
September 28, 2024



On September 25, owners began arriving in droves and soon more than 1,200 horses had filled the permanent stables. Situated in the heart of “the Horse Capital of the World,” the 378-acre venue hosts equestrian events every week and was equipped to handle the influx of arrivals. “We have welcomed evacuees previously,” says Leah Tong, WEC director of marketing. “So there’s a system in place to take those stall reservations and assist owners in getting to their stalls as needed.”

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Mountain Mule Packer Ranch

Mountain Mules Are Bringing Hope to Appalachia
Aided by Cajun Navy 2016, relief is arriving in Western North Carolina by air, foot, and hoof

By CJ Lotz Diego
October 1, 2024



A pack of mules and the Cajun Navy 2016 are bringing food, water, medicine, and hope to the mountains of Western North Carolina. Immediately after Hurricane Helene ravaged a huge swath of the Southeast on Thursday and Friday, the pros at Mountain Mule Packer Ranch in Mount Ulla, North Carolina, sprang into action.

Owner of Mountain Mule Packer Ranch said this on their Facebook:

"They call them beasts of burden, we call them our beloved mules"
"They are capable and willing to work in many conditions most won't. They are not stubborn...they are wise, and require respect. They have had many roles in their careers, from hauling camping gear and fresh hunt, pulling wagons and farm equipment; to serving in training the best of the very best of our military special forces, carrying weapons, medical supplies, and even wounded soldiers."



Over the weekend, the crew loaded two trucks full of donated and purchased supplies and secured the animals in twenty-foot stock trailers. Then the Mountain Mules headed west. Led by Mike Toberer, the team set up a staging area in the mountainous town of Montreat on Monday and Tuesday. They linked up with Cajun Navy 2016, a nonprofit search and rescue group from Watson, Louisiana. By truck where they could, but mostly by foot and hoof, the joint team hauled supplies toward Black Mountain, which was devastated by flooding and landslides. Nearly all roads in the area are impassable by car.

"One of the first families helped yesterday was in desperate need of insulin, and Mountain Mule Packers was able to get it up this otherwise impassable road," the Cajun Navy 2016 shared.

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Mountain Mules Packing Ranch is accepting donations to assist with their efforts to help affected communities. You can learn more on their Facebook page about how to donate.

[Mountain Mule Packing Ranch FB Page](#)



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What is historical horse racing?

- It's a way of gambling. You bet on horse races that have happened already.
- They are like slot machines. They have spinning pictures, and it sounds like a slot machine.
- You will get information about the horses and jockey before placing your bet.
- The player chooses the order of horses, or you can choose to have the machine choose for you.
- The new facility will be called the Golden Circle Historic Horse Racing Facility.

About the facility:

- It is going into the old Greyhound Park in Park City that closed in 2007.
- It's 3 stories tall.
- Phil Ruffin is behind the project that will cost roughly \$100 million dollars.
- There are 80 acres of land for the new project.

COMING TO WICHITA IN SEPTEMBER 2025



Equine National Plan

The United States (US) horse industry involves activities in all regions of the country and the world. Horses are considered livestock and are unique in the livestock sector because of their broad diversity.

The equine industry involves business, working animals, sport, recreation, entertainment, gaming, and environmental support, all built on the agri-business of breeding and raising equine.

In addition to economic benefits, it also produces other intangible benefits to people and the US, including recreation, exercise, working animals, stress reduction, and entertainment.



The overall goals of the NEHP are as follows:

- Protect the health and welfare of horses in the US and North America;
- Facilitate the continued interstate and international movement of equine and associated products with science-based requirements and standards;
- Protect the business continuity and economic viability of the equine industry;
- Establish the role of the industry, federal and state authorities, and tribal governments in equine disease prevention and control and in natural disasters; ensure the availability of current diagnostic testing, inspection, and certification services; create and maintain a communication system which provides timely and rapid dispersal of accurate information about disease outbreaks;
- Provide guidelines for control, identification, and containment of equine diseases;
- Support and make available educational programs for horse owners and industry representatives on disease identification and prevention.

Click on the link below for further details

[National Equine Health Plan](#)

**"A good final weekend in Hutchinson
at the Kansas State Fair"**



The Kansas State Fair has released its attendance numbers for 2024; officials say nearly 329,000 people visited the fair during its 10-day span, which finished on Sunday September 15th.

On Saturday, September 14th, Senator Roger Marshall was on site providing a town hall session, hosted by Steve & Ted of "Steve & Ted in the Morning" radio show on KNSS 98.7 fm & 1330 am Wichita.

[Listen to the Audio](#)

Watch the
Replay and Take
the Poll!



Recorded: July 25, 2024



Thank you to those who joined us for the Equine Sector Session—if you missed the session, the recording is available [here](#).

To guide the work that the Kansas Horse Council will do over the next year, please participate in the poll below.

The poll will allow you to select multiple equine sector priorities, please choose only your top three priorities.

Equine Sector Priorities (PICK 3) (View/vote in browser)

1. Adding/Improving Equine Expo Infrastructure
2. Defining Horses as Livestock
3. Appointing a dedicated Kansas Equine Extension Specialist
4. Supporting consumer demand for entry-level experiences to equine activities
5. Restoring Federal Appropriations for USDA inspectors as it applies to horse exports and horse processing
6. Establishing an Equine Check-Off Program
7. Sharing Equine Economic Impact
8. Support KS Horse Racing as needed
9. Develop equine handling protocol for emergency response & law enforcement
10. Increased trail maintenance, trail riding promotion, and opening of new

trails for equestrian use

11. Other: please respond via email with "other" sector priority

[VOTE HERE](#)

[2024 Equine Sector Session Recording Link](#)

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EPISODE 18

Accessibility and Inclusion in the Equine Industry



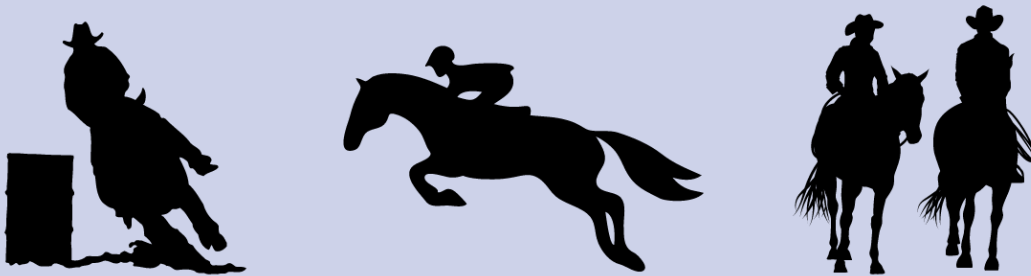
To thrive, industries and communities need to unlock the power and potential of all types of talent – that means they need inclusion. Inclusion means everyone feels welcome, respected, valued, included and that they belong. Today's episode will explore some ways the equine/equestrian community is striving to be more inclusive.

[Listen to the Podcast](#)



AHC Reel of Industry Updates

Upcoming Events



2024 Upcoming Events and Calendar

This month there are shows, rodeos, trail rides, and more!

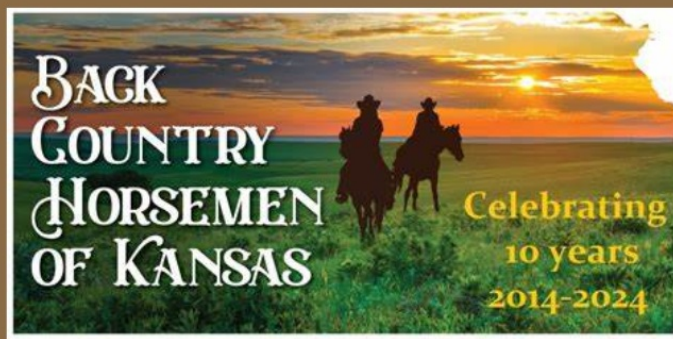
See them here:

Calendar of Submitted Events

Any questions regarding events, please call us at
785-776-0662

If interested in more information or to register for an event,
please email us at

director@kansashorsecouncil.com



We're midway through 2024 already, and fall riding will be here before we know it!

Be sure to add these fun events to your calendars!!

Aug 31, Annual Perry State Park Benefit Ride. Go to Let's Ride—Perry Lake, Events, on Facebook for details. Be sure to call state park office directly for camping reservations, 785-246-3449.

Sept 28, Annual Benefit Ride for Randolph Campground & Trails, Tuttle Creek Lake. Go to Tuttle Creek Chapter of BCHKS, Events, on Facebook for details. Call state park office directly for camping reservations, 785-539-7941.

Oct 5, Murder Mystery Ride, Saddle Ridge Campground, Hillsdale State Park. Details pending. Call state park office directly for camping reservations, 913-594-3600.

Oct 11-13, Annual Eisenhower State Park (Melvern Lake) Benefit Ride. Find ride flier in Comments. Call park office directly for camping reservations, 785-528-4102.

Oct 19, Annual Moonlight Ride with Chili & Pie Supper at Perry State Park. Go to Let's Ride—Perry Lake, Events, on Facebook for details. Call park office directly for camping reservations, 785-246-3449.

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October 18-19, 2024 Clawson Ranch in Englewood, KS

Alisha Owens, 620-309-7828
or email: mommyheckel@gmail.com

Camp Friday, Oct. 18.

Ride Saturday, Oct. 19.

Mount up and depart at 10:00am, pack your own lunch.
Enjoy pulled pork dinner & potluck sides in the evening.

Camp Saturday night.

Enjoy a 2 hour ride Sunday Oct. 20 before you leave.

PRE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

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REGISTRATION FORM



[More Information](#)



WEBINAR

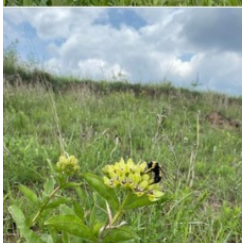
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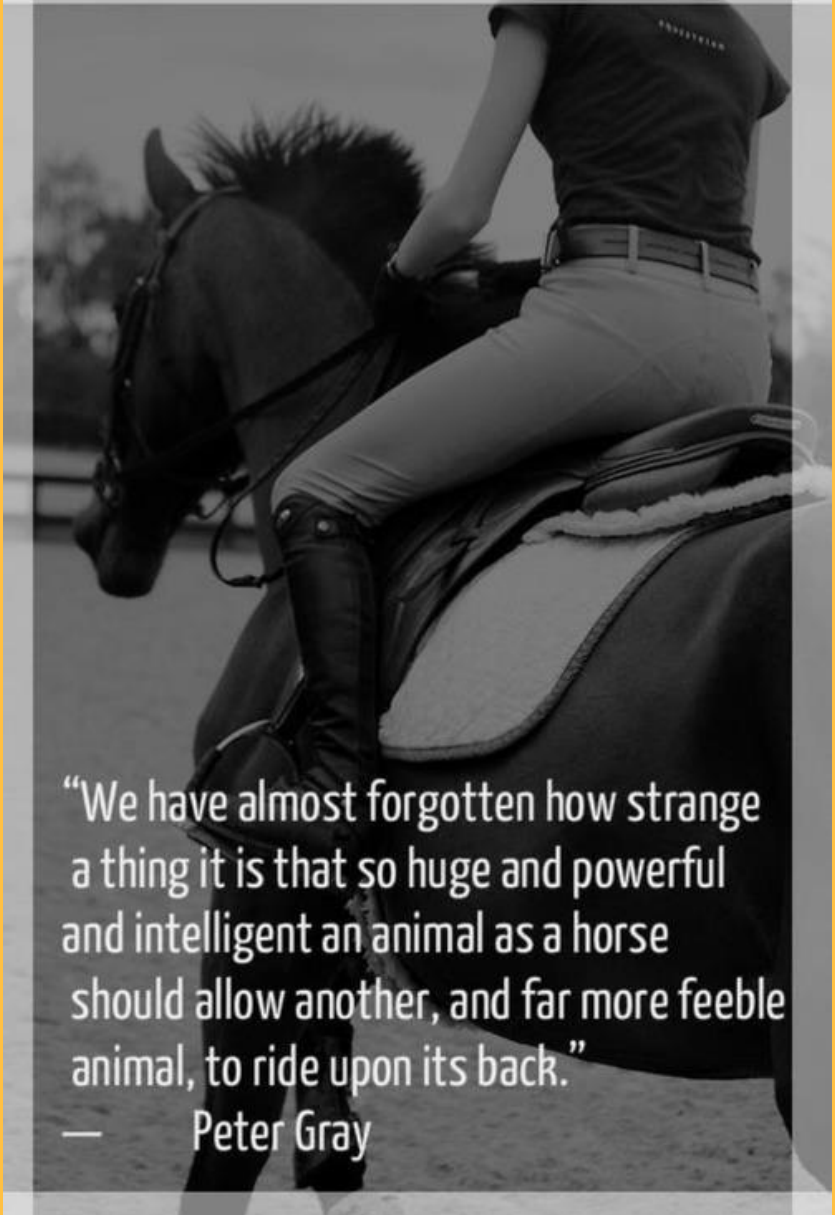


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Tales & Tidbits



October Inspiration

A black and white photograph of a person riding a horse, seen from the back. The rider is wearing a dark t-shirt, light-colored breeches, and tall black boots. The horse is dark-colored and is in motion. The image is set against a bright yellow background that also features a border of various pumpkins and gourds on the left and right sides.

“We have almost forgotten how strange
a thing it is that so huge and powerful
and intelligent an animal as a horse
should allow another, and far more feeble
animal, to ride upon its back.”
— Peter Gray



*the***HORSE**

5 Common Horse Feeding Mistakes

Posted by Emily Dickson, MS, featured in *the Horse*



Every day, multiple times a day, you feed your horse. It's part of the lifestyle of owning horses, and we've all learned to appreciate the smell of freshly baled hay and molasses-flavored grain before we've had our own morning coffee.

And while you certainly take feeding your horse seriously, it's easy to overlook some keys to success. Below, we'll talk about five common mistakes you might be making and how to rectify the situation to improve your horse's gut health and overall well-being.

- 1. Feeding by scoop or flake instead of by weight.**
- 2. Feeding senior feed unnecessarily.**
- 3. Overestimating how much work your horse does.**
- 4. Oversupplementing or changing supplements frequently.**
- 5. Feeding in meals instead of continually.**

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SIGNS OF BLISTER BEETLE POISONING



The blister beetle (*Epicauta*):

- Is **highly toxic** to sheep and cattle, but primarily to horses
- Swarms in alfalfa fields and **can be drawn into hay bales by accident**
- Contains cantharidin, a contact irritant and vesicant that causes damage to the gastrointestinal mucosa (including the mouth), renal or bladder tissues, and the heart muscle
- Is **dangerous even in small parts**: as little as 4-6 grams can be deadly to a 1100-pound horse

Most of the symptoms in the early stages of poisoning are non-specific and death may occur rapidly.

SOME OF THE CLINICAL SIGNS ARE:

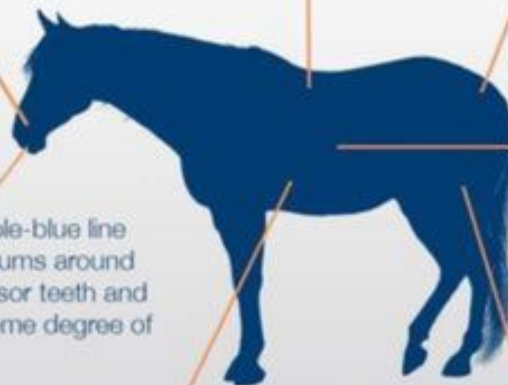
Salivation and anorexia resulting from blister formation and erosions in mouth and tongue

Endotoxic shock and various degrees of colic

Watery feces or bloody stool from deteriorating gastrointestinal mucosa

"Toxic line," a purple-blue line that forms on the gums around the base of the incisor teeth and usually indicates some degree of endotoxemia

Cardiac arrhythmias



"Thumps" - your horse may appear to have various degrees of the "hiccups" due to rhythmic contractions of the abdominal musculature occurring because of low levels of calcium (hypocalcemia)

Hematuria (bloody urine) from damaged renal or bladder tissues

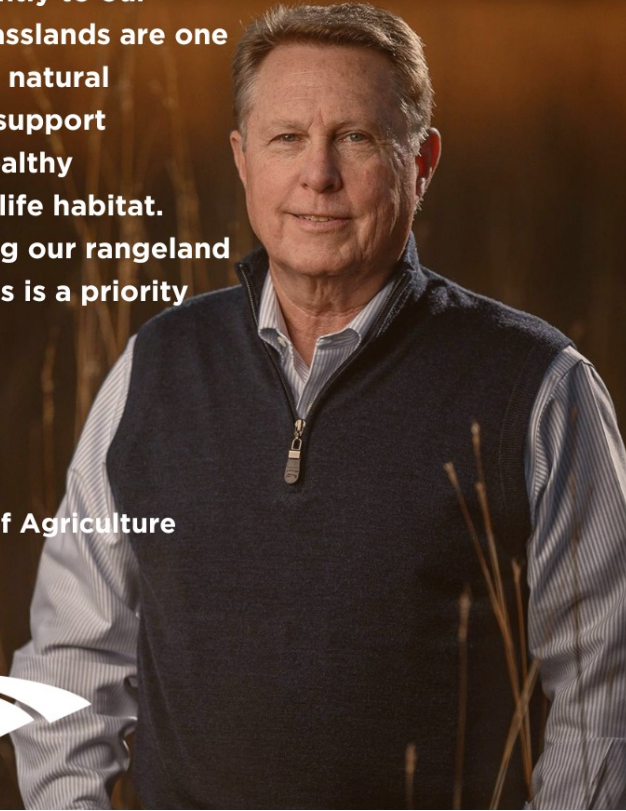


Consult your veterinarian for more information about beetle poisoning, especially if you feed alfalfa hay from a new or unknown harvesting source. Please keep in mind there are many representatives of the species *Epicauta*; contact a county agricultural agent for more information on poisonous beetles in your area or from the geographical region where you purchase your alfalfa hay.

"Kansas grazing lands play a key role in the economic sustainability of the cattle industry, which contributes significantly to our state's economy. Grasslands are one of our most valuable natural resources, and they support livestock grazing, healthy watersheds and wildlife habitat. Therefore, conserving our rangeland and native grasslands is a priority for KDA."

-Mike Beam

**Secretary
Kansas Department of Agriculture**



Shiny and Clean

by Del Shields Cowboy Music and Poetry

He rolled up to the branding pen in a truck
and trailer so shiny it could blind ya.
As he backed out his freshly washed paint
gelding from the saw dusted floor, Chuck
said, "Son let me remind ya.

This here is a round up, and the terrain is
sort of tough.
As I look at this silvery plated saddle and
bridle, I truly don't see one scuff.

Young man, I sure mean no disrespect or harshness to you at all.
But, those fresh starched Cinch jeans and George Strait shirt make you
look like you should be at a Ball.

And Ostrich quill boots in place like this? I don't see how they can last
an hour without good tapaderos.
Why, you know we'll be riding some mighty steep climbs to get
through the breaks and the narrows.

Are you sure you're at the right place? Where do you come from and





why are you here?

And, didn't anyone warn you about this outfit, and tacking out with the right kind of gear?"

The kid never looked up cept once in a while, to let Chuck know he was paying respectful attention.

Then in a clear soft voice he asked, "is there anything else I need to know? Anything... you forgot to mention?"

With an easy step he mounted his saddle, then waited for the rest of the crew.

With the first bunch located and needing some guidance, our ropes from the horns we all drew.

Astounded and baffled we all watched in wonder. The kid never missed one loop that he threw.

Clean as a whistle he would dally them off. No wonder his saddle stayed looking brand new.

His paint horse worked like a well oiled machine, as he'd cut, spin and hold.

Ole Chuck was feeling plumb ashamed, and sorry he'd spoken so bold.

At the end of the day when the branding was over, we sat at the fire eating spoils.

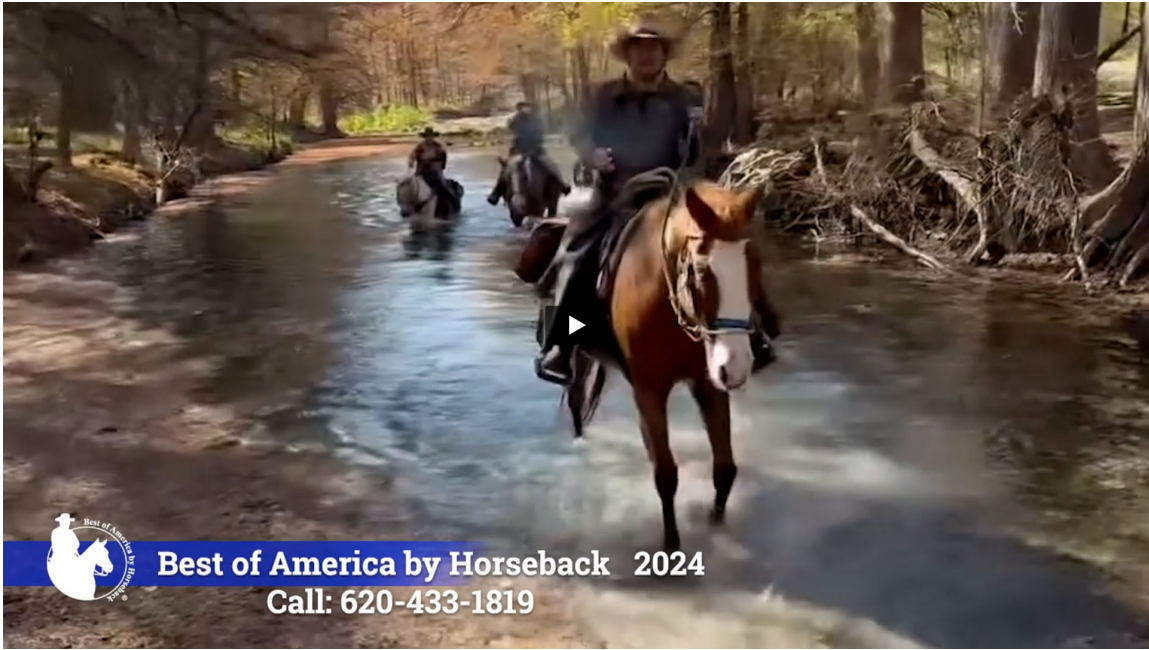
The kid was commended on his skills and his horse, and asked of his training and lorels.

He said "I'm Buster Cain's son from over the mountain. I've been gone on the rodeo trail.

I've got a few titles under my belt from the INFR, and being home visiting, well I thought I might help."

Chuck said, "please take no offense by the warnings we gave. Why these things we just never knew."

"None taken" he reposed with a twinkle and grin. "But before judging next time based on shiny and clean, let a man show you just what he can do."



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