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Calendar

The KHC website contains a full listing of events including saddle club meetings, trail work days, parades, clinics, etc.

For a complete listing [CLICK HERE](#).

[Click Here](#) for Kansas barrel racing dates/events

Are You There?

Kansas horse owners helping out in Oklahoma

Many Kansas clubs and individuals have organized donations for people and animals hurt by the recent tornadoes in Oklahoma.

Here is a list of sites you can go to for more information about how you can help:

Donate Money, Food and Supplies

OK Veterinary Medical Assoc. -

PO Box 14521

Oklahoma City, OK 73113

Tel: 405.478.1002 / Fax: 405.478.7193

The names of the three vet clinics caring for the majority of the horses are:

Equi-Center Veterinary Hospital

Dr. Michael J Wiley

6600 W Rock Creek Road, Norman, OK 73072-2019

405-366-9328

Equine Medical Associates Veterinary Clinic

2625 W. I-35 Frontage Road

Edmond, Oklahoma 73013

(405)348-3130.

Interstate Equine

2536 S Ladd Ave, Washington, OK 73093

Phone:(405) 288-6267

Oklahoma City Animal Shelter -: If you would like to donate for the animals, contact Cathryn English with the Oklahoma City Animal Shelter. It needs food, blankets, and towels right now, but it is best to call and ask first. Call (405) 297-3100 or (405) 297-3088.

Pet Food Pantry of OK - This nonprofit is accepting food donations and offering dog food, cat food, leashes, collars, food bowls and other supplies to those in need. Call (405) 664-2858.

Central OK Humane Society - is in need of towels, paper

This site is FREE, EASY TO USE and available to everyone involved with horses in and near Kansas.

Farriers, vets, trainers, western stores, breeders, feed stores, equine photographers, artists, horse haulers, saddle clubs, insurance companies, etc. -- the Kansas Horse Council created this site Just For You!

Or, if you want to know about the horsey stuff in your area, search by city or county to find it all.

[Click Here to Post Your Ad Now.](#)

Homes for Horses Ready for Adoption



Meet "JUNIOR"

Junior is an owner relinquishment due to downsizing the herd. He is an 11-year-old Appendix Quarter Horse and "turns a mean left barrel" according to his previous owner.

He was a stallion until 6 weeks ago, but you would never know it. He is also missing his right eye but it does not affect him at all. He is very nice and will make someone a very nice horse.

Junior is indeed a 1D barrel horse. This guy is fast around a barrel.

towels, gloves and food for volunteers. Donations can be dropped off at either 5420 N. Classen Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK, or 2905 70th St. NW, Oklahoma City, OK. [Visit its website](#) to make a donation to its disaster relief fund.

Net Posse.com - (a division of Stolen Horse International, Inc.) lists options for volunteering and donating

Moore OK Tornado Facebook Page - for current information regarding the ongoing needs

Red Cross - disaster relief

Kansas Cowboy Hall of Fame - Nominations now being accepted

The Kansas Cowboy Hall of Fame a project of Boot Hill Museum was developed to preserve and honor the life of the Kansas Cowboy. Inductees each year are honored for their outstanding contribution to the western heritage lifestyle, past and present, and to the preservation of the cowboy culture. They must uphold the cowboy ideals of integrity, honesty and self-sufficiency

Not forgotten, but sometimes neglected, this year special emphasis is being placed on celebrating the ladies of the western heritage lifestyle. Nominations are now being accepted for the Kansas Cowboy Hall of Fame.

Individuals will be selected in the following categories: Working Cowboy/Cowgirl, Cowboy/Cowgirl Historian, Cowboy/Cowgirl Entertainer/Artist, Rodeo Cowboy/Cowgirl and Rancher/Cattleman.

When asked about the Kansas Cowboy Hall of Fame, Chairman, Kim Goodnight said "It is an honor to recognize the legacy of the Kansas Cowboy. Each year we receive numerous outstanding nominations for individuals that contribute to the cowboy way of life. The nominees come from all walks of life, from the hand that gets a paycheck for a job well done to the gentleman that owns the ranch."

Nominations will be accepted until 5 p.m. Friday, June 28, 2013. All entries must be delivered to Boot Hill Museum or postmarked by June 28, 2013. Nomination forms are available at www.boothill.org or by calling the Boot Hill Museum in Dodge City at 620.227.8188.

Inductees or families will be notified of their selection by August 1, 2013. The 2013 induction ceremonies for the Kansas Cowboy Hall of Fame will be held in September of 2013 in Dodge City.

For more information please contact Brent Harris at Boot Hill Museum. 620.227.8188

The June 2013 featured rescue comes from the: **Hope in the Valley Equine Rescue.**

This monthly feature provides contact details for a horse adoption in Kansas. Please contact the rescue or adoption service directly. Thanks!

Be Actively Involved --

If your club/organization isn't affiliated with KHC, why not? Club memberships are only \$35.



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Annual KHC Elk City Ride

By: Regional Directors, Jim & Cheryl Thomas

Neither predictions of rain and snow nor cold nights kept 35 hearty cowboys and cowgirls from enjoying the Elk River Trail in southeastern Kansas the first weekend of



May. Mother Nature chose not to cooperate with the annual spring Kansas Horse Council Elk City Lake trail ride, and this May weekend brought nighttime temperatures in the upper 30's and cool, misty days. The Saturday ride was postponed until noon, when riders bundled up and headed out on the trail. It ended up being a pleasant afternoon as the group passed through the boulder-tossed terrain and rode along rock walls that towered 20-30 feet over their heads. The afternoon was chilly and misty at times, but ride participants happily enjoyed forming new friendships and meeting the challenges this ride has to offer. One benefit of the cool, misty day was the bonanza of morels that were popping up all along the trail. Several riders just couldn't stop themselves from dismounting and loading pockets and saddlebags full. One or two even took off their jackets to provide a satchel to carry mushrooms back! A hot, catered dinner of pulled pork and brisket and all the trimmings followed the 5-hour ride along with prize drawings. As temperatures dropped once again to the upper 30's, several gathered around a warm campfire to share highlights from the trail. Biscuits and gravy warmed up the overnight campers Sunday morning; then 26 riders headed back out on the trail for a 3-hour ride. Warmed up leftovers from the night before provided a hot lunch before riders loaded up and headed home. Despite Mother Nature's attempt to ruin the weekend, riders made new friends and took home memories of a great ride. Welcome new KHC memberships: Garnett Saddle Club, Lori Tilson, and Ruth & Danny Fechter! Thank you to lifetime KHC members Eddie & Marilyn Drake for the donation of pop and water for the weekend. And, thank you to the outriders who rode herd on the group - Howard & Pam Banzet, Randy & Jennifer Carnahan, Tim & Susan Searles, Bill Racy, and Rick Medlen.



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This Elk River Trail is a hiking trail that winds along the shoreline of Elk City Lake just north of Independence in SE Kansas. It is considered one of the most scenic and rugged trails in Kansas; the scenery is amazing with rock projections that look out over the lake and rock canyons that wind through hardwood forest. There are several places along this trail that are impassable for horses, so some re-routing has been done to avoid those spots. But, equestrians still enjoy the diversity of this area as the trail winds along rock walls that rise up to towering heights and continues to pass through numerous other rock formations. This trail is open to horses by permit only, and we have typically been able to ride it twice a year - spring and fall. However, the Elk River Trail has been receiving national recognition as a premiere hiking trail and is seeing an increase in hikers and trail runners. As a result, it's becoming more and more difficult to get permission to bring horses on this trail. Because the Corps of Engineers is wanting to limit horse access to once a year, a fall date is not looking too promising right now. We will continue to work with the Corps and try to keep this trail accessible to horses, even though it will be on a very limited basis.

American Horse Council National Issues Forum

The American Horse Council has announced that its theme for this year's National Issues Forum is "A Healthy Horse, A Healthy Industry." These two concepts are co-dependent. Our horses need a viable, growing industry, supported by the public, to ensure they are enjoyed and can get the best care; and fundamental to our industry is a healthy horse that can be moved interstate and internationally for breeding, showing, racing, sale and recreational riding. There are a number of continuing efforts to accomplish these goals that will be the focus of the National Issues Forum.

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Legislative Update

Industry Groups Visit Capital Hill

By Frank Bowman, Horsemens Council of IL, Executive Director

I was in Washington DC last week as part of a contingent of industry groups speaking to equine issues currently before Congress and how, by not really knowing anything at all about horses, the decisions Congress makes on behalf of horse owners are often unwise and shortsighted. With the Farm Bill markup scheduled for this week, timing for our meetings was very good.

Members of our group came from states all across the country and represented the National Tribal Horse Coalition, Intertribal Agriculture Council, the Yakama, Warm Springs and Navajo Nations, United Horsemen,

International Equine Business Association, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, National Association of State Departments of Agriculture, National Pork Producers, American Farm Bureau, PRCA and horse owners like us.

Meetings were held with key congressional offices and regulators and allowed us an opportunity to offer our association (HCI) as a valuable resource for congressional members and their staff to draw upon for information on horses and horse ownership. It also served to highlight the way(s) in which many decisions made in Congress affect horses, horse owners and the environment far beyond the congressmen's district boundaries and what their constituents may understand about the issues.

I highly recommend that you take a minute to drop an email or make a phone call to your federal legislative offices just to let them know that you are somebody who actually owns and cares for horses, that you vote and to extend a willingness to answer any questions on horses or horse issues that may appear before them.

If you do not participate and voice your opinions someone else will and then you'll get what you get, nothing more.

Some Good News

By Dave Duquette

United Horsemen, Mindy Patterson and I, spent last week in Washington, D.C. speaking before key Congressional members about pertinent issues relating to the national horse industry. Joining us in DC were representatives from the National



Tribal Horse Coalition, Intertribal Agriculture Council, the Yakama, Warm Springs, and Navajo Nations, International Equine Business Association, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, National Association of State Departments of Agriculture, National Pork Producers, American Farm Bureau, and Pro Rodeo Cowboys Association.

Our timing was key since both the Farm Bill and the Agriculture Appropriations (FY14) are coming up for a vote in the near future. It was mission critical to have our collective equine interests present to represent the voice of the horse industry while also reminding our Congressional representatives that we are the ones with the most at stake if the industry doesn't have the opportunity to revive.

Also during our week in DC, Mindy attended a two hour hearing where Sec. of Agriculture Tom Vilsack testified before the Senate Agriculture Appropriations subcommittee. While nothing regarding equine issues was voiced during the hearing itself, we will be keeping an eagle eye on USDA's appropriations request and Vilsack's request for Congress to defund horse processing.

This past week, on Wednesday, May 15th after a marathon debate late into the night, the House Agriculture Committee passed the Farm Bill with a vote of 36-10. Key among the provisions is the fact that the HSUS Egg Bill was NOT an amendment, and the King Amendment passed. The vote on the King Amendment passed by voice vote, and it was obvious the support for the King Amendment was overwhelming. This is what Rep. King had to say.

"The Constitution of the United States reserves the regulation of interstate commerce to the Congress, not the states," said King. "The Protect Interstate Commerce Act (PICA) prohibits states from entering into trade protectionism by forcing cost prohibitive production methods on farmers in other states. PICA covers all agriculture products listed in section 206 of the Agriculture Marketing Act of 1946. By 2015, California will allow only eggs to be sold from hens housed in cages specified by California. The impact of their large market would compel producers in other states to invest billions to meet the California standard of 'means of production.' PICA will also shut down the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), PETA and other radical organizations from creating a network of restrictive state laws that will slowly push agriculture production towards the demise."

New Mexico Rep. Grisham introduced her amendment to the Farm Bill to defund USDA inspectors for horse plants and then withdrew it before a vote. She will more than likely offer it on the House floor next week.

Meanwhile, Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) has notified the Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS) that when the first grant of inspection for horse processing plants is issued, it will sue using the Illinois case and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) as basis for their lawsuit. HSUS has said it will follow with a suit based on Endangered Species Act (ESA), similar to the suit filed against Monsanto on RoundUp Ready alfalfa. We have friends in DC that we believe can defeat HSUS on this issue. If HSUS is allowed to do this it would affect all new plants of whatever type, in essence ruining ALL animal ag.

The next few weeks will be action packed and we will be calling on all of you for help so please watch for and share our Action Alerts.

Again I want to say thank you to all the donors who made this trip possible, we could not do it without your support.

Yours truly,
Dave Duquette
President
United Horsemen

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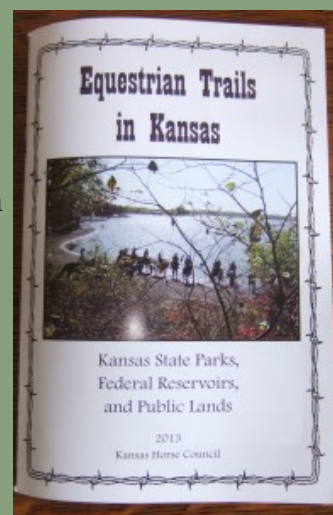
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