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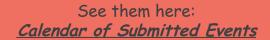






2023 Upcoming Events and Calendar
This month are are many educational opportunities as well as barrel races, trail rides

and more.



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





Giving a shoutout to these participants and the hours they've logged enjoying time with their equine friends!

Q4 2022

1500 Hours - Karen Carr 1000 Hours - Diane Ransom 500 Hours - Rosie Sweeten



Mann Introduces Legislation To Preserve

Stepped-Up Basis KLA Today

U.S. Rep. Tracey Mann, alongside more than 50 of his colleagues, introduced legislation last week recognizing the importance of stepped-up basis in response to the Biden administration's budget proposal that recommends elimination of the tax provision for agricultural producers and small business owners. The resolution would commit the House of Representatives to supporting the preservation of the provision, opposing any efforts to impose new taxes on family farms or small businesses and recognizing the importance of generational transfers of family-owned operations.

Stepped-up basis is a longstanding provision within the tax code that protects people from being forced to pay capital gains taxes on inherited assets such as land, equipment or buildings, allowing the recipients to adjust their cost basis to reflect their fair market value. Its removal would hurt agricultural producers and small business owners by weakening their ability to keep generational assets in the family.

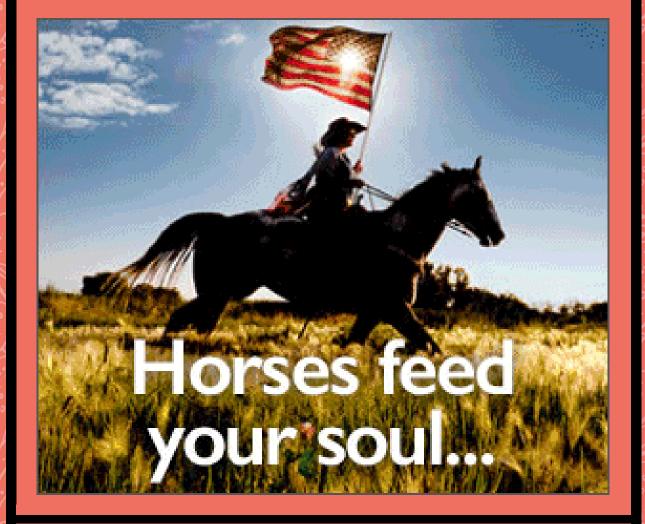
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A number of last-minute bills were addressed in committees this week of which KLA testified on several.

KLA Today

Foreign ownership of land - KLA testified in opposition to SB 283, which would prevent any foreign adversary from owning an interest in real property over 10 acres in Kansas. KLA took issue with the bill because it likely violates the Commerce Clause of the U.S. Constitution that gives Congress, not states, power to regulate foreign commerce. KLA instead supports S. 68, sponsored by U.S. Sen. Roger Marshall, to allow the Committee on Foreign Investment in the U.S. to review all purchases of agricultural land and businesses by foreign nationals. KLA requested an amendment to SB 283 to strike the 10-acre provision, as it could permit foreign adversaries to purchase land next to military installations, and instead only allow the purchase of a home. If the amendment is adopted, KLA agreed to change their position to neutral, despite the constitutional deficiencies of the bill.

Eminent Domain - KLA testified in favor of SB 312 to preserve private property rights for members. The bill would require approval of the board of county commissioners prior to certain public utilities exercising the power of eminent domain. This gives local governments the authority needed to protect private landowners.

Pet Animal Act - A hearing was held on HB 2437, which would update certain terms,

requirements and fees contained in the Kansas Pet Animal Act. KLA testified in opposition to the bill, with the opportunity to become neutral if three harmful provisions are removed. KLA opposes language in the bill that would detract from the animal health commissioner's equal authority over livestock and pet health programs. The bill also would require the commissioner to adopt regulations that use terms that could be used against pet breeders and, potentially, the livestock industry. Finally, the bill would allow the commissioner to enter into contracts with animal shelters and rescue networks to seize pet animals, as well as force abandonment of the animals seized if expenses are not paid after 10 days. this legislation forward was recognized. The bill also was amended, at the request of KLA, to include specific funding for stockwatering conservation projects. Both bills await action by the full Senate. Wind tower light-mitigation technology - The House Committee on Energy, Utilities such technology upon negotiation of a new power agreement. @newsfromKLA on Twitter or Facebook and the hashtag #KLAattheCapitol. as new information is added.

Water - The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources took final action on two water bills, HB 2279 and HB 2302. HB 2279, as amended, would add sections to the Kansas Groundwater Management District Act requiring groundwater management districts to submit annual reports to the Legislature, identify areas of concern in depleted aguifers and develop action plans to address the situation. HB 2302, as it passed the House, would have funded the state water plan using 0.08 percentage points of every sales tax transaction. It was amended by the committee, however, to delete the sales tax funding and convert it to an annual appropriation from the state general fund. While KLA policy supports the approach of setting aside sales tax dollars to create a more certain funding stream, the need to move

and Telecommunications passed SB 49, which would require all new wind towers to have light-mitigating technology systems and all existing wind towers to convert to

Members can stay up-to-date on what's happening during the session by following

The new EquiFest Website is out! Check back on it daily





Horse Exposition Del Shields

We went to a thing, a deal there in town. The sign read, HORSE EXPO- Come on down

So we got duded up. We hopped in the truck.

We wondered what we'd see, when we come pulling up.

I pushed my hat brim up. My eyes went agog.

This place was hopping, like a new hatch of frogs.

There were trucks and trailers spread out like a sea.

I turned to my wife, as she stared at me.

I pulled my hat down, she grabbed for her purse.

There was no way in thunder we were hitting reverse.



There were cowboys on horseback, swinging green poly ropes.
There were food trucks and vendors and poets with jokes.

We entered a building where Cowboys were singing.
The one right beside it, hammered anvils were ringing.

There were teams six up, pulling wagons of beauty.

And, a Color Guard mount, demonstrating their duty.

We saw pictures of art that was staggering good.
There were rows of new saddles, built on trees of real wood.

Demonstrations of training to make a horse ft.
I said could do that, as my wife smugly coughed.

There were folks from Australia who peddled their wares.
There were branders and braiders of reins of horse hairs.

There were clothes and hats, demonstrations galore,
Of all sorts of things, you don't see at the store.

We met the friendliest folks, you'll ever find.

They were helpful, respectful, gentle and kind.

At the end of the day, a rodeo was planned.

The program read, Ranch Rodeo- Made up of Top Hands.

We made our way in. The crowd was alive.

While those boys in the arena, were doing their best to survive.

After driving back home and hitting the hay.

My mind was still buzzing, from our adventurous day.

That HORSE EXPO Sure has me hooked. I've bought next years tickets, And hotel rooms are booked.

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Help, My Horses Won't Eat Their Hay

A nutritionist gives different reasons why two horses might not be consuming enough hay.

by Anna Pesta Dunaway, PhD

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My older Arabian gelding struggles with eating hay, and then I have a younger princess of a mare who just picks at it. I know feeding forage is key. Do you have any suggestions?

A:

The base of any horse's feeding program should be good-quality forage, but a number of issues can get in the way of this. There are several things that could be happening here:

- 1.) You don't mention the type or quality of hay you're feeding, but that is the place to start. If your hay is on the mature or stemmy side, older horses with dental issues will have a harder time chewing it and picky horses will voluntarily leave it behind. Find a soft, less mature grass hay. Depending on where you live, this could be a variety of hays, but I tend to suggest a green, second-cutting orchard grass as a good example. If you have access to a forage analysis, look for an RFV (relative feeding value) above 80.
- 2.) The senior horse might be getting to the point that he can't effectively chew or digest long-stem hay well, no matter the type (though he might still do quite well on green grass if you have it during the growing season). Have his teeth evaluated by your vet, and realize that even if he can chew it, his hindgut might not be able to extract calories from forage like it once did. If he is not maintaining body condition, it is time to provide a forage replacement. Some horses do well with a chopped/bagged hay or soaked hay cubes or pellets, but the most nutrient-dense and highly digestible option is a complete senior feed, meaning it has forage built in and can partially to totally replace hay or pasture.
- 3.) Determine why your princess is so picky. It could have simply been the hay quality, but other things, such as gastric ulcers, can cause horses to decrease intake. This can sometimes create a vicious cycle where the horse doesn't want to eat well because their stomach is uncomfortable, but because they aren't eating hay well, they miss out on natural buffering from hay and saliva and might further increase the risk of ulcers forming. Talk to your vet about diagnosis and treatment options. We often see horses become much better eaters when their gastric discomfort is

resolved.



Slow Ride in Cuba

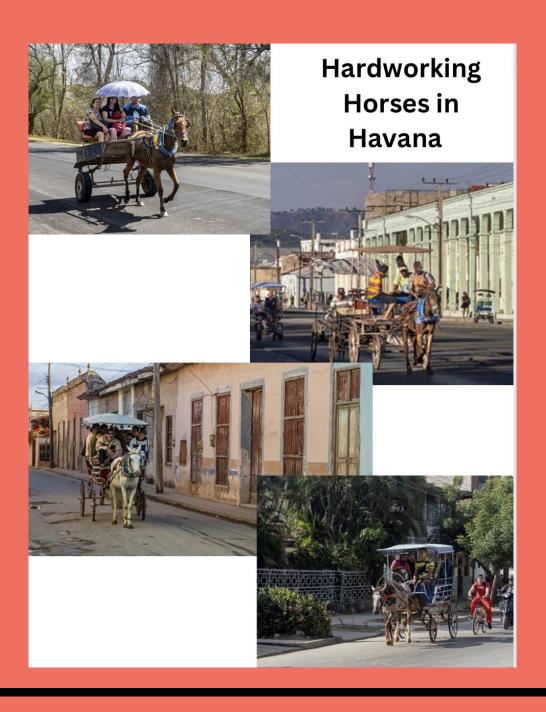
Submitted by Gordon Kilgore

I made a second trip to Cuba in February of 2023. My first trip was thirteen years ago, and little has changed. This trip was mainly to the Eastern part of Cuba visiting places at the tip of Cuba such as Baracoa and Guantanamo. My dilemma is deciding what photos will be the most meaningful. I chose to begin featuring Cuban transportation outside of Havana. To present a proper assortment I am using more examples than I typically use to get a more balanced presentation. Transportation is a huge problem throughout the country.

Bottom line; Cuba simply does not have enough hard currency to buy goods from the world market. Cuba falls short in just about everything. To me, nothing is more noticeable than their lack of modern transportation. Havana has American cars from the 1940s and 1950s, old Russian Lata's, and a few vehicles from China, India, Korea, and Japan. I will have to give the Cuban people their due, the ingenuity to keep these old vehicles patched together and running is a sight to see. While vehicles are available for purchase on the world market, the Cuban government does not have sufficient assets to buy them. Once out of Havana, not very many cars can be found in the towns, villages, and countryside. A few $2\frac{1}{2}$ - 5-ton trucks have been pressed into service to carry people. A government vehicle with an unoccupied seat is required to stop and pick up people hitchhiking. Private vehicles are encouraged to do likewise but it is not mandatory. Outside of the cities, most of the highways and roads are in miserable shape with potholes and missing asphalt. As I recall, most of the roads do not have any shoulders so there is nowhere for slow traffic to go but down the middle of their side of the road. Probably the slowest things on the road are ox carts. Following that would be bicycles and then horses and buggies. All are granted an equal right of way so faster vehicles must slow down and wait for space that allows safe passing. As can be expected, traffic accidents are said to be a major problem.

Our small bus could go 100 Km (60 MPH) where conditions permitted. It was rare indeed that this speed could be achieved. There is one four-lane highway in the country running east and west out of Havana, but that is it. I timed one stretch of road between two towns. The distance was 72

miles. I wrote down the time. When the next town was reached, I again checked the time. We averaged 33 MPH, and this road was above average. I guessed that on another day on a bad stretch of road going to Baracoa, we only averaged about 18-19 MPH. It was brutal.





Chef Alli's One Pan Chicken Pot Pie

Ingredients

- 3 Chicken breasts or Rotisserie chickenAbout 3 cups cooked
- 2 Cups Carrots Chopped or sliced thin
- 1 Cup Onions Chopped
- 1 Cup Celery & celery Chopped
- 2 TBSP Light butter
- 1 TBSP Avocado oil
- 2 TBSP Fresh garlic minced
- 2 Cans Cream of chicken soup small cans
- 2 Cups fat free chicken stock
- 1 Cup Unsweetened almond milk
- 1 Bag Frozen peas
- 2 TBSP Fresh thyme
- Dak's Nothin But Ranch seasoning
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 Can Crescent rolls reduced fat

Instructions

- Cook chicken and set aside or use rotisserie chicken. About 3 cups worth of cooked chicken.
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- Add the carrots and cook until tender. Add the celery and onions and cook until translucent.
- Once everything is tender add the garlic and cook until fragrant.
- Add the cans of cream of chicken soup, chicken stock and almond milk. Bring to a simmer
- Add the seasonings and season to taste.
- Add the chicken and frozen peas. Bring up to temperature and cut the heat.
- Place the crescent rolls on top of the pie and cook according to the package or until the crescent rolls are golden brown and the pie is bubbling on the sides
- Take out, let cool before serving and enjoy.

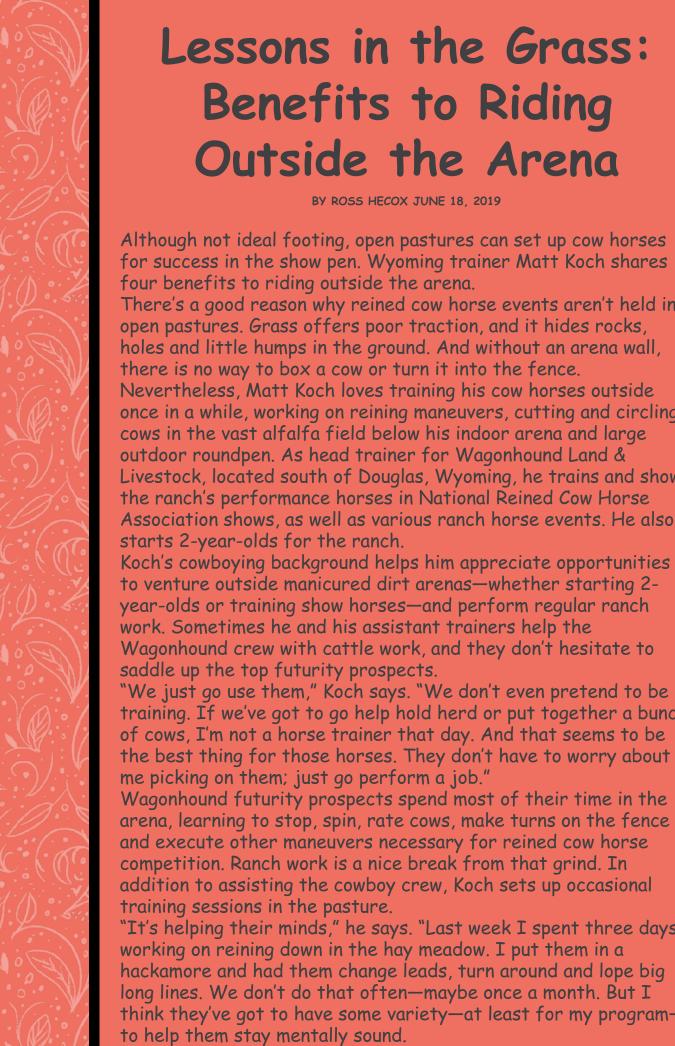
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Lessons in the Grass: Benefits to Riding Outside the Arena

BY ROSS HECOX JUNE 18, 2019

Although not ideal footing, open pastures can set up cow horses for success in the show pen. Wyoming trainer Matt Koch shares four benefits to riding outside the arena.

There's a good reason why reined cow horse events aren't held in open pastures. Grass offers poor traction, and it hides rocks, holes and little humps in the ground. And without an arena wall, there is no way to box a cow or turn it into the fence. Nevertheless, Matt Koch loves training his cow horses outside once in a while, working on reining maneuvers, cutting and circling cows in the vast alfalfa field below his indoor arena and large outdoor roundpen. As head trainer for Wagonhound Land & Livestock, located south of Douglas, Wyoming, he trains and shows the ranch's performance horses in National Reined Cow Horse

Koch's cowboying background helps him appreciate opportunities to venture outside manicured dirt arenas—whether starting 2year-olds or training show horses—and perform regular ranch work. Sometimes he and his assistant trainers help the Wagonhound crew with cattle work, and they don't hesitate to saddle up the top futurity prospects.

"We just go use them," Koch says. "We don't even pretend to be training. If we've got to go help hold herd or put together a bunch of cows, I'm not a horse trainer that day. And that seems to be the best thing for those horses. They don't have to worry about me picking on them; just go perform a job."

Wagonhound futurity prospects spend most of their time in the arena, learning to stop, spin, rate cows, make turns on the fence and execute other maneuvers necessary for reined cow horse competition. Ranch work is a nice break from that grind. In addition to assisting the cowboy crew, Koch sets up occasional training sessions in the pasture.

"It's helping their minds," he says. "Last week I spent three days working on reining down in the hay meadow. I put them in a hackamore and had them change leads, turn around and lope big long lines. We don't do that often—maybe once a month. But I think they've got to have some variety—at least for my program to help them stay mentally sound.

"It's kind of how I started. I worked for Haythorn [Land & Cattle Co. in Nebraska], and Craig [Haythorn] was great about letting me try to be a horse trainer. On hot afternoons I would take a 3-year-old in that sandy country, and all the cows would be gathered around the windmills and I would work on cutting. And I spent a lot of time loping circles in their alfalfa field right next to the outdoor arena."

When riding across grass, Koch knows better than to ask for big stops or to turn a cow at top speed. But he says horses benefit immensely from outdoor cutting sessions and circling cows at a high lope across uneven ground. He also sees value in pasture roping, whether or not the horse ever competes in timed events or has to stop a yearling in ranch horse events.

"It all relates," he says. "Even though they're show horses, you can do anything outside on them. The more situations we can put them in here at home, the easier that show pen is for them."

Outside, horses gain a new outlook, learn to handle imperfect footing, sharpen their cow senses and become well-rounded individuals

Read more of this article here!





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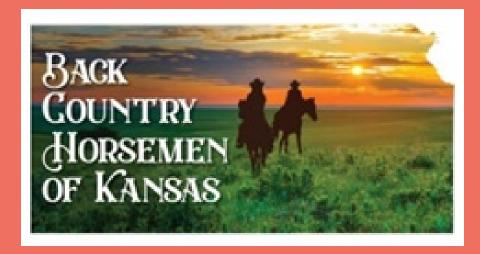
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Amusing April

A Desperado rides into town and downs a few drinks at the saloon. When he steps outside again, he finds his horse has been stolen. The Desperado swears, steps back into the bar, and fires a round into the piano. The room goes dead silent. "I'm gonna have one more beer," the Desperado bellows to the terrified crowd, "and if my horse ain't back where I left him when I'm done, I'll do here what I had to do in Houston."

The locals murmur uneasily as the Desperado sips his drink. Lucky for them all, when he steps outside again his horse has been

returned. As the Desperado saddles up, a local can't help but ask, "Sir, what exactly was it you had to do in Houston?"

The Desperado narrows his eyes and hisses at the man, "I had to walk home."









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BCHKS volunteers reported the following for 2021 - 3,783 hours, with a value of \$259,326 in labor and supplies.

Since BCHKS started keeping track in 2014, equestrian volunteers in Kansas have contributed - 23,000 hours, with a value of \$1,250,943 in

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