

KANSAS HORSE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

NEWS FOR KANSAS AND THE EQUINE INDUSTRY.

November 2024 Edition

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

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2024 Cowboy Hall of Fame

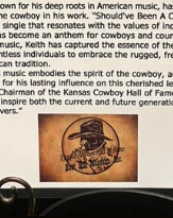
Charles Albert Vest

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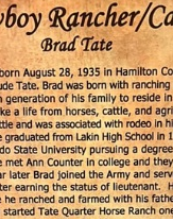
Toby Keith, known for his deep roots in American music, has long celebrated the spirit of the cowboy in his work. "Should've Been A Cowboy," a chart-topping single that resonates with the values of independence and adventure, has become an anthem for cowboys and country fans alike. Through his music, Keith has captured the essence of the cowboy lifestyle, inspiring countless individuals to embrace the rugged, free-spirited nature of this American tradition. "Toby Keith's music embodies the spirit of the cowboy, and we are thrilled to honor him for his lasting influence on this cherished legacy," said Kim Goodnight, Chairman of the Kansas Cowboy Hall of Fame. "His work continues to inspire both the current and future generations of cowboys and music lovers."



2024 Cowboy Rancher/Cattlem

Brad Tate


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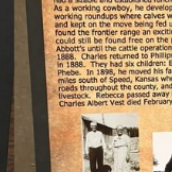


2024 Working Cowboy

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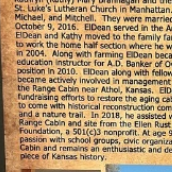


2024 Cowboy Historian

Ed Dean Holthus

"You can't beat being out in the country like we are. The range is unbelievably quiet. It's not a static site; it's dynamic."

Ed Dean Holthus was born December 6, 1932, in Pleasant Township, Smith County, Kansas to Fred and Laura Holthus. His schooling began in a one room school near his home and in 1950 he graduated from Smith Center High School. Ed Dean graduated from Kansas State University in 1954 with a bachelor's degree in Agronomy along with distinguished military honors. While at KSU, he met Kathryn (Kathy) Mary Brammigan and they were married on August 16, 1953, at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Manhattan. Ed Dean and Kathy had 3 sons, Lyle, Michael, and Mitchell. They were married over 63 years with Kathy passing on October 5, 2016. Ed Dean served in the Army from 1954 to 1959. After the Army to work his home half section where he was active in farming until his retirement in 2004. Along with farming Ed Dean became a pre-screener and continuing education instructor for A.D. Barker of Overland Park until he retired from the position in 2010. Ed Dean along with fellow Trustees of the Ellen Rust Living Trust became actively involved in management and promotion of the Hogley/Horne on the Range Cabin near Abbot, Kansas, and participated in fundraising and marketing efforts to restore the aging cabin and keep it standing for generations to come with historical representation completed in 2014, along with bootstraps Range Cabin and site from the Ellen Rust Living Trust to the Peoples Heartland Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. At age 91, Ed Dean shares his knowledge and Cabin and remains an enthusiastic and vibrant supporter for this special place of Kansas history.

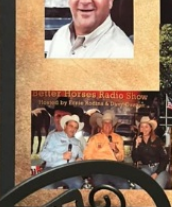


2024 Cowboy Entertainer

Ernie Rodina

"do the right thing."

Ernie Rodina was born April 7, 1955 in Kansas City, Kansas to Elaine and Ernest Rodina. Ernie was raised and attended school in Kansas City, Kansas. In 1977, Ernie graduated from Ottawa University. He married Connie Rodina in 1995 and they had four sons: Brent, Luke, Matthew, and Nicholas. Ernie was a district and later regional sales manager for Purina Mills, Inc. where he pursued his passion for helping the equine industry including both the horse and the owner/ rider. Through his Purina connections Ernie sponsored countless horsemanship clinics in Kansas and the first ever three-day Kansas 4-H Horse Camp in the early 1980's at the Linn County Fairgrounds, Mound City. Ernie started the Better Horses Network which sponsored the Eastern Kansas Pro Rodeo Series from 1984 to 2023 which promoted eastern Kansas Pro Rodeos at Mound City, Fredonia, Coffeyville and Eunice. Ernie also served as a director of the Kansas Horse Council and was an ardent supporter of the Kansas Equine Horse expo. He passed away after a long illness on July 12, 2023.



The 2024 Kansas Cowboy Hall of Fame induction ceremony took place at the Boot Hill Museum on Nov. 2nd. At this event, these individuals have been inducted into the KCHF:

- Ernie Rodina
- El Dean Holthus
- Brad Tate
- Rex Bugbee
- Charles Albert Vest
- Toby Keith

In addition to the induction, event goers got to listen to speeches, enjoy a discussion board and view a special screening of the Home On The Range. This powerful film, produced by Lone Chimney Films explores the unforgettable story of the authorship, preservation and legacy of the iconic song Home on the Range, and the location where this "unofficial anthem" of the west was written in Smith County, KS. To learn more about the 2024 KCHF event, check out their Facebook page shared below:

[Kansas Cowboy Hall of Fame FB Page](#)

[Pictures of event](#)

Nov 1st 2024 Kansas Horse Racing Session



Friday, Nov. 1st, many horse racing stakeholders attended a hybrid meeting, hosted at the Kansas Department of Agriculture. These enthusiasts recognize the economic impact of restoring horse racing in Kansas. This is an agribusiness growth development for the state with an increase of breeders and trainers and supportive services. This is an opportunity for commerce expansion through tourism and supporting businesses.

Missed the session but still want to stay in the loop? No worries below are links to a recording of the session and the provided slideshow.

Watch Recording of 2024 Session

2024 Session Slideshow



Horse
Owners
Invited to
Participate
in an EDCC
Biosecurity
Survey



With the support of the United States Department of Agriculture, the Equine Disease Communication Center ([learn more about the EDCC](#)) is completing a study to determine the awareness and knowledge of biosecurity in the horse industry. We need your help to determine knowledge and use of biosecurity for your horse(s). The goal is to help protect our horses from infectious diseases.

The survey will take approximately 10 minutes with responses collected and tabulated by The Matrix Group, a professional firm with experience conducting qualitative and quantitative research in the equine industry. All the information from this survey will be strictly confidential. The summarized information will be shared with all parts of the horse industry and used to create educational information. Please help by participating in

the survey.

Biosecurity Survey



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](#)

[2023 Equine Sector Session Recording Link](#)



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THE GOLDEN HISTORIC HORSE RACING FACILITY



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.

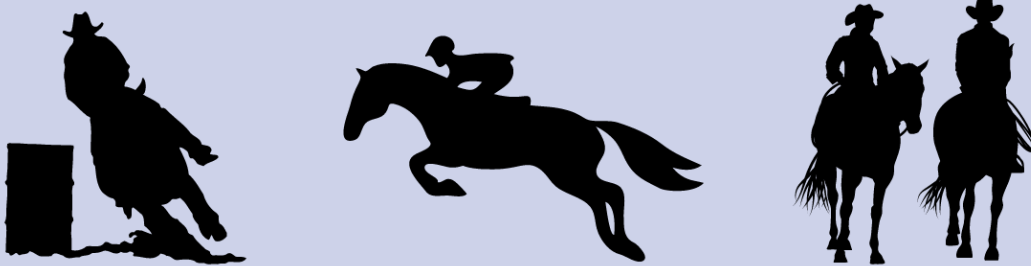
It's 3 stories tall.

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

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
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please email us at
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AT 11 AM!*

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FELLOW HORSE ENTHUSIASTS TO JOIN
US FOR THE EVENING.

A COLLECTION WILL BE GATHERED DURING
OUR SOUP SUPPER TO BENEFIT THE FAMILY.



Dear Horse
Enthusiast:

Come & Join Us In Barnes, Kansas!

THE BARNES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNUAL

Lighted Horse Parade

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2024 @ 6:30PM.

We appreciate the wonderful parade entries we have had in the past and look forward to making this another successful year. All Entries welcome, the more the merrier!! Our parade has been well received with lots of spectators and many great entries from all of you over the years. We appreciate your hard work and support and look forward to having you participate in this event to kick-off the holiday season!

As in years past, you may unload at the City Park on the North end of town. The baseball field lights will be on and we ask that upon arriving that you please register at the ball shack for an entry number and to give us a brief description of your entry for the announcers. You may then line up in numerical order.

A Soup Supper will be held at the Barnes Firehouse from 4pm - 6pm, and for 1 hour following the parade. All parade participants and their families are invited to come eat for free. During that hour after the parade there will be a drawing for prizes from various businesses for all the parade participants. So, even if you eat early, be sure to come back again after the parade to be included in our drawing and collect your prize!

PLEASE BE SURE TO EXTEND THIS INVITATION TO ANYONE YOU
THINK MAY BE INTERESTED IN BEING A PART OF THIS EVENT!


IF ANYONE HAS ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE
PARADE, OR NEEDS ANY HELP IN ANY WAY,
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Member Spotlight



JAN MOORE

Jan's love for horses is a passion that has been with her for years. Though she didn't have her first horse until she was 30, she has always been drawn to them—whether it was taking lessons, competing, trail riding, or just being around them. For Jan, it's not just about the riding—it's about the connection she shares with horses and seeing others enjoy the same bond.



In the past couple of years, Jan has faced some challenges due to injuries that forced her to take a step back from competing. But with determination and a love for the sport, she is now focused on making her way back into the show ring. "I'm currently leisurely riding and doing in hand work," Jan shares, "I have one big horse and two miniatures. I absolutely love my minis; they have so much personality and always tell you what they think!"

Jan's relationship with her horses runs deep, as they were there for her during a difficult time in her life. "When I was going through cancer treatment, I showed one of my minis and ended up winning high point in the nation," she recalls. "And I couldn't have done that without the support of my amazing friends—they've stuck by me through everything." Looking ahead, Jan is hopeful for a full comeback and is eyeing the 2025 season for her return.

As a proud member of the Kansas Horse Council (KHC), Jan emphasizes the importance of the organization's role in advocating for horse owners. "KHC has been crucial in protecting my interests as a horse owner. They help keep us informed and make us more cohesive. No matter what discipline you're in or what breed you own, or what level you compete at, KHC plays a key role in defending your horse ownership rights." Jan values the community and advocacy KHC provides, especially when the equine industry might not always unite as effectively to protect their rights.

Jan is also a planning committee member of the Lawrence Old Fashioned Christmas Parade, a cherished tradition that has been going strong for years. This parade is a festive event, with many teams of horse drawn carriages and saddle horses. "It's a magical parade," she says. "The stagecoach is an honor to ride in, and it celebrates the past in such a special way. It's not only a wonderful experience for participants but for spectators too. It's an event that brings people together and makes you feel proud to be part of the equine community." To participate in the Lawrence Parade, you must submit an entry form, which can be found in the link at the bottom of this story, deadline is Sat. Nov. 16.

Her advice to others in the equestrian world? "Always be willing to learn and never close your mind. No matter how long you've been around horses, you can always learn, and always give your equine friends the best care you can."

Jan's story is a testament to resilience, community, and the deep bond that exists between people and horses. We're excited to see what her future holds as she continues her journey back into the saddle!



Lawrence Old Fashioned Christmas
Parade

Registration

Tales & Tidbits



November Inspiration

"SOME OF
US WILL
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-AUTHOR
UNKNOWN



SADDLES
N
STUFF

Joking Ponies



For those hoping to pursue a career with horses – the options are endless!

Whether your passion is equine health, sales, insurance, training, supplies or services like accounting, marketing, or technology like designing wearables and apps to developing and supporting websites. Today's guest panelists will give us the 411 on how to identify and get yourself on the right career track.

Find out more on the American Horse Council Podcast now!

The Trail To A Horse Industry Career

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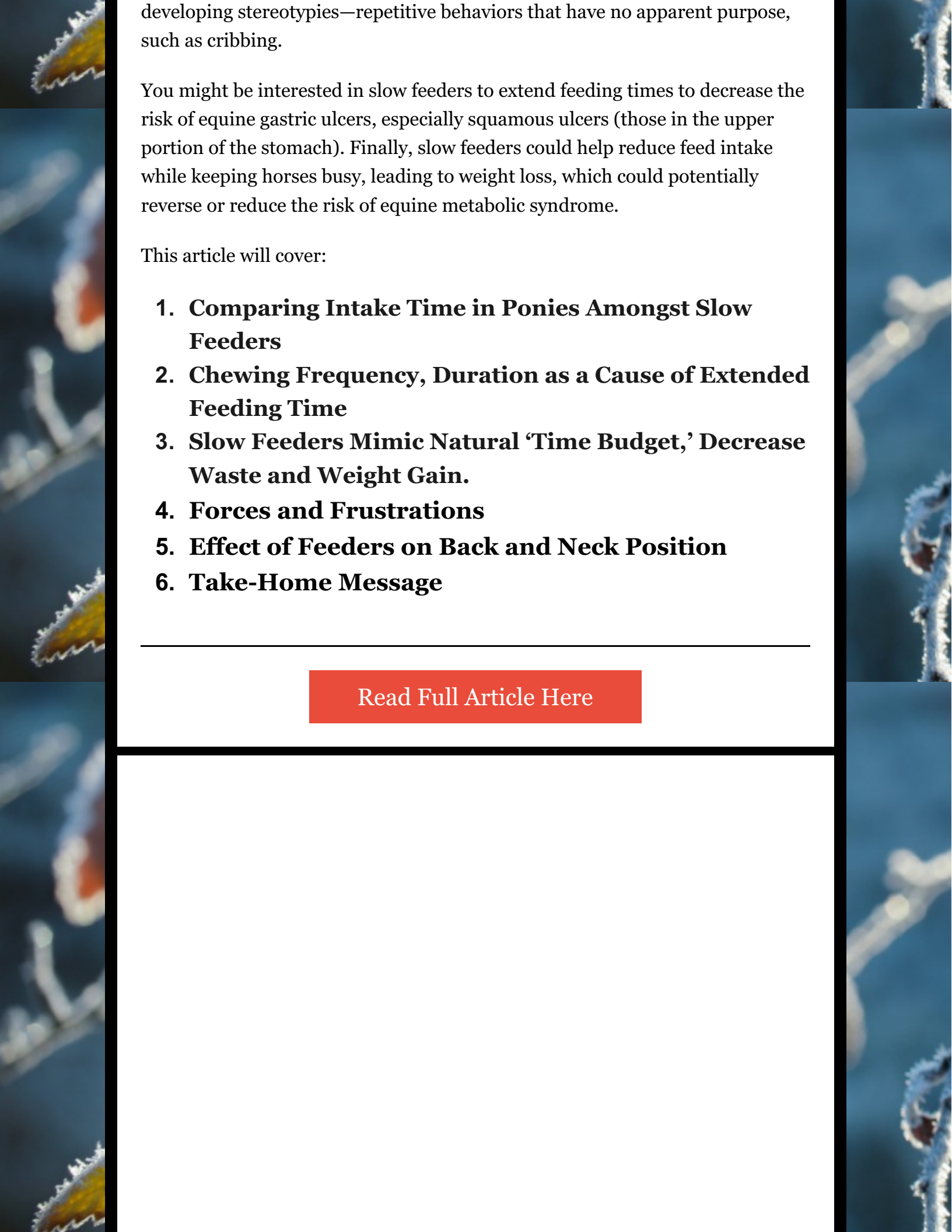
The Skinny on Slow Feeders for Horses

Posted by Stacey Oke, DVM, MSc, Featured in *The Horse*



Pros, cons, and surprising facts about slow-feeding devices for horses, such as haynets, hay bags, and hay boxes

Horse owners use slow-feeding devices for a variety of reasons. For instance, utilizing a slow-feed haynet can aid in controlling a horse's weight by reducing feed intake while keeping the horse occupied. Alternatively, owners could use other types of slow feeders to extend feeding times when their horses are stalled for a substantial portion of the day. In both cases slow feeders can help promote normal foraging behaviors, which might decrease the risk of



developing stereotypies—repetitive behaviors that have no apparent purpose, such as cribbing.

You might be interested in slow feeders to extend feeding times to decrease the risk of equine gastric ulcers, especially squamous ulcers (those in the upper portion of the stomach). Finally, slow feeders could help reduce feed intake while keeping horses busy, leading to weight loss, which could potentially reverse or reduce the risk of equine metabolic syndrome.

This article will cover:

- 1. Comparing Intake Time in Ponies Amongst Slow Feeders**
- 2. Chewing Frequency, Duration as a Cause of Extended Feeding Time**
- 3. Slow Feeders Mimic Natural ‘Time Budget,’ Decrease Waste and Weight Gain.**
- 4. Forces and Frustrations**
- 5. Effect of Feeders on Back and Neck Position**
- 6. Take-Home Message**

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Create a Haven for your Horses



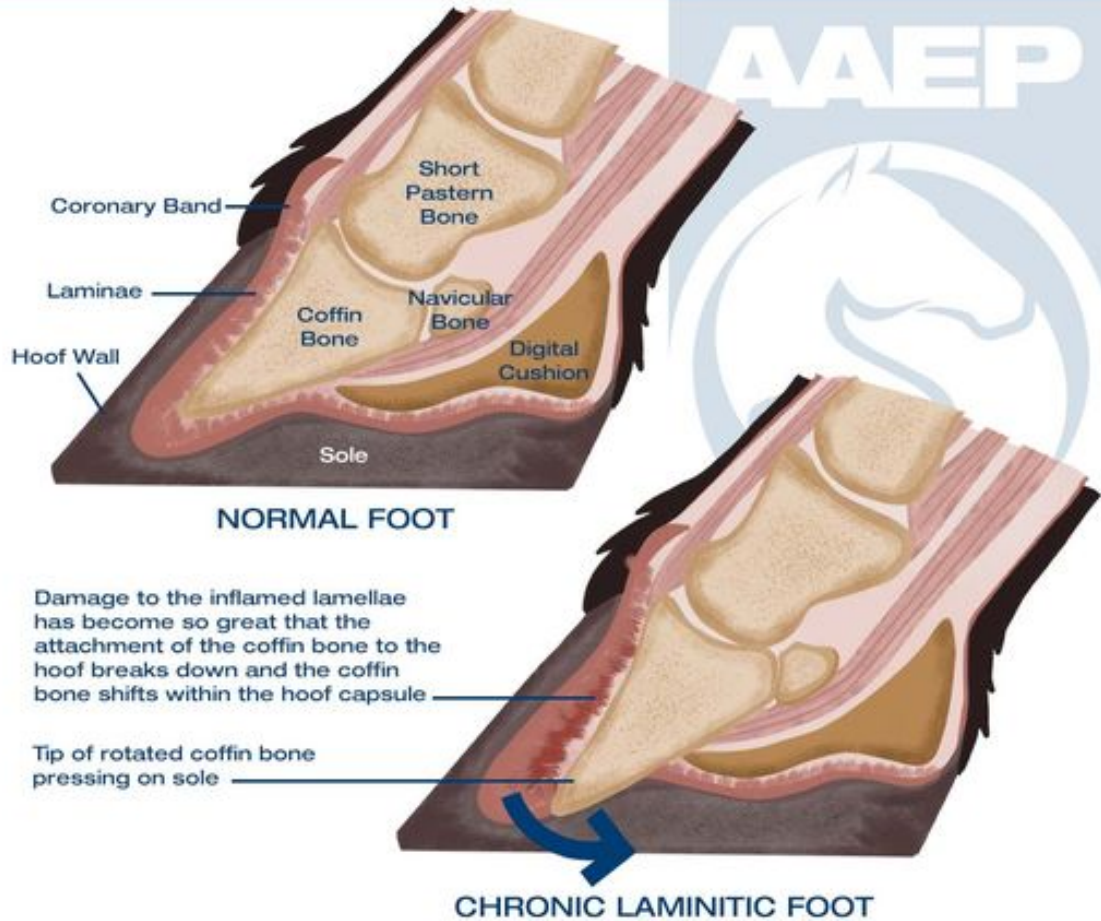
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insects and birds



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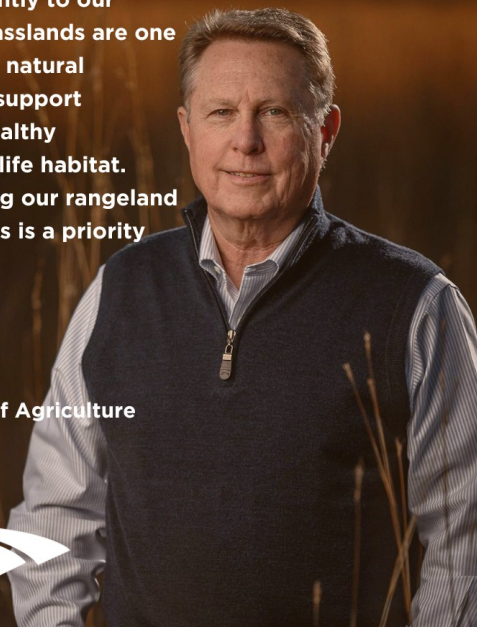


"Kansas grazing lands play a key role in the economic sustainability of the cattle industry, which contributes significantly to our state's economy. Grasslands are one of our most valuable natural resources, and they support livestock grazing, healthy watersheds and wildlife habitat. Therefore, conserving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

-Mike Beam

Secretary
Kansas Department of Agriculture

NASDA



Mesteno - A True Treasure

by Del Shields Cowboy Music and Poetry



Wild and free. Straying and wild. The Mesteno was left to roam.
Brought by the Spaniards to the outer banks, more than five hundred years ago.

From conquests to ship wrecks they were stranded, where, some flourished, yet others would die.
A breed so strong and ably made. Blessed by their Maker on high.

They carried Conquistadors to battle. From their backs, great victories were won.
Strong footed and tough clear into their bone, they carried the man with his gun.

Many seasons produced generations.
Generations produced many foals.
Until men with a heart for their breeding, began to unfold many goals.

Though wild and free, they are special, retaining the gene of their own.
Productive and strong, courageous and loyal, a gift of pure muscle and bone.

Today they are found in arenas once more. They yield to both saddle and rein.
Running patterns and cutting back cattle, being shown for their beauty and brain.

From wild and free to captivity, holding pens full to top rail.
Those once free to roam are now waiting for homes, where they'll have a new story to tell.

Images of the west intrigue us. History and blood lines of the past past.
Now our conquest today for the Mustang, is to help this true treasure to last.



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The map is up to 1400 locations. If you're looking for a layover or have one to add please make <http://HTA.horse> your first resource. You can review what's up already and post more! We would love to have you post fairgrounds too!



Psychotherapy involving horses isn't just about talking. It's about trust, communication, and building a connection with our equine partners. As we learn to respect their boundaries supported by a mental health professional, clients can be guided on a journey of healing and self-discovery. It's a mutually beneficial partnership, a relationship of respect that benefits both horse and human.

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Membership for the 2024-2025 IEA Season is NOW OPEN for Coaches, Riders and Teams using the new AccessIEA Database. Sign up today!

WHAT IS IEA?

- IEA is a national 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to introducing and promoting lifelong involvement in equestrian athletics.
- IEA utilizes a unique draw-based team competition format whereby riders are not required to own their own horse or riding tack to participate – providing greater affordability and access to the sport.
- IEA has nearly 15,000 members across the United States riding and coaching 3 disciplines – HUNT SEAT, WESTERN and DRESSAGE.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

- Riders in Grades 4-12.
- [Amateur Riders](#) age 21 and older.
- Coaches 21 and older.
- Adult Contributing Members (non-riding).
- Junior Education Members (non-riding).
- Middle School Teams – Grades 4-8.
- Upper School Teams – Grades 9-12.
- Teams consist of 3 to 40 riders in the same age group (Middle or Upper) and a coach.
- Riders of all experience levels from Beginner Walk-Trot to Varsity Open.
- Show season runs August – June.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?


- \$1.5 million in cash and renewable collegiate Scholarships awarded each season.
- National Youth Board and Leadership opportunities.
- Financial Aid and Grant opportunities.
- Individual and Team Advancement at Local, Regional, Zone, and National competitions.
- National Online Horsemanship Knowledge Program (National Hippology Academy)
- Access to additional events, clinics, college recruitment events, mentorships, volunteer opportunities, contests, and more.

Attention Kansas lesson barns, you too could become an (IEA) Interscholastic Equestrian Association facility and partake in shows & awards! Checkout their Facebook page and website, www.rideiea.org

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KHC & Affiliated Programs




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NEW MEMBERSHIP FORM ONLINE

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

Join Now

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

- ☐ Joint Individual Membership- BCH KS/ KHC \$80.00
- ☐ Joint Family Membership- BCH KS/ KHC \$100.00
- ☐ Student Membership- Kansas Horse Council \$35.00
- ☐ 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
- ☐ Business/affiliate Org with Back Country Horsemen of KS \$50.00

☒ I would like to automatically renew my membership

MEMBERSHIPS

Log in to your existing account

Login Name:

Password:

Log In

Forgot your password?
Enter the e-mail address associated with your account and we'll send you a link to recover your login information.

Email:

Recover Account

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.

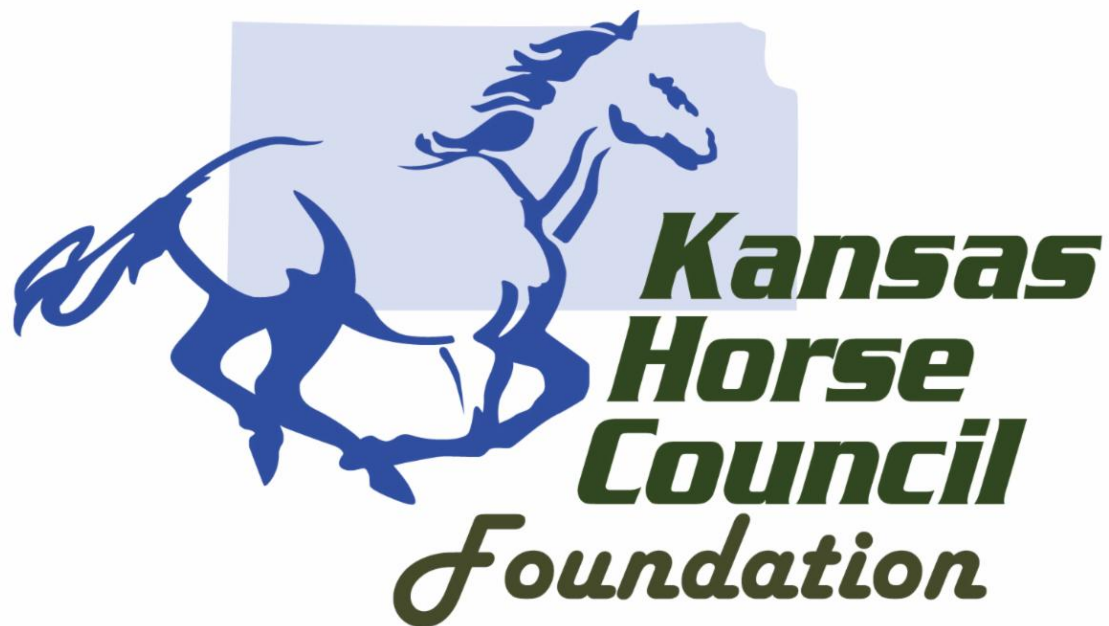
We hope you like the changes. We'll still be able to take memberships over the phone or check by mail...this online provides convenience and an auto-renewal option if you'd like!

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



NOTICE

Members joining online now through December, please confirm if you are joining for the remainder of 2024 (expiring 12-31-24) or if this should be applied to the 2025 year, beginning 01-01-25.



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.

Earn points by volunteering at a therapeutic riding program or an equine rescue.

\$35 for first time enrollment & \$15 each renewal year to rollover your cumulative hours. Enroll now!

SIGN UP FOR HRP HERE

EQUINE DISCOUNTS

A percentage of every sale is

returned to the equine industry!



As a member of KHC, you are eligible for these discounts.



JOHN DEERE

John Deere offers substantial discounts on everything from mowers and tractors to Gator™ Utility Vehicles, hay and construction equipment.

- The MSRP Program: up to 28% off
- The Cash Bonus Program: up to \$2,700 off
- Construction Equipment: up to 26% off



BIG ASS FANS

BAF is committed to Energy Efficient Air movement and providing comfort to the equine industry. Equine members will receive up to a 25% discount on qualifying purchases for all Equine Facilities and Personal Residences.



By establishing a Sherwin-Williams account, members are eligible for these great benefits:

- 35% off paints at list price
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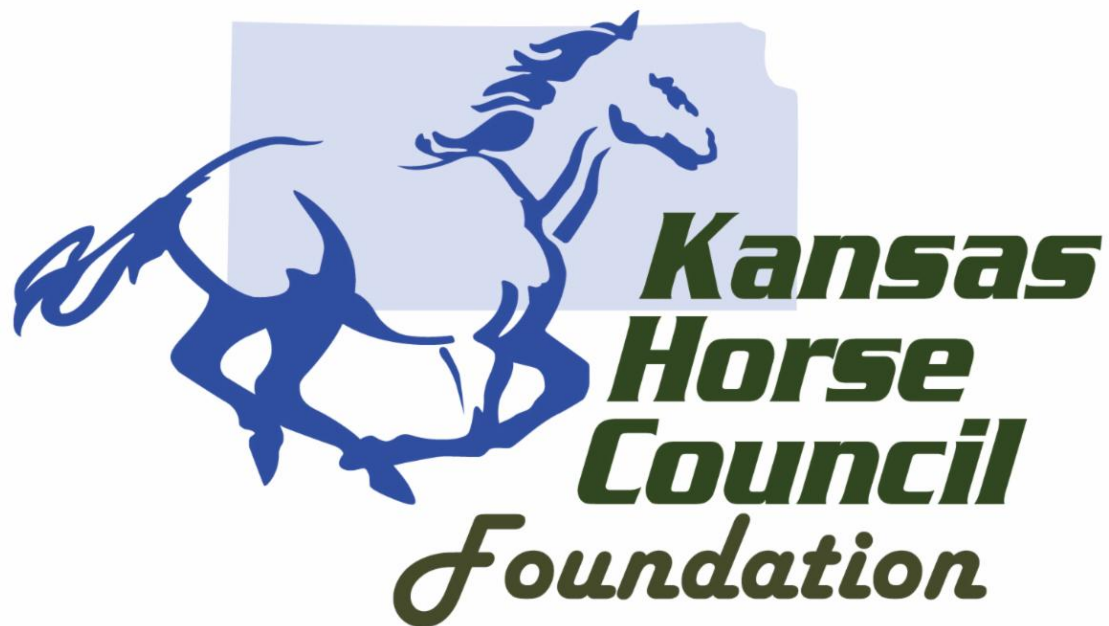
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Kansas Horse Council Specialty License Plate

- 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



**ENJOY THE RIDE
WITH KHC!!**

**GET A
KANSAS
HORSE
COUNCIL
TAG**

PROUDLY SHOW
YOUR SUPPORT
FOR KHC AND
THE WORK IT DOES.

**KANSAS
HORSE
COUNCIL
PLATES**

are available to
anyone who owns or
leases an automobile,
RV, truck or trailer
with a gross weight of
20,000 pounds or less.

HOW TO GET YOURS:

TROT over to your County
Treasurers Office

FILL OUT a Kansas Royalty
Tag form

PAY a one time production charge of \$50.00 plus
title fees, registration fees, personal property tax
and a \$50 donation to the Kansas Horse Council.
The \$50 tax deductible donation will appear on
your paperwork every year when you renew! If the
vehicle is currently tagged, the original plate must
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 BCHA 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		\$196,656

Keeping Kansas Trails Open for Future Generations!

2023 Trail & Campground Improvements

Join both BCHKS and Kansas Horse Council at discounted rate with one payment.
www.kansashorsecouncil.com

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)
~ BCHA \$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 mowing 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

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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 KHC)
Family: \$100 (\$15 to BCHA/\$15 to BCH-KS/\$15 to KS Chapter of Choice/\$40 for insurance/\$15 to KHC)

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- Leave No Trace
- Respect All Trail Users
- Use Caution and Speak Up Around Horses

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Learn About Kansas Horse Trails! RIDE Kansas!

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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- When you shop at Dillons and use your Rewards card, KHC will earn a percentage rebate based on your Dillon's purchases!

To link & register your rewards card click here: **Dillons Rewards Link** and log into your existing account. Search for Kansas Horse Council or enter our NPO number, KS920 and click Enroll. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a *Rewards Card. *You must have a registered Dillons Food Stores rewards card account to link the Community Rewards program to Kansas Horse Council. (Cards are available for FREE at any Dillon's customer service desk.) SHOP: Purchases will not count towards rebates for KHC until you register your rewards card and link to Kansas Horse Council here: DILLONS REWARDS LINK Registered Rewards Cards must be swiped at

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!

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