

# KANSAS HORSE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

## *NEWS FOR KANSAS AND THE EQUINE INDUSTRY.*

### January 2025 Edition



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

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## Remembering Frank J Buchman

Written by Sawyer Chapel Obituaries

Frankie Jay Buchman, 73, Alta Vista, Kansas passed away Friday, December 13, 2024, with family at his side.

Born January 19, 1951 in Council Grove, Kansas to Clarence E. and Laura Mae Buchman “Wannabe Cowboy” Frankie grew up working in Buchman’s Grocery riding his stick horse, attired in cowboy hat and boots with toy six guns at his side, wishing for a real horse. In the 6th grade he got his first real horse and was active in saddle club and 4-H.







In 1969 Frankie graduated from Council Grove High School with an accomplished FFA career including FFA Chapter, State and American Farmer degrees as well as many newswriting contests and FFA chapter and individual honors.

Frankie graduated from Kansas State University in 1972 with a B.S. degree in agriculture education. He was a member of the Kansas State University livestock, meats, dairy and wool judging teams and on the K-State rodeo team, as well as being a writer for KSU Agriculturalist.

While at KSU, Frankie met and married Margaret Mary (Gronau) on August 21, 1971 in Newton, Ks. They moved to their current ranch near Alta Vista, completing their degrees at KSU, while starting a ranching operation.

December 1972 Frankie was hired as Grass & Grain editor, photographer and advertising salesman spanning 36 1/2 years. He trained outside horses while growing a beef cow/calf herd and broodmare horse operation. The family had 25 horse production sales, hosted over 23 livestock judging field days and initiated the State FFA Horse Judging Contest.

He was accredited by six state horse show groups to judge horse shows across Kansas and judged in twelve other states across the country after being accredited by four national horse breed organizations.

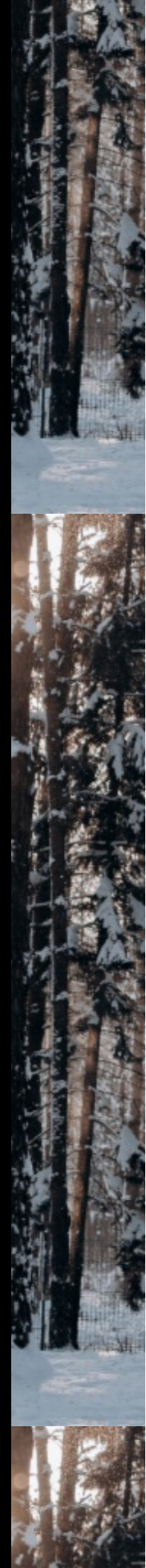
Frankie started a weekly syndicated spiritual reflections column "A Cowboy's Faith" which was published weekly in newspapers and magazines. He also wrote and had published a column "For the Love of Horses" reflecting his love of horses and the horse industry.

A competitive horse show exhibitor for years, Frankie was a member and officer in EKHA, NEKSAG, KWH, KSHSC, NBHA as well as local clubs – Santa Fe Trail Saddle Club, Blackjack Saddle Club, Junction City Saddle Club, Valley Falls Saddle Club and Douglas County Trail Riders.

In 2009 Frankie joined WIBW-580 Radio – Alpha Media where he sold advertising for 12 years. Past two years he was a pen rider at J.C. Livestock Sales Inc. and wrote and produced a short radio spot "Roamin the Range" five days a week on KFRM 550 radio.

Frankie was a dedicated member of the Kansas Horse Council, Morris County 4-H Foundation, Morris County Youth Rodeo Association, Morris County Fair Board, Flint Hills District Extension Board, St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Parish Council, taught CCD classes and was a 4-H project leader.

He was preceded in death by his parents Clarence E. and Laura Mae Buchman (Davis). He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Margaret Mary; son, Tyson (BJ); daughter, Jennie (Larry Wilburn); grandson, Wyatt (Shyanne Allen); and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins,





friends and neighbors.



## Revisions to Horse Protection Act Effective February 1, 2025





The American Horse Council (AHC) is releasing this advisory to inform the industry of important changes to the Horse Protection Act (HPA). Background on the HPA can be found at <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/hpa>.

As a general reminder, the HPA covers all equine breeds and disciplines to eliminate the practice of soring horses. The AHC and other industry stakeholders have engaged in numerous meetings with the United States Department of Agriculture's Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA APHIS) to obtain clarifications and details on the new revisions to the HPA Rule.

New requirements Effective February 1, 2025: Horse show and event managers will be required to:

1. Provide notice to APHIS at least 30 days in advance of the event via mail or email.
2. Provide any event updates 15 days in advance of the event
3. Report any violations of the Horse Protection Act within five days post-event

Note, that the new rule defines a horse show as a public display of any horses in competition except where speed is the prime factor, rodeo events, parades, or trail rides.

One of the key changes to the rule is that USDA will be responsible for training Horse Protection Inspectors which will be licensed veterinarians or individuals with extensive equine experience with a governmental agency. These will be the individuals performing inspections at events. A video of the inspection process is on the website. Historically, USDA has inspected fewer than 50 events nationally per year.

All event managers should be prepared for potential USDA inspectors onsite. It is important to note that horse show managers are liable for any HPA violations found at their show if they choose not to hire an inspector.

USDA has notified AHC that new guidance documents and further information will be posted to the Horse Protection Act Website at <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/hpa>. At this time, AHC does not know a timeline for when additional USDA guidance resources will be available. Individuals with questions regarding revisions to the HPA are encouraged to email [horseprotection@usda.gov](mailto:horseprotection@usda.gov) and [info@horsecouncil.org](mailto:info@horsecouncil.org) with the subject line "HPA Question". This will ensure AHC stays informed and can follow-up on questions/answers.

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**Below are some PDF's containing more information about HPA Revisions:**

The Horse Protection Act Details





# Kansans Unite for Racing

Written by Peach Madl December 14, 2024  
Revised by Brook Staten 12/17/2024

Madl Farms, located in Wellsville, Kansas, and thoroughbred stallion owners Katy Paden and Jared Pickman, are key players in the revival of horse racing in Kansas. They have chosen to stand their Multiple-Graded Stakes winner, One Go All Go, at Madl Farms. He will participate in the pivotal Kansas Bred Program, a significant step toward bringing back the glory days of horse racing to the state.

Eureka Downs will reopen as soon as construction is complete, possibly in late 2026. The Kansas Bred program will be funded through the Historical Racing Machines (HHR) at the new Golden Circle Casino in Park City. Both the Kansas Legislature and the Kansas Racing Commission have approved all necessary licenses. Several other states, including Wyoming, Kentucky, and Alabama, have seen great success with similar programs. Phil Ruffan, the developer/owner of Golden Casino, is a Kansas native who has worked tirelessly over the past 10 years to bring racing back to the state. We are deeply grateful for his dedication and efforts.

Katy Paden, one of the owners, shared her personal connection to the sport, saying: "We have been avid enthusiasts of this sport from an early age. Our family's love for racing began when our dear family friends, Dennis and Ev Hammersmith, introduced us to the world of horses. My father, Rodney, and Dennis owned many horses together. When the opportunity arose to take over ownership of some racehorses—both active and retired—we eagerly jumped at it. Our journey as owners is still unfolding as we continue to share our passion for the sport and horses."

Madl Farms, with over 25 years of experience in the equine industry, is a name synonymous with quality and expertise. Ted Madl, the owner, is a halter class enthusiast and has won over 18 World Champion Titles with horses bred and raised on his farm. His childhood experiences of racing Quarter Horses in Kansas with his father and brother have shaped his deep understanding of the sport.

Peach Madl, a thoroughbred enthusiast since childhood, comes by her love of horses honestly, as is her family heritage. She currently



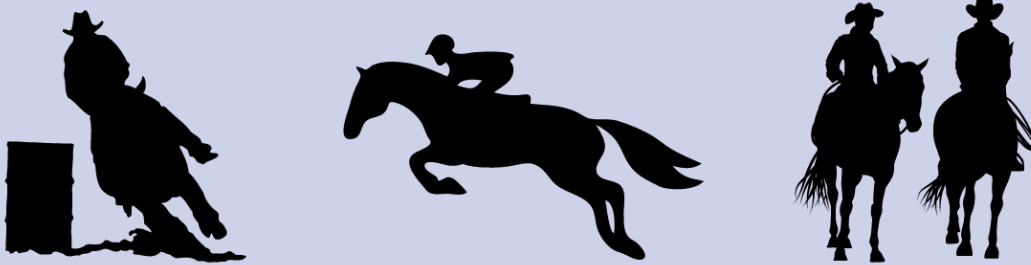
maintains six thoroughbred mares. "In my 30 years with my husband, one of the most excellent horsemen I know, I've learned a great deal about selecting pedigree bloodlines, foaling, conditioning, and preparing young horses for sale. This knowledge flows not only into Quarter Horses but all breeds. I am living my dream."

We are eagerly looking forward to standing One Go All Go this year. He will be available to outside mares for \$1,000, with special considerations for mare pedigrees and Kansas ownership. For more information and to be part of this exciting journey, contact Peach Madl at peachmadl@gmail.com



### 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](mailto:director@kansashorsecouncil.com)**



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# JOIN US

## PRE-APPLICATION OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, January 14th  
10:00 AM MST

🔗 Visit the link in our bio to register to attend!

Want to learn more about the STH 2025 Campaign?  
Join us for a pre-application open house call to explore whether your organization is a  
great fit to become a Charity Partner for this annual initiative.

**Register Now**





# REMINDER

**BE SURE TO  
RENEW YOUR  
KANSAS  
HORSE  
COUNCIL  
MEMBERSHIP  
FOR 2025**

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**PRO**  
**HORSEMEN**  
**ACADEMY**  
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**Ingelheim**

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**14-16, 2025**  
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**NOW**



**Register**  
**Here**



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annual *EquiFest*  
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Attend

**Member Spotlight**





# PEACH MADL

Written by Brook Staten

This month, we're excited to shine the spotlight on an exceptional member of our community, Peach Madl, whose deep-rooted passion for horses has shaped a life filled with dedication, hard work, and a genuine love for the animals she cares for. Her story is one of heritage, perseverance, and an enduring commitment to the equine world.

Peach's journey begins with her rich Irish heritage, which, as she describes, is "in her blood." Raised in a family where both parents had strong roots in Ireland, her early years were filled with dreams of owning a horse. At 14, Peach's determination became evident when she used money from her part-time jobs to buy and care for her very first horse—a moment that marked the beginning of her lifelong journey in the world of horses.

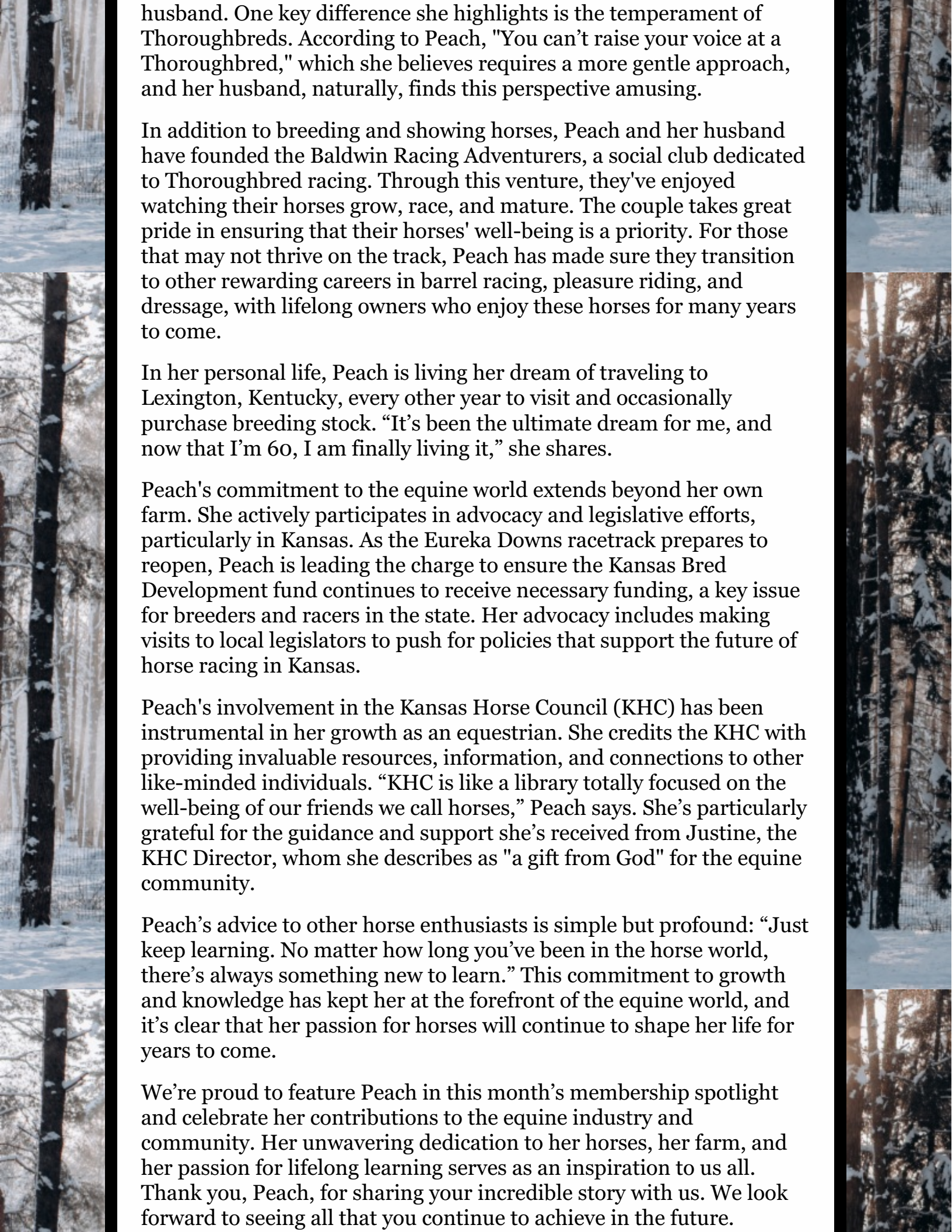
For the past 25 years, Peach and her husband have made a significant mark in the world of halter horses, earning over 17 World Champion titles across various registries, including APHA, ABRA, Palomino, and Pinto. Their farm, Madl Farms, located south of Baldwin City, Kansas, is a second-generation operation that raises crops, cattle, and, of course, horses. But Peach's love for horses doesn't end with halter horses. About a decade ago, she expanded her focus to the Thoroughbred breed, drawn to the elegance and strength of these animals.

"I think they are wonderful," Peach says of Thoroughbreds. "It's a breed that appeals to me for reasons I can't fully explain, but it's been a rewarding experience to work with them." The contrast between raising Thoroughbreds and other breeds, such as Quarter Horses and Paints, has sparked many fun debates between Peach and her



Peach (right), pictured with legendary horseman, Buck Brannaman (left).





husband. One key difference she highlights is the temperament of Thoroughbreds. According to Peach, "You can't raise your voice at a Thoroughbred," which she believes requires a more gentle approach, and her husband, naturally, finds this perspective amusing.

In addition to breeding and showing horses, Peach and her husband have founded the Baldwin Racing Adventurers, a social club dedicated to Thoroughbred racing. Through this venture, they've enjoyed watching their horses grow, race, and mature. The couple takes great pride in ensuring that their horses' well-being is a priority. For those that may not thrive on the track, Peach has made sure they transition to other rewarding careers in barrel racing, pleasure riding, and dressage, with lifelong owners who enjoy these horses for many years to come.

In her personal life, Peach is living her dream of traveling to Lexington, Kentucky, every other year to visit and occasionally purchase breeding stock. "It's been the ultimate dream for me, and now that I'm 60, I am finally living it," she shares.

Peach's commitment to the equine world extends beyond her own farm. She actively participates in advocacy and legislative efforts, particularly in Kansas. As the Eureka Downs racetrack prepares to reopen, Peach is leading the charge to ensure the Kansas Bred Development fund continues to receive necessary funding, a key issue for breeders and racers in the state. Her advocacy includes making visits to local legislators to push for policies that support the future of horse racing in Kansas.

Peach's involvement in the Kansas Horse Council (KHC) has been instrumental in her growth as an equestrian. She credits the KHC with providing invaluable resources, information, and connections to other like-minded individuals. "KHC is like a library totally focused on the well-being of our friends we call horses," Peach says. She's particularly grateful for the guidance and support she's received from Justine, the KHC Director, whom she describes as "a gift from God" for the equine community.

Peach's advice to other horse enthusiasts is simple but profound: "Just keep learning. No matter how long you've been in the horse world, there's always something new to learn." This commitment to growth and knowledge has kept her at the forefront of the equine world, and it's clear that her passion for horses will continue to shape her life for years to come.

We're proud to feature Peach in this month's membership spotlight and celebrate her contributions to the equine industry and community. Her unwavering dedication to her horses, her farm, and her passion for lifelong learning serves as an inspiration to us all. Thank you, Peach, for sharing your incredible story with us. We look forward to seeing all that you continue to achieve in the future.





Peach pictured with her prized thoroughbred, Treasure.

# Tales & Tidbits



## January Inspiration





**JUMPING INTO  
2025 LIKE:**

# Joking Ponies

Minnie! I  
thought you  
got a brand  
new blanket  
for Christmas?

This IS my new  
blanket! My  
owner is going  
to love the  
adjustments I  
made to it!



# AMERICAN HORSE COUNCIL PODCAST



## EPISODE 21

### Caring for the Caisson

47.50

60.00



We have a very special episode today focusing on the Army's Caisson Detachment of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment – "The Old Guard." The Old Guard is the Army's oldest active-duty infantry regiment, responsible for a wide range of ceremonial duties, including guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The other official duty is the very special role they perform to provide escorts for military funerals with a caisson. A caisson is a horse-drawn military wagon that is used to transport a funeral casket.

If you would like more information about the Caisson Detachment, please reach out at [info@horsecouncil.org](mailto:info@horsecouncil.org).

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## *the*HORSE

### Rehabilitating Joint Injuries in Horses

Posted by Christa Lesté-Lasserre, MA, Featured in *The Horse*



**Learn what you can do to help your horse recover from a joint injury and give him a better prognosis for the future.**

It's a joint. Quite literally, that means it's a place in the horse's body that's joining together a variety of structures—namely bones, ligaments, tendons, synovial membranes, and even skin.

For this reason, joint injuries in horses can be among the most complex sites to rehabilitate, because they involve so many kinds of structures.

So, once your horse has sustained a joint injury, where do you start the



process of getting back to good joint health? We've asked the experts about this complex topic and came up with the following checklist for optimal joint healing.

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[Read Article Here](#)

The advertisement features a central photograph of a brown horse standing in the doorway of a red barn. The barn doors are white and partially open. The background shows a green field and a blue sky. The text 'KOOL KURTAINS' is written in a large, white, stylized font across the middle of the image. Below the image, the website address 'www.koolkurtains.com' is displayed. The advertisement is framed by a dark red border at the top and bottom, and a light gray border on the sides.

**KOOL KURTAINS**  
**Create a Haven for your Horses**

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**MYTH BUSTERS**

 **MYTH:** *"Too much protein makes horses hot."*

 **FACT:** Protein is actually the least efficient energy source. High protein does not equal high energy and **excess energy is likely due to too many calories overall.**



aaep.org

The graphic is titled "MYTH BUSTERS" in large, bold, orange letters. It features a small AAEP logo in the top left corner. The main content is divided into two sections: a "MYTH" section with a red square and a black 'X' icon, stating "MYTH: 'Too much protein makes horses hot.'", and a "FACT" section with a green square and a white checkmark icon, stating "FACT: Protein is actually the least efficient energy source. High protein does not equal high energy and excess energy is likely due to too many calories overall." Below the text is a stylized illustration of a brown horse running in a paddock, with a white fence in the background. The website "aaep.org" is printed at the bottom.

Although protein is normally listed as a nutrient, horses actually have a requirement for amino acids, the building blocks of protein, rather than for protein itself.

Protein is the least efficient energy source for your horse, so high protein does not automatically equal high energy. Carbohydrates, fats, and fiber are more readily digestible energy sources, so chances are a horse with too much energy is being fed more calories than the animal truly needs.

As always, remember that all horses have different nutritional needs



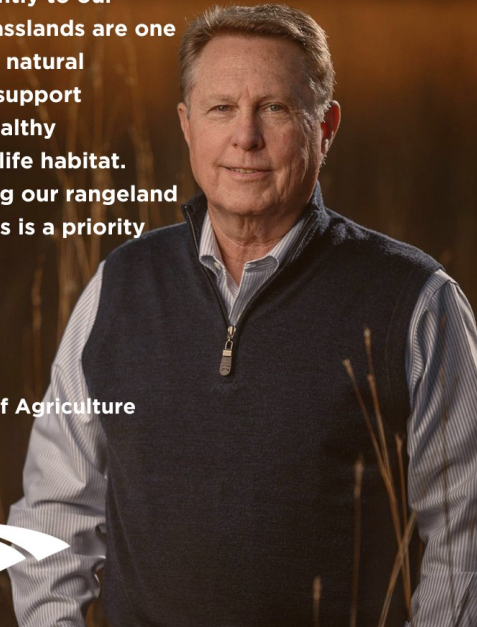
based on age, stage of development, metabolism and workload. Be sure to work with your veterinarian to determine the correct protein and energy requirements for your equine friend based on your horse's individual situation!

Courtesy of the AAEP Horse Owner Education Committee

"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



## Del Shields Poem of the Month

### JANUARY UNFOLDING

by Del Shields Cowboy Music and Poetry

I heard a song on the radio  
several years ago. It Said, "if we  
make it through December we'll  
be fine."





At least as my memory serves me today, I'm pretty sure that was close to the line.

But it's January now and winter hit the ranch.  
There's at least a half an inch of ice on every sagging branch.

The north wind is howling, sorta like a lone wolf's cry.  
And I've got to tell you that the chill in its breath, why it would make an Eskimo sigh.

The horses are running for a place they can hide.  
While the ice beneath their balled up hooves, is causing them to slip and slide.

Your breath, it turns to crystals, that float out in the air.  
Your eyeballs, they're near froze in place, giving you nothing but a straight on stare.

Your fingers are numb and hardly work at all.  
They just point out straight, like the teeth on a saw.

Your toes they burn instead of freeze.  
You're loosing feeling clear up to your knees.

But, the chores are done for another day.  
The horses and cattle have found their hay.

If that fella in the song thought December was cold.  
He needs to spend a winter in Kansas, and watch January unfold.





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THE map is **free to access**, but we do ask that all sign in and make an account so that we can keep our community safe. Here's where to make your membership (or take advantage of the six-month free trial for the Trail & Travel Membership): <https://www.horsetrailsofamerica.com/start-membership>. Or if it's easier to remember, [HTA.horse](http://HTA.horse) will take you to the same spot.

**Watch the Video**

Want more help? Here's a how-to video to walk you through all the features and what to do. Watch the YouTube channel—and be sure to hit subscribe and like once you're there: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2rQm8Lnd3ko>

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!







Whether through riding, attending an event, or pursuing equine-assisted services, Here For Horses is your gateway to connect with equines and unlock a world of possibility.

[www.hereforhorses.org](http://www.hereforhorses.org)



**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](http://www.rideiea.org)**

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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
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Login Name:

Password:

Log In

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Email:

Recover Account

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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.  
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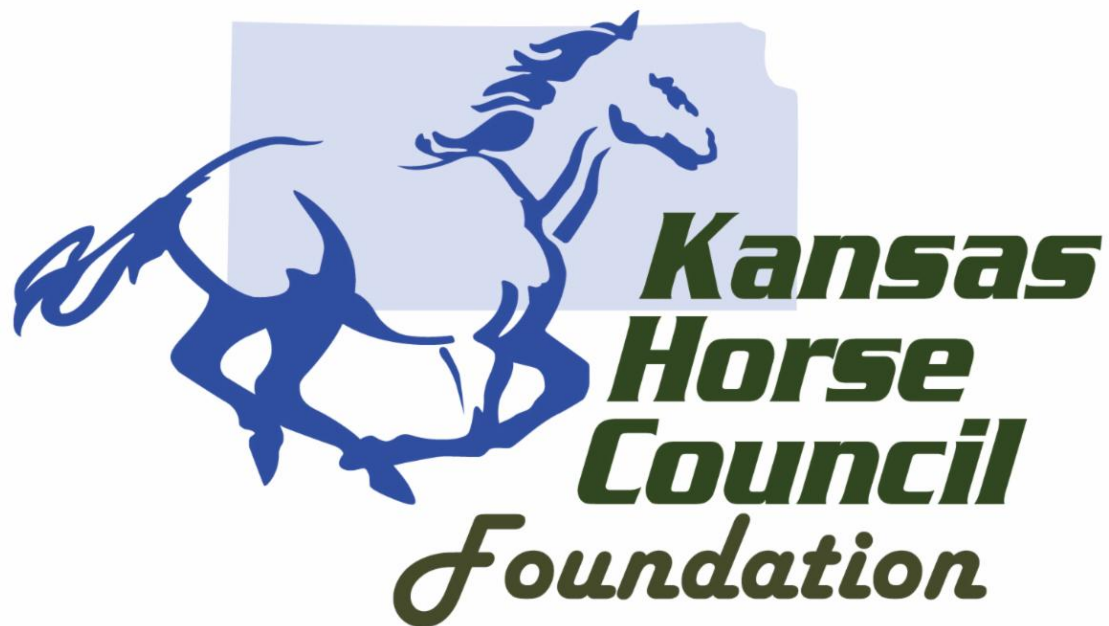


**2025**  
**Membership**  
*Enrollment*

NOTICE

Members joining online now through  
December, memberships will begin  
January 1st, 2025.





Planning for the future?  
Consider a tax deductible donation to  
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organization, promoting equine education and providing academic  
scholarships to equestrians.





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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.

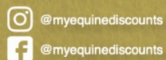
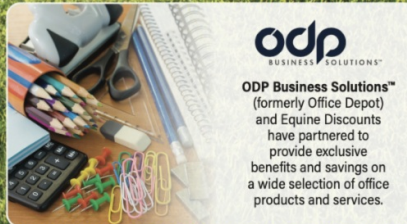


By establishing a Sherwin-Williams account, members are eligible for these great benefits:

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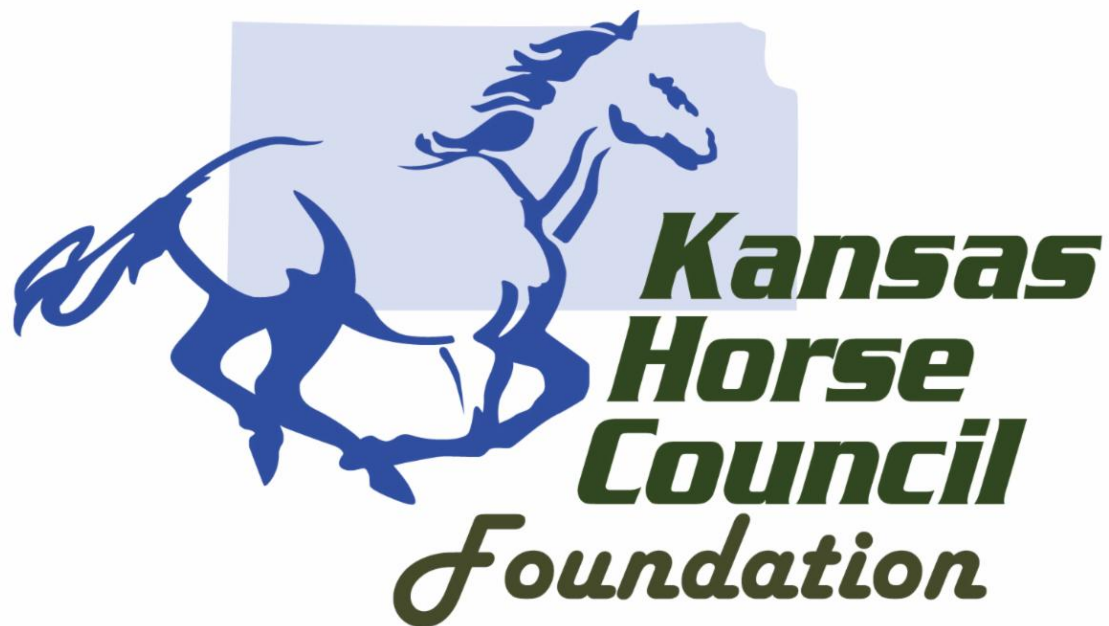
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[EquineDiscounts.com](http://EquineDiscounts.com)







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organization, promoting equine education and providing academic  
scholarships to equestrians.

**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.

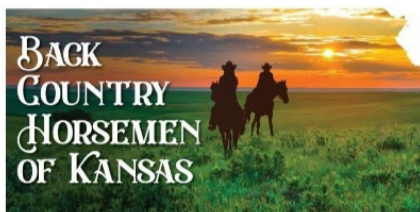
**WHAT YOUR TAX DEDUCTION SUPPORTS**

- RECREATIONAL AND TRAIL MAINTENANCE
- EQUINE HEALTH AND WELFARE
- EDUCATION PROGRAMS
- YOUTH ACTIVITIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

**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 \$30 donation to the Kansas Horse Council. The \$30 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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[www.kansashorsecouncil.com](http://www.kansashorsecouncil.com)





## 2025 Membership Form

Thanks for joining BCHKS!

*Make check payable to BCHKS.*

Please mail this form & check to:  
Sheila Watkins, BCHKS Treasurer  
8320 SW 37<sup>th</sup>, Topeka, KS 66614

Payment can also be made via Venmo –  
Back Country Horsemen of Kansas

Circle a Region / Chapter

Northwest	North Central Tuttle Creek Chapter	Northeast Sunflower Chapter	Saddle Ridge Chapter	Southwest	South Central Chisholm Trail Chapter	Southeast Big Hill Chapter
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**New Membership Option: The Kansas Horse Council is offering a discount on their membership for joining both BCHKS and KHC! It's called the Trails Advocate Membership. By joining both BCHKS and KHC you'll receive a \$15 discount on your KHC membership. Just select the Trails Advocate membership below and your 2025 dues will be processed for both BCHKS and KHC.**

Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Trails Advocate Individual \$85 (includes BCHKS & KHC) \_\_\_\_\_ Trails Advocate Family \$105 (includes BCHKS & KHC)

\_\_\_\_\_ BCHKS Individual \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ BCHKS Family \$55 (# in Family \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_\_\_ Affiliate Group \$55 I would like to include a donation with my membership: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I'm interested in starting a new Chapter in my Region.

### Member Data

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Partner: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone#1: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone#2: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Adult #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Adult #2: \_\_\_\_\_

**BCHKS members are eligible for awards for obtaining new members!**

**I was recruited to join by (name of BCHKS member): \_\_\_\_\_**

*By joining BCHKS, I agree to hold harmless BCHKS organization, officers, and members from any and all liability, death and/or property damages, or expense incurred by myself or family members while participating in any BCHKS event, except for any willful gross negligence.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Find us online at [www.bchkansas.com](http://www.bchkansas.com) or the national organization at [www.bcha.org](http://www.bcha.org)

FaceBook Page: Back Country Horsemen of America Kansas Chapter

Questions: Sheila Watkins: 785-230-1255

Diana Skinner: 785-748-0850

## 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](http://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: \$85**

**Trails Advocate Level Family: \$105**

One enrollment to support two organizations!  
Simple and makes sense!



4,483 Volunteer  
hours recorded in  
Kansas for 2024







Thank You Back Country  
Horsemen of KS for helping  
keep our horse trails open and  
cared for!



**TRAIL COURTESY**

**YIELD TO**

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

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Kansas

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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**



**DILLONS COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM:**



- 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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