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**"LETTER FROM ERNIE"**

Hello Friends! Where did January go? Before you know it is going to be spring. I want to start off by inviting all of you to visit our new website, [www.betterhorses.com](http://www.betterhorses.com). Thanks goes to Kim McBroom and Ed Adams for all the hard work they have put into developing this great site. I look at February as being the month that we kick off our horse events by attending the 2018 Equifest of Kansas on Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, & 25<sup>th</sup> at the Kansas Expocentre in Topeka. As always it is going to be a great one. Make sure you check out the schedule and all the activities at this year's Equifest.



I would like to invite you to join us for a pre-Equifest Event with Better Horses on Saturday night, Feb.17<sup>th</sup>, at the Grand Central Hotel in Cottonwood Falls, Ks. It will be an evening with friends, Great Steaks!, and wonderful hotel accommodations enjoying the music of Rusty Rierson. Give Suzan a call at the hotel, 620-273-6763, and make your reservations for a great evening with friends and Better Horses.

We are putting a lot of focus into the calendar which is yours to use. Make sure you post all of your events on our Better Horses Calendar. You will notice in this issue we are starting off in high gear bringing equine education to the market. If you think about it, bringing events and equine education along with promoting our sponsors was what Better Horses is all about. Better Horses is so excited to be partnering up with EC Equine Center in Louisburg where we have two events, Al Dunning on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, & 15<sup>th</sup>, and our Greg Darnall Bit Clinic and Denise Farris Equine Law clinic from Perry/Trent Equine Law practice. Brad Lund will be at the clinic as well on Feb.27<sup>th</sup>. We then head out to Manhattan at KSU on Feb.28<sup>th</sup> for another Denise Farris and Greg Darnall Clinic. At the KSU clinic we are so glad to have Purina with us to discuss Purina's new Outlast Gastric Supplement. Info is on page 29.

Also on our [www.betterhorses.com](http://www.betterhorses.com) you can catch our latest episode of our Better Horses Radio Show both our KC show and National Show program. The audio quality is UNBELIEVABLE. Have you caught our Better Horses TV Show? We are having a blast putting it together. It airs every Sunday morning on KCWE Channel 29 at 8:00 and also on Saturday mornings on KSN TV Channel 3 in most of the Kansas Markets including Wichita and Salina. We love getting feedback from you on the show. My goal is to get to your area and do some filming.

You can email me at [ernie@betterhorsesradio.com](mailto:ernie@betterhorsesradio.com).

We have the date and Ranch set for this years 19th Annual Dream Ride In the Flint Hills. (see page 35) We will be having our ride this year at the Beautiful Clover Cliff Ranch near Strong City, Ks. on Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. We have lodging available so make sure you contact Suzan Barnes at the Grand Central Hotel 620-273-6763 or email her at [suzan.barnes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:suzan.barnes@sbcglobal.net) to make your reservations. With their Pavillion available it will make it great for our meals along with better exposure with our sponsors. Plans are also to add another ride on Friday afternoon all this for the same money. For more details go to [www.betterhorses.com](http://www.betterhorses.com) COME RIDE WITH US!

I am looking forward to all what we have planned in 2018. Make sure you stay on top of all the events and activities on [www.betterhorses.com](http://www.betterhorses.com). I am looking forward to seeing you.

Happy Trails,

Ernie



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# 2018 Equifest Blends Old Favorites with New Attractions

By Carolyn Kaberline

Need a new bit or other equipment for your horse? How about some Western décor for your home? Want to learn from leading clinicians from a variety of disciplines? If you answered yes to any of those questions, then you'll want to visit the 2018 edition of Equifest February 23 through the 25 at the Kansas Expocentre in Topeka.

Now in its 21st year, Equifest has come a long way since its creation.

"All the bigger horse shows had large trade shows to go with them," Ann White of Wamego, one of the creators of Equifest, said. "The shopping opportunities at these shows were a big draw to start with, then there were educational opportunities too. These trade shows provided a way to put unique equine items under one roof, so that even if I wasn't showing, I would want to go back and shop."

After presenting her idea for such a trade show to Lisa Streit, then the director of the Kansas Horse Council (KHC), the two decided to visit Equine Affaire, a large trade show in Ohio.

"I had a booth at Equine Affaire for the National Barrel Horse Association," said Jo Turner, a member of the KHC board of directors at the time. "We got together there and thought it was a great idea to put on our own event as the Kansas Horse Council to promote the equine industry, provide educational seminars and entertainment for Kansas and regional equine enthusiasts. Secondly, it was a means to support the Kansas Horse Council and drive membership numbers to accomplish our mission as a voice for the equine

industry."

It was decided to hold Equifest in Wichita because of its three buildings which held two arenas, its large parking area, and plenty of space for exhibits. Although deciding on the location and putting the event together presented a challenge, "I knew it would last a long time after that first year," White said.

And last it did—18 years in Wichita until the sale of the Coliseum, which necessitated the need for a new location.

"It was a challenge to bring that format to Topeka," White said, adding that the city of Topeka backed Equifest from the beginning which has been instrumental in bringing large numbers of equine enthusiasts to the city; in fact, according to KHC board member Marty Bloomquist, Wichita saw approximately 13,000 people go through in three days, its last year there while Topeka saw about 15,000 people visit Equifest in 2017.

"That number doesn't count the vendors, exhibitors and volunteers," Bloomquist said, adding, "for the last two years it's been the second largest event at the Expocentre."

So what does Equifest hold for this year?

"We have some layout changes and an art gallery with an opportunity to purchase some of the works, cowboy poetry readings and a lot of opportunities for people to be entertained," said Justine Staten, Executive Director of the Kansas Horse Council. "We hope it will be an exciting time. We hope it comes with a new feel, but with the same experience that everyone is expecting."

Staten noted that many old

favorites will be back, including the jumper classic, a breed showcase, 4-H and FFA judging along with numerous clinicians and workshops, as well as a huge trade show. Although the popular ranch rodeo will be back again on Friday and Saturday evenings, it will boast a new name: the 2018 John Ballweg Memorial Rodeo.

"This tribute to John's life and his many accomplishments will be shared with those attending the rodeo, allowing them to be introduced to the greatest horseman we know," said Brenda Hamilton. "This opportunity will also allow us to include in the Equifest program page(s) dedications to John's memory with photographs and remembrances of his life and career."

No Equifest would be complete without the clinicians and workshop speakers.

"We get a lot of requests for certain clinicians," Staten says, explaining how clinicians are selected. "We try to seek those out and some are back by popular request. Sometimes we go out and try to find ones we think will be popular."



**Mette Rosencrantz** is a two-time member of the Swedish national dressage team and a five time US National Champion competitor who has brought several horses all the way up to international Grand Prix level.

Meet Mette Rosencrantz at Equifest of KS 2018  
February 23, 24, & 25, 2018

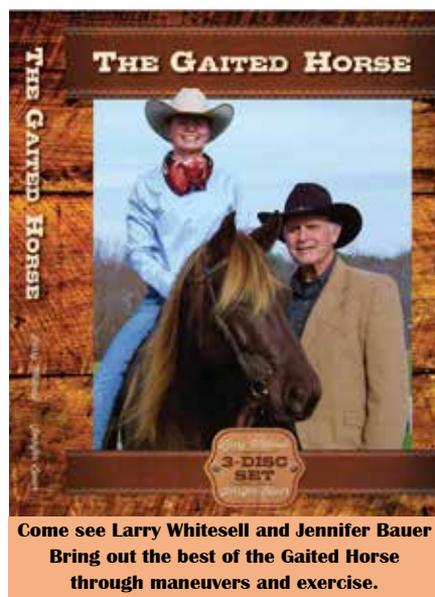
Biographies for this year's clinicians read like a Who's Who of the equine world:

Mette Rosencrantz, a six time US National Championship competitor in dressage who has taken several horses to the International Grand Prix level. In addition, she has won the U.S. Dressage Final and has competed in numerous international shows with wins in both the U.S. and Europe. In 2017 she competed twice as a member on the American team in the FEI Nations Cup. She will present sessions on classical dressage.



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**Paul Humphrey— Breaking the Mold**  
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Paul Humphrey, known for his Breaking the Mold program, will present sessions on barrel racing. Coming from a background of reining and working cow horse, Humphrey started putting together his Breaking the Mold program over 10 years ago. This program is "not about a stronger bit or stronger hand. It's not about gimmicks and quick fixes. It's about teaching your horse to give to your hand and leg pressure, move shoulder and ribs and forward motion



Come see Larry Whitesell and Jennifer Bauer Bring out the best of the Gaited Horse through maneuvers and exercise.

all while staying collected” then bringing those movements to the barrel pattern.

Larry Whitesell, renowned for his success with gaited horses in the show ring, will demonstrate the use of natural horsemanship and classical dressage found in his training program. His methods seek “to help people understand what makes gaited horses gait so we can spare the horses from some of the training myths attached to the gaited world that are not in the horse’s best interest.”



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Lyn Ringrose Moe Professional Clinician of Cowboy Dressage Presenting at Equifest of Kansas February 23, 24 & 25, 2018

Lyn Ringrose Moe, has competed successfully in both eventing and classical dressage competitions and trained and coached to the FEI levels of dressage. However, she has found her niche in cowboy dressage and currently trains horses, gives lessons, judges and

competes in the discipline. In addition, “she has helped co-write and edit the cowboy dressage tests, is a partner in Cowboy Dressage World, is the instructor/judge mentor for the Cowboy Dressage’s Judge’s Training Program, and is a recommended judge for Cowboy Dressage.”

Other clinicians include Kansan Brad Lund, professional working cowhorse trainer and competitor who is an eight time AQHA World Champion and five time AQHA Reserve World Champion as well as exhibitor of three AQHA Superhorses; mustang trainer Bobby Kerr; and Jim Urban, this year’s hunter/jumper clinician.

Workshop speakers currently include Erin Glassman, who will speak on her Tevis Cup experience; Greg Darnell, who will present information on bits and their

action; Dan Hubbard of Diamond D Saddlery, whose topic is saddle fitting, and Emily McLeod, who will focus on equine chiropractics. Other sessions will focus on equine nutrition, upper respiratory abnormalities, trail riding, advances in lameness, and America’s wild horses to name just a few.

A wide variety of entertainment including David “Showtime” Meyer, the Ft. Riley Mounted Color Guard, and the Saddle and Sirloin Drill Team, will also be presented along with draft hitch and mounted shooting demonstrations.

Cost for this year’s event is \$20 per day or \$45.00 for a three day pass with children 12 and under admitted free. New for this year is a \$5.00 discount for current 2018 Kansas Horse Council members until February 5. Tickets can be purchased on-line at

www.equifestofkansas.com or at the door.



Dave “Showtime Meyer– Entertaining, Family Friendly, Expert Horseman and Rodeo Clown. See Dave at Equifest of KS



Brad Lund and Lessons on Working Cow Horse Maneuvers Equifest of KS February 23, 24 & 25, 2018

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TIME	LANDON ARENA	TIME	DOMER ARENA	TIME	SHAWNEE ROOM
8:00	Doors open	7:30	4-H/FFA Horse Judging		
8:45	Ft. Riley Mounted Color Guard - National Anthem			9:00	Doors Open
9:00	R Bar B Top Horse Mounted Shooting Competition			9:30-11:00	Dan Hubbard - Saddle Maker 5 minute set up
10:00	Bobby Kerr - Mustangs	10:30	Saddle & Sirloin - National Anthem		
		10:45	Jim Urban - Jumping	11:05 -11:40	KS Tourism - Horse Hotels 5 minute set up
11:00	Paul Humphrey - Barrel Racing	12:00	Breed Showcase - Fell Ponies	11:45 - 12:45	Greg Darnall Bit Maker 5 minute set up
12:00	Lyn Ringrose Moe - Cowboy Dressage	12:10	Breed Showcase - Friesians	12:50 - 1:35	Greater Kansas Racing Alliance 10 minute set up
		12:20	Breed Showcase - Bureau of Land		
1:00	Mette Rosencrantz - Classic Dressage	12:30	Management Mustangs Brad Lund - Performance Horses	1:45- 2:15	Perry Trent Law Firm - Equine Law
2:00	Breed Showcase - American Saddlebreds	1:30	Kansas Cowboy Mounted Shooting Demo		
2:10	Breed Showcase - Missouri Fox Trotters	2:30	R Bar B - Top Horse Jumping Derby		
2:20	Breed Showcase - Pleasure Walking Horses	3:30	Bobby Kerr - Mustangs		
2:30	Larry Whitesell - Gaited Horses				
3:30	Ft. Riley Mounted Color Guard Demo	4:30	Mette Rosencrantz - Classic Dressage		
4:00	Breed Showcase - Off-the-Track Thoroughbreds				
4:10	Breed Showcase - Arabians	5:30	Jim Urban - Jumping		
4:20	Breed Showcase - Foundation Morgans				
4:30	Breed Showcase - Midwest Mustangs & Burros				
4:40	Bring in cattle				
5:00	Brad Lund- Performance Horses				
6:00	Prep for Ranch Rodeo				
6:30	Draft Hitch and Intros				
6:45	Saddle & Sirloin Drill Team				
7:00	John Ballweg Memorial Ranch Rodeo				

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# TOO MANY HORSES

By Rex Buchman



I have had a hard time thinking of a story to share for this article. So I want to offer you some

encouragement as we approach the spring season. It has been really cold the past few weeks here and it has been difficult to get as much riding time on my young horses. What I have decided to do is to focus on one. On the days when I have extra time, I spend that time on the one resisting the urge to start on another. In this season I get along better spending every day on one until that one gets tired or where I want him and then start on another. It would be different if I didn't have cattle to feed and such or had an indoor riding barn, but during calving season riding on bad ground it is best to ride one well. Not all of you have calving duties, but many have other jobs and projects that take time out of your riding day. I'm reminded of a line in the old Mash TV show. Charles said, I do one thing, I do it very well and then I move on. My second tip comes from the scripture: Romans 12:3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. I pondered this verse a lot throughout my life. It plays out loudly in horsemanship. Each of us need a sober opinion of

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8:00	Doors Open	8:00	Doors Open	8:00	Doors Open
8:30	Ft. Riley Mounted Color Guard - National Anthem	8:30	Saddle & Sirloin - National Anthem	9:30-10:30	Greg Darnall Bit Maker 30 minute set up
8:45	Bobby Kerr - Mustangs	8:45	Jim Urban - Jumping	11:00 -12:00	K-State Swinging Spurs 15 minute set up
9:45	Breed Showcase - Bureau of Land Management Mustangs	10:00	Breed Showcase - Arabians	12:15-12:50	Erin Glassman - Distance Riding 101 10 minute set up
10:00	Brad Lund - Performance Horses	10:10	Breed Showcase - Fell Ponies	1:00-2:00	Rhonda Martin 5 minute set up
11:00	Paul Humphrey - Barrel Racing	10:20	Breed Showcase - Foundation Morgans	2:00-3:30	Dan Hubbard - Saddle Maker 30 minute set up
12:00	Mette Rosencrantz - Classic Dressage	10:30	Larry Whitesell - Gaited	4:00-5:00	K-State Swinging Spurs
1:00	Breed Showcase - American Saddlebreds	11:30	R Bar B Top Horse Obstacle Race		
1:10	Breed Showcase - Friesians	12:30	Kansas Cowboy Mounted Shooting Demo		
1:20	Breed Showcase - Off- the-Track Thoroughbreds	1:30	Ft. Riley Mounted Color Guard		
1:30	Lyn Ringrose Moe - Cowboy Dressage	2:00	Larry Whitesell - Gaited		
2:30	Bobby Kerr - Mustangs	3:00	Breed Showcase - Midwest Mustangs & Burros		
3:30	R Bar B Top Horse Ranch Horse Competition	3:10	Breed Showcase - Pleasure Walking Horses		
4:30	Bring cattle in	3:20	Breed Showcase - Missouri Fox Trotters		
5:00	Brad Lund - Performance Horses	3:30	Paul Humphrey - Barrel Racing		
6:00	Prep for Ranch Rodeo	4:30	Lyn Ringrose Moe - Cowboy Dressage		
6:30	Draft Hitch & Intros	5:30	Mette Rosencrantz - Classic Dressage		
6:45	Saddle & Sirloin Drill Team	6:30	Set jump course		
7:00	John Ballweg Memorial Ranch Rodeo	7:00	Jim Urban - Jumping		

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

TIME	LANDON ARENA	TIME	DOMER ARENA	TIME	SHAWNEE ROOM
8:00	Doors Open	8:00	Doors Open	8:00	Doors Open
8:30	Ft. Riley Mounted Color Guard - National Anthem	8:30	Saddle & Sirloin - National Anthem	9:00-10:00	Cowboy Church - Pastor Terry Newell 15 minute tear down
8:45	R Bar B Top Horse Freestyle Competition & Awards	8:45	Jim Urban - Jumping	10:15-11:00	Farrier Panel 5 minute set up
10:00	Brad Lund - Performance Horses	10:00	Larry Whitesell - Gaited Horses	11:05-11:35	Perry Trent Law Firm 5 minute set up
11:00	Bobby Kerr - Mustangs	11:00	Mette Rosencrantz - Classic Dressage	11:40-12:10	Erin Glassman - Distance Riding 101 5 minute set up
12:00	Breed Showcase - BLM Mustangs	12:00	Kansas Cowboy Mounted Shooting Demo	12:15-12:45	Jim Urban - Hunter/Jumper 15 minute set up
12:10	Breed Showcase - Fell Ponies	1:00	Breed Showcase - Midwest Mustang & Burros	1:00-2:00	Rhonda Martin 5 minute set up
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3:00	Mette Rosencrantz - Classic Dressage	3:30	Set jumps		
4:00	Paul Humphrey - Barrel Racing	4:00	Jumper Classic		

ourselves, not one notch better, not one notch worse. I have to believe in myself and ride with confidence. My horses need nothing less than my faith in my ability. They also need my understanding of what I know I'm not capable of. Verse 6 states: Having then gifts differing according to the

grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith. My Dad has often said, "It is as important to know what your gifts are not, as it is to know what your gifts are."

The way I would apply this to horsemanship is to say (as I have

often said) when you are over your head or past your ability, get help! There you go, get riding and enjoy your horseman's journey. I know I'm gonna enjoy mine~!~





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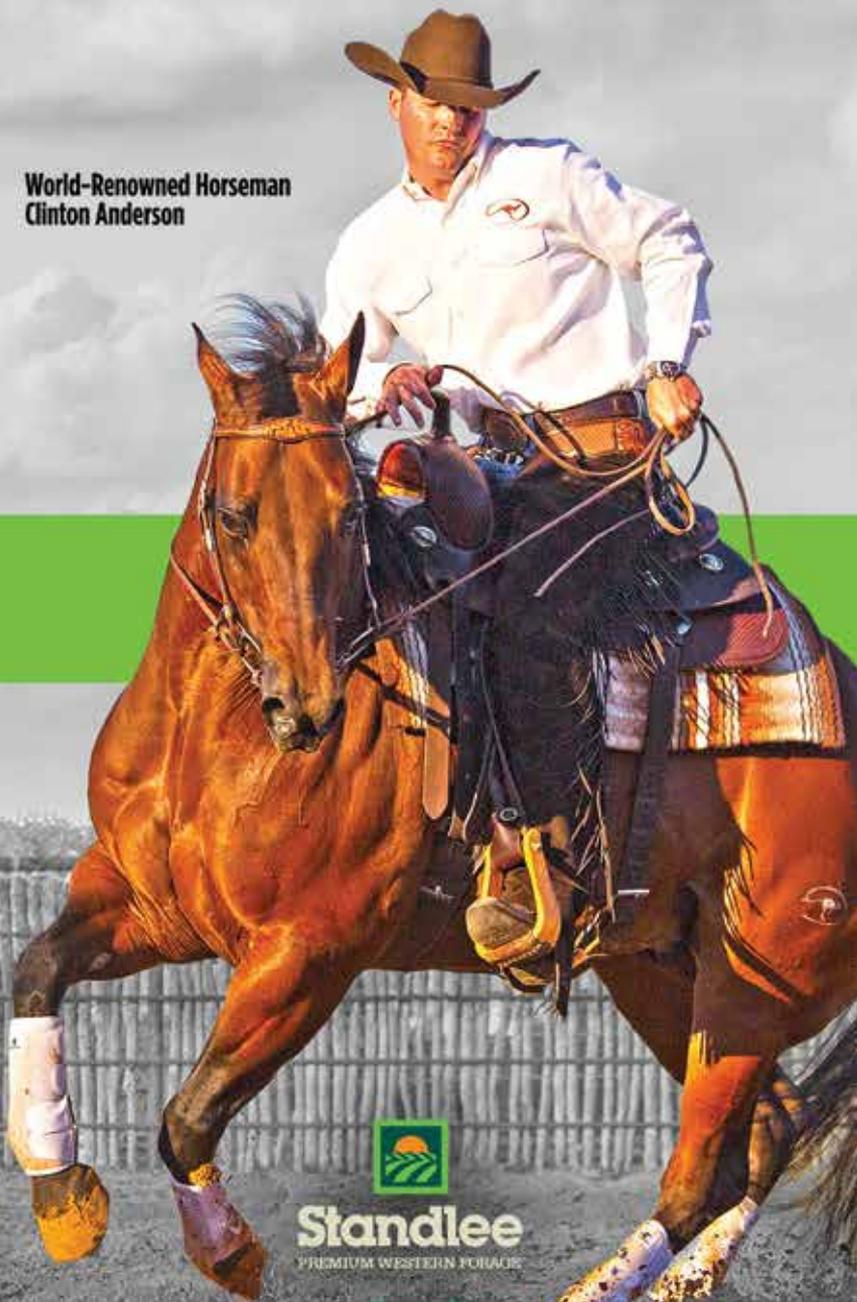
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## It's Time to Right a Wrong

The horse and greyhound industries have a deep and robust history in the state of Kansas. Racing in Kansas traces back to over one hundred years. The races have drawn millions of fans from near and far. The Woodlands Racetrack, which was the only track in the United States to run both horse and greyhound races, drew 1.7 million fans in 1990 alone. But, nearly a decade ago, racing in Kansas ground to a halt.

When Kansas lawmakers set up legislation to open state-owned casinos, they created an inequity. Privately-owned racetracks are charged at a significantly higher tax rate than state-owned casinos. Racetracks were forced to shut down because the tax burden left them unable to operate.

Legislators picked winners and losers, and the losers were Kansans. Many horse and greyhound operations shifted outside of Kansas so owners, breeders, and trainers could still compete. This is millions of dollars pouring out of Kansas and represents a significant loss to the state's economy.

The Kansas Legislature can make this right by passing a bill currently before them. This bill, supported by the Greater Kansas Racing Alliance, creates equity in the tax code. When equity and fairness are returned, Kansas racetracks can reopen.

There are four tracks the Greater Kansas Racing Alliance would like to see revived in the near future: The Woodlands in Kansas City, The Wichita Greyhound Park in Wichita, Campton Racetrack in Frontenac, and Eureka Downs in Eureka. The economic benefits to the State of Kansas of a re-invigorated pari-

mutuel racing industry cannot be understated.

Pari-mutuel racing turns recreation and tourist dollars into a pipeline of financial support for ranchers and farmers: horse breeders and dog breeders, and the support services employed by those breeders. It creates a market-driven, win-win dynamic in the most basic economic way.

According to a recent economic impact study by Dr. Arthur P. Hall, these four racetracks in Kansas would create approximately 4,000 jobs; generate an estimated \$23 million annually in state and local taxes and spur approximately \$200 million in new employee wages.

The return of racing in Kansas is a win for everyone. It creates a level playing field for important industries with deep ties to the state. Kansans would see new employment opportunities in a time when jobs and people are leaving the state. State and local governments would receive an infusion of new tax revenue, without having to provide incentives to advance the project. This means that STAR bonds, as used by state-owned casinos, will also not be used. The project is entirely supported by a local private business developer and investor.

*To learn more about the specific legislation before the Kansas Legislature and the Greater Kansas Racing Alliance, visit [www.raceforkansas.com](http://www.raceforkansas.com).*



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1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon each ground  
coriander, pepper, and cumin  
1/8 teaspoon cayenne  
1 pound raw shrimp  
1 Tablespoon Olive Oil  
zest from 1 lemon (quarter  
leftover)  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon pepper

Heat oven to 425 degrees

Rinse shrimp and pat dry.

Toss green beans, olive oil,  
coriander, cumin, salt, pepper,  
and cayenne. Toss shrimp with  
olive oil, zest, salt, and pepper.

Spray roasting pan, arrange green  
beans in single layer. Roast 10  
minutes, toss. Add shrimp on top  
and roast 8-10 minutes. Squeeze  
lemon quarters over top when  
done.

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By Frank J. Buchman

"I have to take a mare over to Fred's this afternoon. I'll get back to you."

Conscientious health care is apparent for the half-dozen Quarter Horse mares set to foal this spring at Teagarden Quarter Horses.

"Dr. Fred Gardiner has handled the breeding and followed our mares through gestation and foaling for many years. He's the best there is," John Teagarden declared.

At their ranch near LaCygne in Linn County, Teagarden and his wife Candy produce Quarter Horses demanded throughout the country.

"While several horses excel in barrel racing, all of our horses have good dispositions with proven all-around ability," Teagarden insisted.

A most conscientious student of horse breeding, Teagarden has judged horses across the Midwest. Now, pedigrees and lineage of Quarter Horses since the breed's beginning flow freely in Teagarden's every conversation.

"Like breeding any species, every Quarter Horse program goes back for generations," Teagarden said. "Today's horses represent genetics of breeding decisions made by horsemen many years ago."

Indicative of performance ability, a horse's pedigree is just one ingredient in success, according to the horseman.

Recognizing a horse must be structurally sound with working conformation, Teagarden acknowledged importance of temperament and handling.

"It's nearly impossible to get the best performance out of a horse

that's difficult to get along with," he affirmed. "We breed for kind dispositions and start working with our foals within minutes after they're born.

"They never forget that positive first experience. But, if it's not done right, they'll remember that, too," Teagarden added.

Today's breeding dates to the 1980s with two distinct foundation Quarter Horse mare lines. "Our horses are all out of daughters and granddaughters of those first good mares," he noted.

While anxious to detail origin, heritage and specifics, Teagarden said, "Several mares were purchased as two-year-olds from Francis Bliss at Longton. The King, Leo and Te-N-Te bred mares were 4-H projects for our daughters Dana and Amy."

The second mare line comes from Boston Jenny Lee, product of Don Fritzler's breeding program at Hansen. She was purchased by the Teagardens as a three-year-old in 1986 for their youngest daughter Leigh.

Boston Jenny Lee was sired by Bar Y Sandy, American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) champion. The mare was out of a daughter of Boston Mac, triple-A (AAA) race winner that was also a top halter horse.

"Both of these studs have a reputation for siring good minded performance horses," Teagarden said.

"Leigh was 10-years-old when she and Jenny qualified for the Kansas State Fair 4-H Show in five events in

1987," Teagarden remembered.

When the Teagardens' daughters went off to college, their horse projects were put into production.

Jim and Sandy Lowe of Louisburg purchased Rare Jet Extremes as a four-year-old in 1998 and were standing him at stud. The race horse was AAA or AAA+ at five distances and retired sound from the track.

"Under Jim and Sandy's training, he quickly became a top team roping horse and a champion in the Kansas National Barrel Horse Association," Teagarden said.

"Rare Jet Extremes was an attractive, good disposition horse and passed those traits on," Teagarden said. "We bred our mares to Rare Jet Extremes for about ten years and kept a number of his daughters." The stallion died last year.

"Actually today, our broodmare band is primarily daughters and granddaughters of Rare Jet Extremes. He worked real well on our Francis Bliss and Don Fritzler foundation bred mare lines from the 1950s and 60s," Teagarden verified.

Quarter Horse breeding opportunities expanded with advent of cooled semen shipping in the mid-2000s. Teagarden Quarter Horses stepped right up with Dr. Gardner's proficiency in scientific logistics of getting mares in foal.

"We selected what we considered some of the top barrel horse producers in the country to breed to our mares," Teagarden said.

A number of foals have been sired by Firewaterontherocks, a son of Fire Water Flit. "He's sired winners



*Michelle Bogdonas, Rockford, Illinois, is aboard Famous Bouncy Bugs (Famous Bugs x Brick House Bouncy-Rare Jet Extremes). The barrel racing team was the 2016 Reserve Amateur Champion in the Northern Region Futurity Tour and runner-up in the 2017 Midwest Region UBRA 1D Derby. Famous Bouncy Bugs was purchased from Teagarden Quarter Horses, LaCygne.*



*Tami Hoch, Great Bend, and Brickhouse Sandman (Brick House Bouncy x Rare Jets Sandy-Rare Jet Extremes) are always the barrel racing team to be reckoned throughout the country. With multiple 1D barrel race wins in central Kansas, the pair was the 2015 Central Plains Rodeo Association (CPRA) Finals Champion and the 2016 CPRA Finals Reserve Champion. Brickhouse Sandman was purchased from Teagarden Quarter Horses at LaCygne.*

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of more than a million dollars including National Finals Rodeo qualifiers," Teagarden said.

Proven performers and producers Judge Cash by Dash For Cash and Slick By Design by Designer Red have also been used in recent years.

"All of these studs have a lot of 'run' in their pedigree," Teagarden said. "But, they also have some foundation breeding back there, especially on the dam's side. It helps on their minds.

"We imprint the foals by the Dr. Robert Miller method as soon as we can after they're born," Teagarden reiterated. "Then foals are soon taught to lead and loaded in and out of the trailer. They remember that the rest of their lives."

Mares with foals go to Dr. Gardiner's veterinary facility at Garnett for cooled semen breeding. "Fred keeps them three or four days, and then we'll take the mares

back at 16 days for a sonogram," Teagarden said.

Once mares are confirmed in foal, they go to pasture with minimal handling of the colts until late fall weaning time.

Teagarden Quarter Horses are on the market from weaning age forward. "We sell some younger horses, but there's more demand for started two and three-year-olds," he said.

Through the years, Sam Gallaher, Welda; Cal Noyans, Melvern; Todd Wright, Ottawa, and now-retired Larry Spillman, Louisburg, have put the first 45-60 rides on Teagarden's started prospects.

"I would highly recommend any of these guys to start one," Teagarden said.

With their barrel racing influence, the horses have become proven winners. "We've sold horses in a number of states," Teagarden said. "They have won and are continuing

to win competitions for their new owners."

Still, these are versatile horses. "Several ranches including our daughter Amy and her husband Matt Perrier at Dalebanks Angus Ranch, Eureka, along with their four children use these horses," Teagarden credited. "They'll cut a cow, work a rope and do whatever asked.

"Last summer, the Dalebanks crew and our grandchildren were riding Flint Hill pastures and also competing in shows," Teagarden said. "Brothers and sisters to their horses won barrel races for Tami Hoch, Kansas; Michelle Bogdonas, Illinois; and Danielle McCraw, North Carolina.

"I'm very pleased that similarly bred horses are working in the barrel arena, in working ranch situations or as safe, willing mounts for young riders," Teagarden said.



*Rare Jet Extremes has had a major influence in Teagarden Quarter Horses at LaCygne. The 1993 stallion had a 102-speed-index running triple-A (AAA) and top-triple-A (AAA+) at five distances as a two- and three-year-old. Owned by Jim and Sandy Lowe of Louisburg, he went on to become a top performer in team roping and barrel racings, but most importantly the sire of outstanding horses in a number of disciplines. Rare Jet Extremes passed away last year.*



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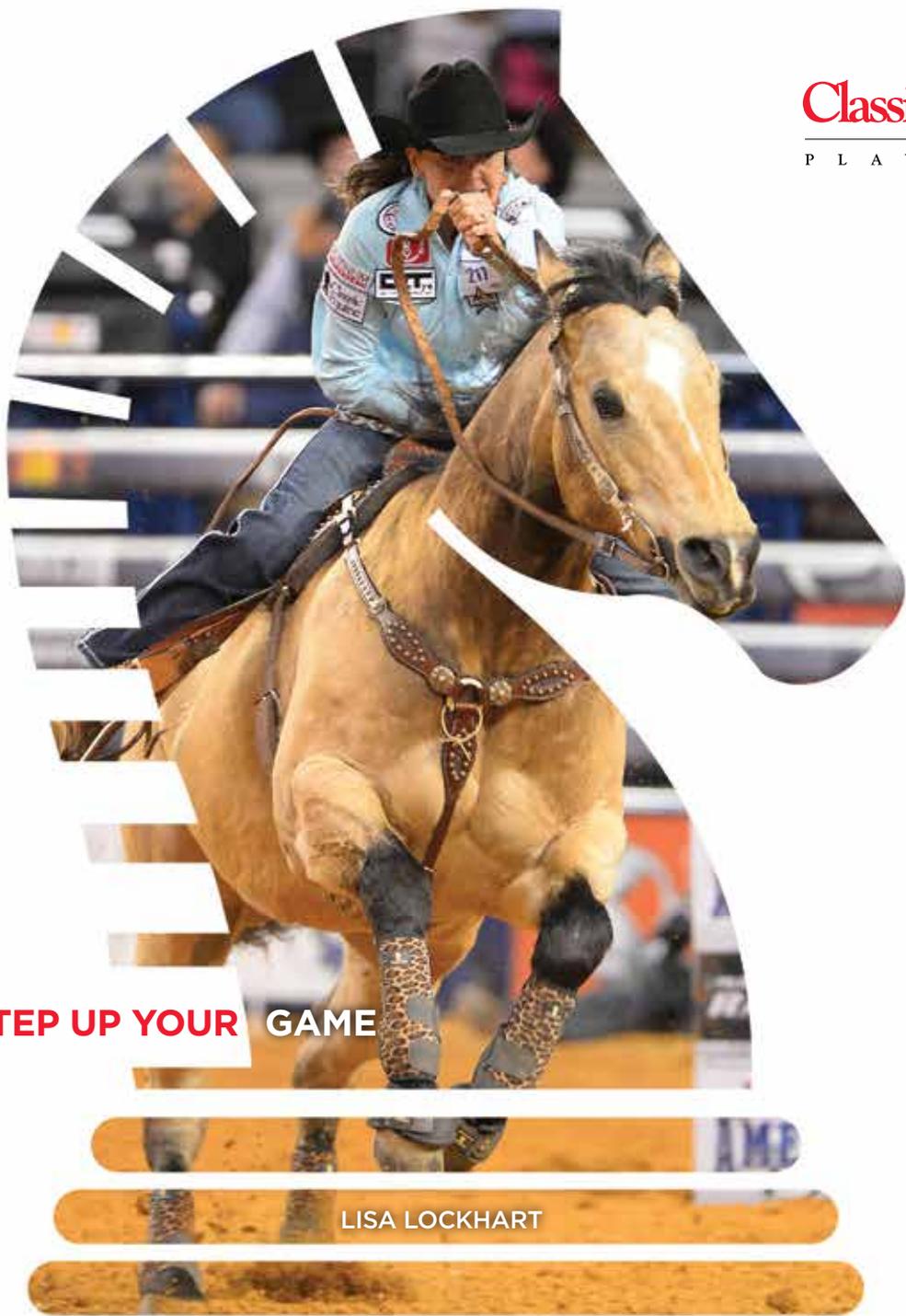
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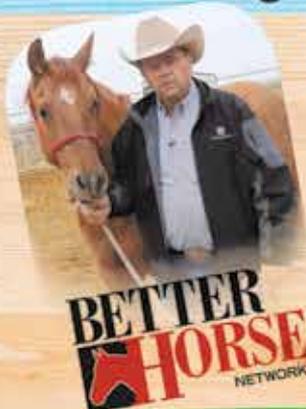
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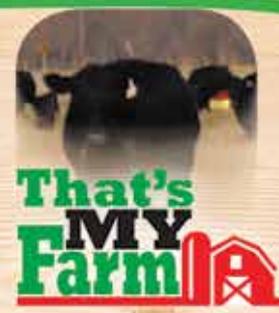
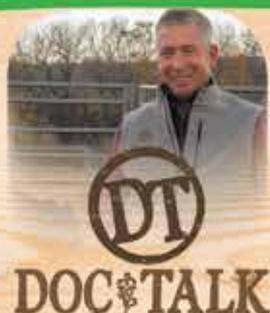
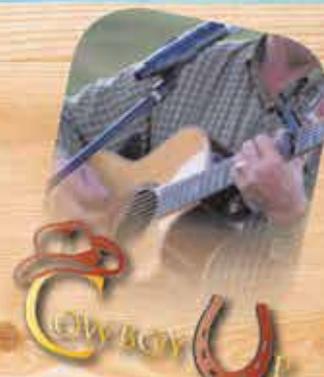
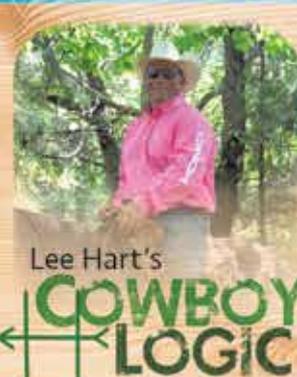


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# THE PRACTICE OF EQUINE LAW

By Denise Farris ESQ. of the Farris Law Firm LLC

For a number of years, I've had the pleasure of working closely with Denise Farris of the Farris Law Firm LLC, and Rhonda Levinson of Perry & Trent LLC, on matters related to equine law. When I mention "equine attorney", everyone asks me what that is. I thought I'd interview Denise and let her explain.

**ERNIE: Hey Denise! Great to have you! Can you explain to our readers what is equine law all about?**

DENISE: Sure, Ernie. Prior to the 1990's, equine law was almost exclusively about those issues related to racing, and any of the breeds involved in pari-mutuel betting. As a result, most equine law firms were located either in Kentucky, New York, New Jersey or California. Then in the 1990's, a number of lawyers identified the fast growth horse market outside those arenas as having unique legal issues that also deserved representation. Around 1991 a number of boutique practices sprang up nationwide to address those needs.

**ERNIE: Is there a formal association for those attorneys?**

DENISE: Not exactly. Equine law continues to be new enough that even the American Bar Association hasn't formed a national practice section. But there is a voluntary group of lawyers, numbering around 300 or so from both the US and international, who regularly attend the University of Kentucky's Equine Law Practitioner's Conference in May. In addition, there is an equine newsletter publication which identifies those member law firms in the United States, which to date

number only around 50 or so. So it remains a small and exclusive club.

**ERNIE: I'm always asking you, "Why does my horse need a lawyer"?**

DENISE: And that question always makes me laugh. But it does deserve a serious answer. Horses that are subject to ill treatment or abuse may need legal intervention, either through the local humane society, or perhaps legal actions between owners. But equine law is much broader than that, including zoning laws (can you keep a horse on that property and if so, under what conditions), building regulations (private versus commercial facilities and building code requirements); environmental (pasture and manure management or carcass disposal); immigration (who do you have working for you and are they- AND you- compliant); uniform commercial code (what you can and cannot do in the buy/sale process); tax law (sales and use tax related to horse sales, and business/hobby loss issues), employment law (independent contractor versus employment agreements, non-competes, internet policies, Fair Labor Standards Act and wage compliance). And obviously, personal and property damage risk and exposure and transportation liability issues are also big topics.

**ERNIE: Is there any legal difference between a private and business horse owner?**

DENISE: Great question! Most people think of breeding, boarding or training facilities and their owners or employees as "business". They don't understand that a "commercial enterprise" may exist even if the

person doesn't intend to be a "business". The test is whether or not you are exchanging anything of value in the transaction. If so, more likely than not you've engaged in a "business transaction". This can be as minimal as trading stall cleaning services for riding lessons; paying for gas cost splits on a trailer haul; or swapping horses or tack in return for some other good, service or monetary / barter product. The distinction becomes key in many respects, but most importantly in your insurance coverage. For instance, if you think you're covered by your standard personal homeowners or personal automobile liability policy, and the insurer discovers you were receiving "value" for an exchange, then the policy's standard business exclusion is often applied and coverage denied. You always want to fully disclose your activities – and anything of value you require for those activities - to your insurance agent so the proper coverage is in place.

There's also regulatory impacts related to "personal" versus "business" activities. For instance, in December 2017 the Department of Transportation issued much stricter regulations related to "OTR" or "over-the-road" hauling of horses, stating that: (a) if you receive value for that hauling, and (b) your truck and loaded trailer weight exceeds 26,000 pounds, you MUST have a commercial drivers license and you MUST conform to DOT regulations concerning OTR restrictions (ie drivers log, how many continuous hours you can drive without a mandatory rest stop, etc.)

A final example of business versus personal characterization. If you're

a private owner but you're enlisting volunteers with a "value exchange" involved, you might find yourself subject to payment of both minimum and overtime wages for their work at the show.

**ERNIE: That's scary. So is it fair to say a lot of us are doing things not realizing we may be violating laws or regulations?**

DENISE: Exactly. That's why a big part of what we do is risk management; i.e. meeting with clients to discuss how they're doing business and what exposures exist in their practices. When you look at the cost of a one hour consultation, which is usually \$250 or lower – against a court judgment or fine in the thousands of dollars, that consultation is a great value.

**ERNIE: What are some of the most common types of cases you handle?**

DENISE: Definitely consulting in the areas of business formation, where a private owner is now wanting to engage in horses as a business. We work with creating the business format and registering it with the state, complying with IRS requirements establishing a true business purpose; and drafting the necessary forms such as the operating contracts (boarding, training, breeding agreements and related liability waivers), the premise lease agreement, and perhaps employment or independent contractor agreements if they are using third parties to help in the business. We also do a lot of estate and trust planning for business owners who want a plan in place for emergencies, or just routine business succession planning.

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## Equine Law

We handle a lot of administrative law issues that arise in the show ring context. All of the breed and riding disciplines are covered by various equine associations that run according to internal rules and regulations. Show infractions are subject to those internal rules and regulations, in addition to common law legal concepts. Knowing the difference, and talking the language, makes a huge difference to the client's chances of a favorable outcome.

### **ERNIE: I see that you also offer mediation and arbitration services. What does that mean and what's involved?**

Denise: Thanks for bringing that up. I'm a trained mediator/arbitrator through the American Arbitration Association. Mediation is where parties to a dispute agree to submit details of the dispute to a neutral third party in a non-binding role. The mediator meets individually with all sides in an effort to facilitate a settlement without incurring the time and money costs of trial. Arbitration is a bit more formal, where the dispute is still submitted to a neutral third party Arbitrator, but the decision is legally binding and non-appealable, and the process is more like an informal mini-trial. Both procedures enable parties to quickly and effectively address their disputes before a mediator or arbitrator of their mutual choice, meaning you get to select someone who knows the industry. It's a huge yet substantially under-utilized tool in equine disputes, where the costs of the disagreement can easily be outstripped by legal fees using a traditional courtroom litigation approach. And – mediation and arbitration results are typically confidential.

### **ERNIE: What are some of the hot issues coming down the pipeline?**

DENISE: Another good question. Right now, recent statutory changes in buy/sale and agent disclosure laws are big. Three states have now enacted statutes which require agents involved in the sale of horses going into – or out of – New York, California or Kentucky, to disclose in writing their role as a dual agent representing buyer and seller, including: (a) that dual agent role; (b) the sales price of the horse; (c) the agent's commission for each party; (d) the mandatory use of a written contract containing this information, and (e) miscellaneous and differing other requirements set forth by each state's statute. Failure to fully comply with the statute is grounds for both fraud and punitive damages on top of actual damages. There are a lot of players out there who are already breaking these laws and remain clueless about their exposure.

### **ERNIE: What if you have horses being bought and sold in all three states. Do you need three separate contract forms?**

DENISE: No. Again, by dealing with an equine lawyer knowledgeable in those arenas, that attorney can draft a document that manages to comply with all three state requirements in one form.

### **ERNIE: What about cloning – is that an issue right now?**

DENISE: Absolutely, and completely fascinating. As many horse people know, cloning is with us and there are in fact a large number of clones already in the marketplace. To date the majority of breed associations deny registration for clones but I believe this will be changing. Most recently the AQHA had to address a lawsuit which challenged their refusal to

register cloned quarter horses. The court ultimately agreed with the AQHA's argument that per current DNA verification methods used in registration, that process would be compromised where a clone is the 99% genetic equivalent of its donor. But recent developments in cloning of polo ponies demonstrate that cloning is not only here, but is becoming a successful option in preserving valuable bloodlines that might otherwise go extinct. At the annual Equine Law Practitioners conference, its estimated that in the foreseeable immediate future, U.S. breed associations are going to have to find ways to address and register clones with some form of new registration classification. So stay tuned!

### **ERNIE: In closing, what's some general advice you could give to our readers?**

DENISE: Be informed. As an attorney, I really appreciate the educational component of publications like Better Horses Magazine and your partners, both in article submissions and also the clinics provided. By being informed, either as a private or commercial horse owner, you stay on top of the issues developing in the industry. My other advice is to be active. Organizations like the American and the Kansas Horse Council, stand as your voices on a federal and state basis regarding statutory and regulatory proposals. If these organizations don't have your support, they lose a lot of their impact. And you lose your ability to influence key decisions that impact your business. Finally, be kind to other horse breeds or riding disciplines! Understand that the horse industry is the same size as the motion picture industry in terms of its economic impact. If all of the

breed and riding disciplines learned to work together, there's very little this industry could not accomplish. We share a lot in common, most importantly our love of this magnificent creature, the horse!

ERNIE: Thanks for the words of advice, Denise, and for all you and Rhonda do for the industry. Readers, be sure to listen to legal tips from Denise and Rhonda at Better Horses Radio!

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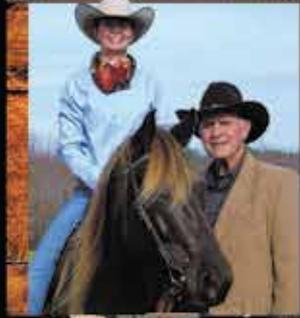
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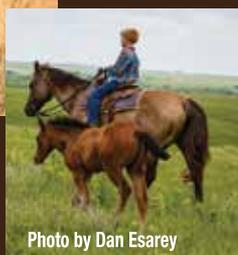


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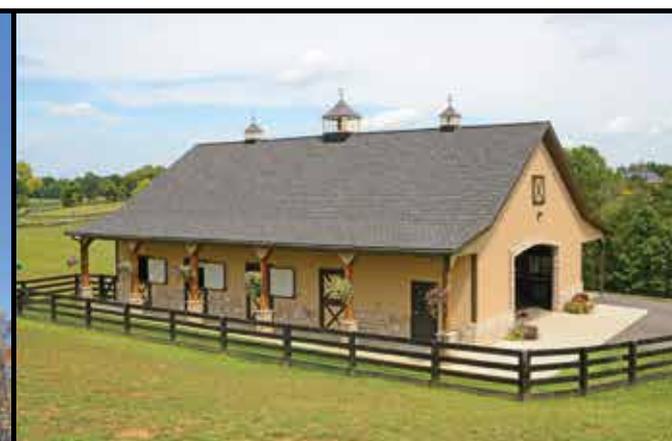
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**“Soft”** (*responsive to your hands*)

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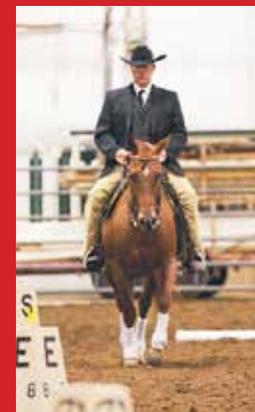
(*not resistant to the bit due to rein pressure*)

To teach the horse how to be “soft” to your hands the rider must first teach the horse how to “give” to the bit.

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# New Year, New Horse Goals

By Sam Gallaher

Here recently, social media was pleasantly flooded with pictures featuring our

friends and acquaintances with their horses on the National Day of the Horse. How inspiring and motivating for many to think about setting horse goals as the new year approached. Maybe your horse goal is competition based, or more like acquiring your dream partner. Regardless, horse goals of all kinds are shared amongst millions of Americans. The National Day of the horse is a day to remember how much horses have shaped our history and influenced our economy. Whether you have a horse or hope to have one this new year,

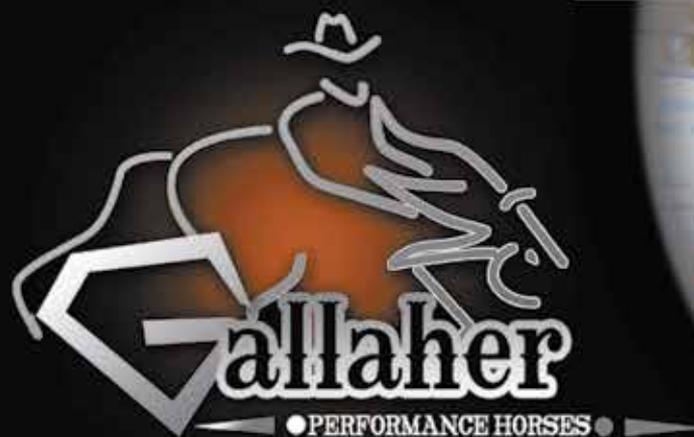
here are some tips to help you be successful in reaching your horse goals for 2018.

1. Evaluate where you are currently
2. Evaluate where you want to be realistically in a year, 5 years, and also set a long-term goal
3. Decide what it's going to take to get to your goals with help from an equine professional
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  - c. Ability of both horse and rider/owner

When goal setting, keep accountable by spending time with an equine professional that has achieved the goals you want to set. Someone that has been where you want to be, and someone you trust. They can help you set a realistic timeline and offer a trained pair of eyes. A spring time refresher course

for your horse or boot camp for you is a great way to get a jumpstart on achieving success with your goals. Cheers and much good luck wished to you and your horse in 2018,

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# Ranch Life And Painting It, Keeps Eureka Horsewoman Going Strong

By Frank J. Buchman

Horses and drawing pictures of horses have always been two of the most favorite things in life for Lois French.

"Paper was in short supply when I was going to country school," Lois remembered. "So, I really got in trouble when my teacher saw me drawing pictures of horses in my school books."

It was even worse when her Mom heard about those drawings. "I tried to explain that I didn't want to use up the nickel tablets, but she just wouldn't understand," Lois said.



*Still growing strong, Lois French is renowned throughout the country for the foundation Quarter Horse breeding program built with her husband Murray. Likewise, Lois is recognized for her paintings of rural life often featuring horses. In ranch homes, offices and museums throughout the country, her paintings are also displayed in her own personal gallery at Eureka.*

"That did put a slowdown on my artistic interests for a while."

Well maybe a hiatus from

sketching when supposed to be studying, but never from Lois' heart. "I just couldn't get drawing out of my system," she insisted.

Just as strong was the girl's fondness for horses and ranch life. Born and raised in the Flint Hills, Lois started riding at the age of two.

"I've always loved to ride and helped Dad with the cattle work," she reflected. "I really enjoyed branding time as well as driving and working with horses in the hay field."

Appropriately, Lois found a cowboy with matching love for ranching. Mary Lois Burke married Murray French on May 21, 1942, in Eureka. The newlyweds made their ranch home near Climax in Greenwood County where Lois still lives today.

While Murray passed away in 2009, at the age of 89, Lois goes strong operating the ranch. Shyly, she admitted, "I'll be 93 in a few days. It's been a great life."

Operations are considerably smaller scale now than peak times when Murray and Lois French were widely known for Herefords and Quarter Horses.

"I still have a few cows and one great old mare. She's 33 now, goes back to all of the horses we raised," Lois emphasized. "I'm out every morning and evening doing the chores."

Registered Herefords cows grazed owned and leased acreages with the French Hereford seed stock demanded over a wide area.

"We had 500 cows, sold breeding bulls. We had two bring \$10,000 apiece. That was a lot back then," Lois insisted.

Still reflecting about their foundation Quarter Horses brings more excitement to Lois' conversation. She readily and intimately remembered those horses like it was yesterday or today instead of more than a half century ago.

"We got started with the Peter McCue line from Harry Lewis at Beaumont, then discovered Harlan's Tyree owned by Carl Mills at Cedar Vale," Lois reflected.

"That was the perfect cross," she insisted. "We didn't have much money, so we had a partnership with Carl. He'd get part of the colt crop for stud fees."

Setback for the breeding program came with passing of Tyree at just seven-years-old. "Fortunately, we had some of his daughters and mated them to sons of Poco Bueno," Lois said.

Their Poco Merit stud was recognized as "being more refined in the front end, a nicely balanced horse."

Crediting that influence, foundation Quarter Horses with the MF prefix on registrations were highly demanded. "We had 40 mares and sold horses all over the United States," Lois said. "I didn't sell any overseas because I couldn't stand all of the testing."

The MF Quarter Horses were kind gentle mounts used for daily ranch work. "I'd start out early in the morning checking cattle in our pastures," Lois said. "About noon, Murray picked me seven or eight miles over on the other side of the ranch and hauled me and my horse home. That made good horses."



*Lois French, Eureka Quarter Horse breeder and painter, was interviewed by Ernie Rodina for the Better Horses Radio Show.*

They were among the best collecting numerous horse show awards throughout the Midwest.

"I liked cutting best, won the Greenwood County Fair three years, and I have the trophy to prove it," Lois said.

Especially pleasing to Lois is when the American Quarter Horse Association recognized her and Murray as "50 Year Breeders."

She said, "I went to Amarillo to accept that trophy. Only wish Murray could have been there, but I know he was looking down. It's a real honor for so many to recognize our Quarter Horse breeding program, too."

As if not busy enough, Lois also had a tax preparation service for a number of years.

When the French breeding operation slowed down, Bob and Pat Ward at Chisum J Bar J Quarter Horses, Macomb, Oklahoma, acquired several horses and continue raising the lineage.

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# CATCHIN' UP By Duke Neff

Just been thru the process of changing the password on my email...anybody else get frustrated with having to do that so much? I don't have a computer at home...do this from school or library.... and when I go from this back to my I-Phone....guess what! Change again! UGGGGH!

Lots of horse things to write, and writing on a delightful day which holds hope for spring and green grass! And with that....some main news...first of all HEATHER FRANKLIN will be hosting her Miniature sale in SALINA KANSAS in April...and hopefully there will be a related ad herein for a number in case you want a catalog or to consign. HEATHER indicated there will be arrival on Friday, and a PRE-SALE viewing that night. The facility in SALINA is excellent, easy to get to, and close to some GOOD

places to stay and eat. And on the SALE subject...had lunch with JIM KNIGHT this week and he will be consigning some more ponies at this point. JIM always has the best driving horses in this part of the country and his consignments do well at these sales. He consigned several last year.

LOTS going on with DARRELL BILKE and PINTO...DARREL spent the last week judging several things in TULSA...including a queen contest. Will be getting with DARRELL in the next week to prepare a feature on him for ERNIE RODINA and Better Horses. DARRELL has his hand on the pulse of our industry as it functions today....always going in a positive direction.

Off the phone with lots of horse folk these past two weeks. In case some of you hadn't heard...took a

bad fall down some steps and severely strained a leg...plus had the flu...so low profile. But on the phone quite a bit.... visited with WAYNE LASKE in OKLAHOMA, LARON DUBIN and BOB

GANDY in FLORIDA.. also talked with KAREN IVERSEN...which is always a treat...understand she is helping in the library at home...neat place..the library...guess where I am now? And also...just off the phone with SEABOLDT Farm from LONE JACK MISSOURI about judging locally in a couple of weeks....gotten where I LOVE those events where I can drive...judge..., even visit a little...then go home.

Talked with ROGER JOHNSON in ILLINOIS and LLOYD JOHANNINGMEIER in IOWA... speaking of IOWA...CASSIE WINTERS recently had her third child...another daughter. Will hope to visit with them soon when I make a business trip that way.. Cassie and MATT have had some success selling their foals to SOUTH DAKOTA.

About the time you receive this I will likely be in FLORIDA. Long-time KANSAS CITIAN ROBERT Q. SUTHERLAND will be inducted into the AQHA HALL OF FAME in JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA in first week of March. Just made my seat reservation for that function.. I am going to take my book, the 50 Year HISTORY of PAINTS...and tell a quick story about how BOB changed the whole horse industry. And while I have you on that...try this one on for size. BOB SUTHERLAND's office, for Sutherland Lumber Co., was at 40th and Main in Kansas City. Some 50 years earlier... guess who had a riding stable right across the street: ever hear of the great saddlebred horseman... TOM BASS? Those two gentlemen influenced all aspects and breeds in our horse industry....Bob and Tom were HUGE forward thinkers for equines and their people!!

Talked today with CINDY PENCE-GIRARDIER...about shows, horses

and taxes. CINDY was from LIBERTY, and she is in K.C. to help as her family expands...she will have another grand-child. I am hoping to get with CINDY on some income tax issues, and she is the very best of at that ! Plus, she helps me with travel!

Stopped down the street and said hello to a couple of people at PINE DELL STABLES....now owned by RICK FAIRFAX. Still a good amount of activity there and always has been a pretty place....less that a mile east of the 291 Hiway around Kansas City, south of LEE'S SUMMIT.

Just off the phone with BILL GOEDEKEN in Nebraska...he says trailer sales have been good for this time of year....and that he had a good year showing. I judged with BILL in WISCONSIN two years ago. Speaking of WISCONSIN.... thrilled to be going back that way in AUGUST...will get to judge...visit with Roger and Karla Johnson, and maybe even go fishing...obviously, I have followed that routine before!

And....as a final thought which is not all positive...The paint horse association is now allowing solid color horses to show in regular classes. I can't see a good future for this as I think....if you take a nice solid horse and beat the colored ones...the colored ones will no longer show....just guessing on that one...but can't for the life of me figure out how and why they came about that process. And a final question, in case you just read the previous and are still here....what did that process do to the APPS?

I wish each and every one of you well....all of you who work so hard in our industry. Thanks again!



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# Perry State Park Wild Horse Trails

By Jo Turner

Trail riding in Kansas doesn't get any better than at Perry State Park, the "Paradise on the Prairie", located between Topeka and Lawrence, Kansas. Perry State Park features 40+ miles of beautiful wooded and open meadow horse trails with lake views. The Wild Horse campground has 16 improved camping sites with horse pens. Lots of primitive camping with some horse pens is available as well.

Perry State Park Wild Horse Trails offer you many different riding options and a great diversity of trails. Trails are easy to moderate. There are some rocky areas on the trails so horseshoes are advised.

**Wild Horse Trails:** The Jackalope trail is a 1.5 mile loop just below the Wild Horse Campground. This trail is perfect for an hour ride, kids, older horses and novice riders. Ride west on the Wild Horse Trails thru "Trail Head A" or "Trail Head B" for a longer ride thru wooded trails with slight slopes. Be sure to look for the Christmas Tree west of "X" and the Wishing Well near "J" on the ride. There is a picnic table at "K" for lunch or a rest break on the trails. North of "K" is a connector trail to take you the Hickory Areas Horse Trails.

The Wild Horse Trails wind thru land that was once the first fish farm in Kansas established by John Bruce in the 1929. He built a series of 23 ponds stocking the uppermost ponds with bait fish so when the rains overflowed the ponds, the bait fish would flow into the larger fish ponds below providing a natural food chain. The pond dams you will ride over and along once were homes to commercially raised carp, buffalo, catfish and bait fish. This land became part of Perry State Park in

the 1960's.

**Hickory Acres Horse Trails:** Hickory Acre Trails are only accessible by riding the Wild Horse Trails to "G" or "K" (north of picnic table) then taking the well-marked connector trails. From "G", at Hickory Acres "3", you have a choice of taking an upper trail or a lower trail loop. The upper trail is better in wet weather and follows the contours of the Hickory Acres Development. The lower loop trail follows the shoreline of Perry Lake and is a very beautiful ride. The upper & lower trail will join together at "5". This is a beautiful wooded ride with ups and downs. Eagles, Pelican's, Waterfowl and Deer are often seen on this ride. This complete trail loop is approximately 8 miles plus another 2+ miles thru Wild Horse Trails to return to Camp or you can make it a longer ride on the Wild Horse Trails.

**Rocky Top Horse Trails:** To access Rocky Top Horse Trails, park in the Wild Horse Day Use area just inside the entrance to the Wild Horse Campground. Look back across the road to the South for the big pine tree with the "To Rocky Top" sign and follow the trails to the Southeast across K-237 to the Rocky Top Trail Head & trail system. Rocky Top is a complete loop trail that will take you to Andy's Overlook and back to the Wild Horse Day Use Area approximately 7+ miles. Rocky Top has several serpentine trails in the middle for the option of a "Turtle" (slower and longer) or "Hare" (faster and shorter) ride. Rocky Top is named for the terrain. It is a very beautiful, easy to moderate ride. You may ride in the woods or follow the contours of the hay meadows which is perfect for gaited horses.

Plan to take your lunch and break at "Andy's Overlook". A picnic table is available as well as a mounting block. Enjoy the view that Andy Baux found when he was helping establish these trails.

**Thompsonville Horse Trails:** The Thompsonville Horse Trails can be accessed at connector trail "20" near Andy's Overlook. Cross the road and look for the "To T-Ville" sign. Or you may trailer to the Thompsonville Public Use Area just off the Dam Road for a day ride. The outer Thompsonville Trail loop is approximately 10+ miles. Thompsonville is rockier and more challenging than the other trail riding areas. Mule riders love this trail and beautiful views of the lake.

Thompsonville was the site of a Mormon settlement in 1851 by a group of Mormon settlers who refused to follow the main group led by Brigham Young into the Salt Lake Valley of Utah. The settlement did not last because the chaos of Bleeding Kansas intensified. The town was renamed Thompsonville in 1865 by C. L. Thompson who erected a mill on the site of the old Mormon Settlement.

Maps of all the trail riding areas are available at the Perry State Park



Office and posted under "Files" on the Facebook Page "Let's Ride—Perry Lake".

The 7th Annual Perry State Park Wild Horse Trails Fundraiser will be held September 1-2, 2018. Saturday's event will feature FREE park admission for participants; guided group trail rides for 1, 2 or 3 hours; a catered BBQ lunch followed by a spirited auction with all the proceeds going to campground and trail improvements. Cost is \$20 per rider; \$10 for non-riders; and 12 & under are free. Sunday the Topeka Brush Buster Club will host a complimentary breakfast followed by a church service by Pastor Terry Newell, Crossroads Cowboy Church, and guided trail rides or riding on your own. For more information

*See Perry State Park on page 32*



## Perry State Park

contact Dewayne Burgess at 785-230-5241. Contact Perry State Park 785-246-3449 for fee information or to reserve an improved camp-site.

The Wild Horse Campground has 16 improved sites with horse pens plus a Day Use Parking Area. Primitive camping is plentiful with some horse pens. Campgrounds have a port-a-potty and below the campground a bathroom & shower (open spring/summer – water is turned off Nov - March). A shelter house with showers and restrooms in the center of the campground is coming soon. A boat ramp is less than a mile away if you want to do some kayaking in the afternoon while the horses are resting or fishing for supper!

Volunteers continue to work on improvements to both the campground and the trails. We hope

you will come camp and ride the beautiful trails at Perry State Park.

Directions: From Hwy 24 (East of Topeka or West of Lawrence, KS) go to K-237 North. Exit to North on K-237 – sign will say “Perry State Park”.

Follow K-237 North 4 miles to Perry State Park. Look for Park sign with arrow to Horse Trails. Turn left/ West (just before the Perry State Park Office) and go .1 mile to sign for Equestrian Trails. Turn left and go .3 mile to top of hill – turn right at the first entrance (gravel road) --watch – as it comes up quickly and Wild Horse Day Use Parking is on right. For camping, continue North staying right at “Y” in road – sign will say “Wild Horse Camping” go .3 miles and you will see horse trailer camping sites and horse pens.



## Ultium Proves Out A Good Choice!!!

By Josh Rushing

As a horseman who competes and trains on a regular basis I have come to appreciate a horse with a little energy. I ride almost daily and know a horse with good healthy energy is a trainable horse. They are more physically and mentally prepared for a daily routine. A tired horse lacks the ability and desire to perform basic performance maneuvers as well as the desire to learn. This can create bad habits and muscle memory while slowing down the training process all together. I strive to switch up the

training routine to keep my horses mentally fresh but I reached a point I felt like they lacked energy. I have seen feed produce the wrong kind of hot energy so I was cautious. I also wanted something I didn't have to use a supplement with. I wanted a complete feed. After a couple calls and a little research I ended up doing a trial with Purina Ultium. We've been on it for going on 6 months now and it really seems to be working out great for us. It produces good usable and sustainable energy in our horses and they look great! Whether we are doing a typical training session, a competition or a full day on the ranch my horses are right there with me, ready and willing.



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 cheese a few dashes hot sauce  
 (depends on desired heat)  
 1 cup heavy cream  
 some milk  
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 2 to 3 cans crab meat  
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veggies with some salt and pepper  
 cook until the veggies are tender then  
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 same amount of milk, all the soups,  
 and cheese, salt and pepper again  
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 When it gets to the rite thickness  
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**Officers of the Blackjack Saddle Club** were elected during a recent meeting in Wamego. They include Albert De La Garza, website-social media; Myra George, treasurer; Justine Staten, president; Frank Buchman, secretary-reporter; Stacy Nicholas, points keeper; and Vicki Smith, vice president. *(Photo by Albert De La Garza.)*

**Yearend highpoint exhibitors for 2017 in the Blackjack Saddle Club** posed with their awards at a recent recognition banquet in Wamego. Honorees include (back row) Stacy Nicholas, Vicki Smith, Teresa Douthit, Steve George, Frank Buchman, (middle row) Lane Svoboda, Jaiden Thomas, Brooke Staten, (front) Luchesse Bergeron, Joseph De La Garza and Katherine De La Garza. *(Photo by Albert De La Garza.)*

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# Making Clinics A Positive Experience

By Al Dunning

I have been fortunate to do clinics all over the world for more than forty years. I have seen attendees come to the clinics prepared and some that are scared. After showing horses for many years I know that when you are the most ready, have covered most of your bases and know what to expect, you can control your emotions. I hope this article will

take the unknown out of your next clinic experience and make it a joyful learning opportunity.

## Commitment

Don't wait for the last minute. If you see a clinic being advertised that you are interested in attending, commit! Sign up early and set your schedule. For many, there are a number of

preparations to be made. Whether it is scheduling someone to watch over your other animals, finding a babysitter, or arranging work plans, many things need to be taken care of out of our daily routine. I always think if you want it bad enough, you will make it happen.

Different clinics offer different amenities. Some have living quarter hook-ups or dry camps. Others are close to hotels. Make your reservations as soon as you sign up for the event. Having your health certificate, Coggins test or whatever else is necessary to ensure you are within states requirements for hauling your horse should be done within a reasonable time. Make sure your truck and trailer are in good working order so you can alleviate any on the road hassles. The same goes for your equipment. Make sure your bridles and saddles are in good shape. (Clean would be nice, too!) As you get closer to the event, have in mind the type of weather you will be dealing with so that you can wear the proper attire.

## Reasons to Attend

I always think that people attend clinics because they really want to learn what I know. Many have read my books, seen my DVDs, etc. and feel they and their horse would benefit from riding with me. All levels of riders should be able to come away with new skills and drills IF they come with an open mind and a willing spirit. It is also a great environment to have fun with your horse friends. By attending a clinic together you can learn and grow together, as well as practice the skills you learned when you get

back home. You will probably also make new friends during the clinic, have a great time, and come out with some pearls of wisdom.

## Horse Preparation

Your horse should know the basics. Depending on the subject that the clinician is teaching, the horse should fit that particular discipline. This means that if the clinician is teaching working cow horse, you shouldn't bring a two-year-old bronc to the event. There are clinics specifically for horse breaking and the initial stages of training that would be more suited for the green horse. Both the rider and the horse should have some basic knowledge and skills with the event or discipline being covered in the clinic. If not, it is a disservice to everyone concerned – you as a rider, the other participants, and the clinician – because if you aren't up to speed to a certain extent, you will take more time or the clinician will have to overlook you a little bit. Don't hesitate to ask the event producer exactly what will be taught so you know what to expect.

Your horse should be in good shape so you don't stress him during the clinic. Don't try to retrain him or cram him with new skills just before the clinic. Continue to do what you normally do for the best preparation. Have the horse well shod. If your horse is sick, please don't bring him to the clinic where he could potentially infect other horses.

During the clinic there are times when you will be busy and times you will be resting. Make sure you bring the right equipment. I like to

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say bring what you train in and bring what you show in. The clinician can then get a chance to see what you are using and how it affects the results you have on your horse. You don't have to have a lot of things. If riders show, it is nice for you to ride in your show equipment. Bring proper leg protection if you use bell boots, skid boots, splint boots, etc.

## Personal Preparation

I always say that the number one thing that I like people to bring is an open mind and a willing spirit. If you come with that, you are good to teach. Attitude will make the difference in how you learn. If you only get a few pearls of wisdom, mission accomplished! For some

people, they have told me a clinic has changed their life, but even if you just learn one new drill that helps your horse, you've come out ahead!

You have to have the right mindset and relax to get the most out of a clinic. Some people attend clinics because they are afraid to show. They will be tight because they are afraid of how they will look in front of other people. The ones who get the most out of the clinic don't even consider how others view them. They are there for themselves and their horse's betterment.

Before the clinic, I suggest you find out what your clinician has to say. Look up his books, DVDs, website, etc. You shouldn't be totally surprised by the person who is going

to teach you. Become familiar with who he or she is.

## During the Clinic

On the first day at the clinic, introduce yourself to people (nametags are a great way to remember people), learn why they are attending and interact with everyone. Know the schedule – when to get your horse ready, when you are riding, and when you are going to be listening. Bring sunblock, a hat, folding chair, water, snacks... be prepared even if food is provided. Have a notebook and pen to jot down notes. Wait for the proper time to ask questions.

When it comes to clinic dress code, it should be good, proper everyday attire. To me, that means

a cowboy hat, jeans, boots, spurs if necessary, long sleeved shirt, and chaps if you want to wear them. In colder weather, gloves and jackets show me you are prepared.

Some pet peeves of mine:

- The clinician is the teacher. Don't try to teach other people. Listen to the views of the person you are paying to learn from.

- Side conversations interrupt the clinic and distract the people who really want to learn.

- By natural design, clinics operate with rotations. Sometimes it is your turn in front of the clinician and other times you'll be watching others. It bugs me when I finish with one rider and they just walk away. You can learn so much from watching other people be critiqued!

- Repeating myself over and over makes me wonder why you weren't listening to start with. Are you attending the clinic for the right reasons? To be a good clinic goer, you need to be engaged and actively participating.

In the end, you have met new people and have the clinician as a source for help. Just because the clinic is over doesn't mean the learning stops. You can follow-up with more clinics or other resources your clinician may have. For example, my Team AD program allows riders to send in videos of their progress or show runs for critique. From there, they may attend another, more specific clinic or come ride with us here at the ranch in private lessons.

It's an honor for me to teach. When people soak up what I'm teaching, it makes me even more invested in teaching them. Have fun! Learn! Enjoy the experience!

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# Farrier's Tips for Winter Hoof Care

By Ed Reardon, CJF, APF

Preparing for winter hoof care needs to be done in advance of winter weather. Possibly as early as September 30th, talk with your farrier about the care of your horse's feet during the winter. Let your farrier know what kind of riding you will be doing as well as the kind of riding surface and environment you will be in.

First, decide if you want to have your horse barefoot or shod. If you are just riding in a pasture or a terrain without rocks, barefoot is best. Pulling shoes and leaving the horse barefoot will help the overall health of the feet. Consider removing shoes 30 days before the ground becomes frozen. This will help the feet toughen before the ground hardens. Also, snow does not ball up in bare feet like it does with shoes.

Trimming feet in the winter is different than other months. Your farrier will want to leave the feet about 1/8 -3/16" longer for good natural protection from hard ground.

When a horse is barefoot, the hoof wall will thicken, sole depth will increase and heels will expand. When the foot is not constricted by a shoe the hoof capsule will expand naturally. When your farrier trims feet after pulling the shoes, the frog and the sole should not be trimmed.

The horse needs more hoof wall so that the sole does not touch the ground. This is also a good time to move the heels back to the widest part of the foot, if possible. The hoof wall should be rounded with a rasp so there are no sharp edges. Rounding the edges will help prevent cracks and chips.

If you choose to shoe your horse, let your farrier know what you will be

using your horse for and in what kind of environment you will be riding. There are several options for winter shoes. Plain or creased shoes (such as a rim shoe or an eventer) work well with drill tech, screw-in studs or drive-in studs. These shoes will help prevent your horse from slipping on frozen ground or ice. Safety of both the horse and rider is the most important consideration in the winter.

Using flat pads or snow pads is highly recommended for performance horses in the winter. These pads will keep snow from balling up in the horse's front feet. The full popper pads will keep the snow totally out of the feet whereas the tube rim pad will vibrate as the horse moves and keep the snow from balling up. If you are riding in icy conditions on a regular basis, consider asking your farrier to use Duratrak nails.

These nails stick out and are coated with borium and are anti-slip. Other suggestions that may help you keep the snow from balling up in the feet include using products like PAM cooking spray, W-D 40,

Vaseline or Crisco on the bottom of the hoof to help keep the feet snow-free.

On the day of your farrier appointment, make sure you have a clean, well-lighted work area that is as warm as possible. Many barns are rather dark so good fluorescent lights will help the farrier do a much better job. Level flooring is important so the farrier is able to accurately sight the leg, pastern and feet.

If snow and ice are on the ground and your horse is outside, bring him into the barn several hours before your appointment so that the feet can thaw and dry. This will help

warm the foot so when the farrier drives nails, it will not sting.

Also, if the temperature is below 20 degrees Fahrenheit ask your farrier if he/she is comfortable shoeing at this temperature. Trimming in colder weather is not traumatic on feet but nailing on shoes can make the horse uncomfortable. Discuss this with your farrier prior to your appointment.

If you are the owner of a chronically lame horse, you might consider using pour-in pads. Horses with laminitis and/or arthritis might benefit from the support and protection of pour-in pads. If your horse has a problem with bacteria in its feet Equi-Pak CS is a good product to fight bacteria. If your horse can't tolerate much pressure on the sole, Equi-Pak Soft will be beneficial.

Remember that the ground becomes extremely hard in winter. Your horse may take a bad step once in a while, but if your horse walks as if it hurts, call your farrier and veterinarian for advice. It is much better to communicate with these professionals before a problem gets out of hand. Hooves tend to grow less in colder weather, but feet should still be maintained on a 6-7 week interval. Regular trimming and shoeing year round are good preventative for feet.





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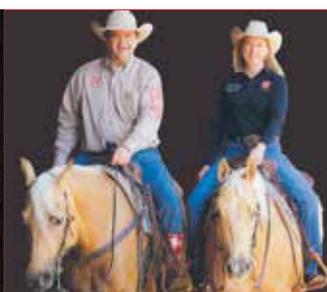


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It is hard to imagine spring right now, with the frigid temperatures we have been living in lately, but it is right around the corner. The nice weather will no doubt increase the number of horses listed for sale. If you are in the market for a new horse, finding the “right one” and making the purchase can be exciting. It is very important to remember the investment you are making and to take the appropriate steps to protect your purchase. A pre-purchase exam cannot guarantee that your horse will forever be sound or never have a medical issue, but it can help you to make educated decisions while considering a purchase.

There is no such thing as a free horse, which is why there is no price limit on which horses need a purchase exam. On the contrary, sometimes the cheapest ones are the ones that need to be looked over in detail because honestly- why are they such a “bargain”? Pre-purchase exams range in price depending on your veterinarian, location, and amount of diagnostics requested (i.e. radiographs, blood work, etc.) But again, the money you invest in that exam could save you from the financial and emotional burden of buying a “lemon”. It is important to find a reputable veterinarian that you trust and who will work on your behalf. If it is possible to use a veterinarian that you have a current relationship with, that is ideal. However, if this is your first horse you may not have one or you might not be purchasing a horse from the same area. If you are looking at a horse out of state, your

local veterinarian may be able to refer you to a practice in that area. It is also a good idea to have your regular veterinarian do a consult, or to look over the information you get from the purchase exam, if it is done by another practice.

The beginning of a successful pre-purchase exam is a detailed history of the horse you are buying. At Wilhite and Frees, prior to your exam, the buyer and seller each complete forms disclosing everything they know about the horse. Not only does this provide the doctor with a thorough history to begin the exam, but it gives the buyer valuable information about the horse. These forms help the buyer, the seller, and the veterinarian because it brings everything out to the table. From current vaccine history and shoeing cycles to medications the horse is on and history of surgeries or lameness- the seller’s form should provide all of the horse’s history before you move forward.

The pre-purchase exam is actually several exams combined into one. Our hospital’s pre-purchase exam includes oral, respiratory, ophthalmologic, neurologic, and physical exams as well as a gait evaluation with full flexions. Radiographs (x-rays) are additional (this is normally the case but can be different at each hospital) and price often varies as to which area you are talking films of. The gait evaluation is a pivotal part of the exam since it determines if the horse you are interested in is currently sound. During a gait evaluation the veterinarian looks for deficits in the

horse’s gait (that can be caused by many things). “Flexions”, which is short for flexing or adding stress to individual joints on each leg, can help to narrow down the area (if there is one) that is causing the deficit.

Based on the horse’s gait evaluation we can use radiographs or ultrasound to perform further diagnostics on any suspicious area. This equipment can be used to diagnose issues such as soft tissue injuries, arthritis, or osteochondritis dissecans (otherwise known as OCDs or bone chips). Some clients elect to do baseline radiographs as well, which means to take certain radiographs regardless of how the horse’s gait evaluation goes to see what those areas look like at that time. They can be used to look back on and compare to in the future if there are changes in the horse’s soundness. What baseline radiographs you take depends on your budget, the horse’s prospective career, and what your veterinarian recommends. If you are on the fence about taking radiographs you should consult your veterinarian, they can recommend which views, if any, they think would be reasonable to take of the horse.

Other additional diagnostics that can be done are blood work and drug screens. Underlying organ issues or inflammation can be discovered on a complete equine profile, which usually includes a complete blood count, equine chemistry panel, and fibrinogen. Even if you are purchasing a healthy horse it can be wise to run blood work to have a “normal baseline”



*Sydney Brennecke*

for your horse on file at your veterinarian’s office. A Coggins Test should also be pulled to test for EIA (Equine Infectious Anemia). You will need a Coggins Test and health certificate if you are transporting the horse out of state after purchase. It would be convenient to have that test in your own name even if the horse already has a current negative test, especially if you intend to show the horse promptly after the purchase. Drug tests can be used to screen the horse for certain NSAIDs (Non-Steroidal Anti-inflammatory Drugs) or pain medications as well as sedatives or tranquilizers. Many horse sales have no money back guarantees and drug screens can keep everyone honest and safe. It is important to make sure the horse has the same disposition and level of soundness on the day of the exam that it has any day that you have met it prior. All bloodwork can usually be held by your veterinarian’s office and ran on a later day in the near future if you are not sure about the sale or if you need it processed after the exam.

Once the pre-purchase exam is complete, the information you are given following the exam is yours to keep (you legally own it) whether you buy the horse or pass onto the next. Therefore, it is important to remember that if you do pass on the horse and you chose to share the information with the seller, you will have to officially release the information to them. Wilhite and Frees Equine Hospital will provide you with an official report completed by the examining veterinarian, including color photos of the horse and a detailed summary of the findings of the exam and history of the patient. If you go through with the purchase, be sure to provide your vet's office with a copy of the report to be put in your file in case it is needed to review for future visits.

Horse's don't "pass or fail" a pre-purchase exam. The findings of the exam allow you and the doctor to decide if the horse is healthy and free of current lameness. It is a snap shot in time of evaluating the horse's physical condition that day. Even though you cannot look to the future to see if the horse will succeed long term, it is better to rule out those who surely would not before you are saddled with the responsibility of their care. The next time you are in the market for a new horse, include your vet in the purchase. After all, you will expect them to work with you for the rest of the time you own the horse, you might as well include them from the start.

For more information go to AAEP.org, and under the Horse Health tab for owner's type in a search for purchase exams.



# World Champion Joshua Rushing Joins EC

By Courtney Baldwin

Internationally recognized World Champion rider and trainer Joshua Rushing has joined Equus Curito Equine Center in Louisburg, Kansas as Associate Trainer and In-House Clinician. Josh is also Equus Curito's recommended farrier and will continue to maintain the same level of commitment to his career as a farrier that his clients have come to appreciate.

Ashley Purdin, Equus Curito's (pronounced: "ek quis Burrito with a C") Head Trainer has worked with Josh for the past 12 years and had this to say: "Josh takes his horsemanship seriously, and by that I mean everything is taken into account: from the care and training of the horse to constantly improving his own riding and skill development. That is what makes him tough to beat as a competitor, he is always improving. His accomplishments in the horse world are exceptional: Two time EXCA Pro Division World Champion; Two Time EXCA Reserve Futurity World Champion; 2016 Calgary Stampede's Cowboy Up Challenge Reserve Champion; and five time UHCA Colt Class Champ. Josh has always been willing to help me out in both improving my riding and growing my business. I am glad to have him join the team in a more professional capacity."

Bob and Susan Brennan, owners of Equus Curito, are delighted to welcome Josh to the team. "Josh is an exceptional young man. In getting to know Josh over the past three years we recognized that his commitment to his family, faith and horses are what define him.

His ability to train both horse and rider are truly world-class," said Bob Brennan. "Josh and Ashley are a great team," added Susan Brennan. "Working together in a clinic, they can each see things that a horse and rider need to move to the next level. It's often something Ashley demonstrates and then Josh explains or vice versa that brings it all together for a rider and produces a breakthrough."

"I am pleased to become an official and formal part of Equus Curito," said Josh. As the barn farrier and a visiting clinician, I've witnessed first-hand the dedication and commitment of Bob and Susan to make this an outstanding training and boarding operation, specializing in Western horse disciplines. I am a long-standing fan of Ashley, my friend, and am excited to expand my opportunities to work with her."

Josh, his wife Holly and their two children, Addie and Rhyder reside in Hume, Missouri. Holly and Addie can often be seen riding at Equus Curito in our Monday evening cow sorting events. Cinch, McCracken Saddlery and Bent N Broke Welding are Josh's sponsors.

Equus Curito Equine Center, located at 30504 Metcalf Road in Louisburg, Kansas, has indoor and outdoor arenas and 70 acres of trails through timber, creeks and ridges. Our arenas are built with chutes, pens and returns for roping. We offer stall, pasture and Arizona Pen boarding.

Upcoming Events at Equus Curito include:

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17 (SOLD OUT to riders but with a limited number of auditor spots available)

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- Ashley Purdin's and Josh Rushing's Body Control and Obstacle Clinic on March 25
- Al Dunning Clinic on April 13, 14 and 15.
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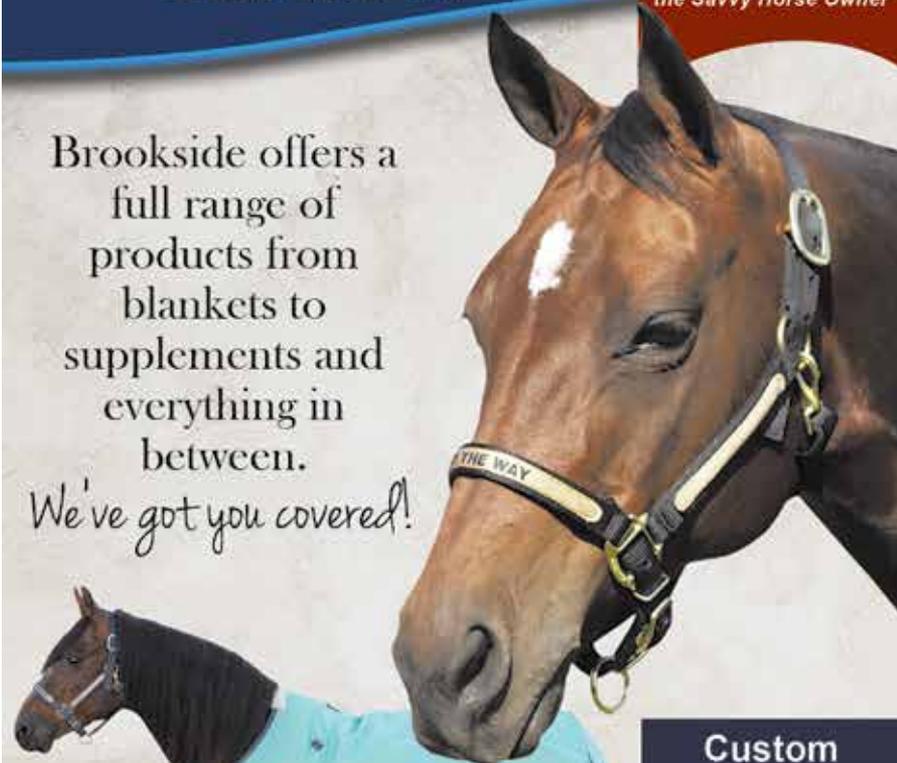
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# Cows Must Have Calves

“They’ll either have a calf or they won’t.”

One of the very best, most prominently known cowmen answered years ago when questioned about pregnancy checking his cowherd.

That philosophy contrasted management recommendations promoted by college cattle experts. Yet, Andy’s analysis had lifetime experience. “Even when cows are examined ‘safe,’ a lot of things can happen before they have a calf come spring.”

Of course, observant cowboys can generally “tell by looking” if a cow’s bred. Likewise, seeing abortion evidence ahead of calving date is tall tale no calf at weaning time. With exceptions, cows continually seeking bull romance aren’t “in calf,” either.

Often reflecting that good friend’s

admirable ranch work from every angle, Andy has come to mind frequently in recent weeks. The most conscientiously observant ranch foreman has seen a number of cows “cycling.”

No, the cows were not checked for pregnancy in the fall for various right or wrong reasons. Perhaps, it’s because “they’ll either have a calf or they won’t.”

Anywhere, with fair certainly, a couple dozen mommas who keep “intimately nosing around” herd mates won’t drop spring babies.

“Why not?” one asks. Again, could be any number of reasons, but seemingly the bull didn’t do his job.

“Bad bull,” not in the sense of mean, but he was evidently infertile.

Typically smart to put a backup sire in for such cases. Of course, he might not work either. Then there’s

sometimes a power play of one bull trying to best the other, fighting, and nothing gets done.

Anyway, what’s a cowman to do with a cow that’s not going to return a profit this year?

“Oh, turn the bull in now so she’ll have a fall calf,” some suggest. Others shrug, “Just keep her, she’ll have one next spring, or when she gets ready.”

Whatever a cow not carrying calf to produce a receipt is not economically smart. So, better sell her and stop the feed bill.

That leaves grass space empty, unless something replaces her. With

a “closed herd,” no outside females brought in for extended time, another dilemma arises. One overlooked this time.

The “opens” are sold and replaced with heavy “springers.” That helps keep the banker satisfied.

Reminded of Second Timothy 2:6: “It is the hardworking stockman who labors to produce who will be partaker of the young.”

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# New Children's Book "Short Go Makes the NFR" is a Big Hit with Rodeo Families

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– When new mom and longtime equine journalist Lindsay Keller began reading books to her son, she realized the “cowboy” books available to children were few and far between and many of them were created by people not truly familiar with the western way of life. So, she decided to do something about it.

On a cold January day, she sat down to write the children's book that seemed to be missing from her son's library. Not long after she typed the last word, she called her mother, Marilyn Domer, and asked her if she would be willing to illustrate the book. Marilyn has always loved painting and drawing and agreed with Lindsay there was a real need for an authentic book about rodeo. The two women partnered to form The Bell Mare Book Company, LLC and officially launched their first book, “Short Go Makes the NFR” in October 2017. Their goal for the book was to give rodeo kids a heart-

warming story they could relate to and appreciate and to accurately portray the western way of life to children outside of the rodeo family.

The main character of the story is “Short Go” a bay Quarter Horse who is owned by siblings, Elsie and Max. Inspired by real childhood play, Short Go and the children re-enact the timed events at the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo. The book has a surprise ending where Short Go travels to Las Vegas to help carry out a very special task during each performance at the real NFR. Children will love the storyline and illustrations and parents will love the valuable lesson shared through Short Go's experience.

“My sister and I used to spend countless hours pretending to be professional barrel racers when we were growing up,” Lindsay says. “When I created the storyline for the book, I wanted to encourage other young children to get out in the arena like we did and dream of being cowboys and cowgirls. My hope for

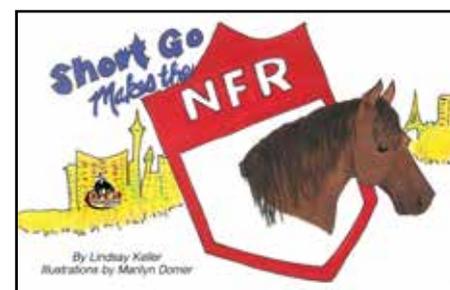
the book is to inspire children to fall in love with horses and the sport of rodeo the way I have.”

Marilyn, who is a former Miss Rodeo Kansas and has been attending the NFR as a spectator for nearly 30 years, was able to rely on memories of her daughters' playtime and her experiences of watching the NFR to create authentic rodeo scenes, while still using the bright colors children enjoy.

“As a parent, I always appreciated books that not only held the child's attention with fun illustrations, but also taught them a valuable lesson,” Marilyn says. “We created the book with that in mind – children will enjoy the bright colors and fun rodeo announcer lingo, and parents will appreciate the lessons on responsibility, sharing and prioritizing family.”

Since the book launched last October, rodeo families have given it five stars and children outside of the rodeo world are loving it as well.

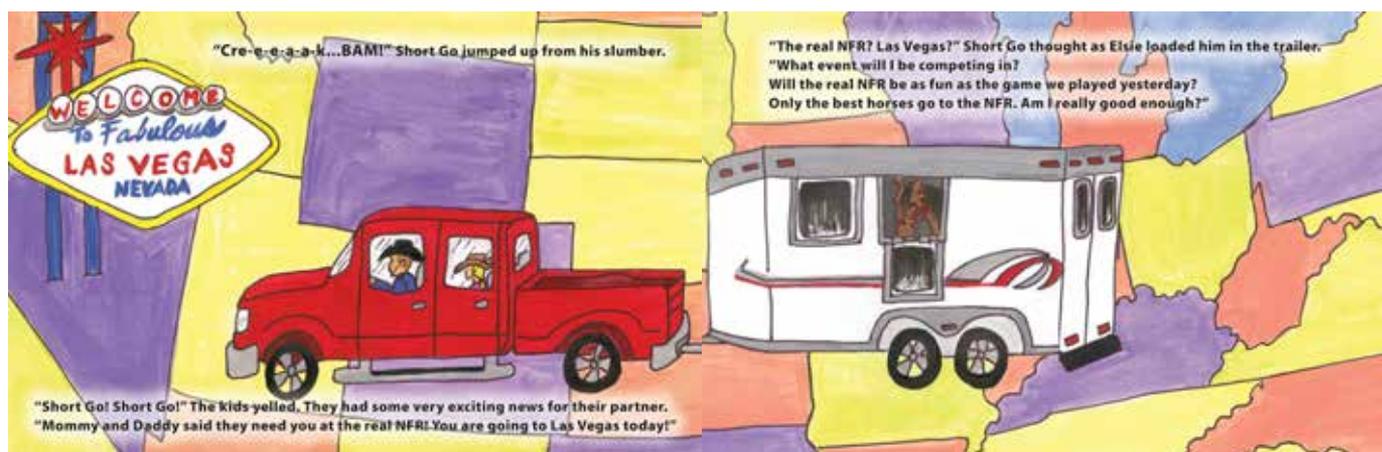
“This book is so cute and a must-



*Since the book launched in October 2017, “Short Go Makes the NFR” is being read in homes from 37 different states and Canada.*

buy for your little rodeo kids. My daughter loves the book and with her daddy being an NFR qualifier it has become a keepsake for our family,” says Kacee Willbanks Colletti, wife of three-time NFR qualifier Casey Colletti.

Whether you need a gift for a cowkid, or a cowkid at heart, “Short Go Makes the NFR” is a perfect Christmas, baby shower, birthday or “just because” present for any child who loves horses and rodeo. To purchase books, visit [www.TheBellMareBookCo.com](http://www.TheBellMareBookCo.com) and to keep up with the latest news and giveaways, follow Short Go at [www.Facebook.com/ShortGoMakesTheNFR](http://www.Facebook.com/ShortGoMakesTheNFR).



*Mother-daughter duo, Lindsay Keller and Marilyn Domer, relied on their own experiences as rodeo competitors and fans to help create an authentic book rodeo kids would relate to and appreciate.*



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# Cowboy Church with Steve Stafford



Hey folks, hope your having a good week. I'm sitting here with a good cup of hot coffee, by a warm fire, watching it SNOW! Actually, I kinda like it when it snows, slows things down a little, forces me to sit down and get some things done that I've been putting off. I bet I'm not the only one out here with that problem. Oh sure, still got to get out and feed horses, bring in more wood, work on Sunday's message for church, but all in all, a good day. One of the things I like about living in this part of the country are the four seasons. Each so very different, and they bring their own activities with them. Winter - sit back and enjoy the beauty of the snow covered landscape. Spring - sit back and enjoy the beauty of the new grass, flowers, the trees, all seemingly reaching up to the heavens in praise and worship. The Fall - sit back and enjoy all it's glory. The brilliance of color - bright reds, soft greens, pale yellows, October oranges, the landscape on fire with the beauty of all the color. Summer - sit back and...? Well I'm not sure what summer is good for. The heat, the humidity, mosquito's and chiggers. The only thing I like about summer is - the 4th of July.

But I think when God, the creator of all this beauty, when he made the earth and the seasons, it must have been a really good day for Him. I bet He really enjoyed himself in his creative state. And we should not ever forget it was He that did create all this for us, yes, just for you and me to enjoy. Psalm 65:11-13 puts it like this, "You crown the year with a bountiful harvest, even the hard pathways overflow with abundance.

The wilderness becomes a lush pasture, and the hillsides blossom with joy. The meadows are clothed with herds of livestock, and the valleys are carpeted with grass. THEY ALL SHOUT AND SING FOR JOY!"

Did you see that, the Psalmist says that the crown, the trophy, the jewel of the years long work - is - the harvest. Now I love to bail hay. First the hay meadow greens up in the Spring, then the rains bring lush grass knee deep, then it's time to harvest the hay crop. Don't you love the smell of hay in the barn? And then to be able to sit back after all the work is done. Talk about "shouting and singing for joy". You know there's something about the life style we live. Enjoying God's creation, making a living in God's created lands. How many times have we missed the beauty, the creative genius behind this land we call home? The next time your out in the Spring checking calves, or the Summer having a BBQ with the family, or the Fall finishing the harvest, or a cold Winter day with a good friend like my dog Ginger, take a moment and remember where all this came from. It all came from the loving, creative hand of God.

I think I'll have another cup of coffee, and enjoy the snow. See ya at church!

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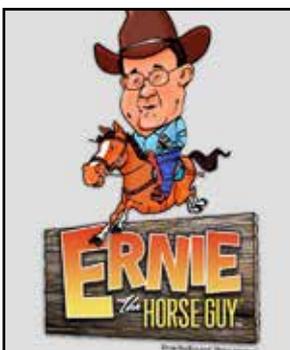
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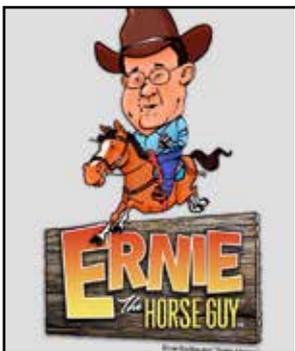
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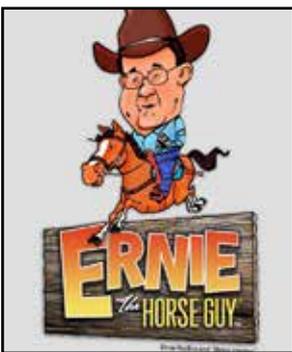


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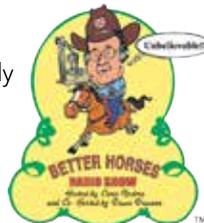


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This private gated retreat is perched on 20+ beautiful acres located minutes from Overland Park and Lawrence. Breathtaking panoramic view of a private fully stocked 2+ acre lake. Come relax on a sprawling deck complete with hot tub and gazebo with fire pit. Enjoy the many spectacular features of this home from the uniquely luxurious kitchen overlooking the great room with stone fireplace, 20+ ft ceilings and doors that open out to the deck overlooking unparalleled lake views of morning sunrises and evening sunsets.

#### OUTDOOR AMENITIES

- Large Boat dock w/ Storage & Bench
- Shooting Range off of Lake
- Golf Driving Range
- Sand Volleyball Court near home
- Large deck w/ Gazebo & Hot Tub
- 12 Zone Lawn Sprinkler
- Extensive Landscaping
- Detached Garage w/indoor-outdoor heated dog kennels & water source
- Post & Rail Entry Fencing w/ Gated Entry
- Covered Patio w/ Potting Shed & Sink

#### INDOOR AMENITIES

- Entertaining Chef's Kitchen updated w/ Knotty Alder Cabinets, High End Kitchen Aid Appliances, Large Kitchen Island, Wall of Pantry w/ Pull Out Shelves, Sub-Zero Wine Refrigerator, Serving Bar, Down Draft Cooktop, and Amazing Views!
- All Baths have been updated! Master even features Heated Floors and Towel Rack
- Finished Walk-Out Basement with Office and Hidden Safe Room
- Giant Laundry Room with Lockers & Sink
- Workshop in Basement with Garage Door



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**Just Listed in Basehor, KS! Custom built home w attention to detail on a picturesque private 13 Acres on blacktop w easy access for commuting! 4 Bedrooms including a huge master suite featuring sitting room w fireplace and built-ins, incredible walk in closet and fireplace. Gourmet kitchen with granite, island, breakfast nook & sitting area w fireplace. Beautiful Great Room overlooking the stunning pond. Dining Room. Library. Many upgrades including vaulted & domed ceilings, sauna, storm shelter and zoned HVAC. Lower level family room w walk out is great for entertainment & media room. New exterior paint w gutters. Wonderful home for family & friends to enjoy in the Award Winning Basehor-Linwood School District. Lovely property to enjoy fishing, hunting or bring a horse or two! Offered at \$690,000.**

**Beautiful 17 acre Baldwin City country ranchette in Lawrence School District. 4 bedrooms, 3.5 bath with 2600+ sq ft of living space. Enjoy the beautiful porch overlooking the stunning landscaping or watch your horses graze in the fenced and cross-fenced pastures. The 60x30 barn offers 5 stalls, tack room, laundry, full bath and an attached 120x60 indoor arena. 180x70 outdoor arena. Pastures share 30x50 barn providing run-ins, 2 stalls & storage. Perfect for the horse lover with both indoor & outdoor arenas....hard to find at this price point & with such a great location! Lovely home in a serene setting on beautiful property. Easy open floor plan. 2 main floor bedroom suites. Vaulted great room. Barn has own well! Great location with privacy but still just 10 minutes to Lawrence. Offered at \$599,900.**



**Beautiful, well maintained Lansing, KS home on huge corner lot. Walk in to the spacious open main floor flows between the dining, living & kitchen or retreat to your front office. Beautiful kitchen features blonde cabinets, oversized island & breakfast nook. Lovely windows provide natural light. 2nd floor offers 4 bedrooms including the huge master suite w oversized bath, 2 bedrooms share a jack n jill bathroom & 4th bedroom w ensuite. Lower level family room w wet bar & walk out to the patio w unfinished game room. Large fenced yard. Great deck & lower patio perfect for outdoor living. Mature trees. Separate fenced dog area w access to garage & back yard. Sprinkler system w sensor prevents watering on rainy days. Neighborhood pool, play area & walking trails. Beautiful home for raising your family & entertaining your friends! Offered at \$375,000**

**Pre-Inspected Baldwin City country home with 35 acres on blacktop w easy access to Hwy 56 & 59! 4 bdrm, 2 bath w 2467 sq ft of living space. Main floor master suite & laundry. Huge great rm w fireplace. 3 bdrms & bath on 2nd flr. The original farmhouse was fully updated (HVAC, Plumbing, Electrical) when renovated by seller. Lovingly maintained w meticulous care & is extremely clean. New roof 2014. Lots of value with size & acreage. Move-In & update with your own style in your own time. Ready for a new family to create memories. Additional 5 acres available. Great location with privacy but still just 20 minutes to Lawrence. Offered at \$454,000.**

