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You can see that we have planned a great 19th Annual Dream Ride in the Flint Hills at the Clover Cliff Ranch near Strong City. The ride will prove out to be great along with some super activities at the ride. We are excited to be able to use the beautiful pavilion at the ride to host some of our functions including our "Veterinarian Story Telling Competition" hosted by Ron McDaniel of Merck Animal Health. Plans are to raise some money for the AAEP with this event. We are also excited to have some of the best horsemen join us on the ride like Curt & Tammy Pate, Kerry Kuhn, Josh Rushing, and Lee Hart to mention a few. We have over \$1000 dollars worth of door prizes to give away that weekend. See the info on page 25 and sign up and "Ride With Us".

I hope that you been enjoying our "Better Horses TV" that airs everything Saturday morning on KSN TV Channel 3 at 8:30 across most of Kansas and Sunday mornings in Kansas City at 8:00 on Channel 29. We are having a blast producing it and proud to be highlighting our equine community in our backyard. Make sure you check it out. You can always see our TV Show and radio show if you miss it posted on our website www.betterhorses.com and on www.betterhorsesnetwork.com.

Be watching at our events and on our website to sign up for our drawing we are having this December for some great stuff. We will be giving away a 16.5 seat Martin CowHorse Saddle, CSI Saddle Pad, Greg Darnall bit and AD Tack Headstall with more to come. You will be soon able to sign up online.

Lots of great events happening at Equus Curito's equine center near Louisburg. I hope to get the chance to do some line sorting which is held every Monday evening. This is such a great facility and they are doing great things for the equine community.

The Kansas Horse Council is doing so many great things for our horse industry. If you are not a member make sure you join today. See their ad in this edition.

Make sure you support our Better Horses Sponsors. They are the ones that makes all of our activities possible including this publication, radio shows, TV, and all of our events. I hope to see you this summer at some of the events going on. Let me know if there is anything myself or Better Horses can do for you. Have a good safe summer and keep our Lord Jesus Christ first in your life!

God Bless and "Ride For The Brand"!



Ernie



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This year's Dream Ride will be held at the beautiful Clover Cliff Ranch just west of Strong City, Kansas. With 4000 acres of Flint Hills to ride, our activities include riding with some great equine clinicians that will be a part of this ride. We have Curt & Tammy Pate, Kerry Kuhn, Lee Hart, and Josh Rushing planning on spending the weekend with us. Along with Priefert Pens provided by Bluestem Farm and Ranch to rent, plans are to have a round pen available to work with your horse.

Different from our past rides, this year's ride will offer a Friday afternoon ride at the Ranch for those of you that will want to get an early start. When it comes to

food at the ride, we will be serving the best. The Pavilion at the ranch is just remarkable. We will be having a tremendous event to benefit the AAEP (define AAEP) on Saturday evening. Sponsored by Merck Animal Health and hosted by Merck's Ron McDaniel, you are in for a treat with our Veterinarian Story Telling competition that will be one of the highlights of the evening. You will love it.

By having the Pavilion as the center of our activities, this will give way for the opportunity to meet and learn about our Sponsors. So far, we have Purina, Merck Animal Health, CSI Saddle Pads, Dechra, Equus Curito, and Standlee Forage with more to come. Horseman/

Rancher Rex Buchman will be leading us along with Kay Berry from Kearney, Mo. as our "Honorary Trail Boss". You are also going to get the opportunity to learn more about our Kansas Horse Council with from Justine Staten, State Director. who will be with us. If interested in being a sponsor, contact Ernie Rodina at 785-418-6047 or email ernie@betterhorsesradio.com.

We plan to be giving away over \$1000 worth of door prizes this weekend to our riders and attendees. Prizes includes a CSI Saddle Pad; Purina Feed, headstall from AD Tack, Greg Darnall bit, and much more. Make sure you check out our full page ad on page 29 for our schedule. Make your plans to



Curt Pate



Kerry Kuhn

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Kansas Horse Council represents horse owners in Washington D.C. annually at the American Horse Council meetings to lobby our senators and representatives and stay current on pending legislation. We are working for you. Each new membership makes our collective voice louder.



In 1997 the Kansas Horse Council had a dream to create something big and new for Kansas. The following February the first EquiFest of Kansas was held at the Coliseum in Wichita. Come have some fun in February at the 2019 EquiFest of KS - February 22nd, 23rd & 24th at the Kansas ExpoCentre in Topeka, KS celebrating our 22nd year! See a complete listing of clinicians and events at www.equifestofks.com.



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The publication, *Equestrian Trails in Kansas*, is yet another service of Kansas Horse Council. This handy guide provides complete trail information for all the state parks, federal reservoirs and public lands in Kansas. It's available at many western retail outlets or can be ordered for \$3 from the Kansas Horse Council office, 785-776-0662.



Save the Date for our 7th Annual Horse Care 101 Oct. 6th. Every year in collaboration with Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine, we host a learning symposium. This year will be on Emergency Preparedness.



Still not convinced we're a group worth joining? How about the dozens of scholarship awards the Kansas Horse Council Foundation has given over the past several years to students involved in the equine industry? If you or your child is attending a secondary school you are eligible to apply for KHC Foundation scholarships awarded each spring. Applications and criteria are available on our website, www.kansashorsecouncil.com.



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One Family, Big Dreams

By: Paige Anderson

“The best gifts in the world are not in the material objects one can buy from the store, but in the memories we make with the people we love” - Amanda Boyarshinov. My name is Paige Anderson and I am 15 years old. I am a sophomore at Louisburg High School. I am the proud owner of an eleven year old rescue OTTB, Jarin’s Reply (or as everyone knows him, Brooks). I have loved horses since I could comprehend what loving something was. I remember my grandparents taking my sister and me to Deanna Rose Farmstead for the pony rides. Anytime there was a horse around, my mom and I would go to pet it, and at that point, it was very clear to me and my family that I was obsessed. My mom has a passion for horses as well, which has given me access to horse books and many opportunities involving horses. My family has always been so supportive of my adventures in horses.

Early in 2014, my mom found Promised Land Ranch, a barn which incorporated the Bible with horses. I started taking lessons there that spring. Mom would drive me to the barn, sometimes multiple times a week. In the fall of 2015, I got my first horse, Morgan. Although we had not originally planned to buy a horse for me yet, the opportunity came up and we took it. My parents provided financial and emotional support as we embarked on the adventure of horse ownership. Morgan was a nine year old, green broke, 15.2hh, old fashioned Morgan/Quarter cross Grulla. He was a tank! Also he was a little stubborn but very lovable! I spent months working with him on the ground and

then I started riding him and working with him in the round pen slowly transitioning him into the “scary arena!” Throughout all of this, my mom, dad, grandparents, and Linda Nickel - my trainer, were supporting me and cheering me on and helping in any way they could. Morgan taught me a lot! He taught me that if a horse his size stomps on your foot, even through boots, it will give you a severe bone bruise that you have to wear a boot for, for two months! But I still figured out ways to work with him and ride him which my mom helped me figure out.

My family supported me when I chose to join the new Pony Club beginning at the barn in January of 2016. It was the first Pony Club Riding Center in Kansas (where the club provides the horse rather than the riders supplying their own horse). They supported me in May of 2016, when I made the hard decision to sell Morgan with the plan to find a horse that was a better fit for me and what I wanted to do in the equestrian world.

My family helped me look for a place where I could learn to jump. As part of our journey, we learned about Mission Valley Pony Club (MVPC) and joined there in June of 2016. I love it! The people in the Club are amazing, it is very family-oriented, and the teachers are fantastic! Around the same time, I started taking lessons from Anne Peters, a family friend who is a member of the MVPC (she is amazing!). I took lessons from her on her family’s POA, Tuffy. That summer I had my first show which was a dressage schooling show. My mom and grandparents came to cheer me on. I ended up getting a first and third place ribbon, but the



This is me and Brooks, in November, all dressed up for our Christmas card photo Right before a great ride!

best part was having my family there to support me.

In the fall of 2016, I moved to a local barn to continue my training (I was encouraged to do this by our family friend who had provided my initial jumping training). With my family’s full support, I started working with Dana McCullough. My mom would stay and watch all of my lessons and sometime my dad and grandparents would come too. When I had the opportunity to participate in a local Pony Club show called Little D Rally, one of the families in the MVPC graciously offered to let me borrow one of their horses. My dad and mom went with me to try out the horse and then they supported me when I competed in the Rally.

In March of 2017 we embarked on yet another adventure in horse ownership - we made the choice every horse person knows not to do and we bought a horse sight-unseen. My family had been considering leasing vs. purchasing a horse for me. And then we found Brooks (actually Anne, our MVPC friend found him for us). Brooks is an OTTB slaughter-house rescue

that we adopted from Oklahoma. While we were waiting for Brooks’



Left to right: Mom(Hope), Dad(Tommy), Grayson, and Me(Paige) at Bryce Canyon in Utah on a family vacation.

Coggins and transport papers, he got very sick. His trip to Kansas was postponed until he was well enough to travel. I was so heartbroken for him because he had already been through so much and I just wanted to help him, but there was nothing I could do but pray. My family was very supportive during the days of waiting.

There were a lot of people who helped bring Brooks to me – the people at the horse rescue in

Oklahoma, the people at the vet clinics in OK who treated Brooks, the man who transported Brooks to Kansas, as well as the people who helped take care of him after he arrived at his new home here in Kansas – Anne and her daughters' Grace and Claire were a constant source of support and help, Joan and Wayne McMickle provided a place where Brooks could be quarantined and they did so on very short notice (Short notice being a few hours!). They also offered incredible care for him! With the help of the farrier and excellent veterinary care, Brooks began the long road to recovery. My mom drove me to go see Brooks every day and I had the financial and emotional support of my family through it all.

After Brooks' quarantine period was over, the vet and farrier recommended moving him to place where he would be kept in a stall so we could keep his feet dry during

the very rainy spring season. We moved Brooks to EC Equine Center. It has been a true blessing! The people at EC Equine Center have helped me and my family in so many ways (and they are so warm and welcoming!). Ashley, who is the head trainer, helped me find the horse in Brooks that we all knew was there, but couldn't get out. My parents have been so helpful and my greatest support team. My grandparents love coming to the barn and seeing their "grandhorse", Brooks, in action. Whether it is a hot, humid day in the middle of summer or a day of bone-chilling cold, most days you will find me at the barn hanging out with Brooks (and either my mom or my dad there at the barn with me). Sometimes my whole family will go to the barn with me – they will wait on me to run in and see Brooks before we go off to do something as a family.

I have a lot of goals for Brooks

and me to accomplish. I set a goal to ride him at Pony Club Mega Rally next year and so far it looks like that might happen. I have been jumping him through small courses and he is a dream. He handles whatever I throw at him like a champ! I also hope to do 3-Day Eventing with him! I have built a bond with him that every horse owner wants and I thank God everyday for blessing me with him and for blessing me with the family and friends he has put in my life. The bottom line is in life you can have millions of accomplishments but if you don't have anyone there to celebrate and share it with, it all means nothing. Horses are a huge part of my life right now and I hope they will always be in my life. My family has always been there for me whether it's in the horse world or in everyday life and I'm so grateful for them.



Brooks and I spending some quality time after some hard groundwork and lunging on a summer's evening. Brooks' favorite place to be petted is when you stroke his face or just "snuggle" with him.

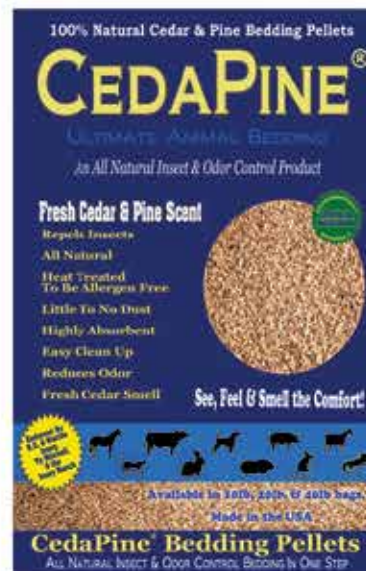
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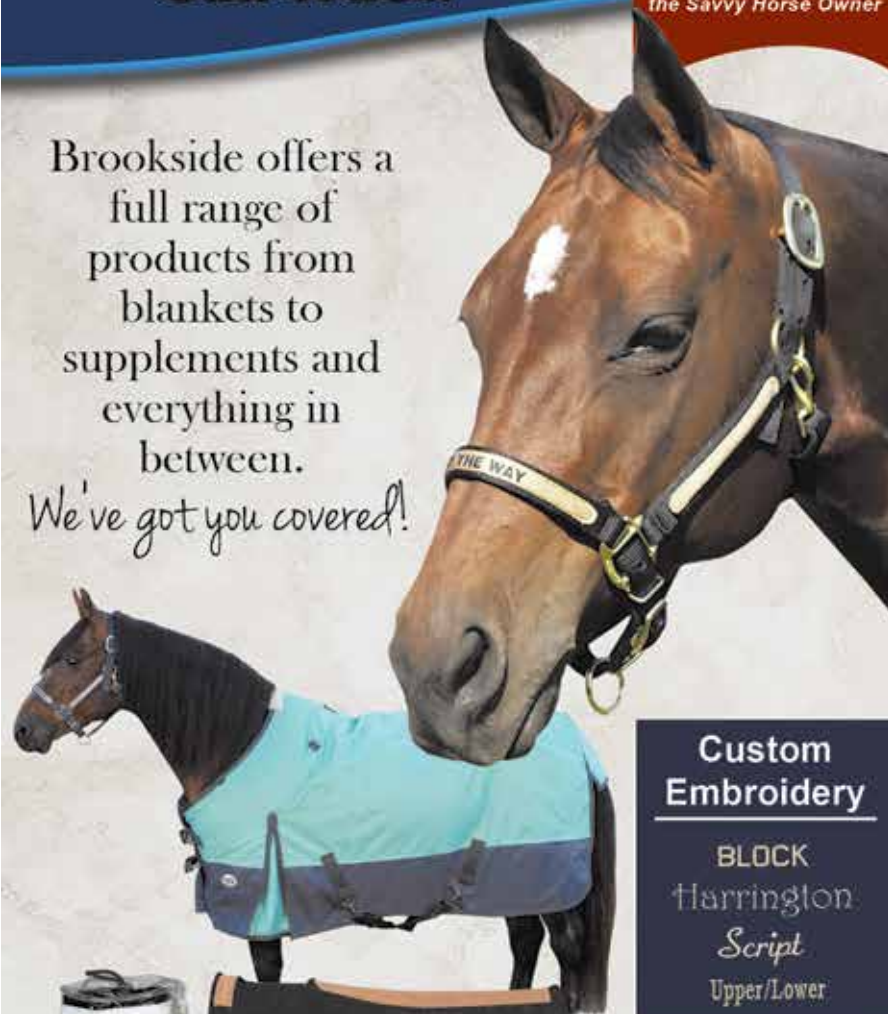
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Coffeyville Cowboy Climaxes National Finals Rodeo

At Fourth In World Team Roping Heeler Standings

By Frank J. Buchman

It was his seventh trip there, not the best, but competition sure got a run for their money.

Jake Long finally settled down Saturday evening fourth in the 2017 Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association team roping heeling standings.

Teamed with Luke Brown, the Coffeyville cowboy was eighth in the average at the National Finals Rodeo (NFR) in Las Vegas.

Working together, the cowboys roped and stretched seven steers in 36.2-seconds at the ten go-round competition.

It was a slow start with a no-time in Round-1, and a tough finish, too. They were flagged out also in Rounds-9 and 10

Their best run of the rodeo, was Saturday evening, Dec. 9, when

Long and Brown won the third go-round. In 3.9 seconds, they each added \$26,230 to their pocketbooks.

Prestige-wise and not far off dollar-wise, the cowboys split first and second the next night with Kory Koontz and Dustin Egusquiza. The Sunday Round-5, with matching 4.1-seconds runs, put \$23,480 in the bank for each cowboy.

Round-8 had close semblance to four nights earlier when Long and Brown again stretched their steer in 4.1-seconds. That once more split first and second in the go-round, this time with Jade Corkill and Clay Tryan.

Connection was successfully made in Round-2, when the team's 4.8-seconds placed fifth, for \$6,769.

The 4.7-seconds Round-7 run split fourth and fifth with Junior Nogueira

and Kaleb Driggers. Each of the four cowboys collected \$8,884.

A 9.6-seconds run was out of the money for Long in Round-5, as was the 5-flat in Round-6.

Final tallies showed Long with \$208,274 in annual

winnings. Header Brown went to a few more rodeos, still ending the year fourth as well though with \$216,803.

With Brown, Long won Rounds-2 and 6, and placed in six go-rounds to be sixth at last year's NFR. His third place yearend heeler standings totaled \$225,091.

Long, roping with Coleman Proctor, was sixth in 2015 world standings with \$188,555. Also with Proctor heading, Long ended 2014, collecting \$150,574, third best in the world then too.

Roping with header Travis Trayn, Long was 16th in the world in 2013, and 13th in 2012.

Brady Tryan was heading for Long in 2011 and 2010, when he ended the years, ninth, and sixth respectively.

Roping with header Proctor, Long ranked 43rd, 39th and 24th in the world, respectively the three previous years.

He also won the National Circuit Finals Rodeo in Pocatello, Idaho, with Colt Braden in 2007.

Highlights of 2017 for Long included winning Gladewater, Texas; Texarkana, Arkansas; Burlington, Colorado; and Santa Maria, California.

The 6-foot, 205-pound has been married to his wife Tasha since 2005. They have two daughters, Haven, eight, and Haizlee, five.

"Those girls are my biggest fans," Long posted on Facebook, as they were ready to cheer him on in Round 8.

Driving back to Kansas, Long reflected on 10 days in Vegas. "I



Daughters, Haven, eight, and Haizlee, five, are always professional rodeo cowboy heeler Jake Long's biggest fans.

feel very fortunate. I was honored to carry the Kansas flag once again," he said. "Overall, we had a great finals, and Luke did a super job heading for me.

"My girls loved winning rounds so they could be on stage. It's been a blessing," Long insisted. "Congrats to all of the winners. Thank you to everyone for all of the calls, texts, prayers and support.

"I have a great team of family, friends and sponsors who help me live my dream," Long appreciated. "Now taking few days off to spend Christmas with family, then back to the road, looking forward to 2018.

"Those curious if I went to zip line, why yes I did," Long admitted. "My daughter is much braver than me though."

Christmas with family then back to work. Looking forward to 2018!



Jake Long, Coffeyville, shows the form that earned him fourth in this year's world standings of team roping heelers. He roped with header Luke Brown, Stephenville, Texas, at the recent National Finals Rodeo, Las Vegas.

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Passing Of 'This' Bonnie And Clyde, Renowned Draft Pulling Team, Leaves Big Void For Loving Family Owners

By Frank J. Buchman

"Bonnie and Clyde have died."
That's old, yet still good news when heard repeated. Lawmen shot and killed the infamous banking robbing duo on May 23, 1934.

Recent news is the same: "Bonnie and Clyde have died."

This is a bad, very sad report.
"It was a tough day when Bonnie died on December 23, and then I found Clyde dead eight days later. I think he died from a broken heart."

In deep melancholy, Cleve Beckman reflected loss of the renowned draft horse pulling team Bonnie and Clyde.

"They were really quite a team. Bonnie and Clyde were nearly impossible to beat. That pair won major pulling matches all over the Midwest," Cleve confirmed.

Yet, the Mound City man was quick to advise: "The team belonged to my dad Merle. He was the one who made them so great. I just helped out."

Merle quickly verified, "I've pulled a lot of horses in my lifetime, but Bonnie and Clyde truly had to be the best of all. They're gone, we don't have any more, but there'll never be another team of pullers like Bonnie and Clyde."

Pulling horses is a family affair. "Merle bought Bonnie and Clyde after they'd beat his team over at a match in Missouri," remembered Kendall Hutton of Welda.

"Merle and I've been pulling teams since we were hooking ponies as kids," added Hutton, Merle's lifelong match traveling partner and brother-

in-law.

Hutton's wife Joyce is twin sister to Gloria, Merle's wife.

"We all went to most of the matches. Bonnie and Clyde had so much charisma. They always drew lots of attention and applause," Gloria insisted.

So it doesn't appear strictly family bias, longtime Linn County Fair leader John Teagarden, LaCygne, verified: "I'll tell you everybody knew Bonnie and Clyde. They might not have known Merle Beckman, but they knew that Belgian pulling team."

"Bonnie and Clyde won the pull during the Linn County Fair at Mound City several times, but it was just one of many. The team was nearly impossible to be beat. Merle always had them fit and was sure there to win, too," Teagarden confirmed.

"I've never seen anybody with more passion for anything than Dad has for pulling horses," Cleve inserted.

"We started out pulling ponies all around the country, then went to big horses, had lots of teams over the years," Merle said. "I've had four strokes, slowed me a bit, yet really fortunate to have had such a great last team Bonnie and Clyde."

"I'd say they died from old age. Bonnie was down, got up, but died before the vet could get here. Clyde just could not live without her, and died eight days later," Merle reiterated.

Bonnie was a registered Belgian with papers verifying she was 21-years-old when passing. Clyde

the gelding was thought to be three or four years older.

"I'm pretty sure they were renamed, but they were Bonnie and Clyde when I got the team from Tommy Nichols. That's what they've always been to us," Merle said.

Competing in the heavy division, Clyde was the left hand horse at about 2,100 pounds. A bit lighter, Bonnie weighed nearly a ton.

"They pulled their best most of the time," Merle credited. "Sometimes, Bonnie wanted to be a mare and wouldn't give her all, but that really wasn't very often."

Gloria insisted to get on the phone: "Bonnie was really a show horse. When they'd go in to hook she perked up and was ready to go. I just loved to watch that Bonnie at a match."

Yep, Bonnie and Clyde were champions, but they never had a life of leisure. "I worked them every day," Merle said. "We'd hook at daylight and work until early afternoon. I generally wouldn't work them the day before a pull, so they'd be more ready and anxious."

Here's where Cleve would come into the picture. Living right across the road from his parents, he said, "I'd help harness and hook the team every morning before I went to my real job."

With an elaborate track, there were



Bonnie and Clyde were a handful for owner-trainer Merle Beckman, but that's exactly the way he'd conditioned the team for winning draft horse pulls.

various weight sleds used in the training program. Only Merle knew the precise regimen for best results.

After daily training, exact routine continued as the team was unharnessed, hosed down, and cooled out with fresh hay in the barn.

Merle's horses always had the most nutritious feed to win, but only he knew the exact ration. "I fed oats, bran, corn chop, some vitamins; that kept them in good shape," he claimed.

Hutton intervened: "Bonnie and Clyde were hard as rocks. You'll never find a team more prepared for a match than Merle had them."

Merle noted, "I'd usually keep the horses off water several hours before a match. They'd generally be more ready to pull and have a better weigh in."

Over the years exact timeframes and dates get a little shady varying from memory to memory. "You know I'm just not certain what year we got Bonnie and Clyde. Bonnie must have been about seven," Merle calculated with Gloria's input.

Likewise, just how many match titles Bonnie and Clyde have claimed is not exact. "Most of them, but not
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Bonnie and Clyde

everyone," Merle admitted.

Incomplete records show Bonnie and Clyde won 74 pulls with Merle on the lines. "Cleve drove them some. He won the last match with Bonnie and Clyde about seven years ago," dad Merle credited.

"That must be a record for wins by a Kansas draft horse team?" Teagarden inquired. "It surely won't ever be matched in this day and age."

Be hard to name which was the most prestigious win. "Dad won the Kansas State Fair several times with different teams, but Bonnie and Clyde won it five times straight. That was a pretty big deal," Cleve insisted.

Championships were claimed in Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Nebraska, Colorado, Iowa maybe other states.

Trophies throughout the Beckman home verify the accomplishments with only a check of engravings to know when and where.

"We'd pull at Tulsa one day, Oklahoma City or Stillwater the next night and not get back home until 4 o'clock that next morning, and I still had to be work by 8 o'clock," Cleve remembered.

"It was sure worth it seeing Dad and everybody enjoying themselves so much," he added.

Bonnie and Clyde have been in retirement of recent, under watchful eyes and daily care from Merle, Gloria and Cleve.

Although not with hands on the lines, Merle and everyone in the family still get biggest thrill from draft horse pulls. "We'll drive ten hours over to Kentucky just to watch a match and then back home again. That's what we love to do," driver Cleve commented.

A team in life, Bonnie and Clyde are buried side by side in the yard at Merle and Gloria Beckman's place near Mound City.



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A Cowboy's Faith

By Frank J. Buchman

No Knack For Racehorses

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"wore himself out prancing ahead of time and the jockey was too big." Efforts to fix those problems were of no avail as Bo came in last at the futurity. Nevertheless, reprieve came when Bo sold for a high price at the owner's production sale.

Yet, chance came to train another race prospect. He was big, well-bred, aggressive and seemed to have lots of heart. Despite ample owner support, diligent training, and two race seasons, that horse was last across the finish line every out, too.

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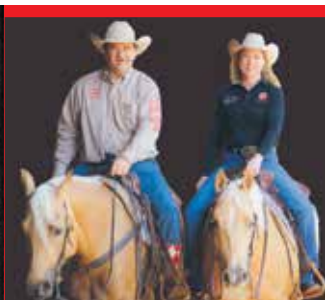
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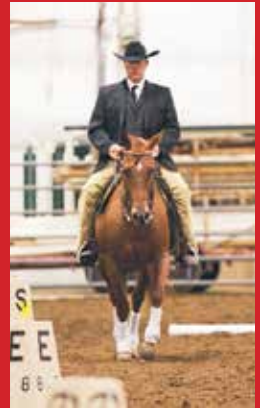
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Spring has sprung, and many horse owners are gearing up to travel to various competitions, trail rides and gatherings with their horses. Trailering can be a stressful event for you and your horse. However, with the proper planning, you can stack the cards in your favor to start and end your journey with a healthy and happy horse.

Risk Factors

No matter how well seasoned your horse is to traveling, horses consume less hay and water while traveling. If your horse is on the road for a prolonged period of time they can become dehydrated. Dehydration can have detrimental effects on both the gastrointestinal and respiratory system. Dehydration can impair the mucociliary apparatus, which is an important defense mechanism that acts to clear infectious material from your horse's airways. Additionally, trailered horses are often tied, keeping their head and neck in an elevated position. This can have a profound and negative effect on the rate at which the respiratory tract can clear debris and microorganisms. Studies performed on horses after recent transport have revealed an increase in bacterial numbers in the lower respiratory tract. As a result, horses are being exposed to higher numbers of bacteria at the same time as when their respiratory tract is compromised by transport. Environmental factors can also play a role in the development of respiratory disease in traveling horses. Poor ventilation, ammonia, vehicle fumes, particulate matter from feed and bedding, extreme

temperatures, and overcrowding can all contribute to decreasing your horse's resistance to disease. Transport can be a stressful event, especially for young horses or those unfamiliar with trailering. Increased blood cortisol levels have been consistently measured in horses after trailering. A horse that is stressed on top of even mild dehydration may be ill-equipped to handle a long trailer ride.

Disease

Horses coming from a show, race or sale barn environment might be exposed to infectious respiratory pathogens prior to being loaded and then develop disease secondary to transport in combination with having a compromised immune system. The most common infectious respiratory pathogens that we vaccinate for are Influenza, *Streptococcus equi* (the causative agent of Strangles), and Equine Herpes Virus (rhinopneumonitis). The severity of respiratory disease in horses can vary greatly from life-threatening pleuropneumonia or bronchopneumonia to a mild case of upper airway inflammation. In addition to respiratory disease, the stress of transport can also lead to dehydration, diarrhea, and colic.

Prevention

You can minimize the detrimental effects of transport on your horse through good management and transport practices. Set yourself up for success by preparing a few days ahead of time.

1. Keep your trailer well maintained. Thoroughly inspect your truck and trailer. This is especially



Sara Damiani, DVM

important if it's your first time hauling after your trailer has been sitting over the winter season. Be sure to check the lights, brakes, fluid levels, hitch, and safety chains. Carefully evaluate the trailer floor for weakened areas, rotten or loose boards. Make sure that all windows, vents, and doors open and close properly. Closely inspect all tires on your truck and trailer, including your spare. If anything looks suspicious don't hesitate to have a professional inspect and fix it.

2. Rest and water regularly. It is important to stop and offer horses water every 4-6 hours. Stopping will give your horse an opportunity to urinate, as some horses will not do this while the trailer is moving. While resting, your horse also has a chance to lower its head to clear the airway. Try to keep these stops limited to 15-30 minutes as horses will only truly rest when they are unloaded off the trailer. If you plan on making a long haul, you should also prepare to give horses an extended rest. A general guideline is 12 hours on the road followed by at least 8 hours off the trailer.

3. Provide good air quality. Ensuring good air flow inside the trailer by keeping windows (screened) and vents open is important to avoid excess heat,

stagnant air, or accumulation of exhaust fumes. Unless it is extremely cold and wet, it is unlikely that your horse will get too cold. If you are unsure about the temperature or your horse is body clipped or wet, you can blanket them, but leave the vents and windows open. You can cut down on dust by using rubber floor mats, and by wetting down any bedding or hay in the trailer. In open trailers, fly masks are a great idea to help prevent large debris from getting into your horse's eyes and causing ulceration.

4. Give your horse his head. Researchers have demonstrated that if your horse is able to lower his head below the point of his shoulder, that they are less likely to have extra stress on their respiratory system. Not all trailer designs allow for this and some horses may fight with neighboring horses if given too much slack. If possible, give your horse the opportunity to carry his head in a natural posture but not enough room to get a foot over his rope or cause his travel buddy trouble.

4. Monitor your horse carefully. You know your horse best. Closely monitor him for any changes in attitude, appetite or thirst. Take note of the presence of nasal discharge or cough. It is wise to take your horse's rectal temperature twice daily while on the road and for a couple days once you arrive at your destination. A temperature > 101.5°F may be one of the first signs that your horse may be ill.

5. Stay current on vaccinations. Timely vaccination plays a significant role in helping to decrease severity of clinical signs and prevent infectious disease such as Influenza or Equine Herpes Virus (rhinopneumonitis). Horses that are at a higher

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exposure risk should have more frequent vaccine boosters. Horses should be current on vaccines within 10-14 days before hauling on a long trip. It is vital to give the immune system enough time to respond to vaccination so that it can provide sufficient protection when challenged. Contact your veterinarian to customize a vaccination schedule to fit your horse's needs.

6. Educate your horse. Make

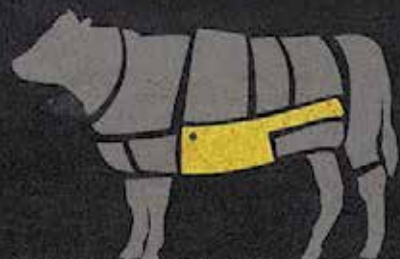
sure that your horse is familiar with loading and unloading from the trailer safely. This is particularly important in emergency situations. Loading can be the most stressful part of shipping for both the horse and handler. It is also when most trailering injuries take place. Practice ahead of time and seek the assistance of a professional if needed.

7. Stock up. Horses are creatures of habit. You can keep their diet

more consistent by bringing some of your own hay and feed and trying to stick to their regular feeding schedule. Also, be sure to restock your first-aid box and pack any medications or supplements that your horse may be on. Have important documents handy with you, such as your horse's negative Coggin's test (EIA) and health certificate if they are required. Check with your local veterinarian on exact health paper requirements

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Bargan at the Auction Block

By Sam Gallaher

Who doesn't love a good horse sale, actually in my family, I was raised to know my way around a good auction of any sort. Chances are, if you are reading this you have most likely been to a horse sale or maybe even participated in one. My husband and I are just returning from The Pitzer Ranch Spring Sale in Nebraska doing our best to find good homes for our customer's horses. I highly recommend a trip to Ericson, Nebraska, especially in the fall to watch them bring up the broodmares and foals and their annual HPI futurity event is a real true test of horsemanship. The Pitzer Ranch rightly boasts much ranching heritage and a top-notch crew, plus the landscape and wildlife are one to behold. I sure thought we would

get some decent fuel mileage on the way home with an empty trailer but what do you know, despite our horses selling there were too many "good deals" to pass on. Note to self, next horse trailer- less slants!

My first job was at the local sale barn when I was 14. I can't tell you how much fun it was to get paid to ride horses through the ring, truth be told, I would have done it for free- SHHH! You have most likely all seen the cowboys at the sales trying to prove how broke their horse is by standing up on their backs, crawling under their bellies etc... Which is quite entertaining in itself yet the real theatrics unfold when those "broke horses" come a wee bit unbroke taking one look in the sale ring seeing 400 eyes staring

back at them like human spiders. You see excrement hit the fan when said animal takes one look in the ring, changes its mind from being a willing partner and bolts backwards, cowboy says "not today Jr" and in turn gets his knee rubbed off on the gate post. No judgement here, I have been on over fences horses that have done a tidy job of dumping me, over less, at the base when someone hung their coat on one of the standards.

As a kid I found myself in a slate of trouble going to sales, I had to literally sit on my hands, sure I loved to look at the beautiful out of state imports they brought in to attract buyers however those did not stir me into raising my hand. I had a very memorable instance when a foundered old gelding came through the ring toes curled heavenly like a Christmas elf. Shoot, I had ten

bucks. The look of mortification on my fathers face when the bid landed on him and they asked for his number- priceless. My memory is a bit fuzzy after that, what with going and apologizing to the owner and ring men, and begging them to take it off my number, to the hours of stall cleaning I did do for free after said incident. To be totally honest it didn't really bother me and now writing this I still wish I could have gave that animal a few better last days.

All in all, auctions are fun. If bids could be made into wishes horses auctions would become our genie in a bottle. Little side note to auction owners- more comfortable seats will help you get more bids, I for one am in favor of bringing my own lazy boy next time. Happy Trails



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2018 National Cowboy Poetry Rodeo

August 3-4, 2018, Abilene, Kansas.

By Dawn Dawson

Some might believe that all cowboys do is rope cattle and ride horses, but those living the Western lifestyle know that cowboys are famous for their eventful and moving cowboy poetry and western music.

The 20th Annual National Cowboy Poetry Rodeo will be held August 3-4, 2018, during the Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo and Central Kansas Free Fair in Abilene, Kansas. Last year, cowboys and cowgirls entered the two-day competition with 60 plus entries for a chance to win over \$7,000 in prize money and awards.

2018 will be the fourth year that the rodeo has been hosted in Abilene, Kansas, with the support of their Gold Sponsor, Rawhide Portable Corral, Abilene, Kansas. Geff Dawson and his wife, Dawn, purchased the copyrights to the event in 2014 and moved it to Geff's Kansas hometown. Dawson won the

event in 2006 and 2009 when it was hosted out West in Kanab, Utah, and Montrose, Colorado. The Kansas cattleman just couldn't stand to see the event come to a close.

"It changed my life because after I won the event in Utah in 2006, I started performing all over the country," Dawson said. "When I saw the contest was going to stop, I felt like I owed it something. I took it upon myself to produce it so it could change other people's lives as well."

The "rodeo" is considered the World's Only Cowboy Poetry Rodeo and is fashioned after a stock rodeo. Instead of pitting the athletic skills of horses and cowboys against each other, the five high-profile judges compare the stage presence and writing styles of cowboy poets. All contestants must pay an entry fee to compete for prize money, trophy buckles and awards.

Contestants have traveled from Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado, New York, New Mexico, Nevada, Arizona, California, and Utah to compete. The competition genuinely works as a rodeo would. The poets receive an average score based off two go-rounds and that score determines the champions.

The event is split into Rising Star poets

and a more experienced division of Silver Buckle poets. Once a competitor has won a Silver Buckle through the rising star divisions, they may no longer enter the Rising Star events. From there, contestants enter their own authored humorous and serious poems or they can choose to perform other famous cowboy poetry in the reciter serious and humorous categories.

2017 Champions included Mark Munzert (New York); Gary J.C. Penney (Texas), Robert Beene (Oklahoma), Danny McCurry (Arkansas), Tim Keane (Kansas), and Rocky Sullivan (New Mexico).

Most of the spoken word at the NCPR event tell tails of the Western lifestyle which came from real experience. Almost all of the contestants were trail-riders, cattlemen, or involved in some type of cow operation. Dawson sees Cowboy poetry as a gift, more than anything else.

"I feel like when I'm writing poetry, all I'm doing is holding onto the pen," Dawson said. "The ability to experience the ranching life and rural life in poetry form is a gift that a lot of people here have."

Not all the cowboy poet winners are still riding in the saddle. Silver Buckle Champion Tim Keane is currently the Professor of Landscape Architecture at the Kansas State University. A contestant from Drexel, Missouri, Eric Borden, tends to engines rather than cattle. Borden



has been a diesel mechanic, truck driver, and for the past decade a heavy machinery operator. Cowboy poets come from all walks of life and to sit and listen to their stories in rhyme is a very entertaining event.

The competition is free to watch during the day between 9:00 and 3:00 on Friday and 9:00 and Noon on Saturday. The competition is followed by a Saturday Matinee Chisholm Trail Western Music Show where the winners are featured during the show as well as western music and cowboy entertainment. Tickets for the matinee show will be available May 1, 2018. For more information to enter or attend the National Cowboy Poetry Rodeo and Chisholm Trail Western Music Show, visit www.NCPR.us or contact Geff Dawson at 785-456-4494.



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- '09 dan gelding Fair Fax Joe X Driftwood Ike - ranch, team rope
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- '07 sorrel gelding grandson of Dr Kirk - head horse
- '10 palomino gelding grandson of Hes A Pepto spoonful - solid team roping horse
- '11 bay gelding grandson of Playgun - team rope, pickup horse, break-away
- '11 buckskin gelding grandson of Frenchmans Guy - started team roping & barrels
- '17 sorrel gelding grandson of High Brow Cat - futurity eligible
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- '16 sorrel gelding by Ima Smooth Blue Cat

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By Doug Bordegon

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One who made it in the first place - God, the Creator.

Joshua 10:12-13 records the prayer that Joshua prayed to his God. "O sun stand still over Gibeon, O moon, over the valley of Aijalon. So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, till the nation avenged itself on it's enemies." Pretty powerful prayer, don't you think? A powerful prayer to a more powerful God. You know there is nothing that we can't take to God, if we could just believe there is nothing too small or too big for our God. I think sometimes we either think our requests are either too small to worry Him with, or our problems too big to bother Him with. Isaiah 58:9 says this "then you will call and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and He will say, Here Am I." There you go, His promise, you call - he answers. I like a promise like that one.

Well Miss Debbie and I hope you figured out the clocks in your pick ups, and hope you have a good day. We'll see ya next time, but if we're an hour late, just start without us.

Hey this is Steve Stafford, I am the Pastor at Risen Ranch Cowboy Church in Carthage Mo, and a very proud member of the Better Horses Network.



Today as I write this, it's kind of cold and cloudy outside. The calendar may say that it's springtime, but my temperature gage tells me it's still winter.

So I'm just going to stay in this morning, which gives me way to much time to think about things. Now a few weeks ago we had to move our clocks forward an hour, daylight savings time they call it, I call it a "pain". First I got to remember which weekend that we're suppose to do this, and the longer in years I get, the shorter the memory I have. And then I have to get up at precisely 2 o'clock in the morning to change my clocks. I sure wish we could do that at 2 in the afternoon. And then I've got to change the clock on the radio in the truck, now we're in trouble. I can't ever remember how to do that. I keep thinking I'll just leave it alone, and for 6 months I'll just be an our late for everything that I'm going to. You know the Bible tells us of the greatest "Daylight Saving Time" that I've ever seen. In the Old Testament, and in the book of Joshua chapter 10, there's a story about Joshua and his army. Now they were fighting these ole boys, and they were whooping them too. In fact God had told Joshua not to worry, because he would make sure that they would come out on top. Well things were going just as God had promised, but they were running out of "daylight". Joshua needed more sunlight time to finish this battle. Well what does a guy do now? You can hold up lunch, or tell everyone that there will be no "nap time" today, but the Sun? How does a fellow go about making the Sun shine longer? By going to the

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By Jo Turner

When I made the phone call to reserve sites at Canyon Trails Ranch, Cortez, Colorado, little did I know that the owner, Kristie Carriker, would be answering the phone in Rossville, Kansas, less than 30 miles from my house. In a couple of minutes, I realized that Kristie was a Roy Frey Western customer who brought her hats in to have Dewayne clean and shape when she came to Topeka to visit family. Kristie grew up in Rossville, KS. She has always loved horses and currently specializes in cutting horses when not taking ranch guests on guided trail rides. Her husband, Rodney restores historic carriages and wagons. They had invited us to come to their Canyon Trails Ranch (www.canyontrailsranch.com 970-565-1499) to ride several times. Three years after retiring from the store and thru the fate of seeing a story about their trail riding campground in the September 2017 "Horse & Rider" magazine we reconnected and plans were made to come stay for a week.

Our original travel plan was to go to the Pike National Forest near Lake George, Colorado to primitive camp, ride thru aspens at peak color time and then head to Cortez. Mother Nature decided to turn cold, snow and blow on that part of Colorado so we changed our plans and went South to visit Little Barn Ranch, owned by Marti & Jim Sheetz, Medicine Lodge, Kansas and ride their beautiful new ranch in Gypsum Hills for a few days.

From Medicine Lodge we drove to Colorado City, Colorado and spent the night at the Greenhorn Horse Hotel www.greenhornhorsehotel.com (in the foothills of the Greenhorn

Mountains National Wilderness Area) and right off I-25. Wonderful place to overnight! Three Sisters Tavern & Grill was recommended to us as the best breakfast in town so we tried it and it was delicious!

Next leg of the journey was the drive over Wolf Creek Pass, thru Durango and on to Cortez. Wolf Creek Pass roads were good and it was pretty easy since Dewayne was driving and I was taking pictures and commenting about the beautiful scenery of the snowcapped Spanish Peaks and aspens many shades of red, yellow and gold. Cortez is located in the Four Corner's (Utah, Colorado, Arizona & New Mexico) Region, west of Durango and Mesa Verde National Park.

Canyon Trails Ranch is located in McElmo Canyon 15 miles southwest of Cortez and just a mile from the Canyons of the Ancients National Monument. Sandstone cliffs, rock formations in shades and hues of tan, grey, pink, red and white, dotted with green sagebrush, pinyon pine and prickly pear cactus painted a rugged and breathtaking picture of the old west.

Canyon Trails Ranch campground features six sites with water and electricity and a total of nine horse pens (one pen per campsite/ \$15/ night for additional pens). Bathroom, shower and a large outdoor sitting



area are a short walk from the campground. The Campground sits on a ridge overlooking McElmo Canyon named after a Uranium miner and on one of the trails you will see the remains of an old uranium mine. In the middle of the campground is an ancient kiva site that has not been excavated. Kiva's were rooms used by Puebloans for religious rituals and political meetings. The Carriker's have restored a large Navajo "Hogan" just a short walk from the campground that was very interesting.

Nestled into the red rock canyons are many cliff dwellings that 800-1200 years ago were home to the Puebloan people. We were fortunate to have Kristie guide a ride explaining the history and culture of this 176-thousand-acre BLM area. As we rode, we soon learned to look for the cliff dwelling ruins.

At the "sundial" cliff dwelling, we tied the horses and hiked up for a closer view. It

was apparent the Puebloan's were small and agile people to fit in the small space and were not afraid of heights. Little holes, evenly spaced in a horizontal line across the back wall of the dwelling, could have been used to tell time, seasons, or years. Kristie pointed out the kitchen area of the ruin with a recessed bowl area used for grinding corn for bread; an area to sharpen knives; peg holes for shelves to hang meat and vegetables to dry; and a granary above the living areas to keep the grain dry and away



from predators. The cliff revealed toe-hold indentations in the rocks to climb up & down. We saw the black soot hand prints on the walls and finger prints in the chinking between the rocks used to separate the rooms. Water check areas (which I would call dams or tiny ponds) were built to conserve water that was such a scarce commodity in this desert area. A large Petroglyph had recently sluffed off the face of this cliff dwelling much to everyone's disappointment. It was a step back in time to a life revolving around daily survival and basic needs.

We rode by a round rock "tower" or lookout used by the Puebloan people to communicate about a variety of things such as fires; enemies; spot wild game; sky -watch for weather and planting signs. It was also a perfect place to take photos! What a special day of riding and history with friends in an ancient canyon.

We also rode a mile down the road

from the campground to the Sand Canyon & Rock Creek Trail Heads at Canyons of the Ancients National Monument. There were multiple trails to ride with breath taking scenery everywhere. The footing on the trails varied from sand to solid rock which the horses navigated easily. These are shared trails and we met a few hikers who were very nice and respectful of the horses.

The McElmo Canyon is also home to Sutcliffe Vineyards. We met the owner, John Sutcliffe, and thoroughly enjoyed our visit. A native of Wales, John grew up with horses and was a player on the Rolex Polo Team. He loved talking about his polo ponies and the history of his beautiful vineyard. He grows several types of grapes specifically for his delicious wines which are only sold privately. Our visit was a touch of European culture in the middle of the old west.

This was a trip of a life time for us. This ancient red rock land is spiritual,

historic and ruggedly beautiful. I hope trail riders will make the trip as it is well worth the drive for the unique scenery, riding and Kristie's hospitality.

We drove home via the southern route thru Farmington, Taos, Angel Fire and spent the night in Cimarron, New Mexico. The Rodeo Committee graciously allows equine travelers to overnight for a nominal fee at the rodeo grounds. Rio Grande turkeys and mule deer are usually grazing along the Cimarron River bank on the west side of the rodeo grounds and are entertaining to watch. We walked to the haunted Express St. James Hotel for a good meal and marveled at the historic bullet holes left in the main dining room ceiling by Clay Allison, Black Jack Ketchum, Jesse James and Buffalo Bill Cody. Luckily, we did not see any of the many "ghosts" or "spirits" who are rumored to still haunt the famous frontier hotel.

The next morning, we headed back to Kansas to camp and ride at Sand Hills State Park, Hutchinson. This State Park has a beautiful campground, horse pens, both primitive and utility sites and easy riding. Be sure to add it to your trail riding bucket list!

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Taking Care of Business: Back Country Horsemen Partners on Hillsdale State Park Work Day

By Denise E. Farris, Esq.

Despite sub-freezing temperatures, frozen trails and lakes, followed by melting ice and mud, Back Country Horsemen Association of Kansas (BCHA-KS) nonetheless organized a group of intrepid volunteers from around the state to meet at Hillsdale State Park, Paola KS to perform organized trail

repair and cleanup this past January and March 2018.

No less than thirty individuals met at the Saddle Ridge Campground to roll DOWN their sleeves and roll UP their balaclavas before hitting the trails. Coordinated by Hillsdale Trail Manager Jeff Robinson, Maintenance Supervisor Jeff Shefcyk, BCHA

national Director and KS Chapter founder Steve Lindsey and Hillsdale coordinator Mary Colby, the group met at the Saddle Ridge Pavilion at 9am for a BCHA introduction, a short training presentation on safe trail pruning methods, allocation of safety vests and crew chairs, and formal trimming and cleanup assignments. Much needed after seasonal high winds, heavy rains and snow/ice, the work focused primarily on clearing trails blocked by large fallen trees and other trail blockage, trash cleanup, and ingress and egress clearing for trails marked for later heavy equipment work and trail repair this spring. The March cleanup additionally included some mini-excavator work levelling trails and creating water run-offs near the campground trails.

Thanks to the resources of the volunteers, most coming with their own chain saws and ATVS, the seven crews were able to cover a wide area of park efficiently and effectively even with the need to often slog some distance down muddy ice melt trails before reaching repair areas. With initial work areas completed, the groups met back at the Pavilion at 2pm to enjoy a much-appreciated hot dog roast provided by BCHA and Lynette Burkhart, while discretely sharing Advil with each other.

Special thanks go out to the following organizations represented:

- Back Country Horsemen of America and Kansas (BCHA-KS)
- North American Trail Ride Council (NATRC) Region 6
- American Endurance Ride



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- Kansas Horse Council (KHC)
- S&S Stables
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If you would like to have fun with outdoorsy people, consider joining BCHA at: www.bchakansas.com or link to Back Country Horsemen's Facebook page at: Back Country Horsemen of America, Kansas Chapter for notice of upcoming events. Membership is open to all trail user groups, not just horse people. You may also contact Denise Farris, BCHA-Saddle Ridge at dfarris@farrislawfirm.com, or Kansas Chapter Founder Steve Lindsey at Steve.Lindsey@lia-ks.com.

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Trainer Follows Champion Dad Into Heartfelt Profession Making Better Horses And Riders

By Frank J. Buchman

"We have the morning feeding done. I can visit a little bit before I start riding."

Todd Wright and his dad Brent had been up several hours caring for horses in their training facility at Ottawa.

"Our horses always come first," the younger Wright insisted.

"We do have a high school girl who helps clean stalls. It's a small crew around here," the trainer said.

Then he quickly added, "My wife Catherine is a big part, too. She rides, shows some, does breeding work, keeps my horses saddled and

cooled out. We couldn't get along without Catherine."

A couple of clarifications needed. Wright is self-defined a "horse trainer." That's distinctive from being a cowboy. "Sometimes I'm envious of the cowboys getting to do so much more outside of the arena than us trainers," he said.

Secondly, Todd Wright is a "chip off the ole block;" he's followed his dad into the training business. "Some kids wonder what they're going to be. I always wanted to be a horse trainer," Wright said.

Certainly, the right role model was

selected for the profession. Brent Wright is a world renowned trainer, showing reining horse champions in the most elite competition.

"I started out on a pony, and wanted to ride all of the time," Todd remembered.

However, there was a "little sabbatical," he admitted.

"I was about four when I got on a horse Dad had finishing roping on for the day," Wright reflected. "Dad warned me to be careful riding in the box, but when I came out that horse bucked me off pretty good. The landing hurt, and I didn't want to ride for a while."

It was actually several months, but the urge to get back on soon came. "I showed horses in 4-H, competed in shows around and helped Dad with his horses. Then got to starting some colts," Wright said.

Originally from a farm near Uniontown, the Wright family moved to Ottawa about 30 years ago; Todd was nine. "Dad rented stalls for a while, and then bought the place horses and all," he said.

Starting as Brent Wright Reining Horses, there's also a second shingle today Todd Wright Performance Horses. "We have our own horses in training, and still work together, help each other. It's a team effort," the prodigy said.

An only child home schooled by his mom Jan, Wright attended K-State majoring in animal science with a business option. Involved in the college horse programs, "Randy Raub was in charge then. I took his colt starting classes. We saw some pretty good wrecks," Wright said.



Todd and Catherine Wright have lifelong interests in training and showing horses. They work together closely at Todd Wright Performance Horses near Ottawa. Their children, Nathan, four, and Davin, three, already have horse inclinations as well. However, three-month-old son Austin, not pictured, "hasn't shown much interest yet." On the other hand, "Nathan enjoys riding his pony Mighty Mouse 'fast.' We have an old broodmare he rides some, too. Davin also rides the pony with Nathan usually leading him," Dad and Mom verified.

Career was already set in stone upon graduation back to the horse barn at Ottawa. "We have 32 acres, 18 stalls, an indoor and a big outdoor arena," the trainer explained.

Days are filled riding horses. "I'll ride 10-12 horses a day," Wright said.

"Sometimes I only ride a horse 20 or 30 minutes. If he's really doing well, I reward him by getting off and putting him away," the trainer explained. "Others I may have to stay on through some resistance so he is more compliant and ready

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Son like father Todd Wright has followed his dad Brent Wright into the professional horse training business. Actually, that's all the younger Wright really ever wanted to be was a horse trainer like his dad. They have separate clientele and business operations yet work closely together in the same training facility at Ottawa.

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"Every horse is an individual and some simply are more trainable and willing than others," Wright added.

Caliber of horses runs the gamut. "I start a lot of colts," Wright said. "I have horses in all levels of training.

"Some are show horses. Others we'll get broke to the point they're ready to go on and become a barrel horse, rope horse, ranch-using horse or simply putting a better handle on a trail horse. It just depends on what the customer plans to do."

Training riders is sometimes as important as training horses. "I regularly give lessons to adults as well as young riders. Everybody can always learn something.

"That's one reason it's so good working with Dad. He can see something my horse or I are doing that can be improved.

"Other times I might be able to help him make a change. We may not either one necessarily like being critiqued or told about our horse or riding at first. But we'll always try to do what's right to make the horse better," Wright said.

While training reining horses is Wright's forte, he rides whatever comes. "We help start barrel horses on the pattern, have a 'hot-heels' for rope horses. We do our best on them all," Wright said.

Obviously the trend in every discipline is to become more competitive. "I think people are increasingly realizing the value of having a good foundation on their horse before putting the horse on barrels, cows, trail riding, whatever," Wright said.

"It makes everyone's job easier," he insisted. "When someone runs into trouble down the road, and it will

happen, their horse has a foundation to fall back on.

"For example, a lot of people run into trouble with a horse dropping their shoulder," Wright said. "If that horse has a good foundation, they will have the framework in place to fix the problem."

Competing in a dozen or so local and major shows annually, Wright has collected enviable show championships on every level.

Decades gone by, champions were expected to enter every discipline from halter in the morning, to pleasure rail classes, reining, even barrel racing and roping.

"There are some very versatile horses today, but not many can really do it all," Wright contended. "A reining horse can do other events, cow classes and the like, and rail horses work in horsemanship and English.

"Yet, finding a top halter horse to do everything is pretty unlikely," he evaluated.

"A good mind" is the most important ingredient for a top performance horse, according to the trainer.

"A horse must want to cooperate, take pressure, learn and improve," Wright insisted.

As in the past so in the future, Todd Wright looks to riding, improving and showing horses. "You have to keep getting better all of the time or get left behind," he concluded.



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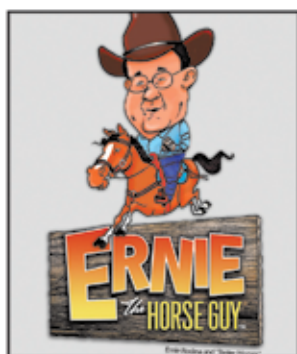
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Large master suite with tiled bath & private door to back patio. Meticulous construction w 2x6 exterior walls. Lower Level office could be 5th conforming bedroom with addition of closet. Morton stable w 6 stalls, heated, auto waterers, tack stall & stock. Run-in sheds in pastures. Fenced & x-fenced! Rare find on blacktop with grand entry perfect for country living yet 5 min access to I-70 for easy commuting!

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Shadowland Ranch

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\$999,000



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\$520,000



1800 Nebraska Road Princeton, Kansas 66076

Amazing Secluded 200 acres of pasture. Was row cropped in two parts in the, but it has been turned in to two amazing brome fields. The land is fully fenced and crossed fenced. The brome fields are fenced off separate and well taken care of.

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GRAND CENTRAL HOTEL

Located in the heart of the Flint Hills. The Grand Central Hotel sits four miles from The Tallgrass Praire National Preserve at The Z Bar Ranch and one block west of the Kansas' National Scenic Byway 177 in Historic Cottonwood Falls. A small, elegant hotel with a western flair, that offers ten rooms. Each is "branded" with historic brands of our local ranchers. The Grand Central Hotel offers fine dining in a relaxed atmosphere, featuring the finest steaks and entrees.

Amazing turn key business opportunity. The Grand Central has a well built reputation for fine dining and hometown hospitality. Make sure to check out their website <http://www.grandcentralhotel.com> to get more details and photos of life in Cottonwood Falls. **\$700,000**



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PROPERTY FOR SALE

1056 N 100 Road Baldwin, KS 66006

Unbelievable 4-H Dream Property with two Barns (50x80 and 24x32) both barns have concrete floors and are piped for propane heat. The house has a rustic feel with oversized rooms and a commercial grade kitchen with Italian Granite counter tops. A large deck wraps around the back of the house with an out door kitchen perfect for entertaining. This 5 bedroom 4 1/2 bath sits on 20 acres in the Baldwin school district. The whole place was only built with in the last ten years and has had every detail thought of. **\$799,000**

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WOW! Price Reduced in Basehor, KS! Custom built home w attention to detail on a picturesque private 1.3 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!

Beautiful 17 acre horse farm 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.



PRE-INSPECTED!! Lake front property with all the extra amenities of a well-built home. Custom design with many quality features; wood floor, gourmet kitchen, vaulted ceilings, stucco and stone exterior. Large main flr master with walk-in closets. Come home to enjoy the beautiful area and lake. Great outdoor space for entertaining friends and family. Bring your kids and enjoy! Award winning Lee's Summit schools and convenient area for commuters. Master retreat on main floor with dressing room, glass tiled shower, Jacuzzi tub. Downstairs movie room, private office and bar. Large upstairs bedrooms each with bathroom and walk-in-closet, add'l laundry and huge play/hobby room. Silvertooth Stables is just across the lake perfect for boarding your horses right in your back yard! Or just enjoy the walking trails and community common areas.

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. Great location with privacy but still just 20 minutes to Lawrence.

