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# New Obstacle Course at Equus Curito

By Courtney Baldwin

Equus Curito Equine Center in Louisburg has opened an outstanding permanent, outdoor obstacle course. Equus Curito's owners, Bob and Susan Brennan recognized the need for a publicly accessible obstacle course in the area. "We wanted to create a course that offered a different take on the standard obstacles you might normally see," said Bob. "Each obstacle is unique to our facility in some way."



Designed under the direction of Joshua Rushing, Multiple EXCA World Champion, and Ashley Purdin, Equus Curito's Head Trainer, the course takes advantage of the stunning natural features of the 70 acres of trails, trees and ravines, offering runs through water, timber, a dry creek beds and steep inclines in addition to 17 man made obstacles. The abundant presence of deer, turkey and other wildlife stimulate horse and rider alike.

Visitors to the course have been blown away by its uniqueness, layout and challenges. "Out of the five bridges on the course, none of them are the same and none of them are just a plain old bridge," according to Ashley Purdin. In June, Ashley won the Open and Colt divisions in the UHCA race in Topeka. "My horses have gained so much confidence riding the course at Equus Curito. The results transfer to everything these horses do."

The variations in the types of obstacles offered also provide a progression from simple to more complex for horses and riders to work through. "It is great for all riding levels," says Carrie a haul in rider to the barn: "Challenging enough for seasoned riders and horses, yet doable for my 9-year-old daughter and her arena horse." The course is nestled down in the trees, providing lots of shade on hot summer days."

The amount of thought that went into the course is obvious to those who have ridden it. Everything from the layout fitting with the land around it, to the technical planning that went into the tricky suspension bridge obstacle, to the location of the course being in a shaded, mowed area just a stone's-throw away from

the outdoor arena is top notch. The course is built with a natural feel. "We researched

obstacle courses worldwide and used our hands-on experience developed over many years of competing to create the direction for Equus Curito," said Joshua Rushing.

The intention of the Equus Curito team was to create a course conducive to educating horses without terrifying them. Ashley's perspective: "At some point during the development of the competitive trail and cowboy racing circuits, the focus shifted away from the skill of horse and rider to negotiate an obstacle and went towards how many things can we do to scare our horses and still get them to complete a task. The courses shifted away from the ranch type obstacles and became flashier, flappier and scarier. At Equus Curito we wanted to create a course that went back towards the more natural, horse friendly feel but maintained the technical difficulty that still challenged horse and rider skills."

For those who use the course to hone their competition skills, it provides easy access. "It is really nice to have everything set up as it would be for the race." says Jaden, one of the barns youth riders. Prior to the course being built, boarders

and trainers would have to set up a course in one of the facility's arenas and put it all back after each use.

Anne, one of the boarders, has been using the obstacle course to train her mare: "The obstacle course is just what I needed to build more confidence in my horse and to pinpoint the technical skills I need to work on before heading to the next competition." And this is exactly what Equus Curito's new obstacle course is all about: building horse and rider confidence while developing new skills.

With this new set up, classes and clinics involving obstacles will be held more often by Equus Curito trainers and clinicians Ashley Purdin, Beth Olson and Josh Rushing.

To schedule a time to come ride the course on your own, or to find out more about upcoming clinics or classes, please contact Dusty LaBeth at (913) 558-7567.







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**"LETTER FROM ERNIE"**

Hello Friends!

To say it has been an unusual summer would have to be an understatement when looking at our weather. It is has been terribly hot and dry and we are hoping for some relief in the temperature and some moisture. Dealing with all of this has meant to get up early and enjoy a little riding.

A big change for Better Horses is the addition of a new 30-minute radio show we call, Better

Horses- Connected which airs on Saturday mornings on KFKF 94.1 FM out of Kansas City. After it airs, we turn it into our weekly podcast, Better Horses – Connected. You can catch our podcasts and TV Shows that are archived by going to BetterHorses.com or Starworldwidennetworks.com . When you go to our BetterHorses.com site make sure you post all of your events FREE on our Calendar.

We are having a blast with Better Horses TV with Ernie the Horse Guy. If you have an event you would like us to experience or possibly do an episode of your horses, contact me at [ernie@betterhorsesradio.com](mailto:ernie@betterhorsesradio.com) . We will see what we can do to take our show on the road. Check our TV Show out of Kansas City every Sunday morning at 8:00 AM on KCWE Channel 29 or in the KSN markets of Kansas we are on every Saturday morning at 8:30 AM on Channel 3. Because of you our ratings continue to grow.

Ladies did you see we have Tammy Pate coming to Equus Curito Equine Center in Louisburg this coming September 4th & 5th. See the ad on page 10. Tammy is applying yoga principles to riding. Equus Curito is a wonderful facility and doing so much for the Equine Community. You need to go down and ride on their new obstacle course.

Our 19th Annual Dream Ride In the Flint Hills is just around corner being September 7, 8, & 9th at the Beautiful Clover Cliff Ranch just west of Strong City, KS. We have a great 3 days planned out with all of the events that are scheduled. You won't want to miss the Saturday Evening with our AAEP fundraiser headed up by our own Ron McDaniel from Merck Animal Health heading it up! See the info on page 9 showing you the activities including a Veterinarian Story Telling Competition. It will be a blast! To sign up for the ride and more info call Suzan Barnes at the Grand Central Hotel at 620-273-6763 or email her at [suzan.barnes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:suzan.barnes@sbcglobal.net). COME RIDE WITH US!

On another note, I have personally taken on the responsibility of helping Heartland Therapeutic Riding Center in Bucyrus, KS with growing new Business Development. I am really excited and see so much positive synergy between Heartland Therapeutic Riding Center and the media Better Horses has to offer. They are a great organization and I feel great to be a part of HTR.

It is always great to see you. I hope our trails pass and don't hesitate to let me know what I can do to help.



Ernie



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# Welcome to Peace Treaty 2018

*Article courtesy of The Gyp Hill Premiere*

This fall there will again be smoke in the wind. In the Gyp Hills of Barber County, Kansas two cultures will clash once more. The white man will come, and the proud civilizations of the Plains Indians will resist the changes in their ancient life-styles that, inevitably, settlement of the untamed prairie must bring. In time, the pipes of peace will be lit, and the smoke over the hills will be as serene as September wind.

The Medicine Lodge Peace Treaty Pageant compresses three hundred years of history into two hours of education and entertainment as big as life in a setting that looks as it must have in 1867, when the great peace council took place at the

confluence of Elm Creek and the Medicine River, held amid the native grasses and wildflowers of a natural amphitheater. The pageant is a panoramic reenactment of events beginning with the arrival of the Spanish conquistadors and winding through the age of exploration - the wayward days of Lewis and Clark and Pike - and culminating with the settling of the Kansas prairie by the farmers and ranchers whose descendants live here still.

With performances daily, the pageant is an invitation to look on as history steps out of the library and onto the landscape. It's also a time to look in, to examine again the wellsprings of peace. They begin

with your family and then, in the symbolism of the rivers where the treaty was signed, they spread to all people of goodwill.

In keeping with the lifelike dramatizations of the amphitheater, during the weekend of the pageant the people of Medicine Lodge transform their community into a frontier town. With ceremonial dancing in an authentic Indian village, old-time melodramas, traditional church services, all school reunions and the Kansas Championship Ranch Rodeo featuring working cowboys competing in the day-to-day jobs of the ranch, Medicine Lodge will welcome you to life as it used to be.

There will be long colorful parades, and music virtually around the clock. Look for an inflatable carnival for the kids and arts and crafts booths - including Native American crafts in the Indian village.

Of course, the ongoing attractions of the city - the Carry Nation Museum, the Stockade Museum, and the rust - colored glory of the Gyp Hills - will be yours to enjoy as always.

*For more information and schedules of activities, go to [www.peacetreaty.org](http://www.peacetreaty.org) or find on Facebook under Medicine Lodge Peace Treaty Association.*





**Plan your trip now to Medicine Lodge, Kansas for the weekend of September 28, 29 and 30, 2018. This is an opportunity you don't want to miss!**





# Kansas Horse Council and Back Country Horsemen of Kansas Team Up To Tackle Trail Work

By Erin Glassman

President, Back Country Horsemen of Kansas  
AERC Kansas State Trail Advocate

The state of Kansas boasts over 500 miles of trails for equestrian use. Through the Kansas Horse Council, Trails Director Jim Thomas has for years promoted and worked personally on trails, helping to keep the access open to horseback riders. In 2013, a chapter of Back Country Horsemen of America formed within the state, led by Steve Lindsey and several other people. With the start of this chapter, we could bring some of the organization and trail work ethics that BCHA provides and are well known through many of the states in the country. The organization helps to provide education on proper trail building and maintenance so that work that is done is long-lasting and sustainable; the organization also helps to provide information regarding the value of volunteer work.

Last year alone, Jim reported the following information to Kansas public land managers:

- Kansas equestrians raised \$17,200 through annual benefit rides at Eisenhower State Park,

El Dorado, Clinton, Kanopolis and Perry. These funds directly benefit equestrian campgrounds and trails at these lakes.

- Back Country Horsemen of Kansas volunteers in northeast Kansas alone put in over 1,700 hours of volunteer time on our trails, valued at over \$50,000 with BCHA guidelines.

Both entities are strong and put in a lot of valuable work towards keeping and maintaining horse trail access, and it is only logical that the two should join forces. June 6th, this became a reality with a signing of a Memorandum of Understanding

between Kansas Horse Council and Back Country Horsemen of Kansas—KHC Chairman Dennis Goodwin and BCHK Chairman Erin Glassman, with the support of their respective

organizations, made the MOU official at the KHC monthly board meeting. This MOU will help to minimize duplication of the work put towards promoting, maintaining and building trails and improving equestrian campgrounds, fund-raising and building working relationships with the public land managers for Kansas trails. Erin will be working with Jim to create a continuity of what he has

been building through KHC and to help continue the good work already performed in collaboration with the great volunteers in our state.



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*Kansas is home to many different horse owners and enthusiasts. Every horse person in Kansas has their own kind of knowledge, skills and experiences with their equine partner or herd. Despite different backgrounds, opinions and ways of taking care of our horses, we all have one thing in common—the love of our horses and mules.*

**Kansas Horse Council is your voice to support the equine industry in our great state, advocate positive legislation and to promote awareness of the economic impact of horse ownership.**

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**Saturday, September 8, 2018**

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9:00am-9:30am Horse Clinic - Safety on the Trail!  
9:30am-Noon Saddle Up! Ride in the Flint Hills (approximately 2 hours)  
12:30pm-1:30pm Hot BBQ Brisket Lunch at Clover Cliff Pavilion  
1:30pm-3:00pm Saddle Up! Afternoon Ride in the Flint Hills (approximately 2 hours)  
3:30pm-5:30pm Horse Clinic - To Be Determined  
5:30pm-6:30pm Feed and water horses. Free STRATEGY  
6:30pm Steak Dinner with all the trimmings with "Chef" Mark Burkdoll.  
7:00pm Equine Nutrition with Ernie Rodina. DOOR PRIZES!  
7:30pm Cowboy Veterinarian Story Telling, featuring Ron McDaniel with Merck Animal Health  
**AAEP Benefit**

**Sunday, September 9, 2018**

7:30am-8:00am Coffee's on. Horse care. Free STRATEGY.  
8:00am-8:30am Cowboy Church  
8:30am-9:30am Hot Breakfast Served! Prepared by Mark Burkdoll and team  
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# Tammy Pate Horsemanship and Yoga

We'll be welcoming Tammy Pate Horsemanship and Yoga to EC!

Tammy Pate is proud to be known as a cowboy's wife. Born into a Montana ranching family, Tammy grew up with a steer-wrestling father

and sisters that "rode from the time we could barely walk", competing in rodeos. Her grandmother, Betty, instilled in her the values of ranching life, a deep respect for nature and the practical skills needed to

succeed. Tammy married Curt and together they deepened their horsemanship and developed innovative and gentle ways of training horses, keeping the stress levels low on horses, cattle and people.

During this time, she raised her own children, literally, in the saddle, carrying them with her on horseback to work on ranches and conduct horsemanship clinics with Curt. Over the years, Tammy discovered yoga and its parallels to horsemanship. She describes it as staying in balance in movement and centered physically and mentally for both horse and rider.

We would like to welcome Tammy Pate to EC for a Horsemanship and Yoga Women's Retreat, September 4th & 5th!

Tammy's Horsemanship and Yoga

retreats are designed to bring awareness of mental and physical balance, gain confidence and above all, improve communication through timing, balance and feel with your horse.

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- The behavioral aspects of horses
- Ranch culture
- Situational approaches to safely riding on trails
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This retreat is designed to help develop a stronger horse and human partnership. The emphasis is on building and refining the skills needed to advance riders toward their goals, whether on a ranch, on the trail, or in the show ring. Riders of all levels and disciplines will benefit from insights and deep understanding of horses and ourselves.

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# Busy Writer, Teacher Always Has Horses Close To Her Heart

By Frank J. Buchman

"I have to take a horse to the veterinarian, and another horse doesn't act right. I have two stories due and a stack of papers to grade. Could you please call me back?"

That phone response most concisely accurately describes Carolyn Kaberline.

The Topeka woman is a lifelong horse enthusiast with a longtime teaching career and is an in-demand professional writer.

She's recognized for dedication to horses and writing their stories with induction into the Better Horses Network Hall of Fame.

As her tight horse and writing schedule loosened, Kaberline reflected, "I was a typical horse crazy kid living in Topeka.

"All I ever wanted for a Christmas and birthday present was a horse," she insisted. "My folks said when you can afford one, you can get one. It wasn't that a horse cost so much, but the money for a place to keep and care for one did."

Horse ownership didn't become a realization until Kaberline was a student studying journalism at Kansas State University.

"When I was a sophomore at K-State, the Shawnee County Teachers Recreation Club had a cooperative barn over on Topeka's east side. Unbelievable now, members could board a horse for a dollar a month, maybe a little more in the winter," Kaberline said.

To be a member, one had to be a teacher or studying to be one, so the obvious thing to do was to change her major to keep a horse there.

"I bought a four-year-old green broke recently castrated Appaloosa gelding. I had my own horse and was really excited," Kaberline

admitted.

Still, that horse was just too much for a newcomer. "I didn't have him long and traded for a grade ranch gelding called Chico. He was a great horse for me," Kaberline contended.

She went trail riding and even rode Chico in shows there at the boarding facility. "I didn't really have the foggiest idea what I was doing," Kaberline admitted. "But I had a horse and was having the time of my life."

Without her own horse trailer, the new owner was also limited on where and what she could do with Chico.

Deciding she wanted a registered horse, Kaberline bought her own college graduation present. "I got my first teaching job at Mayetta High School and found a sorrel three-year-old registered Quarter Mare Wimpy's Flit," she said.

Soon acquiring a trailer as well, Kaberline successfully showed the mare at halter in circuit shows while working on riding.

Taking a teaching job at Caney, Kaberline moved southeast with her horse, soon becoming friends with area horse owners.

"You know how it is when you have a mare, the next thing is raising a baby," Kaberline said. "I went stallion shopping and decided to mate my mare to Cedar Chant who Dean Smith was standing."

The result was a bay mare Enchanted Flit. "She was racy built and hot," explained the horsewoman who'd by then started teaching at Perry.

Boarding her horses north of Topeka and moving forward, Kaberline raised most of her own horses in preference to buying them.

"I bred Enchanted Flit to Impressive Too which produced Too Enchanted, my first really top show horse," Kaberline said.

Placed in training with Mark Gratny, the mare collected a superior award in open halter competition as well as numerous amateur wins.

"Too Enchanted was broke to ride. But, Teddi, as we called her, was really a tank and showed best at halter," the owner claimed. "Teddi had 39 grand and reserve grand championships qualifying twice for the world show."

Always wanting to ride in competition successfully, Kaberline acquired a proven register of merit show horse Baretta Lark. "He was a lot of fun and we placed well," she said.



*Carolyn Kaberline rode her register of merit show horse Baretta Lark to collect many awards. "He was a lot of fun and we placed well," she said.*

Never straying from her close involvement with horses, Kaberline retired from teaching at Perry, but is back in the classroom. "I teach social science, English and other



*Home-raised Too Enchanted, affectionately known as Teddi, was shown by Carolyn Kaberline at the American Quarter Horse Association World Show to place ninth in amateur aged mares. The pair collected a number of halter championships while twice qualifying for world competition.*

classes in a three-quarter position at a parochial school here in Topeka," she said.

All total Kaberline has taught school 48 years to date always with her horses for relaxation after the classroom.

"When I was in school, my teachers always told me 'you'll be a teacher,' and I always said, 'no I'll never teach.' Look what a horse can make one do," Kaberline smiled.

"I have four horses today, two 24-year-olds and a 21-year-old, all that I've raised. A couple of them are not in real good health, so I'm uncertain for their future," Kaberline said.

Her other horse is a dun mare Fancy Me A Dunaholic, better known as Sadie, who is being shown in local competitions. "So far, Sadie has just been entered in the open classes at the buckskin shows to

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get some experience, but we'll go for points before long," Kaberline related.

"I keep my horses with trainer Chuck Sperry here in Topeka," said Kaberline, who lives in her Topeka home where she was raised.

Owning a small pasture near Meriden, Kaberline had envisioned building her own horse facilities. "I've decided with all of the upkeep that would entail, I'm better off boarding my horses out like I've always done," she said.

"I haven't been riding too much lately with school, writing and taking care of my retirees," Kaberline said. "I do want to get back to riding my dun mare and showing again."

Horse stories with Carolyn

Kaberline's byline have printed in publications throughout the country. "I sure don't limit my writing to horses, but it's close to my heart," she admitted.

Actually, the horsewoman-author looks to expanding writing to include science fiction, and has been a script consultant for several Star Trek fan films. "You'll laugh, but I already have a couple of science fiction pieces that I'm working on. Yes, I've become a 'Trekkie' over the years," Kaberline admitted.

"Still, I'll always have horses. Like Winston Churchill said, 'The outside of a horse is good for the inside of a man.' For a woman like me too," Carolyn Kaberline surmised.



*Pretty Enchanted, a 1990 filly by Tardys Cowboy Too and out of Enchanted Flit, was shown by Carolyn Kaberline to place second in the yearling division of the Kansas Breeders Futurity.*



*So Deelightful by Dun Lucky Dee and out of Miss Pawnee Bar was shown successfully by Carolyn Kaberline in English and western classes and his now in retirement at 24-years of age.*

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# Historic Flint Hills Hotel Captures the Spirit of the West

By Carolyn Kaberline

Picture rolling green hills—a veritable sea of grass—stretching to the horizon in all directions. Now picture those hills dotted with cattle, either grazing or wading into small ponds to stay cool in the summer heat. Add an occasional cowhand mounted on his horse checking those cattle and note the clouds chasing their shadows over the seemingly endless landscape, and you have the Flint Hills, the last expanse of intact tallgrass prairie in the nation, an area little changed from earlier times.

It has often been said that the Flint Hills are “where the West begins.” Not only does it retain its ranching use, it also retains the hospitality the West is known for, and nowhere is that hospitality more evident than in the picturesque shops and historic buildings lining the streets of Cottonwood Falls--and especially the town’s Grand Central Hotel and Grill.

Constructed sometime around 1875, the two story hotel opened in

1884. Remodeled in 1995, the hotel now meets all Kansas City building codes and ADA requirements. That remodeling allowed the building to meet the needs of today’s visitors while maintaining its historic roots and charm. It has proved to be the perfect location for corporate meetings and retreats, family dinners, and reunions as well as the ultimate for rest and relaxation.

That charm is evident as soon as one enters: The refurbished entryway—probably the hotel’s original entry --leads to a lobby with overstuffed couches and a main dining area furnished with wooden tables and chairs while the walls consist of the original brick in most areas with gypsum wallboard over the rest. The flooring of oak, brick and ceramic tile accentuates the western décor, and Western artwork and artifacts—ranging from hats to horns to trophy heads of plains animals--highlight the area.

Brands of nearby ranches can be seen on the fully stocked bar just

off the dining room, and two private dining areas-- one of which leads to an outdoor courtyard nestled between the hotel’s two wings—complete the public areas. Also downstairs are two guest rooms--one of which is ADA accessible, a well-stocked kitchen, laundry room and office.

Upstairs are eight more guest rooms, each large and decorated with a western flair. That touch of the West is easily found in the Mexican spur door knockers, the saddle blanket striped bed coverings, and the walls painted to complement the rich colors of the prairie. Each guest room is named after one of the historic ranches in the Chase County area.

For example, there is the Crocker Ranch Room named after H. Mason Crocker, a direct descendant of Erastus B. Crocker who arrived in Chase County on March 20, 1866, with the ranch he founded dating from 1866 to 1979.

There’s also The Wood Ranch

Room, named after Colonel Samuel N. Wood, whose brand was registered on July 4, 1864. That brand is the oldest in Chase County.

The second level of the hotel also holds the Rogler Ranch Room, named after a state representative from Chase County, while The Mercer Ranch Room is named after David Mercer, who came to America in 1858 and settled just south of Cottonwood Falls. Mercer is best-known for naming and founding the town of Matfield Green.

There are also rooms named after the Z Bar Ranch and the Sauble Ranch.

The Z Bar Cattle Company originally began in Barber County when it bought a ranch there that had a herd of cattle already carrying the Z Bar brand. When the company moved to Chase County in the 1920s, the brand, which was finally registered in 1935, came with it. The

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*The main dining room at the Grand Central Hotel can seat 46 guests. A favorite dining spot of locals and visitors, the restaurant is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday. There are also two private dining areas often used for meetings.*



*The outdoor courtyard, which seats 30, is perfect for small gatherings or warm summer evenings.*



*Brands of neighboring ranches can be found on the bar.*



## Flint Hills Hotel

Sauble Ranch Room was named after David Sauble who registered his brand on May 12, 1881, making it the second oldest brand in Chase County. Sauble came to the area by following the Santa Fe Trail to the Flint Hills in 1857.

Also honored with rooms are the Turkey Track Ranch, the Miser Ranch, the Titus-Stout

Ranch, and the Clover Cliff Ranch, each of which has an interesting story behind it.

When visiting Cottonwood Falls, visitors definitely need to stop by and dine at the Grand Central Hotel restaurant even if they are just passing through. Boasting a menu that features a wide repertoire of

items that includes soups, salads, sandwiches and the steaks for which the area is famous. The restaurant is open from Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Reservations are suggested at all times.

Suzan Barnes has managed the Grand Central Hotel and Grill since 1995. She purchased it in 2003 and still acts as the manager. The Grand Central Hotel is now up for sale as she would like to retire after being in the hospitality business for the past 48 years. Despite the fact her early jobs took her around the world, visiting every continent but Antarctica, Kansas and especially the Flint Hills have always claimed her as their own.

"I spent 25 years in the travel industry sending people away from Kansas," Barnes said. "Now I want to bring them back."

Barnes feels the hotel and the Flint Hills will do just that as the Grand Central already receives visitors from all over the U.S. and abroad in addition to numerous guests from the Kansas City and Wichita areas. She is hoping that the new owners will continue the rich tradition of the hotel and be an asset to the Cottonwood Falls and Chase County communities. Barnes feels the hotel will continue to be as successful for new owners as it has been for her due to its proximity to the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve and the

Kansas National Scenic Byway 177. Not only is the area filled with history, its biking, nature hiking, bird-watching, picnic areas, horseback riding and fishing draw repeat customers.

To make reservations at the hotel, contact Suzan Barnes at (620) 273-6763, or [suzan.barnes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:suzan.barnes@sbcglobal.net). Please visit the website at [www.grandcentralhotel.com](http://www.grandcentralhotel.com) for additional information. For more information on purchasing the Grand Central Hotel and Grill located at 215 Broadway, Cottonwood Falls, contact Brent Rodina at (785) 214-9670.



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# Wannabe Cowboy Makes Dreams Come True

By Carolyn Kaberline

If anyone would have asked a young Frank Buchman what he wanted to be when he grew up, the quick reply would have been: "I wannabe a cowboy and have a horse."

Although his parents had once had horses and a farm, they were sold before Frank was born due to a combine accident that cost his father his left hand. Because of that accident, his folks moved into Council Grove and ran a grocery store.

"My dad Clarence was a top hand and was said to have had several top horses as a young man including Bar who would rear when Dad snapped his fingers," Buchman said. "My mom Laura Mae had a spotted horse she rode to teach school for nine years."

Buchman helped out at his parents' store from a very early age, carrying out groceries and sweeping

the floor—although that broom was often ridden as a horse.

Since the first step to being a cowboy is having a horse, young Buchman begged his parents at every opportunity to get him one. That wish finally came true when he was 11-years-old, and his parents bought two acres in the city limits.

"They paid \$700 for the 'little farm' that included a couple of small barns," Buchman said. "I got Spot when I was in fifth grade. She wasn't registered although she could have been hardship recorded as a Paint Horse for \$10 at the time, only I didn't have \$10."

However, Buchman later bred the mare to Peppy Creek by Beaver Creek by King, and had three foals out of her, one of which was Buchman's Queen to which some of his current horses can be traced. Her descendants were all registered as Pintos.

Although his goal of being a cowboy never wavered, Buchman discovered another love while attending Council Grove High School: writing.

"I was involved in FFA leadership roles including serving as reporter and winning the state newswriting contest," Buchman said. "I also became the high school newspaper editor."

Likewise, Buchman tried his hand at judging, and "only really succeeded in FFA chicken judging. I was the high individual in the district four years and placed at state."

Buchman credited his vocational agriculture instructor-FFA advisor, Mr. Gordon Morrison, as being an influential part of his future agriculture endeavors and in his life.

After high school, it was off to Emporia for college. However, after only a semester there, Buchman



*The Buchman family: Frank and Margaret Mary (front) with son Tyson and daughter Jennie.*

headed to K-State and became heavily involved in judging and rodeo activities.

That wannabe cowboy was soon on the meats, wool, dairy and junior livestock teams, and placed in several national contests. To this day, he credits Dell Allen, David Ames, Charles Norton and Bill Able—team coaches—for their lifetime inspiration.

To fulfill the cowboy urges, Buchman joined the rodeo club which had a practice pen where he

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*Buchman's current show mounts are Cody (left) and Maggie (right). Maggie was the 2017 High Point Horse in KSHSC competition, often being shown in 18-20 classes per show. The saddle (center) was awarded to Buchman as the High Point Rider for the year based on points earned by both Cody and Maggie.*



got on a few bareback broncs.

He next tried to ride bulls on the Central Plains Collegiate Rodeo Circuit and followed the Rumford Rodeo Company for a few summers—even making it to the whistle a few times. His most unforgettable ride was on the famous bull Airplane at the South Hutchison Rodeo—and he almost made it to the buzzer then too.

Perhaps his most memorable event at K-State though was meeting Margaret Mary Gronau, a real farm girl, who would become his wife. She knew how to milk cows, drive a tractor, and bale hay; the two were married in August of 1971 between his sophomore and junior years.

“She was a true farmer and I was a wannabe cowboy,” Buchman said. “We moved to Alta Vista when we got married and still live at the same place Buchman’s Double B Ranch. I grew up in town and had never lived in the country until then. Margaret Mary could take care of all the farming and livestock while I played at being a cowboy.”

Over the years, Buchman has stayed heavily involved with horses. The stallions he’s owned almost read like a Who’s Who of the Quarter Horse industry.

They included Dennis Good by Peppy Creek by Beaver Creek out of Miss Peppy Tone by Peppy; Trouble Steel Bar (affectionately called Zane), by Mr. Trouble Step by Big Step by Parkers Trouble and out of a Little Steel Bar mare; Breezing Machine, a son of supreme champion War Machine out of Lil Bit Of Breeze; Tee Jay Golden Boy, a son of Gold Fingers out of a daughter of Jackie Bee; Thirst For Cash by Go For Three out of Thirsty Lou; Jimmers Tough Ace by Jimmers Playboy out of Maybe

Blue by Hancock Showdown; Prices Leo Flash by Rondo Leo by Leos Question out of Prices Golden Bee and the list continues.

“Our nine mares today go back to those stallions, with Peppy Creek in the pedigrees of every mare, and Zane in most of them, too,” he pointed out.

Over the years, the Buchmans hosted about 30 field days and 25 production sales featuring approximately 40 foals per year along with a few broke horses. The field days were highlighted by a judging contest and later a futurity for horses purchased from previous sales. In addition, the ranch provided horses for other judging contests in the area.

During this time, Buchman also started young horses for the public.

“I rode a couple of colts as a teenager and then had a chance to ride a two-year-old Arabian for Rosalie Clymer, who was a horse shoer, teacher and breeder,” Buchman said. “Anybody with horses in eastern Kansas knew Rosie. I rode a lot of horses for her through the years.”

Rosie told a few people about Buchman’s training skills and they in turn told others.

“Through the years, we started a thousand horses for people throughout the Midwest,” Buchman noted. “They got along well with them because they’d take the horses home and ride them. I never really made a top finished horse, just started colts. I was on them every day so they’d stand to get on, go right into a trot, canter, take their leads both ways and back. I usually just had a colt for 30 days.”

His training days ended in 2009 when “it lost the romance,” Buchman said. “I also lost the nerve, became scared, and got lazy in my old age.”

During these years, Buchman and his wife Margaret Mary raised two children, Jennie and Tyson, both of whom took up riding and showing, winning numerous awards in 4-H and the Eastern Kansas Horseman’s Association (EKHA). Their children, now adults, are still involved with horses.

“Jennie is single and a top team roper who’s won 14 saddles and a large number of buckles and awards,” Buchman said. “Tyson has always been a rancher and runs the ranch now with Margaret Mary.

“Tyson has won every horse show award imaginable and is on a top ranch rodeo team that wins throughout the Midwest. Tyson and BJ’s son Wyatt, now 16, is a good horseman, who works on the ranch and for other ranchers in the area.”

After they stopped going to horse shows as a family, Buchman took up judging at county fairs and open shows before obtaining cards in several associations: Miniature Horses, Pintos, POAs, and the two Buckskin associations. Altogether Buchman has judged shows in 20 states and 56 Kansas counties.

Through all these years, Buchman has continued being a writer and salesman, first for Grass & Grain for 36 ½ years and currently for WIBW. In addition his Frank J. Buchman bylined stories have appeared in publications throughout the country.

Buchman writes two syndicated stories every week, “A Cowboy’s Faith” and “For The Love Of Horses,” in addition to regularly sending out a professional sales newsletter “Hey Neighbor.”

All of the stories can be found on his website [www.frankjbuchman.com](http://www.frankjbuchman.com). They are also carried in several regional and local publications.

And now Buchman has started



*Buchman rides Missy in a reining class. The duo earned the Eastern Kansas Horseman’s Association (EKHA) High Point Horse Rider Combination Award in 2015.*

showing horses once again. His current mounts are a buckskin pleasure mare named Maggie and a palomino gelding named Cody, who goes back to four of the stallions he owned.

Last year, Buchman showed at 46 shows in five circuits. While he’s showing both horses again this year, two knee replacements in February have slowed him some.

Through it all, Buchman is a firm believer in God and God’s plan for each individual. He quickly credits God, his parents Clarence and Laura Mae Buchman, Margaret Mary, Jennie, Tyson and grandson Wyatt for his success.

Because of his dedication to the equine industry, his portrayal of ranching life and his writing ability, Frank Buchman is being inducted into the 2018 Better Horses Hall of Fame.

Multifaceted, his life to date has involved being a rodeo and horseshow participant, breeder, trainer, judge, writer, rancher, husband and father—not bad for a wannabe cowboy.





# Eastern Kansas Pro Rodeo Series Set for August

By John Teagarden

7/15/2018. The three largest PRCA rodeos in eastern Kansas have joined forces to form the 2018 Eastern Kansas Pro Rodeo Series. The participating rodeos include the Linn County Fair Rodeo, Aug 10-11, Mound City, KS; the Inter-State Fair & Rodeo, Aug 16-17, Coffeyville, KS and the Eureka Pro Rodeo, Aug 17-18, Eureka, KS.

“The goal of the coalition is to raise awareness of the rodeos among both contestants and rodeo fans”, stated series coordinator, John Teagarden, Mound City. “Collectively, the three rodeo associations produce 6 professional rodeo performances in a 8-day period between Aug 10-18. Located in the south-east quadrant of Kansas, they are approximately 80 miles from each other in a triangle.

“In addition to seeing professional rodeo contestants from more than 12 states, rodeo fans will be entertained by some of the top rodeo clowns, announcers and award-winning livestock in professional rodeo.

The Mound City rodeo will be produced by New Frontier Rodeo, Gypsum, KS; announced by Troy Goodridge, Ft Scott, KS with clown Matt Tarr, Cody, WY. Coffeyville officials include stock contractor New Frontier, announcer Justin McKee, Lenapah, OK and funny man Ronald Burton, Philadelphia, MS. Eureka will be produced by United Pro Rodeo, Palestine, TX, announced by Scott Grover, Platte City, MO with featured specialty act Matt Tarr.

The Eastern Kansas Pro Rodeo

Series began in 1984 and continued until 2006 with several Kansas county fair rodeos. It was revived four years ago by the Mound City, Coffeyville and Eureka rodeo committees. Collectively, the three rodeos paid out more than \$100,000.00 to the winning contestants and attracted nearly 25,000 spectators in 2017.

The winning contestants in each rodeo event who competes at the three rodeos will receive a Maynard trophy buckle.

Sponsors of the rodeo series include Cleaver Farm & Home, Chanute, KS and Better Horses Radio plus the three PRCA rodeo committees. More information on Face Book at Linn County Fair & Rodeo, Inter-State Fair & Rodeo or Eureka Pro Rodeo pages.



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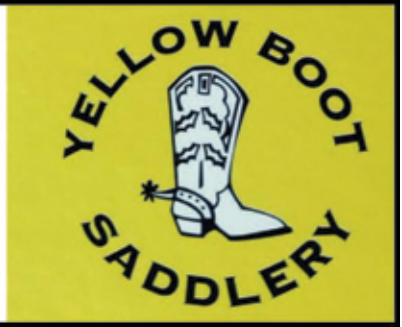


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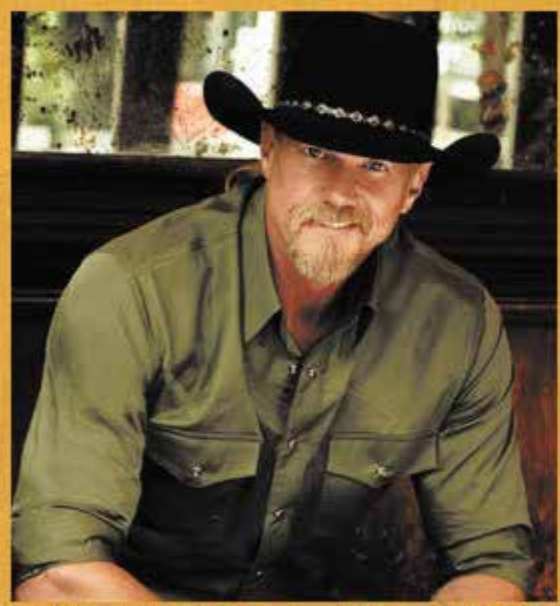


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# Stifle Lameness in the Horse

Elizabeth M. Santschi, DVM, DACVS

The stifle or knee joint of the horse can be a source of lameness. The bones that comprise the stifle are the femur (thigh), tibia (shin) bones, and the patella (kneecap). There also are some unique soft tissue components including, two menisci (cartilage pads) that cushion the joint, and several ligaments that help stabilize the bones during movement. The knee in people is one big cavity filled with joint fluid, but the horse stifle is three separate pouches. A healthy stifle is important for athletic, equine activity, but as in people, injuries can occur causing pain and limiting activity. The size of the stifle and limits of diagnostic equipment can make arriving at a diagnosis difficult in cases of stifle injuries. Fortunately, there is an association between a horse's age and the type of stifle

problem likely to be present which can help owners and veterinarians reach a diagnosis.

Problems in the stifle during the first two months of life are usually related to infection. The growing tissues of the stifle are more prone to bacterial insult than mature tissues and foals already have a reduced ability to eliminate infections. Any foal with lameness and a swollen stifle should get immediate veterinary attention. At the Kansas State Veterinary Health Center, we will often use computed tomography (a CT scan) to image areas of infection within the stifle. Localizing the infection allows us to target our therapies by using specialized techniques to deliver antibiotics right to the site of infection. Excellent results are often achieved even in



*Stifle lameness in the horse*  
Elizabeth M. Santschi, DVM, DACVS

cases that were previously difficult to resolve.

In the growing, weanling horse, osteochondrosis (OCD) is a condition that can cause joint swelling and lameness. It can occur at the same time in both stifles. Radiographs (x-rays) usually provide the best evaluation of the condition and direct the ideal treatments. We utilize therapies including joint injection and exercise reduction to

promote healing. Occasionally, the condition requires surgery to remove bone fragments. We perform this surgery with an arthroscope and a minimally invasive technique. When treated appropriately, many of these horses can enjoy successful, performance careers.

The most common stifle condition causing lameness in horses between one and two years of age, are bone cysts.

They often form in larger, more active yearlings, Quarter horses, Thoroughbreds and Warmbloods. The lameness in these horses is usually mild to moderate and the condition is diagnosed with x-rays. If caught early, some will heal with appropriate rest. If the cyst does not heal, surgery can be necessary. Dr. Santschi at KSU has developed a

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For mature horses, the most common cause of stifle pain is arthritis which can vary from mild to severe. Most arthritis is the result of multiple small injuries over time, but sometimes, it can be the result of a single bad event. Soft tissue injuries to the cartilage, meniscus or ligaments can complicate therapy. When caught early, the prognosis is good. Treatments can include joint injections, rest and sometimes,

arthroscopic surgery. Even horses with performance limiting arthritis can enjoy lower levels of exercise if managed carefully.

The prognosis for most cases of lameness involving the stifle is good if caught early and treated appropriately. Dr. Santschi provide consultation on such cases for clients and patients from around the Midwest at the Kansas State Veterinary Health Center. She can be reached at 785-532-5700.



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## A Cowboy's Faith

By Frank J. Buchman

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How long has it been since there's was a true pond filling downpour?

Oh, certain locales have received major rainfall with not a single water issue at the present.

Yet, just a few miles away, sometimes just across the section, farmers and ranchers alike are in a dire situation.

One cattleman a short stretch over in the county to the west said it right: "We're in real trouble."

His concerns outnumbered some others. Crops were planted, trying to grow but far insufficient moisture such with the heat leaves were curled and deteriorating.

Add to that, the spring was dry; every mud hole that had remained

in the creek was gone. There hadn't been water in the pond for a week.

Short springs of grass showed here and there

keeping the yearlings on the prowl, weight gains going backwards.

What's a producer to do? Nothing one can do about the growing crops, barring a new irrigation system, except pray for rain.

Cattlemen do have some alternatives. Sell now, stop the losses. Haul feed and water hoping for some profit; feeling assured "it'll rain tonight."

Small showers on the ranch though far and few between have kept most hardy native pastures with some green regrowth. There is limited feedstuff not yet requiring supplement for the cows and calves if they graze diligently.

Lower than in more than four decades, most of the ponds still have a little bit of water. Shallow wet weather seeps have been dry for a year or more.

So, the cattle are not without water, even though it's very murky.

The biggest dilemma now is the mud cows and calves must go through to get a drink.

Waterline is many yards from the normal shoreline with several feet of mud to cross before reaching water.

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- 1 small can tomato paste
- 1 small can V8 tomato juice
- 8 to 10 red taters (sliced super thin like on a mandolin )
- 1 large yellow onion (diced)
- 1/2 green pepper
- 1/2 jalapeño (no seeds)
- 2 cups shredded sharp shedder cheese
- 1 cup shredded swiss cheese
- 1/2 cup shredded parmesan cheese
- 1/2 cup shredded Mozzarella cheese
- 1/2 package Williams spaghetti seasoning
- 1/2 package Williams taco seasoning
- 1 tbs dried Italian seasoning salt and pepper to taste

Brown the beef then add 1/2 the onion, all the peppers, both the 1/2 packages of dried seasonings and the Italian seasoning. Cook until veggies are tender then add all the tomato stuff and bring up to temperature. In a 9 x 11 baking dish layer the meat, then taters, then onions then cheese in 2 layers finishing with the cheese. Cover with foil and bake at 350 degrees for about 30 min then remove foil and cook till done.





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# Tie-Down Rope Horse Trainer Shares Techniques To Having A Winning Run

By Frank J. Buchman

Training calf roping horses requires considerable time and knowledge on the part of the trainer.

C.R. Bradley, trainer at Collinsville, Texas, spends hours and hours with lots of patience to get his horses where he wants them.

"I spend a lot of time showing my horses what I expect of them and how to do things correctly," he said. "The further along in their training, the more I give them the opportunity to do things on their own."

When starting a rope horse, Bradley puts a calf in the arena and gets it to pay attention to the calf.

"Then I begin to track the calf around," he said. "I like my horses to be straight and close behind the calf and eventually follow the calf on his own."

As the horse becomes comfortable with the correct position, Bradley will rope the calf with a breakaway or knot rope. "I allow the horse to stop as I pull my slack," he said.

The next step is letting a calf out of the chute before tracking it around the arena. Bradley lets his horse slowly leave the box and gradually catch up to the calf.

"As the horse progresses, he needs to learn how to take the jerk of the calf hitting the end of the rope," Bradley said. "I like to use a knot rope that will come off of the calf's head when it turns around."

If the horse is coming out of its stop, not wanting to take the jerk from the calf, Bradley will take slack out of the reins. When the horse yields to the pressure and comes back, he releases it.

"After doing this a couple of times, I'll give the horse a chance to stop and get back on its own," Bradley said.

Horses should work the rope because they know what to do, not because they're scared.

Start with ropes attached to the horn on each side of the horse's neck through keepers on the tie-down. "Standing in front of the horse, I ask the horse to back up a few steps on his own," Bradley said.

The horse must back straight with his body. "When the horse slows down, bump him with the rope on the keeper until he pulls," Bradley advised.

When the horse is comfortable backing, Bradley attaches one of the ropes to a log. "Always wait until the rope is tight between the horse and the log before getting off of your horse," Bradley said.

"Teach your horse to pull the weight until you sit down on the log, as if the log is a calf. Your horse should stop when you sit," Bradley explained.

When the horse understands when to stop pulling, he needs to hold the rope tight between himself and the log.

"When the horse is doing everything correctly, use just one rope," Bradley said.

The first few times Bradley wants a calf tied down, he'll stay on the horse while another person flanks and ties the calf.

"I prefer to get off the left side of the horse for a while to keep them stopping straight," Bradley said.

In the roping box, the horse must

be relaxed and pay attention.

"I like to use the box as a resting place," Bradley said. "The first couple of times I use slow calves so the horse won't have to leave running too hard."

Riding with short reins, Bradley keeps his hand low and moves slowly and relaxed.

"I want the horse to walk in on the left side of the box," Bradley said. "Then, walk all the way back to the corner and, when asked, turn slowly in line with the corner."

The horse is slowly backed into the corner and must stand straight with equal weight on all four legs.

"I always have steady contact with the horse's mouth," Bradley said. "If I release the pressure, the horse should move forward. If a problem arises, I try to take the horse away from the box and make him work."

"Then I come back to the problem, make the horse do it right and then

rest. It's important to fix problems in the box as soon as they happen," Bradley said.

A number of calves are let out of the chute while Bradley stays in the box. "It helps the horse to relax, and pay attention to me, not the calf or the chute opening."

He wants his horse to give 100 percent every time. "If my horse is trying, I'll only run two to four calves, once or twice a week," Bradley said.

"If problems arise, I have more success working on parts of the run separately," Bradley said. "I get the first maneuver down correctly before working on the next step."

"I always give my horses a chance to work on their own, but if they do make a mistake, I'll correct them immediately," Bradley said.



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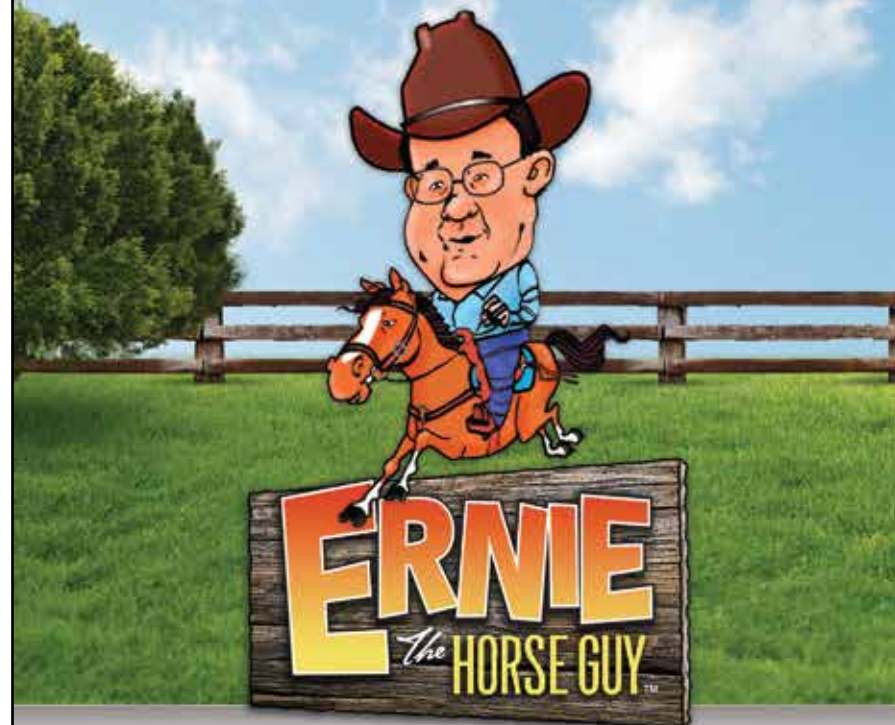


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# The Tevis Cup—A Trip on the Western States Trail

By Erin Glassman

Increasingly distant sounds of small rocks falling into the vast ravine below echoed in my ears. The trail at times couldn't have been more than three or four feet across in width as we trotted along. I really couldn't tell you for sure; I haven't seen it in daylight! All I really have seen is the dark path outlined in moonlight and the dim glimmer of glow sticks attached to my horse's breast collar. At times, all I could see was a horse in front of me silhouetted in dust to know that there was solid ground ahead.

The Sierra Nevada is an intense, rugged country. Only the hardy survived here; peril abounds in every step of the way—craggy mountainsides, sheer abutments, vast canyons and wandering rivers with rapid flow lie in the bottoms of the folds of the mountains. Close to the area, in fact, is where the ill-fated Donner party made history. The Western States Trail Ride, lovingly referred to as the Tevis Cup, takes place here too. The ride itself is 100 miles long—if that weren't intimidating enough, you have a mere 24 hours to complete it. This trail that traverses the mountains was a highway, so to speak, for the California gold and silver miners in the 1850's. To think that the trail was a means of traffic, commerce, a supply route for pack mules, traders and miners stimulates wonderment—a far tougher breed of human existed here.

Jump forward 160 some-odd years later, the 62nd running of the Tevis Cup took place on this exact trail in 2017, a trail rediscovered and preserved by Robert Montgomery Watson and his riding group in 1929. The competition itself, born of adventure and enterprise, was

began by the intrepid Wendell Robie in response to a challenge made in a magazine advertisement. 2017's ride started out with 174 horse and rider teams from all over the nation and from several foreign countries, including Australia, Argentina, Germany, Canada, Japan, France and Spain—just slightly over 50% of those teams completed. Historically speaking, the ride carries a roughly 54% completion rate—pulls from the ride come from several mandatory veterinary checks held to ensure the safety of the horse, utmost, and the rider as well. Great care is taken to recognize problems early for the horse to prevent serious illness or injury, especially since it is nearly impossible to extricate a horse and rider from many parts of the trail should trouble arise during the ride. There are few roads or points of access in the Wilderness you traverse—as a rider, you are responsible for assessing your equine partner's capabilities to tackle the ground ahead. Should you suspect an issue is brewing, as a responsible rider you have the option to pull your horse from the competition—for their safety and your own.

Given the nature of the trail and the challenge it involves, as a rider you are responsible also for ensuring you have a suitable mount for the degree of danger you will be delving into. Arabian and Arabian crosses dominate the sport: their ability to condition and endure long miles and intense work puts them leaps and bounds ahead of other breeds in terms of completion. This is not to say other breeds cannot finish or do well—in fact, mustangs, quarter horses, mules, a few gaited horses as well as other breeds have done

just fine on the ride and have even won the race itself—statistically speaking, however, the majority of completions are of Arabian heritage. Despite the natural capability of horses to do work, you do have to spend a lot of time preparing yourself and your mount for the ride. Conditioning your horse begins with long, slow distance—LSD if you talk to any distance rider—many, many hours and miles are spent building a distance horse. The time, the impact and exercise slowly strengthens bone and ligament structure, tendons and muscle... time wisely spent can build the brain of a horse as well, to make a partner for extreme adventure. Prior to such a big ride, it is necessary to do smaller rides that can include competitive trail and endurance rides—limited distances of 25-35 miles, up to full endurance rides of 50 miles or more are the most common preparatory distances—it is within these rides you learn what your horse needs in terms of feeding schedules, electrolyte schedules and overall how you and the horse work together. The Tevis Cup is a ride you do not want to come in ill-prepared in any fashion.

Once you have your homework in, after months and maybe years of preparation, the time comes to journey to Auburn, a land of enchantment for those distance addicted folk, to meet with your tribe. I can't liken it to anything else—the people are amazing, inspiring, hardy (maybe a bit crazy!) and will inform and entertain you with regalement of the trail, their trips down it and adventures they have lived. If you're a distance junkie, you will feel at complete nomadic ease—that you are in a league with many others of a like mind. Whether or not you have already shared common trail with any of these people, the cloth you are cut from is quite the same. Then one morning you will wake up very early, tack up your beloved mount

and put one hoof in front of the other, step by step to achieve a total distance of 100 miles. Many will not finish—you can bet on that. Every step you get to take is an opportunity to learn this trail, to learn something new. If Lady Luck and in my case, a little frazzled and careworn guardian angel are lined up in the right places, you will get to finish and wear a buckle that only few in the world have earned the rights.

My partner, a 13-year-old half Arabian mare named Rio, and I were not blazing fast—we finished the ride with 10 minutes to spare and were second to last to finish. I had my crew a bit on the edge as they waited for me to make cut off times, but as we say in endurance, "To Finish is To Win". She and I took our time. We did what we needed to do to make it through, especially since this was my first 100-mile ride, and the Tevis Cup to boot. We rode in jeopardous territory, not only through the day, but also through the night. We rode by ourselves quite a bit, even in that darkness. Best of all, my mare did this all for me, I could never be thankful enough for her willingness to help me pursue such a big endeavor. I had a horse and partnership built by my training method of choice--That is a majority of what gave me the confidence and ability to do this ride—it gave me the confidence and ability to take a chance, to take a leap of faith and to shoot for the stars. I hope you take that leap too, and I will see you in California when you do! --for more information on the Western States Trail Ride (Tevis Cup) or endurance riding in general, check out [www.teviscup.org](http://www.teviscup.org) or [www.aerc.org](http://www.aerc.org) (American Endurance Ride Conference)

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# PRE-PURCHASE EXAMS

By Rhonda K. Levinson, Esq.

You think you've found the perfect horse! All you need now is for your vet to give you the seal of approval that the horse can do what you need to do, and you are ready to write the check. Easy, right? Actually, not so much. The first HUGE thing to know about pre-purchase exams, regardless of whether you use your own vet or a vet where the horse is located, is that the American Association of Equine Practitioners emphasize that a vet cannot make a determination as to the horse's suitability for purchase, or its fitness for your intended purpose and use of the horse. What? What good is it then, right?

A pre-purchase exam is still an essential and useful tool for determining whether you think the horse is right for your sport or intended use. However, you need to go into the exam with a clear understanding of its limitations and some ideas about how to maximize the information you receive and the usefulness of the resulting exam.

## A. Cover Your Bases with the Vet:

It is always best to find a vet with some familiarity with what you plan to do with the horse. If the horse is located in an area where you are unfamiliar with any of the vets, asking others in the industry for recommendations is a good starting place. If the seller suggests using their vet, be careful. That vet will obviously have the most familiarity with the horse, but also will have some conflict of interest issues. The AAEP states unequivocally, however, that concealing information as part of a pre-purchase exam is unethical and sanctionable conduct on the part of the vet. Be sure the seller gives the vet written authorization to disclose to you all information in

his or her possession regarding the horse and its prior medical history. This can be one of the most valuable inquiries you make in the buying process.

In addition, some vets are becoming as wary of malpractice claims as doctors and other healthcare practitioners. The AAEP encourages vets to emphasize that it is the buyer's responsibility to determine the suitability and fitness of the horse. Some vet practices try to get the client to sign a release or disclaimer that states that the vet's liability for any damages resulting from problems with the pre-purchase exam are limited to the amount you paid for the exam. This leaves you with any bills that might result from the costs of treating the horse for a pre-existing condition, and any loss that you might suffer when trying to resell the horse with an honest statement as to its physical condition.

Vet offices also vary regarding what tests are considered "standard" during a pre-purchase exam. Some vets charge extra for time spent reviewing information from the seller or previous vets.

The following is a non-inclusive list of things to consider when hiring your pre-purchase veterinarian:

1. Try to determine the vet's familiarity with your sport or intended use of the horse.
2. Cover with the vet what tests are a standard part of the exam, what tests cost extra, and why the vet believes certain tests are valuable.
3. Ask upfront if the vet's office requires a disclaimer as to liability.
4. See if the vet will charge for time spent reviewing the horse's previous vet records, or if this is part of the cost of the exam.

## B. Cover Your Bases with the Seller:

The last point about the vet brings us to our first issue with the Seller. You want to get all of the information possible from the seller about this horse and its health history. As we all know, most horse people are ethical and honest people who only want the best for the horse they are selling, and for the person looking to purchase a horse. However, there are unfortunately also enough bad apples out there to warrant consideration of the following from the Seller:

1. A written statement from the Seller identifying name and address of all vets that have treated the horse, signed by the Seller.
2. A written list of all known invasive surgeries, diseases, injuries, congenital defects, joint injections or vices of the horse.
3. A written release to all vets that have seen the horse

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authorizing those vets to release to you any and all records regarding the horse, including radiographs, and radiograph reports (you want both).

4. Request a list of the dates of the worming, vaccination, farrier work, teeth floating and Coggins.

5. If a breeding animal, request information about the stallion or mare's prior breeding history and any issues with same.

6. A blood sample of the horse, properly stored in the event pre-purchase drugging becomes an issue.

You may on occasion run into the Seller who doesn't want to provide you with any of this, or simply hasn't ever really had a vet look at the horse. At that point, it is a judgment call, obviously, and you need to make a determination as to how much risk you are willing accept, based on the cost of the horse, damages you might sustain if the horse has issues, and how much you just happen to like or love this particular animal.

### C. The Base Message:

In the end, it all comes down to you. Buying a new horse is an exciting and anxiety-producing time. The vet you hire to perform a pre-purchase exam might also be anxious and will be unwilling to provide a definite answer as to

whether this particular horse is the right horse for the job. You have to make the ultimate decision.

The best way to minimize the anxiety part of the equation is to have as much information as possible about the horse. Even when a Seller seems totally honest, having all information in writing is the only way to handle the transaction for everyone's sake. Misunderstandings and mistakes are minimized when all information is set out in writing, and releases are signed so that both you and your vet are operating with the most comprehensive information possible.

A horse is an economic and an emotional investment. Before investing too much of your money or your heart have all of the information possible.

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# Paola Cowboy Claims Kansas High School Title As Headed To Finance Career On Rodeo Trail

By Frank J. Buchman

"I can talk in just a bit, please wait while I finish unsaddling my horse."

Near dark, Logan Wiseman had just roped and tied four calves in typical practice runs at his Paola home arena.

Such dedication was rewarded when the teenager was reserve champion calf roper in the Kansas High School Rodeo Association (KHSRA).

"We were planning to go steer wrestle over at a neighbors tonight, but rain made it too muddy," Wiseman said. "Fortunately, with our indoor arena we can practice whatever the conditions. But, we don't have steers now, so I roped calves."

It's a regular regime perfecting

Wiseman's rodeo arena skills with those events and also as a team roping heeler.

"We practice every day, not always roping and bulldogging, maybe one or the other, sometimes both," he assured.

Climaxing the KHSRA Finals at the Star Arena in Mulvane, Wiseman won the steer wrestling event for the year.

With calf roping and team roping points added in, the arena athlete was named all-around champion cowboy for the year.

He'll be wrestling steers and tying calves at the National High School Rodeo Finals, July 15-21, in Rock Springs, Wyoming.

"This is my third year qualifying for the national finals in both events. I'd hoped to make it in team roping this time, but the state finals just didn't pan out," Wiseman said.

"I've had some good runs at the nationals, but now's my last shot to win. I'll really be working hard to get ready," the cowboy verified.

Closely involved in the sport of rodeo all of his life, both Wiseman's grandpa Larry and dad Kevin are ropers.

"Grandpa doesn't compete anymore, but he's a strong supporter for me," Wiseman appreciated.

"Dad was the state champion steer wrestler in high school. He still regularly competes and wins in both roping and bulldogging."

Who's fastest Dad or son? "Dad won his roping division the other day, but I beat him by one-tenth of a second that time. It's not often that way. Dad sure is a great roper,"

Wiseman credited.

Despite strong rodeo heritage, the teenager had other sport inclinations earlier. "I played football in the third and fourth grade, but then had to make a decision rodeo or football. Of course, I chose rodeo, and it'll always be my sport," Wiseman verified.

Horsepower is essential ingredient of a timed event champion. "I'm fortunate to have a great team of horses for both roping events and steer wrestling. We take four horses to all of the rodeos," Wiseman said.

For tie-down, the cowboy rides a 14-year-old sorrel gelding called Playboy. "I've had him about a year-and-a-half, and he's really consistent." Wiseman acknowledged. "It's a constant effort to be mounted on a top horse."

Practice is essential for a champion cowboy, but a seasoned rope horse can't be overworked. "Playboy knows his job, and does it, so I have to have other horses for my practice runs," Wiseman noted.

A bay gelding called Otis is called into the practice pen and also serves as a heeling horse.

The hazing horse is as important as the bulldogging horse to win the steer wrestling. "We have a great team of horses that we haul to all of the rodeos. Dad is my hazer, and my coach, too," Wiseman said.

So, what are the best times for a high school champion cowboy? "I've tied a calf in 7.8 seconds, and had a 4.5 seconds run in steer wrestling," Wiseman said. "Not all runs are like

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*Logan Wiseman, Paola, shows the form that made him the yearend steer wrestling champion in the Kansas High School Rodeo Association. He was second in calf roping and collected points in team roping to be named the year's all-around cowboy.*



*Climaxing the Kansas High School Rodeo Finals at Mulvane was yearend awards presentations with Logan Wiseman named the all-around cowboy.*



*Rodeo is a team effort, according to Logan Wiseman, Paola, crediting his dad Kevin for unending assistance perfecting arena skills.*



## Paola Cowboy

that for sure, but those times would generally place at a rodeo.”

The recent honor graduate of Paola High School has been a leader among his peers. With two terms as a KHSRA director, Wiseman served as president this year.

“The association has made several advancements including moving the finals to Mulvane which I think was a great move,” he said.

Wiseman’s arena accomplishments have earned him a full scholarship to be on the rodeo team at South Plains College in Levelland, Texas. “It’s a great school with top coaches for the outstanding college rodeo team. I’m really looking forward to going there to rodeo,” Wiseman said.

Enrolled in the finance curriculum, the cowboy looks to a career as a stock broker. “I think that’ll work out well as I continue to rodeo throughout my life,” he said. “I can be on the road and still trade stocks working from my I-phone.”

The Wiseman name might also

be familiar to rodeo followers as his sister Paige is an arena champion. “Paige was also the state all-around high school champion,” he said. “She went on to win the Central Plains women’s all-around title in the college division. Paige recently transferred to Tarleton State at Stephenville, Texas. She sure is my inspiration.

“I wouldn’t be able to rodeo successfully without an awesome support team. I can’t forget my mom Mandy who’s always helping everywhere, all of my family and friends,” Wiseman recognized. “I really appreciate all of them and my sponsors: Bloomer Trailers, Rock and Roll Denim, Justin Boots and Panhandle.”

No rest for Logan Wiseman in the weeks ahead as practice pen stays busy with roping and bulldogging runs.

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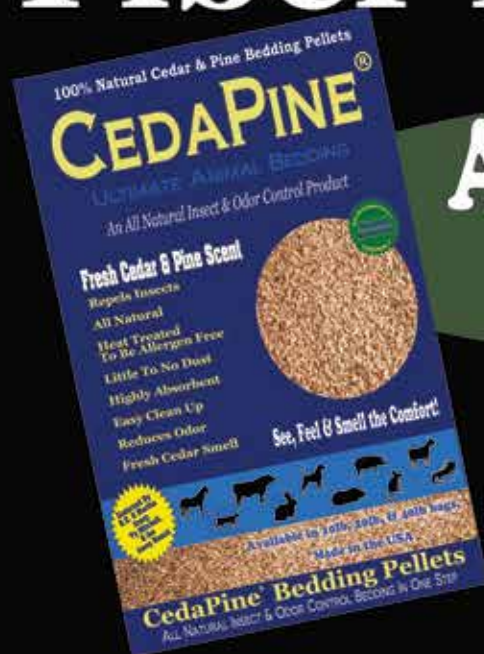
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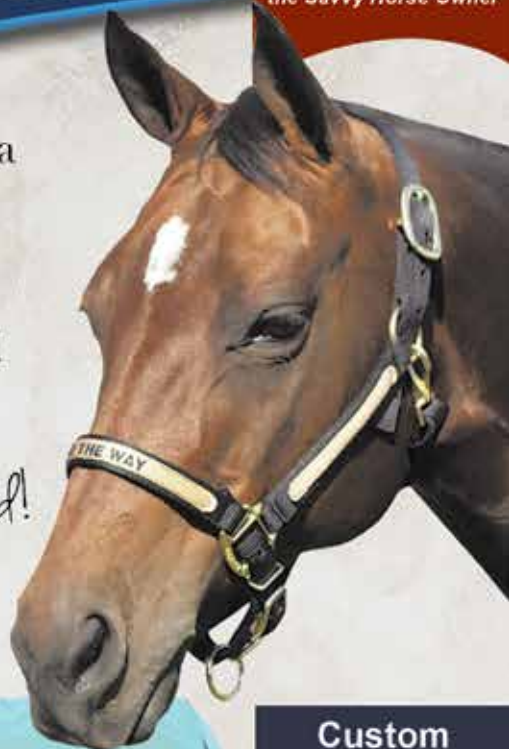


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## Equine Massage

By Nikki Elvig

Big horse, small horse. Old horse, young horse. Pasture horse, performance horse. What do all of these horses have in common? They can all benefit from equine massage! **How does equine massage work?**

When the body undergoes work, it loses flexibility and becomes inflamed. This is because tiny tears (micro tears) are happening in the muscles and the body is working to repair them. Massage works to increase oxygen and blood flow to these muscles to help heal and clean these areas. Muscles are invited to relax by offering soft and gentle touches throughout the body. When these muscles relax, they are allowing for the massage therapist to work on a deeper level. By getting the muscles to broaden and open up, they allow for an increased flow of blood and oxygen. This process helps in healthy and relaxed muscles; resulting in a happier, more relaxed horse.

**Why should I use massage for my horse?**

Sudden personality change, resistance to work, head tossing, moves like a "stiff board" and some lameness issues are a few reasons to look into massage. Some benefits you may notice with equine massage are increased range of motion, pain relief, better muscle tone,

reduces inflammation, increased endurance, faster speeds and more willingness from your equine partner. **What else should I know about equine massage?**

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# Cowboy Church with Steve Stafford



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Each day before we would eat, I would ask the children who would like to pray? One day a little girl raised her hand, and said "Dear God, thank you for the air to breath, and the light to see." I thought what a nice prayer that was. The next meal I asked the same question, and another girl raised her hand, her prayer went like this, "dear God...", then she froze. So I asked if anyone would like to help her finish? Another girl raised her

hand and said, "Um, um, um".

So again I asked if there would be anyone who would like to help and finish the prayer? A little boy raised his hand and said, "Amen, lets eat!" Sounded good to me, so we ate our lunch. Another day one boys prayer went like this, "Thank you God for this dead meat we are about to eat, Amen." Don't you love the simplicity of a child's mind? Jesus said "Until we become like the little children we will not know the kingdom of God." I loved camp this year, I love these children, and I love my Jesus. I hope you know him like I do. And the next time that you pray, just remember, come to Him as a little child, because He loves it that way.

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By Teresa Anderson

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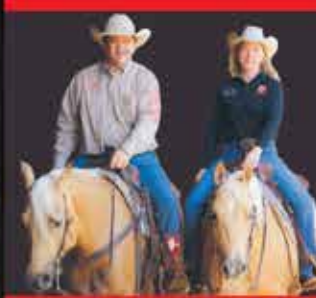
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