

## 2007 Annual Member Meeting A Success

The 2007 Annual Meeting was held on November 4, 2007 at the Embassy Suites in Lexington, Kentucky with over 100 people in attendance. Members learned about the status on the bill to eliminate tax from horse feed and other supplies and viewed an exciting video on the 2010 World Equestrian Games. Breakout Sessions featured:

- GPS technology use for trail riders
- Trail Certification, Friends of the Trail, and Ride Kentucky
- The Northern Kentucky Horse Network Story
- Breeders Incentive Program Update
- Proposed Changes in Equine Health Paper Requirements
- Land Conservation Resource "Where will you ride tomorrow?"

On behalf of the Grants Committee, Hugh Bellis-Jones recognized **Richard Schuler** and **Frankie Cambron** for their contribution to the grant evaluation process. The Trail Master of the Year Award was presented to **Buck Winburn**. Additionally seven board members were elected to the Kentucky Horse Council Board of Directors.

If you are interested in helping to plan the 2008 Annual Meeting, which will be even bigger than this year's, please contact Essie Rogers at 859-367-0509 or [admin@Kentuckyhorse.org](mailto:admin@Kentuckyhorse.org).

### Photograph Contest Winners

First Place iPod Shuffle Winner	Sara Gravett
Runner Up	Matthew Keach
Runner Up	Lora Fletcher

*Thank you to all who participated in the Photo Contest.*

### Board of Directors

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\*Board Members re-elected at annual meeting

\*\*Board Members newly elected at annual meeting



Coming 2008...

Stay tuned for exciting new youth programs including youth advisory board and **\$10 youth membership**.

## Trail Certification Class Held in November

Mike Riter, an internationally known trail designer, came to Kentucky to teach his intensive, 4-day workshop on Sustainable Trail Design. KHC sponsored this class and offered it to 16 participants free of charge.

This class is part of our commitment to building and maintaining horse trails so that trail maintenance does not become an issue, which can threaten the closure of the trails.

Hosted by the Northern Ken-

tucky Horse Network, who generously supplied a classroom at Misty Ridge Farm and refreshments for the group, the class provided both classroom time as well as outdoor, hands-on trail workshops.

The class was attended by a mixture of individuals from both trail groups and state and federal land managers.

After completing the class, these certified trail builders will

be listed on the Kentucky Horse Council's Trail website ([www.kytrailriding.com](http://www.kytrailriding.com)) as resources for new trail projects and maintenance or rebuilding of existing trails. Knowing how and where to locate the trails, the certified trail builders can consult on proper trail placement and building techniques for private groups as well as public land managers.

For more information on Mike Riter and the Trails Class, go to [www.traildesign.com](http://www.traildesign.com).



## New Rails-to-Trails Trail Proposed in South Eastern KY

A series of public hearings regarding a possible new 36-mile long trail in SE Kentucky underscored the need to work with residents, some of whom are against trails such as this due to their fear of increased crime, loss of privacy (for homes very close to the rail line), ATV damage, and costs to the county to maintain the trail. Representatives from the Big Sandy Area Development District presented their research and experience with other rail-trails in Virginia and in Kentucky, which presented a very positive story of community acceptance and economic development. However, residents in SE Kentucky are still skeptical at this point, and it is yet to be seen whether this line will be converted to a rail-trail. A description of the line follows:

**Breathitt, Johnson and Magoffin Counties. The Dawkins Line.** 36 miles long. In 2005 R.J. Corman Rail Group started to remove the rails from the Dawkins line. The railroad right of way passes south of Salyersville in Magoffin County and at the northern end it is slightly east and south of Paintsville in Johnson County. It is approximately 10 miles from Jenny Wiley State Park. It has a steady incline up to a tunnel with a grade of no more than two percent over a couple of miles. Small county place names that are on the line are Tiptop, Carver Station, Carver, Sublett, Royaltan, Marshallville, Ivyton, Riceville, Swamp Branch, Dobson, Leander, Denver, Collista and Hagerhill. It parallels sections of Kentucky Roads 542, 1635, 867 and 825. It goes next to farms and woodlands.

## Buck Winburn 2007 Trail Master of the Year

At this year's November KHC Annual Meeting, Buck Winburn of Powell County was presented with the first in a planned annual award, called the Kentucky Horse Council Trail Master Award. Jennifer Truax, Board Member and Chair of the KHC Trails Committee, presented Buck with the award, with the following comments: *Buck has worked diligently with land managers. He has coordinated trail projects with the National Forest, State Parks and the department of Fish and Wildlife. His determination, persistence, passion, and selflessness has brought together trail riders to work toward a common goal...improving trails in Kentucky.*

**CONGRATULATIONS BUCK!!!**

## Note from the KHC President



The official holiday season has barely begun and I am already looking to a new year – but notice that I said a new year, not *the* new year!

A new year for your Kentucky Horse Council began with the annual meeting held November 4. We have heard from lots of participants and the overwhelming consensus is that it was a great success. The breakout sessions were very informative and the annual meeting saw three new board members elected as well as the reelection of four returning board members. An updated list of the 2008-09 Board of Directors and officers can be found on our web site as well as on the front page of this newsletter.

I also wish to express appreciation to two retiring board members, Denzil Allen and Scott Carling. Both of these gentlemen have served on the board for several years and - now seeing the KHC so well along the way - have chosen to let others have the opportunity to be involved. Gentlemen, sincerest thanks to you both.

2007 was a tremendous growth year for the KHC. We saw the implementation of several new programs and membership benefits. We were able to fund many grant requests and continued our very important scholarship program.

We have a lot already planned for 2008. I feel sure that you will want to be part of it but for right now, simply renew your membership and then take a deep breath. Let's all have a safe and happy holiday season and look forward to a great New Year.

Happy Trails! *Madebyn Millard, President*  
*Waterwild Farm*

### **Kentucky Trails Coalition group to be formed**

To effectively keep trails maintained and protect against closure of trails, horseback riders need to build working relationships with other non-motorized user groups, such as mountain bikers and hikers. We often share the same trails, and if we are not united, it frustrates land managers when one group demands one type of trail conditions and another group demands a different type of condition.

In addition, when trail maintenance is needed, it is always nice to have other users help with the maintenance rather than shoulder the whole burden ourselves.

To formally begin working with other user groups, The Kentucky Trails Coalition is

being formed to bring together representatives from horseback riders, mountain bikers, and hikers. The first meeting will be held February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00am at the Natural Bridge State Park Activities Center.

During this first meeting, each group will present to the others what their ideal trail condition and experience is, and what concerns or issues they have with trails. Then, using this information, a common set of goals and conditions will be defined. The group will also define a mission for the group, and identify circumstances in which the KY Trails Coalition will play a role in trail issues and trail work.

The second objective of the meeting is to develop an Adopt-

a-Trail program for 2008, which will bring together all user groups in helping maintain trails. One idea that will be discussed is to start the Adopt-a-Trail program at the Sheltopee Trace, by segmenting out different sections to be worked on by various user groups, as well as some sections to be worked on by all user groups side by side.

If you are interested in finding out more about the new Kentucky Trails Coalition, or attending the February meeting, please contact the Kentucky Horse Council office at 859-367-0509 or email Ginny Grulke, Executive Director at [director@kentuckyhorse.org](mailto:director@kentuckyhorse.org).

## Unwanted Horse Coalition Website Seeks Listing of Facilities Accepting Horses

WASHINGTON, DC. The Unwanted Horse Coalition (UHC) is asking facilities that will accept and/or place horses to list themselves on the UHC website [www.unwantedhorsecoalition.org](http://www.unwantedhorsecoalition.org).

The coalition hopes that its website will be another important bridge between people who are seeking alternatives for their horses and the many facilities that will accept them. Such facilities include rescue, retirement and retraining facilities; therapeutic riding programs; colleges and universities; police and military organizations; public stables; and government and park service programs.

Any facility that wishes to be listed can go to the UHC website and complete a brief questionnaire. To complete the questionnaire or view the facilities in the directory, [www.unwantedhorsecoalition.org](http://www.unwantedhorsecoalition.org), click Resources, follow the link to Facilities that Accept Horses and fill out the short questionnaire. Facilities will be listed by state. The information sought is intended to advise horse owners about what type of

facility it is, contact information, whether it is tax exempt, year founded, horse capacity, number of staff and whether it follows the "Care Guidelines for Rescue and Retirement Facilities," published by the American Association of Equine Practitioners. A facility will also be able to describe itself and spell out its purpose and philosophy.

The UHC website also has a series of questions that owners may consider when trying to decide on a facility, program or second use for their horse. The coalition also hopes that this website listing will match people who want a horse or want to help with the care and training of unwanted horses with the facilities that have horses and need help.

For more information, visit the coalition's website [www.unwantedhorsecoalition.org](http://www.unwantedhorsecoalition.org).



### Kentucky and the Unwanted Horse

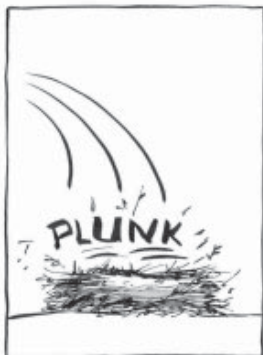
Kentucky has its share of unwanted horses, even here in the "Horse Capital of the World". Especially now, going into winter where a good supply of hay is needed to maintain a horse's weight until pastures revive, we are seeing owners who have no choice, due to the high price of hay (if you can find it!), but selling or giving their horses away.

In addition to these owners are breeders and traders who have seen the market for horses fall to nothing due to the hay situation as well as the lack of a slaughter option.

The Kentucky Horse Council is struggling, as we all are, to find solutions to these situations. The welfare of the horse is the first priority. Giving a horse up to a rescue facility is one option. Fostering the horse out to a friend is another option. Selling it on the internet, perhaps to someone in another part of the country where hay is not scarce, is another option.

If you or someone you know is in a difficult situation and needs help placing their horses, please contact us at 859-367-0509.

**Fergus** BY JEAN ABERNETHY



[www.FergusTheHorse.com](http://www.FergusTheHorse.com)

# Tidbits

✓ The Kentucky **Three-Day Event Shop**, managed by Rolex Kentucky organizer Equestrian Events, Inc. (EEI), is now open and live on the Rolex Kentucky website at [www.rk3de.org](http://www.rk3de.org). Click on "Kentucky Three-Day Event Shop" on the left hand menu. The Shop also has its own email address: [KY3DEShop@windstream.net](mailto:KY3DEShop@windstream.net).

✓ The **Keeneland** November breeding stock sale's gross reached an all-time high No-

vember 13, 2007. The total soared to \$321,774,400 in Lexington during the ninth of the sale's 15 sessions, surpassing the former mark of \$317,666,000 that had been set in 1999.

✓ Remember to send the dates of your 2008 Horse Shows to the Kentucky Horse Council for publication on the website calendar. Please email notices including dates and contact information to [info@kentuckyhorse.org](mailto:info@kentuckyhorse.org).

✓ There are **grants** available for communities of up to \$20K for various projects that get people out and exercising and eating healthy. Riding horses is healthy exercise! Can your horse community benefit from this grant program? For more information please visit <http://Gold.Ky.Gov/News/Get+Healthy+Kentucky+Project++Release.htm>

✓ Kentucky Horse Council President **Madelyn Millard** was recently named **Vice President** of the State Horse Council Advisory Committee. The SHCAC annual meeting was held November 3-5 in Lexington, Kentucky.



◆ The World 2010 Games Foundation, Inc., the organization responsible for planning, staging, and conducting the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games, announced it has commissioned internationally-renowned artist LeRoy Neiman as the Official Commemorative Artist of the 2010 Games.

Mr. Neiman's work has been featured in exhibits at galleries and museums around the world. Foundation CEO Jack Kelly said it is an honor to have Mr. Neiman capturing the World Equestrian Games on his canvas.

◆ Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital will be the Official Equine Hospital and Veterinary Partner for the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games, as announced by the World Games 2010 Foundation, Inc. Rood and Riddle is the first sponsorship partner since Alltech became the Games' title sponsor.

Lexington-based Rood & Riddle is a full-service equine hospital established in 1986, as a referral center for horses requiring specialized medical and surgical care. Rood & Riddle is known and respected throughout the world for its innovative and highly skilled treatment of horses. The hospital facility offers a full range of services including surgery, internal medicine, advanced diagnostic imaging, a focused Podiatry Center and a specialized Reproductive Center.

**For more information visit [www.feigames2010.org](http://www.feigames2010.org)**



**Reminder!** Your Kentucky Horse Council membership renews January 1st. In order to continue enjoying the benefits of membership including personal liability coverage, please renew today. The Kentucky Horse Council is pleased to offer three additional types of membership in 2008: Individual and Family without personal liability coverage and Youth (also without insurance coverage). Please use the enclosed renewal form, or visit [www.kentuckyhorse.org](http://www.kentuckyhorse.org) to renew today.

# COMMISSIONER FARMER URGES FORAGE TESTING

Agriculture Commissioner Richie Farmer reminds live-stock producers that it's important to test forages, especially in a drought year like this one in which farmers are looking for ways to stretch their hay supplies.

"Nitrate poisoning can occur when feeding forages in which nitrates can accumulate, such as crop residue," Commissioner Farmer said. "Testing forages is simple and inexpensive, and it can save you a lot of headaches later."

Dr. Lucky Pittman, head of the Pathology Section at the Murray State University Breathitt Veterinary Center in Hopkinsville, said his facility has tested numerous corn stalk samples in recent weeks and has found some to be well in excess of the safe level of nitrates for feeding to livestock. Some forages from Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres that have been opened to haying and grazing have been found to have little or no nutri-

tional content, Dr. Pittman said.

"Farmers should work with their veterinarian and their Extension agent to decide what is the best, least-cost ration," Dr. Pittman said. "They need to know what the nutritional content is and supple-



ment accordingly. If they don't test, they don't know what they've got."

Farmers can have their forages tested at the Breathitt Center or the University of Kentucky Livestock Disease Diagnostic Center in Lexington. For more information, call the UK Center at (859) 253-0571 or the Breathitt Center at

(270) 886-3959 or contact your county Extension agent.

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture tests forages for nutritional value. For a fee of \$10 per lot, KDA staff will take samples at the farm and analyze them in the Department's Frankfort lab. For more information, call toll-free 1-800-248-4628 or go to [www.kyagr.com](http://www.kyagr.com), click on Programs and click on Forage Testing.

The Department has set up a Hay Hotline for producers with hay to sell or looking for hay to buy. To get on one of the lists, call toll-free 1-888-567-9589. The KDA also hosts a Hay Directory where hay for sale is listed by county. To view the Hay Directory, go to [www.kyagr.com](http://www.kyagr.com), click on Programs and click on Hay for Sale (tested).

*The first problem for all of us, men and women, is not to learn, but to unlearn.*  
--Gloria Steinem



**Reminder** - Kentucky Horse Council offers assistance purchasing feed to eligible horse owners for up to two horses for 30 days through the Equine Safety Net Program.

### How to Apply for the Equine Safety Net

Contact the Kentucky Horse Council office at 859-367-0509 (or 800-459-4677), at which time we will verify eligibility. After eligibility is determined, two forms complete the application process.

### Eligibility Requirements for Equine Safety Net

1. Must have lost job or had medical emergency in the last 90 days.
2. Must be able to prove that you have been providing good care for your horses prior to this time.

# Equine Programs Need Your Help

The Stewart Home School in Frankfort, Kentucky was the victim of a devastating barn fire caused by lightning on November 5, 2007. Established in 1893, The Stewart Home School provides a community where intellectually disabled people live in a nurturing environment, and participate in programs designed to specifically meet their individual needs including riding and driving horses.

All the horses except one were lost in the fire. The surviving mare, Tia, received a standing ovation when students learned of her fate.

Everything for the riding program was destroyed in the fire. They have enough local horses on loan to start the program again but they plan to purchase more horses in Spring 2008. **THE STEWART HOME DOES NOT NEED HORSES NOW.**

Inquiries and donations can be made to The Stewart Home School, c/o Linda Word, 2055 Evergreen Road, Frankfort, KY 40601.

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### PLACES TO STAY Old Kentucky Home Stables Bed & Breakfast

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## RETAIL



The Miami, Florida Mounted Police rely on donations from other horse enthusiasts, who are looking for a good home, and challenging job for their horse. The police horses ride out of the barn to their assigned areas (beats), and provide high visibility in business districts, and residential areas. They also participate in parades, festivals, Orange Bowl games and other special events.

They need 16h or with calm tempera- accept the many chal- ated with being ridden Thoroughbred Draft Warmbloods, Mor- Quarter Horses typi- Mounted Police



Horse are trained

various elements of Police work slowly and most horses with intelli- gence and a calm but bold demeanor make great police horses.

**The Miami Mounted Police is a non profit organization and donations are tax deductible.**

If you would like more information or to make a donation please contact: **Dave Patton, Miami Mounted Police 305-562-6211**

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\$10 per inch - member  
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\$5 for box frame

## SERVICES

Beth Lanman  
**Natural Hoof Care Practitioner**  
AANHCP & EasyCare boot provider  
**513.304.3534** (mobile)  
859.491.4420 (residence)

Tom Dixon, retired **equine claims adjuster**, information at [www.equinemortalityclaimexpert.com](http://www.equinemortalityclaimexpert.com)

## BOARDING & LESSONS

**Windy Knoll Farm**  
Lexington, Kentucky  
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Indoor Arena & Outdoor Sand Arena  
**859-299-7410**

## WANTED TO BUY

Wanted to Purchase **2 Horse Goose-neck Trailer** with tack area & living quarters. The weight of the trailer with two horses needs to be below 7000 lbs. [dcjmartinez@yahoo.com](mailto:dcjmartinez@yahoo.com)

## SADDLES FOR SALE

**Simco Deluxe Trail Saddle**, Cherry color with black padded seat, pictures available, 16" seat, lightly used, \$450.00, 502-608-3350

Tell them you saw it in the Kentucky Horse Council Newsletter.

## HORSES FOR SALE

**Typey, athletic Morgans.** Various ages & levels of training. Handled regularly. Beamington, Ben Don, In Command, Fleetwing, Bonniejohn. Contact: [syndicatexec@hotmail.com](mailto:syndicatexec@hotmail.com) (502)231-9383

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## Group & Regional News

We would love to publish your group news. If your equine association is a member of the Kentucky Horse Council please send us current news and we will print it as appropriate in a new section of the Newsletter.

### Fall KHC

#### Scholarship Recipients

Christopher Bellis-Jones EKU

Pre-Veterinary Medicine

Savannah Faye Craddock UK

Agricultural Education & Agricultural Communication

Andrea Seybert Midway

Equine Assisted Learning & Equine Management

### KHC GRANT RECIPIENT

#### New Beginnings Therapeutic

Riding, Inc. of Bowling Green

Kentucky was awarded a grant to

purchase farm equipment to

support their therapeutic riding

program. New Beginnings Thera-

peutic Riding, Inc. is dedicated to

serving individuals with disabilities

and enhancing their lives using the

power of horses. [www.nbtr-bg.org](http://www.nbtr-bg.org)

## Remembering John Henry



Sadly John Henry, the highest money earning Thoroughbred of all time, was euthanized on October 8, 2007, at the age of 32. He lived out his 22 year retirement at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington.

Carolyn A Borgert of Villa Hills, Kentucky shared the following memory of John Henry:

*I have a special memory of John Henry. I was the USPC Pony Club Festival Coordinator in 1995. We wanted to have a birthday party for the horses and the children. I spoke with the Hall of Champions coordinator (forgive me - I can't remember her name at the moment) about the party. We were standing in front of John Henry's stall door. I asked if the horse could have cake and if so what flavor? I suggest carrot cake, but the children love chocolate. Well, I said the magic word! Chocolate!!! He had been standing at the back of his stall watching us and pretending not to see us. When he heard the word chocolate, he immediately came to the door and started to nicker and paw! I had never seen him be so loving and tender!!! Needless to say, the Horse Park employee had to go get his treat! So I was able to feed him a treat! Such a dear horse!! I am so sad to hear of his passing!*

HorseRacing TV (TM) (HRTV) has produced a special DVD chronicling the public memorial service for the legendary gelding John Henry, as well as footage of his brilliant career. You may purchase the DVD for \$19.95 at the Champions! Gifts and Apparels at Santa Anita. Those wishing to purchase may also do so by calling 800-675-2114, or by e-mailing [ccrocker@santaanita.com](mailto:ccrocker@santaanita.com). **All Proceeds Donated to John Henry Memorial at the Hall of Champions.**

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**Don't Miss** *It's time to renew your membership.*