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#### Dear Kentucky Horse Park Foundation Family,

As the leaves begin to turn at the Kentucky Horse Park and the grounds become a spectacle of autumn beauty, I am reminded of how much we have endured over these past two years. I am grateful that the KHP has not only survived, but also thrived, during unprecedented times.

In spite of staffing shortages, rising expenses, and lost revenue streams, the KHP is busier than ever. Tourists have returned, horse shows are bursting at the seams, and outreach programs are thriving. It seems the pandemic has served as a collective reminder that the Kentucky Horse Park is a rare gem worth saving and celebrating.

I am delighted to report that this robust enthusiasm spills over to the Kentucky Horse Park Foundation. The KHPF was thrilled to host the safe and successful return of Battle in the Saddle in early September which generated tens of thousands of dollars for the Park. We were also honored to support the return of several signature programs, including the 2021 Hats Off Day presented by Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital and the Kentucky Horse Park Mustang Troop. We have seen a material uptick in donor contributions and investment returns. This financial growth has enabled the KHPF to provide more than \$750,000 in Kentucky Horse Park program and project support since the pandemic began. This newsletter highlights these and other accomplishments, and I hope you will enjoy learning more.

All of us here at the KHP Foundation look to the future with great optimism. We look forward to working hand in hand with the Park as we address major projects that were tabled when the pandemic began. Significant barn renovations and a comprehensive nursery plan are just two of the initiatives that are gaining momentum, and we can't wait to share all the details.

As always, I am overwhelmingly grateful for the KHP Foundation family that stands by the Kentucky Horse Park during good times and bad. I truly believe that the Park's best days are ahead of it, and I thank you for joining us on this journey.

> With Regard, Clay Green, Chair

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Jane Beshear - Former First Lady of Kentucky

Erica Bivens - WTVQ Anchor

**Dusty Bonner** - Former UK Wildcat & Professional Quarterback

**"Daniel Boone" aka George Dickson** - American Pioneer and VisitLex Ambassador

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Cathy Wieschhoff - International Three-Day Event Rider



#### **Overall Awards**

**Champions** - Park Equine Hospital **Reserve Champions** - Riverview Farm

Third Place - McCauley's

Fourth Place - Spy Coast Farm

**Fifth Place** - Mt. Brilliant Farm-Team B **Sixth Place** - Mt. Brilliant Farm-Team C

#### **Farm Team Challenge**

**Champions** - Riverview Farm

**Reserve Champions** - Spy Coast Farm

Third Place - Mt. Brilliant Farm-Team B

## **Tribute Gifts**

Making donations to the Kentucky Horse Park Foundation in honor or memory of a loved one is a wonderful way to pay tribute to someone while supporting the Park. Our sincere thanks for the following tribute gifts which were made between July 1, 2020 and August 31, 2021:

#### In Memoriam

In memory of Ken Allen

Mrs. Rosanne T. Allen

In memory of Alysheba

Mr. & Mrs. Hadley S. Roe

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In memory of LuLu's wonderful

The Arderys & The Shepherds

In memory of Kelso

Mr. & Mrs. Francis Nugent

In memory of Judy Lanter

Ms. Susan Reckman

In memory of Dr. Joseph Leone

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In memory of Man o' War, whom

I rode in 1942, age 4 years

Mr. Robert Dean

In memory of Next Day Air

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In memory of Old Race Horses

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Mr. Robert C. Butcher

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Mr. & Mrs. James Daniel Conner, Jr.

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Ms. Barbara Paddock

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Ms. Mary Franzoso

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#### In honor of Kathy Meyer

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#### In honor of Bill Robbins

Mr. & Mrs. James Melia, Jr.

#### In honor of Bob Stephens

Ms. Deborah Stephens

#### In honor of John M. Stevenson

Ms. Amy Stevenson

#### In honor of my favorite Santa, Mark van Ruiten

Mrs. Laura Klumb

#### In honor of Terri Vest

Mr. John Vest

#### In honor of Angela Wasden

Ms. Elizabeth Peters

#### In honor of Connor Wickens

Ms. Kim Wickens

#### In honor of Mike Wickens

Ms. Kim Wickens

# Kentucky Horse Park Foundation Awards More Than a Quarter Million Dollars in New Grants to the Kentucky Horse Park



The Kentucky Horse Park Foundation awarded \$267,665 in new grants to the Kentucky Horse Park during the 2021 Spring and Summer Quarters. Funding was directed toward a number of initiatives at the Park, including equipment needs, educational programming, equine operations, and the Kentucky Horse Park Mounted Police.

Kathy Meyer, Executive Director of the Kentucky Horse Park Foundation stated "The Kentucky Horse Park Foundation is pleased to support these worthwhile projects at the Kentucky Horse Park and is grateful to its family of donors who value the Park's programs. The Kentucky Horse Park Foundation is enthusiastic and energized by these exciting initiatives at the Park and appreciates the opportunity to stand behind them."

The projects funded during the 2021 Spring and Summer Quarters include:

#### **Equipment**

**Dual Laser Leveler (\$35,000):** Approved funds to purchase a dual laser leveler which will allow the Park to maintain the highest level of equestrian footing. **Dump Truck (\$130,000):** Approved funds to purchase a dump truck which will be used for various projects around the Park by both the Special Events and Maintenance Departments.

#### **Mounted Police**

Uniforms and Equipment (\$10,394): Approved

funds to purchase much-needed rain gear, shirts, pants, etc. for KHP Mounted Police.

#### **Educational Programs**

**Mustang Troop (up to \$30,000):** Funding to support the efforts of the 2021 Mustang Troop program which was held in July.

**Field Trip Fund (up to \$21,500):** Funding to support 2021-2022 Field Trip Fund Program which allows all Kentucky public schools to visit the Park at no charge. **TVs and Mounts for Arabian Galleries (\$2,663):** Approved funds to purchase TVs and mounts for Arabian Galleries in International Museum of the Horse.

#### **Equine Operations**

**Clyde Cross Horses (\$14,500):** Approved funds to purchase a pair of Clyde Cross horses which will be utilized by Horse Drawn Tours.

**Be a Bono cremation, marker, and landscaping** (\$3,100): Approved funds for cremation of Hall of Champions' resident Be A Bono, as well as funding to create a memorial to this beloved horse.

#### **Capital Projects**

**AstroTurf at Covered Arena (\$20,000):** Replaced AstroTurf leading into the Covered Arena in order to ensure the safety of our equine guests and their riders.

#### Other

**Plants (\$641):** Funded the addition of plants and flowers around the Man o' War statue at the

entrance of the Park. Landscaping designed by Park Landscaping Manager.

These grants were awarded through a formal application process, administered by the KHPF Grants Committee, composed of members of the Kentucky Horse Park Foundation Board of Directors.

The Grants Committee makes recommendations to the full Board of Directors upon their review of all applications. The Kentucky Horse Park Foundation is delighted to report that these awards were approved unanimously by the Kentucky Horse Park Foundation Board of Directors at its 2021 May and July meetings respectively.



It takes a knowledgeable and passionate horseman to lead the Kentucky Horse Park's Hall of Champions. Rob Willis has proven himself just that, managing the Hall of Champions since 2017. Always available to talk to each guest and share stories of the Park's Champion residents, his attention to detail and enthusiasm for the job are invaluable.

#### What led you to the KHP?

The Hall of Champions itself. I think of it as a living museum. Being able to practice horsemanship on proven Champions while entertaining and educating visitors of the Park.

#### What does your job currently entail?

Managing the day-to-day operations of the Hall of Champions. Keeping the horses at the HOC happy and healthy. Providing a great customer experience to visitors of the Kentucky Horse Park.

#### What do you like most about your job?

Working with and ensuring a proper retirement to the horses that call the Hall of Champions home. Putting them in the best position to be ambassadors of their respective breed and sport. Being a representative of the State of Kentucky to all the visitors of the Park.

### What do you like to do when you are not working?

Weight training and running, traveling, and photographing racehorses and visiting bourbon distilleries.

What's your favorite place you have ever visited? The North Shore of Oahu.

**Do you have any pets?** I have a 17-year-old Jack Russell mix named Vegas. Although she has lost her sight and hearing, she is still very active. Because of that combination, she gets to do whatever I am doing. She does not spend too much time alone.

## Who is your favorite Thoroughbred-either past or present and why?

I have several favorites but if I had to pick one, it would be Secretariat. Almost 50 years later, he's still the stakes record holder in the Derby, Preakness, and Belmont.

## Who would be your dream horse to have retired at the Park's Hall of Champions?

Triple Crown winner American Pharoah.

#### Favorite memory working at the Park?

Working with Mr. Gene Carter. The standard for any professional horseman and great man.

## What is an insider tip for someone that has never been to the Park?

Take time to visit the collection of Triple Crown trophies in the museum. So much physical history of legendary horses. I often tell people that touring the trophies is worth the price of admission even if they do not see anything else on the Park.



# KHP Mustang Troop Celebrates Another Successful Season

The Kentucky Horse Park Mustang Troop celebrated another successful summer as 22 outstanding youth from the Lexington community gained exposure to horses and riding, many for the very first time.

The KHP Mustang Troop serves disadvantaged youth, providing free of charge a life-changing summer horse camp experience. Through a partnership with Consolidated Summer Enrichment Program, the KHP Mustang Troop identifies at-risk youth from Fayette County and invites them to the KHP for a summer horse camp. Each student learns from the responsibility of caring for a horse, builds confidence by learning to handle and ride the horses, and at the same time develops relationships with the people around them.

This beloved KHP education program has been in existence for over twenty-five years and is made possible through the Kentucky Horse Park Foundation. Mustang Troop participants learn how to groom, clean stalls, lead a horse, and ride. Special activities throughout the experience include visits to the International Museum of the Horse, lecture-demonstrations from equine professionals, and arts and crafts activities with trained and compassionate staff members.

New this summer, the KHP Mustang Troop was recognized in the opening ceremonies of the Rood & Riddle

Kentucky Grand Prix which is held in conjunction with Hats Off Day. Mustang Troop members spent the day volunteering for Hats Off Day, attended a special graduation dinner with their families, and then were recognized and honored in the Opening Ceremonies. This partnership provided the perfect way to celebrate the 2021 Mustang Troop's hard work and dedication.

The KHPF would like to recognize the outstanding individuals whose leadership make the Kentucky Horse Park Mustang Troop possible.

- Program Director Mindy Welch
- Consolidated Summer Enrichment Program Director Demetria Blair
- Hall of Champions Coordinator Laura Kraner
- Breeds Barn Equine Worker Mary Franzoso
- · Education intern Grace Strafford
- Volunteer Kayla Alexander
- · Youth Counselor Kynedi Birdsong

The Kentucky Horse Park Mustang Troop is made possible by donations to the Kentucky Horse Park Foundation. To learn more about supporting the KHP Mustang Troop, visit www.khpfoundation.org.

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The Kentucky Horse Park Foundation is currently seeking sponsors for the 2021 event. In 2020, more than 150,000 individuals in nearly 35,000 vehicles traveled through the miles of dazzling holiday light displays along the charming farm lanes at the Kentucky Horse Park.

We anticipate similar crowds in 2021, and sponsors will have the opportunity to spread their message to thousands through an event that is family-friendly, affordable, safe, and socially distant.

In addition, we have a limited number of nights available for exclusive buy out, as well as private hospitality opportunities for corporate holiday parties.

All proceeds benefit the Kentucky Horse Park Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization dedicated sole-

ly to raising private philanthropic support to benefit the Kentucky Horse Park.

To learn more about these opportunities, please visit: **khpfoundation.org/event-sponsorship** or contact Kathy Meyer at **kathy.meyer@khpfoundation.org** or at **859-255-5727**.





The Southern Lights Stroll serves as the unofficial kick-off to the holidays for thousands of families from across the Bluegrass, and we are delighted to announce its return in 2021.

On November 20, the Kentucky Horse Park is thrilled to welcome guests of all ages who will catch the first glimpse of the Southern Lights while they run, walk, and stroll through three miles of dazzling lights displays. Participants may either enter the competitive 5K race or the untimed and leisurely "Stroll". Participants are invited to don their holiday apparel, as the event always attracts festive costumes, including Santas and his merry ole elves. Staff also recommends to dress for the weather (Jack Frost seems to always visit on the night of the Stroll).



## KHPF Trail Ride Benefits KHP Tree Fund

The Kentucky Horse Park Foundation hosted a trail ride open to all riders and disciplines on September 12 at the Kentucky Horse Park. This was the second trail ride offered by the KHP Foundation this year. Guests enjoyed a six-mile trail throughout the Park's green space, including its world-famous cross-country course, steeplechase course, and campground. More than 100 riders participated in the trail ride. All proceeds benefited the KHPF Tree Fund - an ongoing effort to nurture existing trees at the Kentucky Horse Park, as well as plant new ones. Follow the Kentucky Horse Park Foundation on social media for information about upcoming trail rides at the Park!

## In Memoriam - Tom Seidel

The Kentucky Horse Park and the Kentucky Horse Park Foundation lost a very dear friend and volunteer, Tom Seidel, who passed away on May 21, 2021.

A beloved fixture at the Kentucky Horse Park, Tom was not only a generous supporter of the Kentucky Horse Park Foundation, but he was also one of the Park's most committed and loyal volunteers. Tom served in many departments of the Park, establishing friends wherever he went. Achieving over 10,000 volunteer service hours, Tom shared his talents through docent work in the International Museum of the Horse, through data-entry in the Kentucky Horse Park Volunteer Department, and through editing and proofreading work in the Kentucky Horse Park Foundation, just to name a few of his roles. Tom was also an honorable ambassador of the Kentucky Horse Park at world-class equestrian events.

Tom 's early passion was competing and owning hunter/jumpers, including his beloved Bosco. Tom first became interested in the Kentucky Horse Park in the mid-1980s when he saw footage from the Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event on PBS. He was living and working near Sacramento, CA, but he made arrangements to vacation to Lexington for Rolex and quickly fell in love with the grounds, the people, and of course, the horses.

When Tom retired from his position with the Sacramento Sheriff's Department, where he started as a crime analyst and later became a property warehouse manager, he made the de-



cision to move to Lexington to be close to the Kentucky Horse Park. He started volunteering almost immediately and his commitment to the Park was unwavering.

Tom reaffirmed his passion for the Park in 2011 when he made the decision to join the Champions' Circle Society, the planned giving recognition society of the KHPF. His gift established The Thomas W. Seidel Gallery located at the International Museum of the Horse.

Tom's health prevented him from regularly volunteering the last few years, but he continued to make his best effort to attend events at the Park to show his support. The Kentucky Horse Park and Kentucky Horse Park Foundation are indebted to Tom for his friendship, service, and generosity to his beloved Kentucky Horse Park.

## In Memoriam - John T. Ward

The Kentucky Horse Park Foundation joins the Kentucky Horse Park in mourning the loss of accomplished horse trainer John T. Ward. John passed away peacefully on April 24, 2021 and is survived by his wife and long-time KHPF Board Member, Donna Ward.

John was a third-generation horseman and a direct descendant of Daniel Boone which brought out his pioneering spirit to promote new and innovative ideas to advance the Thoroughbred industry. During his many years of training, he was the first trainer to serve on the Kentucky Racing Commission under three Governors. After retirement from training, he served as the Executive Director of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission and President of the KTA/KTOB.

His success on the racetrack included developing Kentucky Derby winner Monarchos, Eclipse Award/Breeders Cup/Distaff Winner Beautiful Pleasure, Ky Oaks winner Gal in a Ruckus and numerous other stakes winners.

John was an important part of the Kentucky Horse Park family, and we are so grateful for his friendship and commitment to the Park. In recent years, his involvement in our Battle in the Saddle event was essential to the event's success, and we will always treasure the memory of John in the Judge's Box. He served as head judge since the event's inception.

The 2021 Battle in the Saddle competition was dedicated to John, and the John T. Ward Sportsmanship Award was established in his name. Each year, this award will be presented to a competitor in recognition of his/her display of graciousness in winning or losing and his/her respect for other riders. The 2021 recipient of this award was George Dickson ("Daniel Boone").

The Kentucky Horse Park Foundation mourns this loss but is grateful for John's legacy not only at the Kentucky Horse Park, but also throughout the Thoroughbred community. Friends and loved ones purchased a tree in John's memory through the KHPF Tree Fund which will serve as a lasting reminder of his great legacy.



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# **My Summer Internship at the Park**By Emma Carroll

When I learned an internship opportunity was available for me at the Kentucky Horse Park through University of Kentucky, I had to take it. I knew I wanted to intern at a barn, but I did not want to just be a stable hand. When I was looking at possible intern locations, I saw that the Kentucky Horse Park had opportunities and I couldn't think of a better place to be. One large factor in choosing the Kentucky Horse Park for my internship was that I could intern with the Park's Mounted Police Unit.

I had no idea that I would be able to ride every single day, sometimes multiple times a day. In addition to riding and learning different types of horse care skills, I learned so much from the officers and other employees at the Park. As part of my internship, I interviewed Captain Lisa Rakes and she touched on the fact that people are not intimidated by the KHP Police because they come across so helpful and friendly. I think this helps build trust with the public and helps keep the Park a friendly and safe place.

I couldn't be happier and more thankful to all the Park staff for giving me such a great summer. Of course, the horses I met were some of the best horses I will ever sit on. I am so grateful for such a wonderful opportunity!

Emma is a student at the University of Kentucky studying Equine Management and is originally from Cincinnati, OH. Interns at the Kentucky Horse Park gain knowledge of the equine industry with practical experience, leadership, and responsibility while building personal and professional relationships. If you are interested in learning more about internships at the Park, visit: kyhorsepark.com/about-us/internships.

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