



# HOFAMHA *NEWSLETTER*

HEART OF AMERICA MORGAN HORSE ASSOCIATION  
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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!



### MEET & EAT!

Our first meeting of the new decade is on January 17, 2009 at Kanwaka Hall starting @ 2:00 pm. Katie Studebaker and Nancy Sherbert are making chili and everyone is asked to bring things they like to eat with chili. Including desserts!

A major issue on the agenda will be our 2010 President. Katie Studebaker talked with Brett Bartley this past weekend. He said he would like to step down as president for this year. She also e-mailed Michelle Dilley and asked if she would like to step up to be the president. Michelle indicated she would rather stay as vice-president now.

Fortunately for the club, Katie says she would be glad to step into this position if it would be all right with the club. So this will be our first topic of discussion. We'll also be looking at future activities for the new year.

Directions: Kanwaka Township Hall. Exit 197 (Hwy 10, Lecompton) off I-70. South to Hwy 40. 1 1/4 mi. West on Hwy 40.



## 2010 Calendar of Events

Date	Event & Contact Information
	January 1, 2010 HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Jan. 17/2010	HofAMHA meeting to plan for the year. Kanwaka Hall, near Lawrence. Contact: Katie Studebaker 785-842-1890
Jan. 23&24 Sat.&Sun. 9am	Peeper Ranch Schooling Show at the American Royal's Hale Arena (heated). Academy, Show Practice and Clinic classes. Judge: Gayle Lampe Contact: Dawn Fire at <a href="mailto:dawn@peeperranch.com">dawn@peeperranch.com</a>
Feb. 12-14	EquiFest of Kansas. Kansas Coliseum in Wichita. <a href="http://www.equifestofKS.com">www.equifestofKS.com</a>
Feb. 17	AMHA Convention in Lexington, KY
Mar. 12-14	6 <sup>th</sup> Annual HorseFest at Ozark Empire Fairgrounds, Springfield, MO
April 7	Oklahoma Centennial Horse Show in OKC
Apr. 30 – May 2	Red River Classic Morgan Show in Ardmore, OK
May 1 & 2	Wheat State Morgan Horse Association Flink Oak Trail Ride in Fall River, Kansas. HofAMHA members are invited! Paul Banzet <a href="mailto:lpbbeb51@aol.com">lpbbeb51@aol.com</a>
May 5	UPHA Chapter V Horse Show at Hale Arena, KCMO
June 10	Wheat State Morgan Horse Show in Wichita, KS

*Please send show or event information to the editor.*

### Equifest of Kansas

The Wheat State Morgan Horse Association will be participating in the breeds demonstration at EquiFest during the February 12-14 run of the exposition. They will be promoting the Morgan breed in short exhibitions in one of the main arenas twice each day; and will have a stall area with a booth for promotional information about the breed. Be sure to come by the stall area when you attend. The EquiFest clinicians will be Ken McNabb, Scot Hansen, Kay Meredith, and Al Dunning. The website for EquiFest is [www.equifestofKS.com](http://www.equifestofKS.com)

### Flint Oak Trail Ride

Paul Banzet has made arrangements again this year for a trail ride at Flint Oak (Fall River, KS) for the Wheat State Morgan Horse Club members. He is also inviting all HofAMHA members to join them for a great weekend of riding in this beautiful area. The dates are May 1 & 2. We'll have more information about reservations and cost in upcoming newsletters.

### Peeper Ranch Schooling Show

There are 143 classes scheduled for the January 23 & 24 Schooling Show sponsored by Peeper Ranch. And as an added attraction, there are three "clinic" classes at the end of each day's schedule. These classes are run like a typical class, but judge Gayle Lampe will take the time to explain her placings to each rider. Several HofAMHA youth are participating in the lesson program at Peeper, and will be showing in this show.

## The Horse's Genome

Researchers at the University of California-Davis (UC-Davis), the Broad Institute at MIT and Harvard University now have the complete genome sequence of the domestic horse. It was released in the Nov. 6 issue of the journal Science.

The Horse Genome Project notes more than 90 hereditary conditions that affect both humans and horses. The project has strong implications for the \$39 billion horse breeding industry. "This very high-quality genome sequence of the horse is important because it gives us access to specific sequence information that we can now apply to identify the genes for specific traits in the horse," said geneticist Cecilia Penedo of UC Davis' Veterinary Genetics Laboratory, a co-author.

The sequencing project revealed that the horse genome is somewhat larger than the dog genome and smaller than the human and cow genomes. In comparing the horse and human chromosomes, the researchers discovered that 17 out of 32 horse chromosome pairs -- 53 percent -- are composed of material from a single human chromosome, while only 29 percent of dog chromosomes are composed of material from a single human chromosome. This indicates that fewer chromosome rearrangements separate humans from horses than separate humans from dogs.

*From [www.myHorse.com](http://www.myHorse.com) online news*

## Recycle

If you were lucky enough to get new electronic gadgets for Christmas, consider recycling your old ones. If they're no longer functional, you can take them to: The Surplus Exchange electronics recycling center

[www.surplusexchange.org](http://www.surplusexchange.org)  
518 Santa Fe, KCMO 816-472-0444 or 1-800-220-4915

## Firewheel Frisco

Just before Christmas, we received word from Bill and Fran Woodfin that their Morgan stallion, Firewheel Frisco, had been put down. The Woodfins bred and owned the Grand National Carriage Driving Champion for all of his 26 years.

Bill wrote: *Frisco gave Fran and me a lot of common purpose and enjoyment and leaves us with almost 3 decades of memories going back to 1981 when we made the decision to send his mother, Kendallwood Charity, to Oregon for breeding with Mantic Peter Frost.*

We send our condolences.

## Cold weather horse care

With our current cold temperatures, there's been a lot of talk online and in magazines about what is best for horses. The consensus of what I've read is that healthy horses are pretty well designed to handle cold weather. And most do just fine out in the pasture rather than in a barn, especially if it's closed up and heated.

Their most important need is WATER, followed by hay, and shelter from the wind. To encourage horses to drink the 5 to 10 gallons they need every day most experts suggest heated buckets and troughs, especially for older horses.

And while grain may be important for calories, it's hay that keeps your horse warm. Eating and digesting hay warms him as he physically chews it, swallows, and processes it through his digestive system.

Blankets are not on the list of essentials unless the horse has been clipped. That's because they can crush the hair down and eliminate the air pockets around the hair shafts that provide insulation. They can also hold in moisture that can really cause problems in the cold.

There's an excellent article on "Cold Weather Horse Care" at The Horse.com website —

<http://www.thehorse.com/ViewArticle.aspx?ID=15582>.

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**Judges to be honored**

The following United States Equestrian Federation Morgan judges will be honored for their years of service at the 2010 AMHA Annual Convention, in Lexington, Kentucky, February 17-20.

**25-Year Judges**

John T. Green  
Lynn Harvey McNamara

Bernard Parker

Harry Sebring

Sandy Sessink

Bonnie Sogoloff

**30-Year Judges**

Peggy Alderman

Gayle Lampe

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