



## RACING NEWS

December 2025

### Gilleys Opens

The Grand Opening was a resounding success! Board members from The KTA, along with representatives from KQRA, KAPHA, and KHC, were present to celebrate. Although the VIP party was meant to be invitation-only, the dazzling lights attracted guests from the casino across the street, making it difficult to keep them away.

Phil Ruffin and his wife were on hand to officially cut the ribbon, while Mikey Gilley's wife participated in the festivities to honor her late husband. The Kansas Thoroughbred Association graciously sponsored a lovely gift from Kansas Horsemen and Women, in recognition of the 3% of all HHR machine revenue directed to the Kansas Horse Development Fund, the vital benefactor for horse racing in Kansas.

Please support Gilley's, a non-smoking, family-friendly destination offering a variety of activities, including:

- Bowling
- Pickleball
- Concerts
- Dining
- Simulcast racing

Historical horse racing games, reminiscent of popular electronic casino games.

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



Angie Schreiber holding Ruffin Gift

### # Kansas Stallion Auction Ends 12/30/2025 at Noon

This year, we're approaching things a bit differently to help reduce costs associated with online auctions. We are implementing an email bidding system. Here's how it works:

- **Simply send an email with your bid.**
- **You will be notified if someone outbids you.**
- **The timestamp on your email will determine the most recent bid.**
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Please help us spread the word, as our contact list isn't the largest. You can find more information about this auction on our website, [kansasthoroughbred.org](http://kansasthoroughbred.org), and on our Facebook page, Kansas Thoroughbred Association.

Michelle Ruffin

Good morning Lance I'm actually on my way out of town but hopefully we'll have another family member there that is so wonderful and please thank the Kansas thoroughbred Association on our behalf. Have a great Sunday.

Thank you!

Thank you to our Sponsors

Darby Dan

Gainesway

Mighty Acres

Condon Stable

Caines Stallion Station

Allan can Lori Chappell

Kirton Farms

Spendthrift

Cloud County CC

Cedar Run Farms

Stallion	Location	Starting Bid	Current Bid	Stallion	Location	Starting Bid	Current Bid
Dialed In	Darby Dan	\$3,000		Bee Jersey	Darby Dan	\$1,000	
Flameaway	Darby Dan	\$3,000		Street Strategy	Cedar Run AR	\$500	
Charge it	Gainesway	\$4,000		Last Samurai	Cedar Run AR	\$500	
Country House	Darby Dan	\$750		Ethical	Wyrick KS	\$500	
Modernist	Darby Dan	\$750		Jimmy Creed	Spendthrift	\$500	\$500
Tale of Ekati	Darby Dan	\$1,000		GUFO	Darby Dan	\$1,000	
Title Ready	Darby Dan	\$750		Shirl's Speight	Darby Dan	\$1,000	
Flat Out	Mighty Acres	\$1,000		Tale of Silence	Darby Dan	\$750	
Den's Legacy	Might Acres	\$500		Raising The Flag	Kirton Farms	\$500	
Raging Bull	Gainesway	\$1,000		Rome	Condon, NE	\$500	
Tapit Trice	Gainesway	\$1,000	\$3,000	Remembering Rita	Condon, NE	\$500	
Rich Strike	Irish Hills NY	\$3,000		Areospace	Caines, OK	\$500	\$500
Rascal Cat	Cloud County KS	\$500	\$500				



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### # Kansans Participate in Global Symposium on Horse Racing

The Global Symposium on Horse Racing took place at the Loew's Resort in Tucson, Arizona, from December 8 to 10.

Organized by the University of Arizona, this three-day conference is a key component of their Race Track Industry Program. The event featured a variety of topics, including:

- Equine Management and AI
- A national racing secretary summit
- Exploration of prediction markets
- ADW and CAW wagering issues
- Racetrack expansions

These are just a few highlights from the extensive learning sessions offered. The symposium also provided excellent opportunities for networking and collaborative brainstorming for the future of our industry.



## # Kansas Racing Commission Meeting Update 12/12/25

There was an engaging staff discussion regarding the flow of funds generated from HHR machines to the State, as well as the timelines for deposits into the Kansas Breeders Development Fund and the Race Benefit Funds. The conversation also touched on the accumulation of these funds and the potential for legislative actions to redirect them. It is important to note that these funds do not accrue interest. Next month, we anticipate the first report from Gilley to the KRGK on a monthly basis.



**KANSAS BRED PROGRAM  
178 ENROLLED TO DATE**



## Updates from Eureka Downs

**\*General Manager\***

**\*Mike Weiss\***

The recent Global Symposium, hosted at Loew's in Tucson, offered a comprehensive shopping experience for Eureka Downs. Daily meetings with vendors kicked off the bidding process for various items, such as starting gates, tote boards, and audio-visual equipment. The plans for the complete resurfacing of Eureka Downs have been finalized, with an estimated cost of **\*\*\$2.5 million\*\***.

During our latest meeting with Kansas Representative Schreiber, we observed that painting and interior renovations have already begun in the grandstand building. Additionally, the new logo and branding are currently in the finalization stage.

# All Member Zoom Meeting

January 1, 2026

11 am

It is time to hear from our members!

The KTA Board will update its members on

Progress at Eureka Downs

Results of our Stallion Auction

Location, Date and Time for our Annual Meeting

Update on "Race for Kansas Booth" at Equifest

And more.....

if you havent recieved a zoom link by 12/30 email [peachmadl@gmail.com](mailto:peachmadl@gmail.com)

**Kansas Thoroughbred Association**

**Kansas is Back!**

**1000 HHR MACHINES**

**5 Million**  
net breeders fund

☒ Locked in by Legislators

☒ Eureka Downs Fall 2026

☒ No long domicile

☒ Get in early for big awards

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