

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Frank J. Buchman
Buchman's Double B Ranch
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EDUCATION: Graduated Council Grove High School, 15th in class, Council Grove, Kan., 1969--class vice president, National Honor Society, newspaper editor, first in Kansas High School Newswriting Contest: local and district FFA president, first place FFA chapter activities in Kansas, first in state FFA newswriting contest, FFA State Farmer, FFA American Farmer degree recipient and Kansas candidate for Star Farmer of America; 4-H Key Award.

Graduated Kansas State University, Manhattan, 1972, degree in agricultural education--rodeo team; wool, meats, livestock and dairy judging teams (did not have horse judging team at that time, but livestock team judged lots of horses); Block & Bridle Club Scholarship recipient and officer; Little American Royal reserve champion horse showman, writer KSU Agriculturalist.

CAREER: Staff of Grass & Grain, regional farm newsweekly with circulation of 17,000 paid, headquartered in Manhattan, Kan., December 1972 to present, Editor, writer, photographer, fieldman, advertising sales, livestock sales service. Editorial works have also appeared in 42 other publications with combined circulation of over 1 million: included are Western Horseman, American Hereford Journal, Kansas City Sunday Star, Kansas Quarter Horse, Limousin World, Angus Journal, Hampshire Herdsman, Jersey World, Country Living, High Plains Journal, Farmer - Stockman, Farm Talk, The Stock Exchange .

LIVESTOCK EXPERIENCE: Own and operate with family 2,250-acre Flint Hills ranch. Have 275 commercial beef cow herd. Own 40 Quarter Horse Buckskin, Palomino, gray and Pinto broodmares, with six Quarter Horse and Paint Horse stallions for own use and at public service. Sponsor two livestock judging contests at the ranch annually, with all horses provided; one of the contests has been the State FFA Horse Judging Contest. Conduct annual horse field day and production sale of foals on the second Saturday of October. Train an average of 75 customer horses annually for owners and leading breeders throughout the Midwest.

SERVICE AWARDS: Kansas County Agents, Kansas Association of Conservation Districts, Kansas Fertilizer and Chemical Institute, Sunflower Expo, Cloud County Community College, Kansas Association of FFA, Farm Credit Services, Kansas Auctioneer's Association, State & Extension Forester's Award, Kansas Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association, Honorary Chapter Farmer five FFA chapters, Honorary State and American Farm degrees recipient, National FFA Foundation Legion of Merit, Morris County 4-H Alumni Award, Extension Service Award.

LEADERSHIP: Judge district, state, national public speaking and proficiency competitions, Sponsor state FFA horse proficiency award, Project leader 4-H, Host 4-H and FFA judging contests, Provide horses for livestock judging contests and clinics, Conduct horse judging and showing clinics, Judge an average of 20 horse shows annually (carded by five national organizations and sanctioned by six state horse show groups), President Council Grove FFA Alumni, Executive Council of Kansas FFA Alumni, St. Rose Catholic Church parish council member, finance committee, lector and usher, Deputy Grand Knight and third degree Knights of Columbus, President Morris County 4-H Foundation, Morris County Extension Board member, Advisory member Kansas 4-H Journal, President Eastern Kansas Horseman's Association; Manager Morris County Fair, Morris County Rodeo Committee, announcer for several Ranch Rodeos annually.

FAMILY: Wife of 35 years, Margaret Mary (Gronau), Newton, Kan., native; daughter Jennie, 34, Emporia State University education graduate; son Tyson, 30, rancher.

HORSE JUDGING RESUME

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EDUCATION: Graduate Council Grove High School. President top FFA chapter in Kansas, FFA State Farmer and American Farmer. Graduate Kansas State University, Manhattan, agricultural education, 1992, Block & Bridle & Ag Ed Club leader, rodeo team.

OCCUPATION: Grass & Grain farm newspaper with 17,000-paid circulation, headquartered Manhattan, Kan., editor, photographer, fieldman, livestock sales ring and announcing service, and advertising sales. Free lance horse writer and photographer with works in 45 publications including Western Horseman, Heart Of America Rodeo News, Kansas Horseman, Kansas Quarter Horse, Country Living, Ropers Review, Farm Talk, Green Acres. Have 2,250-acre operation known as Buchman's Double B Ranch with 275 commercial cows and 50 owned and leased Quarter Horse and Pinto broodmares plus six Quarter Horse, Paint Horse and Pinto stallions.

TRAINING EXPERIENCE: Train, fit and show horses an average of outside 40 horses annually since 1973, with a diverse clientele over a wide part of the Midwest. Most of these are ranch horses, and several have gone on to win major awards. Leading ranchers, breeders, and exhibitors who we've handled horses for include Emmett Roberts, Russell Klotz, Wendell Hoffinan, Keith Davis, Gordon Fink, Frank Gaddie, Edgar Cooper, Dee Fink, Rosalie Clymer, Dolly Anderson, Andy Olson, Don Coldsmith, Charles Trayer, Mark Potts, Arletta Flory.

BREEDING EXPERIENCE: Raised horses since 1963. Now have a band of high quality, registered Quarter Horses featuring Buckskins, Palominos, and Grays as well as Pinto mares built from a foundation in the early '60s. With six stallions, breed 80 of own and outside mares annually. Sell 80 foals and broke horses through annual sale at the ranch each year on the second Saturday of October, into seven states.

HORSE SHOW EXPERIENCE: Exhibited award winning horses as a youth. Reserve champion horse showman at Little American Royal during college. Now compete in open and circuit shows, in which all family members participate too. Five years high point rider in Eastern Kansas Horseman's Association, which have also served as president, board member. Rodeo and horse show commiteeman and announcer.

JUDGING TRAINING: On major winning 4-H and FFA judging teams five years. Member of four college judging teams coached by Dr. Bill Able, Dr. David Ames, Dr. Charles Norton and Dr. Dell Allen. Attended Color Breeds Judges Seminar in Oklahoma City (1992, '93, '94, '96). Carded by American Miniature Horse Association, American Buckskin Registry, International Buckskin Horse Association, Pinto Horse Association of America and Pony of the Americas Club. Attended Kansas State University Judges School three years. Judge in local organizations including the Kansas State Horse Show Circuit, Northeast (Kansas) Small Area Group Shows, Eastern Kansas Horseman's Association, Blackjack (St. George, Kan.) Saddle Club Series Shows, Kansas 4-H county and district shows, Oklahoma 4-H District Shows.

JUDGING EXPERIENCE: Won 14 district and state 4-H and FFA judging contests. Competed in eight national collegiate judging contests placing in the top category of contestants. Judge an average of 20 Buckskin, Miniature, POA, Pinto, open, circuit and youth horse shows annually. Judged in Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Colorado, Texas, Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, Washington, Florida, North Carolina, Minnesota, South Carolina, Virginia, Massachusetts and Georgia. Judged in Kansas counties including Allen, Atchison, Barton, Brown, Butler, Clay, Cloud, Cherokee, Dickinson, Douglas, Ellis, Franklin, Geary, Greenwood, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Leavenworth, Lincoln, Linn, Lyon, Marion, Marshall, McPherson, Miami, Mitchell, Montgomery, Morris, Morton, Nemaha, Osage, Ottawa, Phillips, Pottawatomie, Reno, Republic, Riley, Rooks, Saline, Sedgwick, Shawnee, Wabaunsee, Washington, Wilson and Wyandotte. Sampling of major judged includes Kansas Buckskin State Finals; Kansas State Horse Show Circuit Finals; Kansas State Fair Miniature Show, Last Blast PTHA, Fremont, Neb.; Spring Fling Miniature Show, Perry, Ga.; Illinois POA Championship, Decatur, Ill.; Midwest Regionals POA Show, Wichita, Kan.; Dixieland June Jamboree Miniatures, Fletcher, N.C.; Iowa Buckskin Association, Oskaloosa, Ia.; New England Minatures, Springfield, Ma.; Big Six PTHA, Olympia, Wa.; Mid Atlantic Miniatures, Lexington, Va.; South Texas PTHA Futurity, Seguin; Florida Miniature Horse Club, Daytona Beach; Oklahoma Pinto Horse Association Series, Tulsa and Oklahoma City; Missouri Buckskin Association Championship, Columbia; Missouri State Fair, Sedalia; Rocky Mountain Miniature Horse Classic, Estes Park, Colo.

REFERENCES: Show managers, judges, Extension agents, and horse owners in any of the counties, state and associations where judged. Sampling: C.A. Cofer, Wichita, Kan; Duane Walker, Canton, Kan.; Lynn Field, Atchison, Kan.; Buck Keister, Leavenworth, Kan.; Gerald Bohn, Pratt, Kan.; Bill James, Abilene, Kan.; Charles Beatty, Lyndon, Kan.; Wayne Bluhm, Council Grove, Kan.; Eileen Suddarth, Topeka, Kan.; Jerry Gum, Derby, Kan.; Arletta Flory, Lawrence, Kan.; Don Good, Manhattan, Kan.; Jack Kirschbaum, Wichita, Kan.; Don Hildebrand, Topeka, Kan.; Sarah Runyan, Parkville, Mo.; David Ames, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Bill Able, Jackson, Miss.; Jodie West, Floresville, Tx.; Denise Felling, Malcom, Ia.; Squire Bassett, Fremont, Neb.; Mary Guerra, San Antonio, Tx.; Jim Campbell, Olympia, Wa.; Robert Heidlage, Claremore, Okla.; Mike Bade, Koshkonong, Mo.; Marilyn Gilchrist, Ocala, Fl.; Sally Andreas, Decatur, Ill.; Dottie Niznik, Columbia, Maryland; Alice Humphrey, Jones, Okla.

JUDGING COORDINATOR: Sponsored at least two horse judging contests annually at Buchman's Double B Ranch for the past 15 years. Provide horses for contest and organize program, officials, awards, tabulation, etc. Initiated and hosted the Kansas FFA State Horse Judging Contest for five years. Annual ranch horse field day has featured leading horse, livestock and political speakers and attracts over 400 participants from 40 Kansas counties and five states.