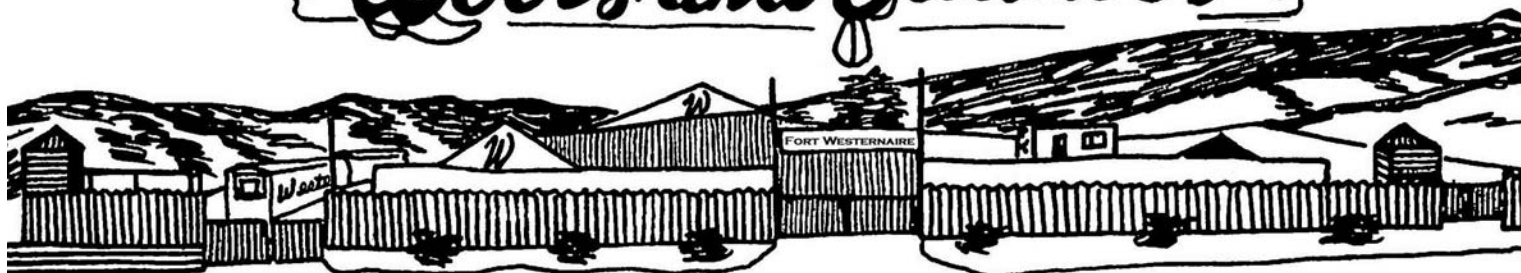


November 2018

Boots and Saddles



Fort Westenaire

Welcome New Tenderfeet!

By Bob Parson

The evening of Friday, August 24 saw Westernaires induct a special group of kids. Just about 300 riders became the newest members of our family. This marks the beginning of our 70th year, so this is a special group of kids. I hadn't been to an induction meeting for a few years, so I was impressed by some of the changes. To begin, people entering the auditorium passed through a gauntlet of cheering young ladies from Crimson and Royal Rangers. Also, among the parents in the audience we had a mother who had informed our webmaster that she was deaf, so an ASL interpreter was present to sign at the meeting. The new tenderfeet and their parents then saw a performance in the Volunteer Arena.



New Board Member – Don Crook

At the August meeting of the Westernaires Board of Directors, a new member (Don Crook) was elected. Mr. Crook had been on the board previously, but resigned when his mother fell into ill health and subsequently passed away. He is currently the herd supervisor. Don's wife, Linda, is the monitor of the Varsity Red Team. They are the parents of Allie, who graduated from Red Team at Stock Show in 2008.



Remembering Christopher Lemley

It is with immense sadness that we share the untimely passing of Westernaires alumnus, Christopher Lemley. Christopher graduated from Westernaires Cavalry and Red Team two years ago, and is one of the kindest people that one could ever hope to meet. Christopher stuck around after graduation, helping out by becoming a Westernaires Posseman, and also happened to be a member of the Westernaires Alumni Association board of directors. Our hearts go out to the Lemley family, and to everyone who knew and loved Christopher.

White Division Show

By Jen Anselmi, Precisionettes monitor

It was a real treat to attend the White Division Specialties show this year. As the first show of the summer season, just a few weeks after teams started weekly classes, it is typically a bit rough. Energetic horses, anxious riders, and excited Tenderfeet in the audience all combine to keep the evening interesting. The funny thing about this year for me was that there was such a profound sense of "the kids" we say we're here for as adult volunteers.

Five years ago I sat with a Tenderfoot team and their parents as they watched this show for the first time. That year it was rough with halt ho's and even some rider injuries. The parents kept saying things like "Why? Why would we want our kids to join specialties?" And this year...those former Tenderfeet were performing in Trick, Liberty, Indian Dancers, Dressage, and Chariots.

Walking through the stands and paddock this year, I saw recent alumni who returned to cheer on younger siblings and former teammates. They've started their life beyond Westernaires and yet they return to give back as volunteers and an enthusiastic audience.

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Lined up on the rail were base team teammates cheering for and photographing their friends. These riders didn't have to be there. Many had already had a long day at the fairgrounds practicing their own specialties, training younger riders, serving as horse trainers and Junior instructors. Yet they came, they stayed, they cheered.

We were all there: friends, family, teammates and alumni to cheer for "the kids". And they did not disappoint. They had a great show and they all demonstrated how they RIDE WITH PRIDE!



The White Division Grand Entry Team assembles after serpentine at the 2018 White Division Show



The White Division trick riders salute the crowd at the conclusion of their daring performances



The White Vaulting team shows off their perfect balance

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The following is an email to the Precisionettes staff from recent graduate Kate Anderson upon finding that they would not be practicing after their show in Fairplay:

Sad to hear it was canceled. I just wanted to be able to say hello. I'm back from bootcamp, and found in the past few months how close to my heart it was I needed to say thank you to you, Jen, Kris and Don, so feel free to share with them this as well. I found so many times in bootcamp I was doing things and found the way was just as you all taught me. Little things like left hand to left hand was the easiest way to maneuver smoothly through a course of fire. I was able to know how to yell so they could hear me over the firing of rifles because of calling drill, and to carry packs that were awkwardly big because of saddle bags. I just wanted to say thank you to all of you four for all you taught me. Of how to be a leader yet still a follower. How to be confident yet calm even in craziness. What it meant to be a respectful person with honorable values. So many girls had to start and reform their entire basis and I was able to go in with such a character foundation already of the type of person I wanted to be, the type of marine they wanted me to be, because you all helped me to be that. I will never take for granted all of the support and work you all put into us girls, it really changes everything in the next steps of our lives.

Westernaires Museum Quiz

by Michael Cawthra, museum co-curator

- **What is the nickname of the 9th Cavalry?**
- **Who was Tom Mix and what does our museum have that belonged to him? What was his horse's name, and how was his horse unique?**

Answers will be provided in the next issue, or visit us in the Museum. Museum hours: 10AM-2PM, first two Saturdays of the month. Call 720-480-4479 or 720-530-0603 to schedule a tour.

Answers to questions from May's quiz:

- The name of the horse skeleton is "Maestra" (Spanish for "teacher").
- The scientific name of the modern horse is "Equus".

Huge THANK YOU!

Megan Murphy <MMurphy@goldenhistory.org>

Sun, Jun 24, 2018 at 11:51 AM

Thank you so much for all of your help yesterday. The Westernaires were a HUGE hit and absolutely helped make our opening day a success. We had 748 people throughout the day, which I bet breaks our record for the most people in one day! You are a true joy to work with and totally fantastic. I'd love to work with you again in the future—specifically to help craft one (or more) of our glass display cases. Please let me know if you need anything.

Thank you again for all of your help creating a wonderful day!

Megan Murphy
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Save the date: Golden History Museum Grand Reopening



2018 Interclub a Huge Success!

By Lori Davies, alumna

CONGRATULATIONS to all the riders who participated in this year's Westernaires Interclub!!! There were a little more than 240 riders and 13 classes that rode thru the entire day.

Riders, Parents and many Volunteers who were up super early, to help make this show day great for everyone. We want to say a big thank you to the Nighthorse Rangers for performing their drill. You Ladies did a wonderful job!!!

Everyone did such a great job this year. SO many smiles, fancy cowgirl and cowboy outfits and so many people cheering each other on. Thank you to all the people who were there to support all these riders and to see all the hard work they have done so far this year.

2018 INTERCLUB JUDGING RESULTS:

Class 1 – 1st- Ella Bergstrom, 2nd- Paityn Kidder, 3rd- Frances Cabral, 4th- Megan Kessman, 5th- Monica Lyter-Foster

Class 2 – 1st- Addysen Melton, 2nd- Hailey Polson, 3rd- Molly McCune, 4th- Robert O'Bryan, 5th- Stasa Stevanovic

Class 3 – 1st- Bella Aragon, 2nd- Norah Carrington, 3rd- Aaliya Alem, 4th- Addyson Gregory, 5th- Houston Hayes

Class 4 – 1st- Parker Kidder, 2nd- Kiley Lynn, 3rd- Riley Merrow, 4th- Danika Holley, 5th- Cassie Mildenberger

Class 5 – 1st- Siobhan Qualtire, 2nd- Sofia Shimko, 3rd- Mary Belle Sinnet, 4th- Aubrey Rhinehart, 5th- Isabella Tronoe

Class 6 – 1st- Jaere Erives, 2nd- Jaelie Beaver, 3rd- Breonah Armentrout, 4th- Rebekah Elrod, 5th- Ana Marie Emerson

Class 7 - 1st- Avery Gerity, 2nd- Paul Longua, 3rd- Sienna Jorgenson, 4th- Skylar Jones, 5th- Sadie Johnson

Class 8 – 1st- Sam Nofzinger, 2nd- McKenzie Sanden, 3rd- Sarah Reichlin, 4th- Phynix Przblyski, 5th- Franziska Nagle

Class 9 – 1st- Kaylee Stone, 2nd- Avery Stone, 3rd- Joslyn Wohlcke, 4th- Autumn Strid, 5th- Natasha Wotnoutka

Class 10 – 1st- Parker Gasper, 2nd- Brandy LoBack, 3rd- Elara Frisch, 4th- Alivia Hernandez, 5th- Lilly Janish

Class 11 – 1st- Isabella Ortiz, 2nd- Ada Mishkind, 3rd- Paige Poucher, 4th- Alma Maloku, 5th- Alexa Moss

Class 12 – 1st- Sierra Booth, 2nd- Keira Leuthauser, 3rd- Jasmine James, 4th- Michaela O'Donnell, 5th- Elin Williams

Class 13 – 1st- Colton Gasper, 2nd- Reyna Kellen, 3rd- Frances LeDuke, 4th- Rylee Weniger, 5th- Cora Holguin

Championship Class –
1st- Parker Gasper
2nd- Siobhan Qualtire
3rd- Frances LeDuke
4th- Reyna Kellen
5th- Colton Gasper



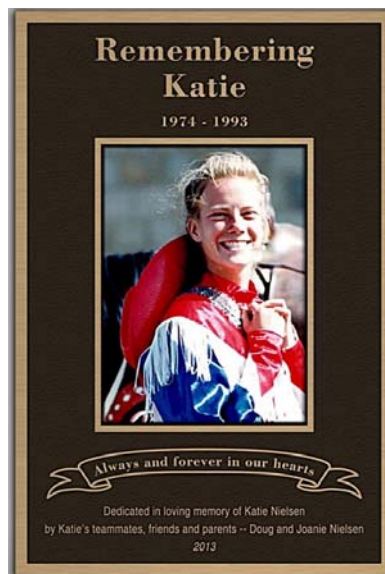
1st Place winner Parker Gasper with Training Director Bill Schleicher

25 Years Later, We Remember Katie

By Sheila Spampinato, alumna

To many of us Westernaires alumni (particularly those of a certain era), July 4th is not just about celebrating the United States of America's birthday. It's also a time to remember our friend and our teammate, Katie Nielsen. 25 years ago this Independence Day holiday, Westernaires lost a member, a teammate, a friend, a daughter, a sister...a wonderful young lady. Katie was gravely injured in a tragic and unprecedented accident while performing with the Red Trick team during Jefferson County's Festival of the West in 1993.

Katie had just graduated from high school and was on the way to starting the rest of her life. She loved riding, especially trick riding, and she excelled at it. Katie was a spirited young lady who took her own path and didn't think twice about what others thought. We, her friends and teammates, miss her and think about her every day, especially whenever we see the color pink, as that was her favorite.



Five years ago, we honored Katie's memory with the creation of this plaque, which currently hangs in the Westernaires Museum. If you have a moment one Saturday, please stop by and see it. It means so much to all of Katie's teammates that we keep her memory alive. I know, as a former trick rider and a parent of a current Red Trick rider, that Katie is our guardian angel. It is also important to know that many new safety measures were adopted after Katie's accident that have helped to keep all future Westernaires trick riders safe. Katie watches over

each and every one of us as we do what we love... and what she loved. I know that Katie continues to Ride with Pride in heaven and she will always and forever be in our hearts.

2018 Annual Show Results

Congratulations to our riders for selling 2.99% more tickets this year than last year! However, we had more riders selling tickets this year, so the per capita (average) sale for each rider was down from last year. The top places are as follows:

Ticket Sales:

1st – Sophomore 8	Anna Burton	\$2,630
2nd – Crimson Rangers	Kendall Johnson	\$2,440
3rd – Royal Rangers	Elizabeth Melton	\$2,384
4th – Colorado Rangers	Jackson Hoyt	\$2,355

Advertising Sales:

1st – Royal Rangers	Jade Pickard	\$2,105
2nd – Precisionettes	Celaine Gildenzoph	\$2,005
3rd – Shadow Riders	Christy Fear	\$1,585
4th – Maddie Dense	Royal Rangers	\$1,355

Team Awards:

Blue Division		
Traveling Trophy	Sophomore 6	\$435.133 per capita
Ticket Trophy	Sophomore 6	\$435.133 per capita
White Division		
Traveling Trophy	Co. Stampede	\$608.792 per capita
Ticket Trophy	Co. Stampede	\$533.583 per capita
Red Division		
Traveling Trophy	Red Team	\$968.714 per capita
Ticket Trophy	Red Team	\$734.643 per capita
Non-Division		
Advertising Trophy	Precisionettes	\$255.673 per capita
Most Money Produced	Crimson Rangers	\$42,290

Horse Drawing winner: **Cole Dennis**, Tenderfoot 9
Saddle Drawing winner: **Joslyn Wohlke**, Hoedowners



(Left) New horse owner, Cole Dennis (Right) Joslyn Wohlke will go far riding on that beautiful new saddle.

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Forward Ho!

(schedule is subject to change)

- Jan 10 – National Western Stock Show Parade
- Jan 12 to 27 – Stock Show Rodeo performances:
 - Jan 12 & 13 – Trick riders
 - Jan 17 – Red Team
 - Jan 18 – Red Team
 - Jan 19 – Precisionettes & Red Team
 - Jan 20 – Liberty & Red Team
 - Jan 21 – Red Team
 - Jan 22 – Red Team
 - Jan 23 – Red Team & Rio Bravo
 - Jan 24 – Red Team & Rio Bravo
 - Jan 25 – Trick & Red Team
 - Jan 26 – Red Team, Trick, Red Team (graduation performance)
 - Jan 27 – Red Team
- Jan 27 – Stock Show Red Team Graduation Breakfast
- Apr 5 – Heels and Stockings



An Apology

By Your Editor

I would like to apologize for the length of time it has taken to produce this issue. I didn't have everything I wanted at the end of June to publish a June issue, so I figured I would just do a double issue at the end of July. I had everything together, which I submitted for pre-publishing. The proof I received was missing half of the content I had printed before I sent it off, so I decided to postpone again. August was a busy month, so I decided that I should wait until I had the time to do everything right – even if that meant waiting until after Annual Show. So now we are saddled with a catch-up edition. I will try to be better in the future.

Thanks to Karen Kronauge and Cindy Schneider for their help in the production of this communication.

2018 Show Season Glimpses



- (1) The Rio Bravo team performs under dramatic skies in Granby, CO
- (2) Precisionette Maggie Sherrill at the Park County Fair
- (3) Roper Colleen Longua shares her roping secrets with visitors at the Golden History Museum. The three individuals in this photo disprove theory that kids are always on their phones
- (4) Red Team riders Libby Stroup and Brooke Enney thread the needle in Estes Park
- (5) Charioteer Maleah Ayars gives an Estes Park visitor a most memorable ride