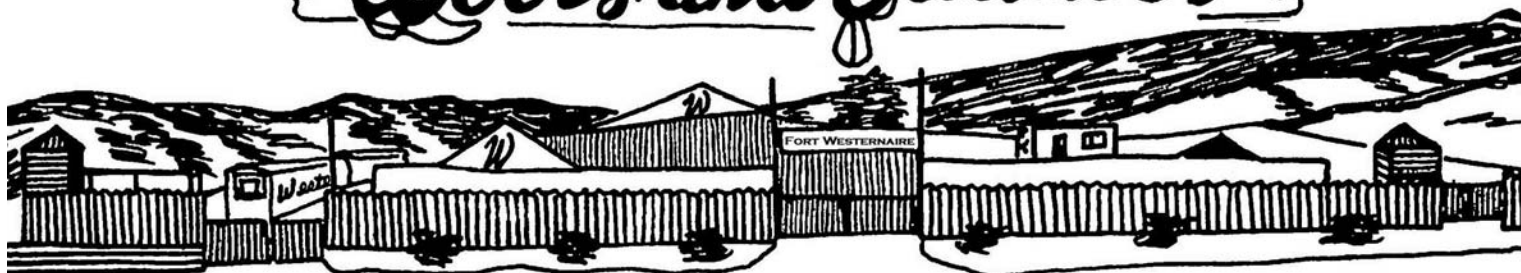


April 2019

# Boots and Saddles



Fort Westernaire

## 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration!

By Bob Parson

Westernaires is an organization full of traditions. One big one is the ten-year tradition. Every ten years the organization gathers to celebrate another ten years of existence. During these celebrations the entire organization gathers for a 'family portrait'. Below you can see a couple of the previous portraits. If you would like to see the actual photos, just make a quick stop in our museum and go to the Westernaires *Hall of Fame* room.



60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary photo – 2009

We often do more than just take a photo. As we did for the 60<sup>th</sup>, we are planning special events for the 70<sup>th</sup>. Details are still ongoing, but you can plan on getting together with everyone this summer for a big celebration.



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To get things rolling, we are kicking things off with this announcement of two contests for our members. Each of the two contests will have a first, second and a third place winner.

## Calling All Westernaires Artists!

One contest will be in the visual arts (painting, etching, etc. created by current Westernaires riders encompassing the theme of "Westernaires Tradition". You choose the medium for the project. You must include an entry form with your entry when you submit your original creation to the Westernaires office by June 15. Do not sign the piece on the front!

Entries will be judged by an independent panel on the basis of appropriateness to the organization and the winners will be announced at the official party in July. Prizes will be awarded to the top three place winners.

**1st Place - \$50 gift card**  
**2nd Place - \$25 gift card**  
**3rd Place - \$10 gift card**

Winners will get to select a gift card or Westernaires store credit. They will also be printed in a future edition of *Boots & Saddles*.

The second contest is aimed at our other talented youth who can write an essay, a poem, etc. The rules and prizes match those of the art contest, except that you should add your name to the piece. You should submit a printed copy, as well as an electronic version to the Boots and Saddles email address:

[boots@westernaires.com](mailto:boots@westernaires.com)

Contest entry forms can be found on our website or you can simply submit a piece of paper with your name and base team listed.

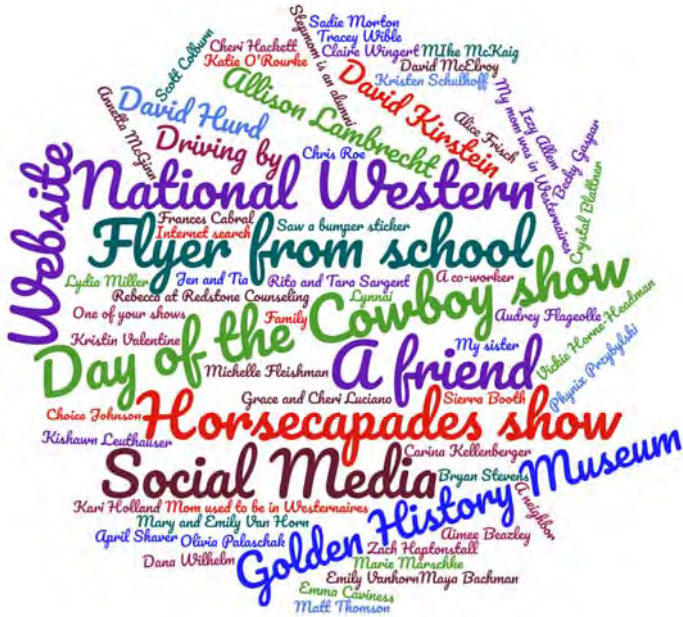
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ideas for an upcoming **Boots &  
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send us an email:

[Boots@westernaires.org](mailto:Boots@westernaires.org)

## How Did You Hear About Westernaires?

We've begun asking new Tenderfoot applicants the question: "How did you hear about Westernaires?" As you probably tell from the word cloud below, their responses vary widely!

We appreciate everyone who has shared their favorite thoughts about Westernaires with their friends, neighbors, co-workers, and classmates. A sincere THANK YOU for helping to spread the word about Westernaires!



The Westernaires Interpretive Indian Dancers participating in the Inter-tribal fancy dances at the Denver March Pow Wow



## Denver March Pow Wow Experience

By Logan Gajefski

On Saturday March 23rd, the Westernaires Indian Dancers attended the 2019 Denver March Pow Wow. Six of us were in full regalia for Fancy Dance and Chicken Dance along with an alumni and our instructor Stan, who was asked by the head judge to be a judge for several of the youth and teen competitions. The rest of our team was invited to come down to dance for Inter-tribals.

Throughout the entire day, we as a team received countless compliments on our regalia and our ribbon shirts by elders of the Native American community. They were very happy with how respectful we were and how much we admired and loved their culture. I myself along with my team are so grateful for the experience and everything we learned from the Native community during the pow wow. These lessons can only be taught through first hand experience. We also appreciate Westernaires' allowing us the opportunity to surround ourselves in the Native American culture.



## Westernaires Museum Quiz

- The famous Baby Doe Tabor once owned something in our Museum. What is it?
- What was Westernaires originally named?

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 720-530-0603 or 720-480-4479 to schedule a tour.

### Answers to questions from November's quiz:

- The nickname of the 9<sup>th</sup> Cavalry was the "Buffalo Soldiers".
- Tom Mix was the first movie star cowboy, appearing in 291 films from the years 1909 to 1940. He was one of the few movie stars to successfully transition from silent movies to "talkies". Tom's famous horse – Tony – performed stunts and also received top movie billing.

## Parade of Lights

By Kathy Linz, Varsity Big Red Team rider

On a gray, misty Friday in early December, Varsity Big Red loaded our horses onto a bright red trailer. We then packed ourselves into a Westernaires van and headed out towards downtown Denver. As our volunteer-dad driver patiently put up with rush hour traffic, we entertained ourselves by singing along to Christmas carols like "I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas" and "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree". Despite the dreary, chilly weather, 17 Varsity riders were headed to an outdoor, hour-long event: The Parade of Lights.

After arriving at a part of a Denver street that was closed off to the public for parade participants to use, we unloaded our horses and tied them to the trailer. The next step was to get our tack ready. We each were assigned a lighted halter to go over our horses' bridles, and then we huddled around a plastic table with freezing fingers to zip tie strings of lights to our reins. After preparing our horses and spending some time enjoying each other's company, as well as the snacks and hot drinks that our monitors were thoughtful enough to bring for us, it was time to get costumed. We bundled up in about seven black underlayers apiece, and finally donned our lighted jackets. Although the jackets themselves are big, bulky, and maybe a bit unflattering, their appearance becomes radiant (figuratively and literally!) when you remember just how lucky you are to have the opportunity to participate in such a notable tradition as the Parade of Lights-- wearing the jackets is truly an honor, and one that years of Red Team riders have experienced.

After mounting, we lined up according to our horses' color, and stood in the staging area watching the acts in front of us go by. Finally, it was time for us to officially start the parade. We took the form of a wedge as we walked through the beginning seated area, with the lighted American flag rider leading. Everyone made sure to smile and wave at the 9News camera on the right as we passed it-- the Friday night parade is televised! Throughout the parade, faces of eager children lined the streets, often asking to pet our horses or pointing out "Oooh, that one's my favorite!". Interacting with the crowd is one of the best parts of the parade-- it's a great way to share what we do as Westernaires and show off how much we love it.

Throughout my year and a half spent on Red Team, the Parade of Lights has been one of my favorite experiences. There's nothing like riding a horse through the streets of a world famous city, and knowing that as you literally glow in the dark, thousands of people are there cheering for you and your team. Even in freezing temperatures, it's impossible not to grin when you realize that you're playing a role in a tradition as renowned as this parade-- and one that has been just as large a part of Westernaires, as Westernaires has been of it. Until next year, Parade of Lights, and thanks for all the memories!



## 2018 Christmas Party Awards and Fun

The following awards were presented at the Christmas Party this year before the party *really* started. Annual Show is our primary fundraiser to keep Westernaires going throughout the year, so every ticket sold, and every program advertisement sold, helps Westernaires tremendously!

### Ticket Sales Awards Given To:

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

### Advertising Sales Ribbons Given To:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Jade Pickard	\$2,105	Royal Rangers
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Celaine Gildenzoph	\$2,005	Precisionettes
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Christy Fear	\$1,585	Shadow Riders
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Maggie Dense	\$1,355	Royal Rangers



Santa Claus made an appearance at the party!



Christmas Party revelry, friendship, and line dancing!

## **NEW King Soopers Donation Program – WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

**By Gayle Hayungs, wrangler & instructor extraordinare**

Many of you have helped Westernaires to earn valuable donations over the past few years through the King Soopers rechargeable gift cards. This program has been retooled (no more remembering to load or use that gift card!), and it's great to know that King Soopers is committed to supporting organizations like ours. This new program makes it easier for you than ever before!

Please take a moment to create a log in on the King Soopers website, then simply link your King Soopers Loyalty card or Alternate ID and identify **Westernaires** as your selected charity. Then, every time you shop using your Loyalty Card or Alternate ID, King Soopers gives back to Westernaires at no cost to you – just keep shopping. **Thank You** for your support!

As stated in last week's Announcements: please do not load any more funds on your current Westernaires-linked Gift Cards. Just use up what you've already loaded then discard those cards... forever!

The new program rolled out April 1, 2019 – Westernaires is registered and ready for you to select us as your Community Rewards Recipient. Please follow the directions below and get started today.

**PLEASE NOTE:** You must have an e-mail address to proceed. And if you already have an online digital account with King Soopers, please jump to Step #2.

### **STEP 1: CREATING AN ONLINE DIGITAL ACCOUNT**

Go to [www.KingSoopers.com/CommunityRewards](http://www.KingSoopers.com/CommunityRewards)

- Select 'Create an Account'.
- Under **Sign-In information**, enter your email and create a password. (*Write down your email & password—will need it in step 2*)
- Select 'Use Card Number'.
- Enter your King Soopers Loyalty Card Number or Alt ID, last name, and postal code.
- Under 'Select Your Preferred Store' enter your postal code.
- Select 'Find Stores'.
- Choose your store then select 'Create Account'.
- You will then be prompted to check your email for a confirmation email.
- Click the hyperlink in your email to finish creating your Online Account.
- Continue to step #2 to register for the King Soopers Community Rewards Program of your choice.

**NOTE** – if you already have an online account with King Soopers – begin here

### **STEP 2: REGISTER FOR KING SOOPERS COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM**

Go to [www.KingSoopers.com/CommunityRewards](http://www.KingSoopers.com/CommunityRewards)

- Select 'Sign-In'.
- Enter your email and password then select 'sign in'. (This will be the email and password you created in step 1)

- Select 'My Account' from drop down menu. Then select **Community Rewards** from the left-hand side under 'Account Summary'
- Click on **Community Rewards**
- Under Find an Organization: Enter the organization name: **Westernaires** to enroll. Our Organization Number is **TI171**

You should now see your organization information listed under 'Community Rewards' on your Account Summary page.

If you have any questions about the new process, please don't hesitate to reach out to Gayle Hayungs in person or via email at [gsuz3@comcast.net](mailto:gsuz3@comcast.net)

\* At this time the Safeway Community Rewards Program will continue using reloadable gift cards linked to Westernaires which are available in the office on Saturdays. We will certainly let you know if that changes in the future.

## **Other April Events**

### **Heels and Stockings**

The annual Heels and Stockings banquet was held on April 5<sup>th</sup>. This is a special time when we honor our Westernaires Seniors graduating from High School. The banquet was held at the Denver Marriott West in Golden and began at 7:00PM.

Our Westernaires Seniors, all Westernaires riders who are in their 3rd year and older (along with their families), the Westernaires board of directors, and Westernaires Volunteers are all invited to attend the banquet each year. This dress-up affair is a fantastic time to enjoy our Westernaires family with a dinner, short program, and dancing.



More of our gorgeous Westernaires Seniors at this year's Heels & Stockings:



The Color Guard of the 1953 Easter Parade – that's Westernaires founders Elmer Wyland (far left) and Marjorie Wyland (far right)



This big 1953 parade made its way down the rural roads of Lakewood. (This is Wadsworth Blvd – can you believe it?)

## Easter Parade – April 21st

The annual Easter Parade is coming up on April 21<sup>st</sup>. This is our riders' first opportunity to perform with their new teams, celebrate Easter on horseback, and enjoy a pancake breakfast with other fellow Jeffco horsepeople!

**Did you know** that the Easter Parade is a tradition going back to the 1940s? In the 1950s, the Easter Parade was organized by Westernaires founder, Elmer E. Wyland. At that time, Lakewood was largely a rural area still, and over 1,000 horses and riders participated in the parade.

The original parade route began at the Mississippi Stables (Westernaires first home, located at Mississippi and Wadsworth), it headed North on Wadsworth, then East on 14th Avenue, went South on Pierce Street, and concluded at 10th & Pierce (which was then Hoffman Park).

## Tack and "Other Stuff" Swap Meet

**Saturday, June 8th – White Arena—Shopping hours from 10am to 3pm**

The Alumni Association is hosting the 9th annual Swap Meet fundraiser. Here's how it works: if you are looking to sell items (tack, clothing, art... anything!), you purchase a booth space from the Alumni Association for \$30 (or two for \$50). Each space is approximately 12 feet x 12 feet in size. You sell your items (or services) and keep all of the profits. It's that easy! Booth spaces are sold on a first-come, first-served basis, and they go quick. In the past, we've had vendors of ALL types!

Contact us at [info@westernairesalumni.org](mailto:info@westernairesalumni.org) or 303.800.7699 if you'd like to reserve your spot.

For those who want to shop, admission is FREE. We'll have Westernaires White Division ground specialty acts performing each hour, and we'll also have food and beverages for purchase.

Feeling lucky? We hold a raffle at the end of the day, and you do not need not be present to win. Raffle tickets can be purchased for \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

We'll see you there!

## Forward Ho!

(schedule is subject to change)

Apr 21 – Easter Parade  
 May 4 – Breed Show  
 May 4 & 11 – Picture Day  
 May 18 – Tenderfoot take-home test  
 May 27 – Memorial Day Parade  
 June 2 – Interclub  
 June 8 – Tack and “Other Stuff” Swap  
 June 8 – Juniors lecture #1  
 June 15 & 16 – White Division Show  
 June 21-22 – Estes Park  
 June 29-30 – Granby (Steppes)  
 July 3-4 – Granby (Red Team)  
 July 6 – Juniors lecture #2  
 July 20 – Park County (Precisionettes)  
 July 20 – Juniors lecture #3  
 July 24 – Western Heritage Show  
 July 27 – Buffalo Bill Days Parade  
 July 27 – Tenderfoot meeting  
 July 27 – 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party  
 July 28 – 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary all-Westernaires photo  
 July 31-Aug 4 – Cuba, NM (Red Team)  
 Aug 3 – Juniors testing  
 Aug 6 – Boulder County Fair (Red Team)  
 Aug 10 – Tenderfoot testing  
 Aug 10 & 11 – Jeffco Fair  
 Aug 17 & 18 – White Division Olympics



Aug 23 – New Tenderfoot Class Induction  
 Aug 24 – Last ride for 2018-19 Tenderfeet  
 Aug 31 – Last ride for 2018-2019 Juniors  
 Aug 31-Sept 2 – Trinidad (Red Team)  
 Sept 6 – 2018-2019 Tenderfeet Graduation  
 Sept 7 – Arvada Harvest Festival Parade  
 Sept 13 – 2018-2019 Juniors Graduation  
 Sept 7 – First ride for new Tenderfeet  
 Sept 14 – First ride for Sophomores  
 Sept 28 – Sheridan Celebrates Parade  
 Jan 11-26 – National Western Stock Show  
 Jan 26 – Stock Show Red Team Graduation Breakfast

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## Westernaires

### Western Heritage Show

90 Minute Action Packed **INTERACTIVE**  
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<b>WHEN:</b>	July 24, 2019
<b>SHOW TIMES:</b>	9:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.
<b>ACTIVITY TIMES:</b>	10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
<b>WHERE:</b>	Fort Westenaire 15200 W. 6 <sup>th</sup> Ave Golden CO 80401

Please RSVP by July 1, 2019 to  
[WHeritageshow@yahoo.com](mailto:WHeritageshow@yahoo.com)

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