



# PASS IN REVIEW

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*Westernaires*

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Westernaires Alumni Association  
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Dear Westernaires Alums,

The entire organization of the Westernaires stands in awe of the job you all did in organizing and contributing to the Go Fund Me page. The Strangles outbreak at the Fort among both horses and ponies has been a major challenge, not only from the veterinarian expense, but from the lost rental revenue. The contributions which you all made will go a long way toward making the organization whole. The \$5000 contribution from the Association alone is terrific, but, as I am sure you know, the page raised over \$30,000 by itself. To each of you who made a contribution, from \$5.00 to hundreds, a heartfelt thanks. The organization remains strong and viable and will continue, particularly well because of you all. Each of the riders and their families extend their thanks as well.

The horses will start coming out of isolation this week. While we will have horses in isolation until June 18 (assuming no more cases), we will begin a slow return to normal. In fact, we expect more than 30 out by Interclub. All of the Ponies will be out before White Division Show and we should look like the club you all remember.

Thanks again from all of us.

Sincerely,

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## Alumni Week is coming! August 14th—19th

Come out and visit, catch-up, tour the Fort, and consider riding a drill for old time's sake!

### **Alumni Week schedule:**

Dressage	Mon, August 14th 6:30 PM
Liberty	Mon, August 14th 7:30 PM
Nighthorse Rangers	Mon, August 14th 7:30 PM
Chariots*	Tue, August 15th 6:30 PM
Crimson Rangers	Tue, August 15th 6:30 PM
Precisionettes	Tue, August 15th 7:30 PM
Cavalry	Wed, August 16th 6:00 PM
Royal Rangers	Wed, August 16th 6:30 PM
Red Team	Wed, August 16th 7:00 PM
Steppes*	Sat, August 19th 9:00 AM
El Latigo*	Sat, August 19th 10:00 AM

*\*With permission of instructor*

Please ride in the base team from which you graduated. E.g., riders who graduated from Red Team may not ride in the Precisionettes alumni ride.

The Westernaire entrance to the fairgrounds is off of Indiana Street about 3 blocks South of 6th Avenue.

Coming in from out of town for Alumni Week? We have special room rates at nearby hotels. Contact the Alumni Association for more information.

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## Amazing events have recently transpired at Fort Westernaire

After nearly 1/2 of the Westernaire rental string horses were diagnosed with the Strangles disease earlier this year, they slowly regained their health. Fully recovered and leaving quarantine, the horses are now returning to the kids who love to ride them. Summer show season is currently in full effect; Westernaires are en route to great appearances at shows near and far.

During the outbreak, Westernaires was operating on a severely-limited schedule to contain the spread of this disease. Particularly heartbreaking was the timing: Summer is the primary show season for Westernaires.

With the generosity of alumni, friends, and generous strangers who learned of the strangles outbreak afflicting the rental herd, we were able to raise over \$30,000 to assist in lost revenue and veterinary bills.

A HUGE debt of gratitude is owed also to the Westernaires Wranglers who worked tirelessly caring for the recovering horses. Along with great veterinary oversight, the Wranglers' day and night shift work and stringent biosecurity protocols were the key to containing the outbreak and ensuring the swiftest possible recuperation time.

We will continue to keep the GoFundMe campaign page open with hopes that we can persist in raising as much money as possible to help with the massive financial loss that was incurred by Westernaires (<https://www.gofundme.com/WesternairesHerdHelp>). A great big THANK YOU to everyone who has taken the time to care about these horses, the kids, and the Westernaires organization.



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