



# PASS IN REVIEW

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# ALUMNI



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## PLATINUM ANNIVERSARY GAIETY



# The 2019 Annual "Horsecapades" Show

**Visit, mix, and mingle with other alumni at the Alumni Association booth on the midway level of the Event Center.**

There are four Westernaires Horsecapades shows this year. Show times are:

**Saturday, October 26, 10:00 AM**

**Saturday, October 26, 2:00 PM\***

**Saturday, October 26, 7:00 PM\***

**Sunday, October 27, 2:00 PM\***

\*preshow begins 30 minutes beforehand

Tickets are **\$10.00** each. If you don't know any current riders from whom to purchase tickets, you can:

- ☞ Purchase tickets from the Westernaires website. Tickets will be available for pickup at the box office on the day of the event.
- ☞ Show up on the day of the show and purchase tickets at the ticket window. However, many shows sell out, so purchasing your tickets in advance is a wise decision!

**Don't plan to be in the Denver area on October 26th and 27th? Help to support the cause by purchasing donation tickets!** All donation tickets are 100% tax deductible.

The Westernaires Alumni Association has a booth at Gate End on the midway level — please stop by and see us. We'll be performing additional fundraising (Silent Auction), and we'll be celebrating alumni and old friends at our Homecoming show. We look forward to seeing you!

If you are an alumna or alumnus (i.e., you graduated from Westernaires and are in good stand-

ing) and you would like to participate in the Alumni Ride act of the show, please see the following options:



## "I'D LIKE TO BORROW A HORSE TO RIDE IN THE ALUMNI ACT"

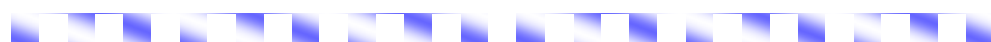
Please sign up to participate in the Alumni ride act on the sign-up sheet on the table near the paddock. Just a reminder that you must purchase a ticket in order to ride in the show (**one ticket for the weekend**).

Horses are available to borrow from specific Westernaires teams (i.e., acts that do not occur in close proximity to the Alumni act). Horses are available on a first-come, first served basis.

If you are riding as an alumni, please be sure to comply with any and all instructions that are given to you by Posse, by Westernaire volunteers, or by the Barn Staff. Failure to do so could result in expulsion from the grounds. We alumni pride ourselves on being a good example to the kids who are watching us.

## DESPITE WHAT YOU MAY HAVE HEARD IN PREVIOUS YEARS — YES — YOU MAY WEAR PRESENTABLE BLUE JEANS TO RIDE IN THE ALUMNI & SPECIAL GUESTS ACT

Most importantly, have fun!



## "I'D LIKE TO BRING MY OWN HORSE"

If you are an alumna or alumnus who would like to bring your own horse to bring your horse to Annual Show, there are a few things to know:

## NEW THIS YEAR: In order to bring a horse onto the NWSS property, you **MUST HAVE A 3-DAY HEALTH CERTIFICATE FROM YOUR VET FOR THE HORSE YOU BRING**

Upon your arrival on Saturday morning before the first show, please stop in at the Barn Office (it's on the northeast side of warm-up arena) and check in with the Barn Superintendent. Stalls are available on a first come, first served basis. The Barn Superintendent will provide you will a stall and a stall card. The stall fees will be approximately \$10.00 for the weekend. There is not yet a prices set for bags of shavings, so please remember to bring adequate money for that as well. Please bring your own feed and any necessary supplements and tack that you may require.

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# WESTERNAIRES 70TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY RECAP

Thank you to everyone who came to the Westernaires 70th anniversary party on July 27th! Westernaires members celebrated with a carnival outdoors, and the merriment continued indoors with auctions, barbecue, and dancing. We also gathered everyone together for our decennial family photo on Sunday.

We thoroughly enjoyed catching up with all of our alumni and old friends! Alumni on hand for the festivities who signed our Guest Book included (in no particular order): Nancy Knoyer Shaughnessy, Judy Ash Messoline, Judy Hudgins Kinyon, Jeff Steele, Lisa Breska DeLong, Mary Breska, Jenna Klos, Shirley Edgett Bearly, Donna Colao, Amanda Brannam Dopps, Lynda Tyus Kimball, Ellen Bondurant (all the way from Quebec!), Robin Mensendick Hoyt, Jim Hoyt, Janice Green, Laura Carter, Megan Schaeffer, Eileen Bernard Hastings, Christen Gonzales Brown, Lorrie Parr Cordle, Kristen Neumayr Maikranz, Mika Mildenberger, Patsy Boss Stockton, Sheila Gunderson Stanley, Kathryn Gunderson, Brian Ball, Mike Metzler, KD Nowicki, Roe Massengale, Chris Massengale Heinze, Brenda Beumer Slotterback, Debby Engelhardt Steinberg, Kelly Robinson Vansyoc, Julie Pryor Vollmer, Karen Kronauge, Rebecca Dawson, Aimee Paillet Melton, Jerry Bauer, Danielle Williams, Savana Spiekermann, Tiffany Duffey Buss, Robin Powell-Carroll, Lucinda Farnes Tobin, Gretchen Plumhoff Partch, Lori Davies, Lynn Paddock Kennedy, Sonja Rotert Lawrence, Mike and Pam Skelton, Patty Miller, Hilary Nelson, Aimee Wagner-Johnson, Mandie Halcomb, Andrea Mitchell Seder, Heidi Ehlers Galasso, Deigv Sprouse, Jennifer Heinicke, Erica Snyder-Notz Moeller, Amy Ward, Pat Bretz Fear, Curt Fear, Kim Hake Fear, Danielle Williams, Amy Fear Helbock, Kellie Edgett, Sherry Hughes, Missy Jenks Carignan, Kristin Robinson Mildenberger, Patrick Sprouse, Don Hawkinson, Aislynne Buchanan Edwards, Joseph Buchanan, Joy James Cornelius, Chris Lynn, & Stacey Hoyt Lynn. (If we didn't list you, we're sorry!)

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## Alumni Spotlight **Joy Cornelius**



***We had a chance to catch up recently with alumna Joy James Cornelius. Then we roped her into a whole lot of activities! \*\*\*insert evil laugh\*\*\****

***Q: Tell us when you graduated from Westernaires and from which teams, Joy?***

**Joy:** I graduated Stock Show 1994 as Captain of Red Team. I was also in Red Liberty and Red/Glow Ropes.

***Q: How many years did you spend at Westernaires?***

**Joy:** I was actually in Westernaires from Fall 1983 to Stock Show of 1994. I had been out at Westernaires from 1977 to 1980 when my parents were the caretakers and then both my sisters were in up until I joined. So 17 years around and 11 as a rider.

***Q: It's so cool that your parents (the amazing Bob and Bonnie James) were the Westernaires caretakers! What do you remember most about that time?***

**Joy:** My parents, Robert and Bonnie James, moved to Colorado in 1975 and landed in Golden. I am not sure how it came about, as I was only 2 when they became caretakers of Westernaires in June or July of 1977. I have 2 sisters that were in Westernaires: Lisa and Cheryl James. I have good memories of being a little kid running around the Fort. The Fort and surrounding fairgrounds are very different now as compared to when I lived and was in. I loved as a little kid being around all the horses, ponies and oxen. My parents still tell stories about their time at the Fort. They also remember many of the horses and stories about them. While my parents were caretakers my mom volunteered as monitor of my sisters classes, helped in the store and the old print shop. My dad loved working on the trucks and tractors and also driving the surrey. We were able to get our own horses and keep them at the Fort. They were two Palomino geldings: Chico and Zanzabar. My dad would use Zanzabar in shows to pull the surrey with the fringe on top.

***Q: Tell us what you've been doing with your time since graduation, Joy.***

**Joy:** After graduation I had a job at a Arabian horse farm. I ended up leaving the farm and starting a job at King Soopers, and at the time I did not know that I would make a career out of it. I am currently a Assistant Store Manager at King Soopers. I met my husband Sean at work and we have two boys: Anthony, 22, and Colin, 18. My boys did not want to be in Westernaires; they had no interest in horses. I owned the horse I graduated Westernaires on for 33 years (pictured — Chico the wonder horse). Missy, our other horse, was in my life for 30 years. Shortly after graduation Missy had a colt named Cash. I have had horses in my life since I was 3 and being in Westernaires gave me a special bond with my horses. Most all of time since graduation has been focused on my family and career. My boys played basketball and baseball and in any free time I had I would ride horses.

***Q: What made you decide to come back to Westernaires, Joy?***

**Joy:** My boys are adults and in college now, so I have more time to be able to do what I want. I have many lifelong friends from Westernaires most I have known since I was 8 and that I used to play in the dirt of the old Red Arena with when we were, like, 3 years old (Danielle Williams!) Many are involved in Westernaires with their kids and kept asking me to join them instructing. Last Winter, I joined the adult ride to be able to ride different horses and ride in the winter. After doing adult ride and missing Westernaires I decided to take the Senior Instructor class. Westernaires has always been a part of my life even while I was gone. I have a niece Monica Johnson who is a graduate of Red Team. Like I said I have many life-long friends (family) that are in and I would keep up with their Westernaires activities. Westernaires was a large part of my life growing up — it gave me life-long friends, confidence, taught me teamwork, leadership, dedication, patience, and to trust a 1000lb animal with my life. Without Westernaires I would not be who I am today. So my love of horses, pressure from old friends and knowing I can help these kids learn to love horses and watch them grow.

I am instructing this year's Tenderfoot-10 class with (alumna) Kellie Edgett and we met as Tenderfeet in 1983. I told her it's the circle of life!

I wanted to add that I also joined the board of the Alumni Association. I am very proud to be a Red Team alumni and am looking forward to the serving on the board to help secure the future of Westernaires and to connect the kids with horses. I also look forward to help grow the Alumni Association and get more involvement.

***Can we interview you next? Please reach out to us at [info@westernairesalumni.org](mailto:info@westernairesalumni.org)***

**(Below)** Joy's first Tenderfoot ride, in 1983, on her horse, Chico. Alumna Kellie Edgett can be seen two horses back. In between Joy and Kellie is alumnus Scotty Murayama.

**(Bottom)** Joy in 1991 riding Chico as a Varsity Red Team rider in Vernal, UT. Immediately behind her is alumna Aimee Paillet Melton (also an instructor at Westernaires). In the background is also alumna Kellie Edgett.





# Mean Girls

the musical

If you're interested in seeing the Broadway musical "Mean Girls" at the Buell Theater in Denver, **use the promo code "RIDE"** when buying tickets either online or in person. Westernaires will receive \$5 per ticket sold for this musical when using that promo code. Help support a great organization in addition to seeing what will be a fantastic musical.

For all other plays at Denver Center for the Performing Arts, **use promo code "WESTERNAIRES"** to receive a discount on tickets. This is in memory of our dearly departed board member, Daniel Lindsey, who had passion for both Westernaires and the Denver Center for the Performing Arts.

<https://www.denvercenter.org/tickets-events/mean-girls/>



## Help Westernaires with the NEW King Soopers Rewards Programs — No more reloading gift cards!

Alumni and friends: **Please join us to support Westernaires. This program costs nothing but a few moments of your time.**

When you shop at King Soopers (Kroger), a percentage of the amount you spend comes back to Westernaires thanks to the generosity of Kroger. This is done WITHOUT them raising the prices that you pay!

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 now been retooled by King Soopers to make it easier to use — no more remembering to load or use that gift card! 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!

If you still hold the old Westernaires-linked King Soopers gift cards, please do not load any more funds onto them. 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... You 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 T1171 in their system.

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)

\* If you use Kroger (parent company of King Soopers) in your area, please call their main corporate number and select "Community Rewards". They may need to set up Westernaires manually as your designated rewards organization, but they can get it done. Thank you for all of your support. These little donations really add up!



# Alumni Impact Statements Needed!

Alumni and former Westernaires riders -- could we ask a favor, please? We're looking for as many responses as possible to the question: "What kind of impact did Westernaires have on you?" Westernaires will use some of this information when soliciting for corporate donations and funding from foundations.

How did Westernaires impact your life? Do you use certain skills that were learned during your years in Westernaires (e.g., leadership, organization, time management, responsibility, public speaking, etc.)? Please tell us about it. Or, maybe it's more general in nature. How did Westernaires prepare you for the world?

We'd love to hear your comments — whether they're good, bad, or indifferent. Won't you please take a moment to share your thoughts with us? Click the link below to be taken to our website form, or you can email your thoughts to us at: [info@westernairesalumni.org](mailto:info@westernairesalumni.org)

<https://www.westernairesalumni.org/impact>



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## Corrections:

In our last issue, we neglected to list Curt Fear as one of our founding WAA board members. It certainly wasn't because we don't remember and appreciate his amazing contributions — please forgive us, Curt!



## SILENT AUCTION

We need silent auction items! If you have any items you'd like to donate for our Annual Show silent auction, please contact us.





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## In Memoriam

- Robbin Hughes, 1975 Varsity Big Red Team graduate

**Our sincerest apologies if we've neglected to list a loved one.  
Please keep us updated by sending us an email to:  
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