



# LCHA Roundup

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## CAROLING

### Yes, Christmas Caroling on Horseback

**Save the date.**  
**Sign Up Now.**  
**Free.**  
**Open to the Public**

#### Details:

**Who Is Welcome:** Open to the Public. Children are welcome.

**Where We Meet:** Turner Middle School

**Day and Date:** Saturday, November 26

**Time:** Arrive at 9:00 AM.

**Be in the saddle by 9:30 AM.**

**We leave the parking lot at 10:00 AM.**

Feel free to decorate your horse, or yourself, in the Christmas spirit.

Come Christmas Caroling on horseback with us in Berthoud. Susan Kurzweil is our ride leader for the day. She and her horse know all the routes to take to be safe and have fun.

Caroling on horseback may be the best event of the year, at least that's what some folks have told us after past trips. For more than 20 years LCHA has Christmas caroled on horseback in Berthoud. As we did last year, we will collaborate with The Rancher's Wife and their celebration plans.

The Rancher's Wife has a celebration with Santa on Nov. 26 and are delighted to have us join in the festivities.

So, we will join them.



One example of dressing a horse for the occasion

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We will gather at Turner Middle School. Santa will join us there and ride our hay wagon down Massachusetts Avenue to the square where we will sing to the crowd.

We expect to arrive at the Rancher's Wife store around 10:45 singing carols along the way.

We will have a hay wagon for Santa and anyone who does not bring a horse. Afterward we will head back to Turner Middle School parking lot for hot chocolate and hot cider. Bring cookies to share.

If the weather is bad or if the road conditions are icy, we will cancel. So, please make reservations with Bonnie Templeton 970-622-0982 or Susan Kurzweil 970-619-0966 so that we can call you if the need arises to cancel.

## Directions to Turner Middle School

Go to Berthoud. Its main street is Mountain Avenue (used to be US 287).

- Follow Mountain Avenue to 8th Street. Turn north onto 8th Street. The turn is next to an A&W restaurant.
- Follow 8th Street 2 blocks to Turner Avenue.
- Turn left (west) onto Turner Avenue.
- Go one block on Turner Avenue. The parking lot is on the right.

# PARTY

## LCHA Christmas Party



Yes, we will have an in-person party this year. Here are the Details:

**Sunday, December 4  
5:00 PM to 9:00 PM**

**McKee 4H Building,  
The Ranch**

**Loveland and Ft Collins Rooms**

To sign up, call Susan Kurzweil at 970-619-0966 or Bonnie Templeton at 970-622-0982.

## Potluck

Susan Kurzweil will bring pulled pork, barbecue sauce, and buns, setting a barbecue theme for the evening.

Bring your dishes, salads, desserts, and so forth.

**All LCHA members and their guests are welcome.**

**Great reasons for attending this potluck party:**

Potluck food is good food.

It is a central location.

We can mix and mingle, and spend time, with other members, and meet new members.

We won't be paying restaurant fees per dinner plate.

## Surprise?

Who knows. We might have some surprises for attendees.

*See "Don't Be Shy" on page 3*

### *Don't Be Shy*

**So, don't be shy. Whether you have been a member for years or have recently joined, come to the LCHA Christmas Party. A good time for all of us.**

One of the surprises we don't want is to have everybody bring the same potluck dish. Why do we say that? Some time ago, when the Board of Directors had meeting and potlucks at the same time, we had one evening in which everybody brought a version of beans. We had never seen so many ways to make baked beans. Actually, one person brought a dessert.



To avoid another multiple bean meal (or anything like it), [please sign up to attend the Christmas Party. Call Susan Kurzweil at 970-663-6738 or Bonnie Templeton at 970-622-0982 to sign up for the party, and let us know the category you are bringing to the meal – salad, side, or dessert. Thank you, in advance.

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produce the newsletter.

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the horse industry in Larimer County, or this newsletter, send  
them to the editor.

## Natural Horsemanship Defined

I will bet that many of you already have some idea of what "natural horsemanship" is all about. The speaker for our January program, Brooke Danner, will spell it all out: What "natural horsemanship" is, what it means to our training methods, and how it improves our relationship with our horses.

### Details

**Thursday, January 5**  
**7:00 PM to 9:00 PM**  
**McKee 4H Building**  
**The Ranch**

*See "January Program" on page 4*



## Who Is Brooke Danner



I have been a student of the horse for over two decades now - it's amazing how time flies! I've interned with various trainers that specialized in dressage, jumping, western, endurance, and natural horsemanship. What really fulfilled my passion was learning about natural horsemanship as a teenager after adopting a rescue horse that was considered dangerous by many. Let's just say... *he was the perfect storm for broken bones*. However, through groundwork & liberty, Bentley became my best lesson horse that would even lay down on cue for a paralyzed student to climb on from a wheelchair.

After 15 years of being a riding instructor & trainer, I recently founded a 501c3 nonprofit ministry, Resurrecting Hearts Horsemanship. It's an honor to share the love of horses with my students, along with witnessing the healing power of horses and Christ in the youth that attend our horsemanship programs.

## Synopsis

We will discuss the origins of natural horsemanship, why it was developed, and how it stands out from traditional training. What does it mean to be a "horse whisperer?"

See "Debunk" on page 4

We're also going to debunk a few common methods of training that can be substituted with a softer approach, along with introducing the "a, b, c's" of groundwork that lay the foundation for tackling obstacles (such as trailer loading, bridges, etc.) and liberty work. We're going to have fun with creative demonstrations! Let the laughter begin.

## An Interesting Meeting.

This meeting is in person. We hope to see all of you there. Note: We will try to use Zoom for those of you who cannot attend this meeting in person. Bonnie Templeton will send a Zoom invitation to all LCHA members 2 days before the meeting.

## Planning for 2023



several occasions)

January marks the month when LCHA plans its year of events. Yes, we try to *plan* all the events of the year in one meeting:

- Thursday
- January 19
- 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM (we have finished earlier than that on

## ZOOM

Two days before the meeting, Bonnie Templeton will send an invitation to the Zoom meeting to all LCHA members

## Fixed Dates

Some dates are automatic. For instance,

- Our bylaws require that LCHA have an **annual meeting** in June. We typically have the annual meeting on the third Saturday of June.

See "Fixed Dates, cont'd" on page 5

### *Fixed Dates, cont'd*

- In September, October, November, January, February, March, April, and May, we have **program meetings** on the first Thursday of the month (unless the first Thursday is not feasible;).
- For several years, we have scheduled **Christmas Caroling on Horseback** in Berthoud.
- We also try to have a **Christmas Party** for LCHA members and their guests.

Calendars in hand, we determine the exact dates for each of these events, and then we set the events for those dates.

## Other Events

With the fixed-date events set, we then plan other events.

*Evacuation team training* – We also schedule Spring training sessions for the large animal evacuation teams to maintain a high level of readiness and skill necessary to make effective and safe evacuations.

*Trail maintenance* – The coordinator asks for certain dates for trail maintenance trips, spacing them across the late Spring, Summer, and early Fall.

*Poker Ride* – This is our biggest fund raiser of the year, and it deserves our careful consideration when scheduling events.

*Trail rides* – Trail ride leaders list dates and trails on which they would like to lead rides. We try to schedule at least one club ride per month – frequently more than one per month. *Note: We do NOT schedule trail rides on the same dates as trail maintenance trips.*

*Trail ride leader training* – If people are interested in becoming LCHA trail ride leaders, we schedule a trail ride leader training class (usually a half day of classroom and a half day of hands-on training while riding our horses).

*Fun days* – a Christmas party, a picnic following a special ride (for example, a ride at Sylvan Dale Guest Ranch), and other events also make it to the calendar at the planning meeting.

*See "Difference" on page 5*

### *Difference*

## Your Chance To Make a Difference Get In Your Two Cents Worth

LCHA is a very active group. It is an all-volunteer group. It depends on your ideas and your help to bring all our ideas to fruition, and to meet our mission. If you are a member of LCHA, come to the planning meeting. If you have a question, an idea, or a suggestion for an event you would like, bring it to the meeting. If you have an idea for a program, bring it to the planning meeting. We will be glad to hear it, consider it, and probably include it in the list of programs for the year.



If you are a trail ride leader, bring your dates/trails to the meeting to be scheduled.

**So come to the planning meeting, and bring your ideas and wishes.**

**With you, we are strong. Without you, we are diminished.**

## Problem, and Suggested Solution

### The Event

We had planned an educational meeting for Nov.3 on fire safety with Dr. Eddie Taylor who is a veterinarian and Asst. Fire Chief for Livermore. At 5:00 it was snowing in Loveland but not heavily. We got a call from Dr. Taylor that in Livermore he was in blizzard conditions and was called out to a massive accident. He would not be able to make the meeting.

*See "Problem" on page 6*

### Problem

## The Problem

It was less than 2 hours to the scheduled meeting time! We needed to let our membership know of the in the most timely and efficient method possible.

Four Board members started making phone calls to all members to cancel the meeting. At present, we have 70 memberships encompassing 100 people.

## The Suggested Solution

At the Board meeting on Nov. 9, we discussed this situation and how we might improve it. It was suggested that we research group texting – sending a text to the entire membership at once, which would get the word out quickly.

We realize that not everyone has a cell phone and can receive texts. Those people would be kept on a separate calling list and contacted by phone individually.

We could also send out meeting reminders by texting. As Membership Chairman, I maintain the membership list, including phone numbers.

In the past we have not differentiated cell phones from landlines. As we progress in this project, I may be contacting you to designate your land line number from your cell phone number. I will keep you posted on progress.

Bonnie Templeton

## Sign Up for Your Event

**Please! Please! Please! Sign up for events in advance (especially events that involve riding):**

- For any weekend ride, sign up by the end of Thursday before the ride.
- For any week day ride, sign up at least two days in advance.
- For some events, earlier sign-up may be required.

*See “Why” on page 6*

### Why



**No matter how you do it, sign up.**

## Why?

If we need to cancel an event, your ride leader can get in touch with you to let you know before you drive to the location. You won't use gasoline or time waiting for an event that isn't going to happen. Also, your event leader needs to know if anyone is coming: If no one signs up, the leader may cancel or reschedule the event. And, if you have any special concerns or circumstances (for example, it is your horse's first ride with a group), your leader can plan to deal with the situation in the best possible way.

## Limit

Wilderness areas, properties owned by the city of Fort Collins, and Red Mountain Open Space have a “12-heartbeat rule”: a group cannot include more than 12 heartbeats when using trails in these areas. When riding our horses, the rule limits our groups to 6 riders (plus 6 horses with hearts) to meet the 12-heartbeat rule.

However, if we have significantly more than 6 riders who want to ride, we can split them into 2 or more groups, each group including 6 riders (1 ride leader plus 5 others). The second group must leave the trail head 20 to 25 minutes after the first so that they do not merge with the first group.

*See “Limit” on page 7*

### Limit

When "Limit" is 4 horse trailers, it means that the parking space can hold only 4 horse trailers (tightly packed). However, we encourage "trailer pooling" if more than 4 people want to go on the ride. Actually, we encourage "trailer pooling" for any ride. The benefits are obvious.

## LCHA Educational Programs

LCHA offers a program meeting on the First Thursday of each month, except June, July, August, and December. All members are invited, and the public is invited, to any program meeting. Until the Covid pandemic has ended, we meet by Zoom, since we cannot maintain social distancing in meetings in person, and we cannot use our meeting location, namely the McKee 4H Building at The Ranch. Before each educational meeting the LCHA newsletter, *LCHA Roundup*, will publish program details

## LCHA Board Of Directors Meetings

The Larimer County Horseman's Association Board of Directors meets on the second Tuesday of every month, except December and the month in which we have the Annual Meeting. The 2022 Annual meeting is on June 11, and will take the place of the monthly Board of Directors meeting. All Board meetings are open to all LCHA members and to the public.

### Lunch?

For all rides except the Christmas Caroling on Horseback, bring your lunch (unless your ride leader tells you otherwise). You will have lunch somewhere on the trail.

## Upcoming Events

Events	Details	Contact
<b>2022</b>		
 <b>Christmas Caroling on Horseback in Berthoud</b>	Saturday, November 26 Gathering at Turner Middle School Parking Lot Arrive at 9:00 AM, Ready to ride at 9:30 AM Leave parking lot at 10:00 AM	Susan Kurzweil 970-619-0966 Bonnie Templeton 970-622-0982
<b>LCHA Potluck Christmas Party</b> 	Sunday, December 4 McKee 4H Building, The Ranch Loveland and Ft Collins Rooms 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Susan Kurzweil 970-619-0966 Bonnie Templeton 970-622-0982

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<b>Annual Planning Meeting</b>	Thursday, January 5 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM <b>Zoom</b>	Susan Kurzweil 970-619-0966 Bonnie Templeton 970-622-0982
<b>February Meeting – Fire Safety Around the Barn and Ranch</b>  <b>Dr. Eddie Taylor</b>	Thursday, February 2 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM McKee 4H Building The Ranch  (Also in Zoom)	Bonnie May 970-217-1113

## Resources

### Buy, Sell, List Your Service

The *LCHA Roundup*, this newsletter, contains a handy section called "Classified."

The Classified section includes **services** that are offered; for example, riding lessons, horse training, saddle cleaning and care, and so on.

It also lists horse related items that are for **sale**, or advises us of sales to begin. For example, one of our members made really nice rope halters and advertised them in the Classified section. Another member listed a sale of a group of horses. Even if you only want to find a good home for a horse, list it. If you are getting rid of extra items in your tack room, let us know.

Another use of the Classified section is **wanted**. Do you need extra hay, a recommendation for a good farrier or a vet in your area, or help with finding a really good trail that fits your style or is near your home.

Larimer County Horseman's Association (LCHA) has a wide diversity of members with a very wide diversity of skills, thoughts, and resources. You can tap into these resources with the Classified section of this newsletter. You can also meet other members, and strengthen the community of LCHA.

Use our resources. Use our Classified section. It is Free to members.

Contact the editor at 970-622-0982 or [hughtmpltn@gmail.com](mailto:hughtmpltn@gmail.com) with your entry for the Classified section.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

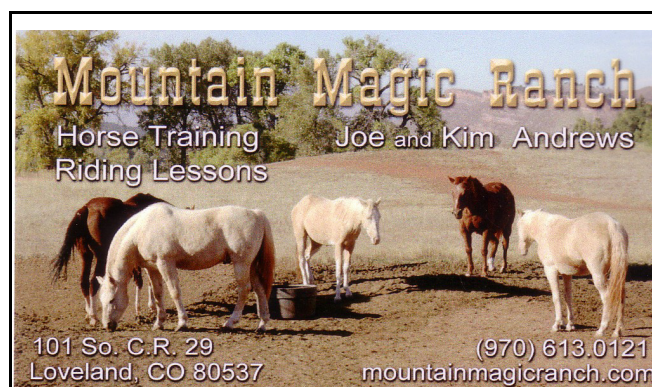
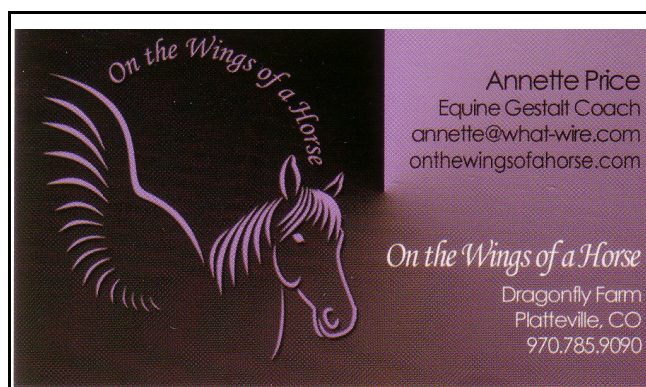
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**Larimer County Horseman's Association** is looking for new members to join in the equestrian fun. Are you looking for some real horsey friends for rides, education, and community events? If so, we would like very much for you to join us. Check our website at [www.larimerhorseman.org](http://www.larimerhorseman.org) or go to our Facebook

page for more information at [www.facebook.com/larimerhorseman](http://www.facebook.com/larimerhorseman) We are a non-profit and we also love new volunteers. Happy Trails!

## The Card Shop







And a Merry Christmas to all.



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50 Years of Service

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