



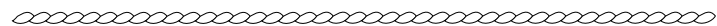
LCHA Roundup

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WHAT A DAY A Grand Experience for the Fundraiser



Yes, it started out with the usual rush of being ready for the arrival of participants.

Setting Up

Volunteers arrived to find a large canopy erected. We then set up a registration table, a table for water and iced tea jugs and cups, and tables to display the prizes to be drawn at the end of the event. Our hostess, Cindy Loader, had set up some saddle stands with saddles for sale, and some information about her horse training and riding instruction. We added some additional tables for people to use when having lunch, and lots of chairs.

That was the original rush, but not all of it. Our crew to lead parking set out cones to mark parking areas for cars, and for three separate areas for trailer parking. We walked a lot.

We also started parking trailers. We tried to separate smaller (2 horse or 3 horse) trailers in one area and larger trailers in one of two different areas. We were usually successful in using each area advantageously.

BTW, the clouds were dark. It started to sprinkle on us. Many of us thought "Oh boy, here we go." But then the sprinkle stopped, and a few minutes later it started again.

After the second time the sprinkles stopped, we had no more rain. But we had a view of nature's beauty and (we hoped) promise of a good day.

The clouds slowly broke up, and as the morning wore on, sunshine began to appear. We ended our day with a nearly cloudless sky: temperatures cool, not cold, and not hot. It was great afternoon.



Arrivals and Activities

Participants arrived, checked in at registration, and then went back to their trailers to unload and tack up. At least most people tacked up, but some preferred in-hand activity.

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The people and horses then went down to the obstacles, and started working their way through. LCHA trained volunteers to coach people at obstacles if people wanted to know how to use an obstacle, or a little help working with a horse at an obstacle. People could go from one obstacle to any other as they wished. There was no judging, no time limit, lots of time to relax and let the horse relax. There was lots of support for anyone.

People were having fun. They were also learning things about themselves and their horses.



See "Lunch" on page 2

Lunch

Lunch

Just before 11:00, the food truck, **Spice Girls Global Kitchen**, arrived and started to set up for our lunch. Before long, they were ready to serve a variety: Brazilian street tacos, Peruvian street tacos, Korean street tacos, Big Kahuna street tacos, and a variety of burgers. Yum.

The food was delicious. We could not have been more pleased. All of us raved about the tacos & the service was top notch.

After Lunch

Before, during, and after lunch, a few people continued enjoying the obstacles. But by 1:00 PM, most had finished and some were returning to their trailers. We announced the drawings for prizes, and people gathered either on foot or on horseback to hear the ticket numbers called out. Winners were pleased with their prizes, especially two persons: Each of their tickets won a \$100 gift card: one was for Latigo Lariat, the other for BarnYard Vet Supply.



See "End" on page 3

End

End of Event

Participants took horses to trailers, people to trailers or cars. Volunteers picked up chairs, tables, water and tea jugs, etc, packing them into trucks or cars to take them home. The food truck packed up and left for another event that afternoon.

The day went well. The parking team was able to shoehorn 28 trailers into available space. Registration was smooth. Participants were pleased with the ease of registration and the ease of moving from one obstacle to another. Many received good tips from our volunteers who served as coaches.

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If you have ideas, comments, or questions about LCHA, horses,
the horse industry in Larimer County, or this newsletter, send
them to the editor.

The food from the food truck was fantastic, and all who bought lunch from it positively gushed with praise.

The Team

We had a lot of volunteers for this event.



Second row, left to right: Cynthia, Karen McGee., Maria, Tatiana, Jill, Dale, and Rachael

Front Row, left to right: Susan, Karen Muhler, Cindy Loader (our hostess), Janet, Bonnie, Annette, Hugh, Jeanne Anne,

Not shown: Jean Beucler, Deb Schauermaann. Both had to leave earlier due to other commitments.

Fabulous Fundraiser

Yesterday we had a fabulous time at the Obstacle Fundraiser. I was at the registration table so I got to observe many things. I would like to share one of my observations because I thought it was significant.

See "Nerves" on page 4

Nerves

There were several horses who were nervous going down the driveway to the obstacle area. Their owners circled them to calm them down before proceeding.

I was especially impressed with one pair, a woman and a draft cross (Belgian and Haflinger). He was very big. At the top of the driveway she circled and circled him and when he calmed down she sat on a rock and just stayed there with him.

The next time I looked, they were repeating the process several yards down the driveway. Each time she was so calm and easy with him. Later I saw them in the obstacle area: he was standing next to her looking around. Here he is standing quietly on one of the obstacles.



I never saw any indication of frustration on her part. And I thought YES! We have to meet the horse where he is and be proud of the progress he makes.

Bonnie Templeton

See "October" on page 4

October

Things To Do In October



Friday, October 9 Board of Directors Meeting

Council Tree Library,
2733 Council Tree Avenue, Fort Collins
9:00 AM to 10:45 AM

LCHA members, guests, and the public are welcome at any Board of Directors meeting.

Friday, September 30 -- Trail Ride, Pella Crossing

Arrive 10:00 AM, In saddle 10:30 AM
Walk/Trot/Gait

Contact Karen Finfer at 303-928-9973

Early notice:

Date TBD (Some time in October)
Chicken Fried Trail Ride
Eagles' Nest Open Space
Arrive 4:00 PM, Ride 4:30 PM.
Walk/Trot/Gait

Potluck: LCHA will provide fried chicken. You bring a chair, bring a drink, and bring a dish to share.

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Chicken Fried Trail Ride



Contact Susan Kurzweil 970-619-0966 or Pati Morel 970-488-0041

Notes:

All LCHA members and their guests are welcome at trail rides. Since all trail ride attendees must be members (insurance requirement), guests may join LCHA as full members (\$30 individual, \$40 family, \$50 business) or temporary members (\$10 per person) at the trail head.

Beaver Meadows Ride

A group of ladies from LCHA rented condos and went riding at Beaver Meadows Resort Ranch on August 18, 19 and 20th. Six horses and seven riders attended and enjoyed great weather, great friendship, and fun time in the saddle.

- Pati Morel riding Jolee
- Karen McGee riding Magic
- temporary member April riding Maggie
- Jean Beucler riding Chipeta
- Karen Finfer riding Suave
- Karen Muhler riding Kit
- Susan Kurzweil riding Magic

See "Stalls" on page 5

Stalls



For the horses, we rented outdoor stalls, which were right near the lodge. It worked out great.

On Tuesday afternoon a single group went out and rode for several hours with beautiful views and four water crossings.



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Wednesday Ride



On Wednesday Bonnie and Greg May joined the group. Bonnie and Greg rode with the group of faster horses that wanted to move out a bit, while a slower group enjoyed a ride around the camping areas.

Both nights we enjoyed dinner and drinks in Red Feather Lakes at The Tavern, which was the only restaurant open!!

On Thursday we had a quick morning ride, before loading up our trailers and heading back down the mountain. We are thankful for the great weather and for the fact that the horse trainer at the riding stable, Clara, was able to get Karen Finfer's horse, Suave, into the trailer, after us trying for quite awhile to load him for the trip home.

Susan Kurzweil

Open Spaces/Parks - continued

Devil's Backbone Open Space
Eagles' Nest Open Space
Flatiron Reservoir
Hermit Park Open Space
Horsetooth Mountain Open Space
Horsetooth Reservoir
Lions Open Space
Pinewood Reservoir
Ramsay-Shockey Open Space
Red Mountain Open Space
River Bluffs Open Space



Wide open spaces of Nomad trail. Horsetooth Mountain Open Space

Did You Know?

Larimer County Department of Natural Resources provides 13 open spaces and parks for you to enjoy:

Big Thompson Canyon Parks

Carter Lake

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Classified Ads

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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 7

Why



No matter how you do it, sign up

Why

If we need to cancel an event, your ride leader or event coordinator 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/event coordinator 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.

What's the Deal with "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.

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.

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Lunch?

Lunch?

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

LCHA Educational Programs

LCHA offers an educational program meeting on the First Thursday of each month, except June, July, August, and December. In 2026, the first three meetings will be on Saturday mornings. All members are invited, and the public is invited, to any program meeting.

For evening meetings, we meet at the McKee 4H Building at The Ranch. For Saturday meetings, we may set a different location.

These programs involve in-person meetings. We also try to present the programs in Zoom, but cannot

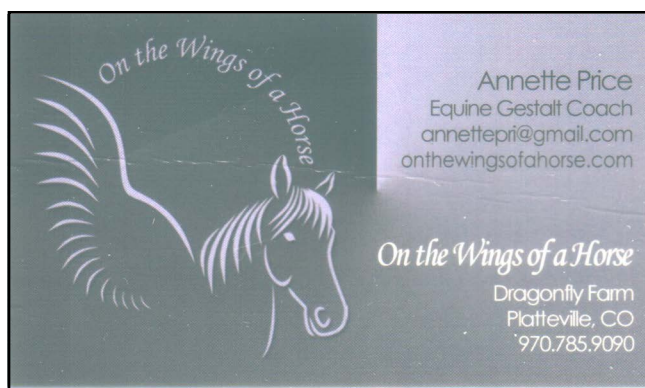
guarantee that viewers will see items shown by a presenter. We recommend attending these programs in person,

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 Friday of every month, except December. The 2025 Annual meeting was on June 21. All Board meetings are open to all LCHA members and to the public.

The Card Shop

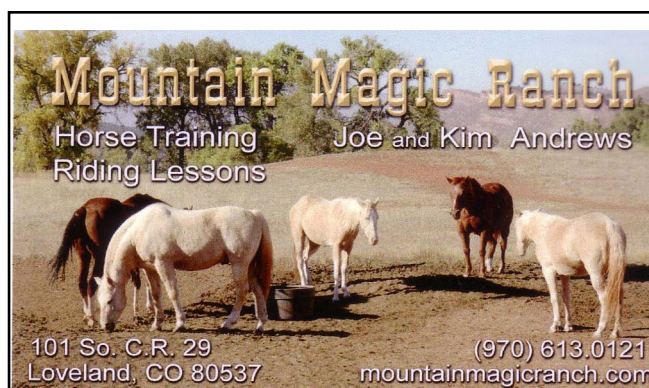


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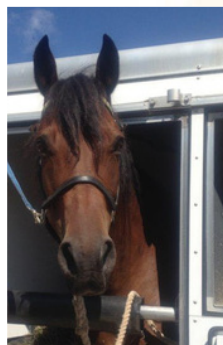
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Some racehorses are staying in a stable. One of them starts to boast about his track record. “In the last 15 races, I’ve won eight of them!”

Another horse breaks in: “Well in the last 27 races, I’ve won 19!”

“Oh that’s good, but in the last 36 races, I’ve won 28!” says another.

At this point, the horses notice a greyhound, who has been sitting there listening. “I don’t mean to boast,” says the greyhound, “but in my last 90 races, I’ve won 88 of them!”

The horses are clearly amazed. “Wow!” says one, after a hushed silence. “A talking dog!”

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