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Mission statement: Promote and protect equines and equine activities in Jefferson County, Colorado

October 2023 Newsletter



The reason Volunteers are not paid is because what they do is PRICELESS. Thank you to all of our Volunteers!!

SAVE THE DATE

October 16, 2023 will be the JCHC Emergency Evacuation Team (EET) Debrief for the recent Functional Exercise of the EET. This will be held at the Golden Library (1019 10th St, Golden, CO 80401) beginning at 6 pm. This will be a "listening meeting" where the managers are looking for feedback from the EET participating volunteers to garner insights into ways to improve. All are welcome.

October 24, 2023 will be our Board of Directors meeting. This is typically a Zoom meeting. The agenda and contact information will be shared via email to all members. All members are welcome to attend.

October 28 & 29, 2023 Westernaires' [Horsecapades](#)

November 6, 2023, will be our **Annual Membership Meeting** to elect the Board of Directors. More information to follow.

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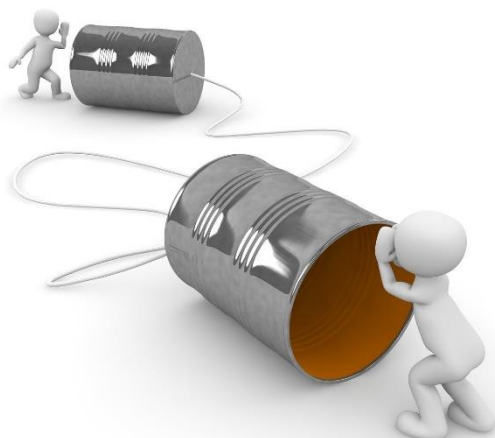
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**Deadline for articles
10th of each month!**

CALLING FOR NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR JCHC BOARD MEMBERS



Board Elections are coming up! There are several positions open for candidates on the JeffCo Horse Council Board. Anyone interested in becoming actively involved at the Board level, please email your name, contact information, and a paragraph describing your interest and what you feel you can bring to the JeffCo Horse Council mission: To promote and protect equines and equine activities in Jefferson County, Colorado.

We ask that you put your hat in the ring before October 23, 2023.

Note, you must be a dues-paying member* to qualify for the board.

Send to Vera Antonucci at vera.antonucci@gmail.com or Lydia Andrew-Jones at nimbus.nimrod@gmail.com Thanks ladies, for serving as Nominating Committee.

(*dues are \$20/individual, \$30/family, \$40/commercial)



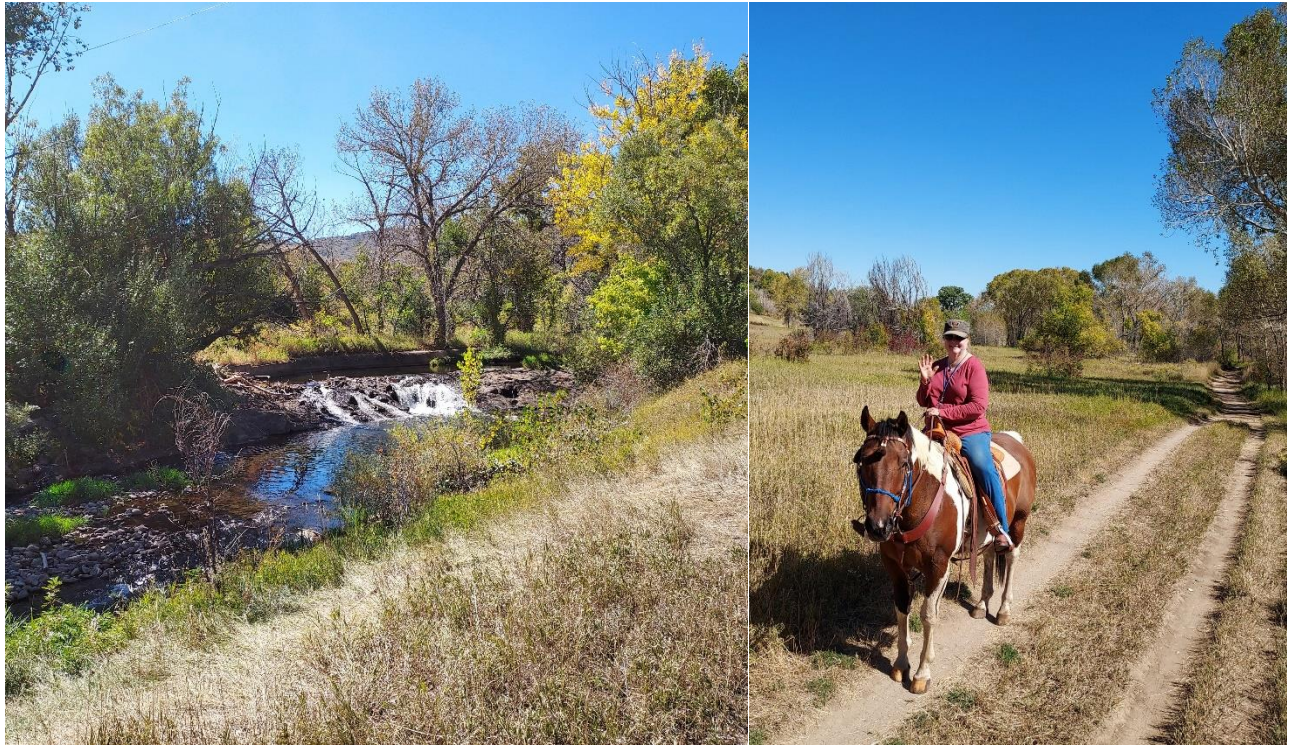
Horse Person of the Year Search

As per our usual modus operandi of this time of the year, JCHC is looking for nominations for Horse Person of the Year. Please take a few moments to consider who you would nominate and why he or she deserves this honor. Share your nomination(s) and write up via email to PJ Dyon at pdyon54@aol.com no later than October 20, 2023.

Thanks!!

Holiday Meeting Venue Search

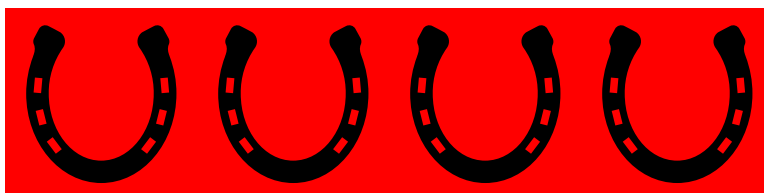
We are looking for a festive, inexpensive venue in which to hold our December 4th JCHC General Meeting. Do you have any ideas on places which would fit our non-existent budget? Would you like to work with PJ Dyon to find someplace to have a festive party? Please reach out to PJ at pdyon54@aol.com Thanks!!



So, who goes trail riding in our group??

We all love our ponies and some of us even go out into nature, weather permitting, to hit the trails. Please forward your pictures, with a short description, to Suzi Cook at suzicook@comcast.net Suzi will use your shots and write up on our Facebook page.

These shots are from a short ride that Fran Evers and PJ Dyon took last week at Bear Creek Lake Park. We ran into some riders there who board at Soda Lake Stables. They told us that they heard JCHC said that Soda Creek Stables was closing. Of course, we said that JCHC had NOT started that rumor!! So, please take the time to get your facts straight before you share information in the name of JCHC or as a source of your information. Thank you.



****PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS****

Bear Creek Lake Park's master planning process is underway and the City of Lakewood has launched a visitor survey to plan for the future of the park. The recent purchase of 35 acres of land near the Soda Creek Stable is going to be included into the Bear Creek Lake Park and your input is being requested on what the community wants to see how this land is to be used. Please complete the survey. The survey is ongoing. This master planning process is separate from the US Army Corps of Engineers plan (see the picture below). bit.ly/BCLPsurvey

Add your voice by visiting LakewoodTogether.org/BearCreekPlan and subscribe for project updates.

Lisa Woodward's suggestion is to add horse camping spots in the park. P.S. Did you know that Lisa was instrumental in designing the trails at Bear Creek Lake Park? At one time, all of the trails in the attached picture of the map were open to equines. Now only the red trails are designated multi use, which includes equines.

Recently, several of our members went to the Open House at Bear Creek Lake Park. While there, we became aware that there were two separate concerns which will determine the future of Bear Creek Lake Park:

- 1) the master plan listed above (please take the survey) and
- 2) the Army Corps of Engineers' potential flooding of 1/3 to 1/2 of the current area of Bear Creek Lake Park to create a reservoir (the center of the map below). The area at risk includes many of the trails which equestrians and others use, as well as the raptor nesting areas. It was also learned that few people had taken the time to comment on the proposed changes. Please go to the links listed and make your voices heard.



I found the following information through the Jeffco Open Space & Parks newsletter and thought you might enjoy this info. Personally, I've found some amazing books at the Whale of a Used Book Sale. Hopefully, 2024 will see more utilization of the Jeffco Fairgrounds for events which we can enjoy, including equestrian events.

Jeffco CSU Extension, Jeffco Fairgrounds & Jeffco Library Foundation

PRESENTS
FALL FAMILY FUN DAY

BOOKS, TREATS, 4-H, OH MY!

Join us for a fun filled day of activities! Purchase used books, get free candy and learn about all the programs CSU Extension & 4-H has to offer.

OCTOBER 22, 2023

WHALE OF A USED BOOK SALE EXHIBIT HALLS	11:00AM - 3:00PM Whale of a Used Book Sale is a bi-annual event that raises money to support Jefferson County Public Library while giving book-lovers great deals on books of all kinds. Join us for the Costume Contest!
TRUNK OR TREAT CSUE PARKING LOT	12:00PM - 2:30PM Trunk or Treat allows children with their families to dress up in their Halloween costumes and collect candy in one safe location. All ages welcome!
4-H OPEN HOUSE BARN 1	1:00PM - 2:30PM 4-H is a family centric youth organization structured around hands-on projects, life skills, STEM activities and much more! Open to ages 5-18.

JEFFCO FAIRGROUNDS
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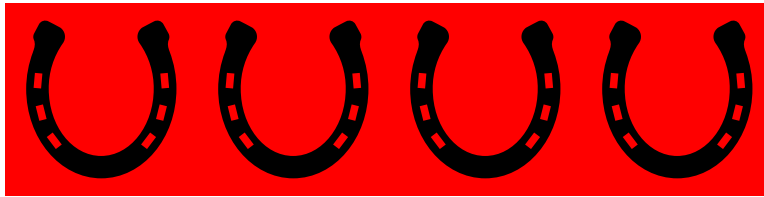
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CSU Extension - Fall Family Fun Day

Join us on October 22, from 11: 00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., for a fun filled day of activities!! We will be hosting a used

book sale, a trunk or treat, and a 4-H Open House. Three big events all rolled into one, plus a bounce house and games!! What more could you ask for?

The Jeffco Library Foundation will be hosting their bi-annual used book sale. Bring a bag, your readers and your best costume!! Jefferson County CSU Extension is hosting a Trunk or Treat from 12:00 - 2:30 p.m. Children and families are invited to dress up in their Halloween costumes, collect candy and learn all about the various programs CSU Extension has to offer! All ages welcome. 4-H will be hosting an Open House from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Meet some active 4-H members, learn all about their various programs and the invaluable life skills they have developed in this amazing program.



BOOK CORNER

Please share your favorite equine themed book titles. Send your favs to pdyon54@aol.com Here are four nonfiction selections for this month. If you can't find any of these at the library, try [Thrift Books](#).

The Horse, the Wheel, and Language: How Bronze-Age Riders from the Eurasian Steppes Shaped the Modern World

by [David W. Anthony](#)

Roughly half the world's population speaks languages derived from a shared linguistic source known as Proto-Indo-European. But who were the early speakers of this ancient mother tongue, and how did they manage to spread it around the globe? Until now their identity has remained a tantalizing mystery to linguists, archaeologists, and even Nazis seeking the roots of the Aryan race. *The Horse, the Wheel, and Language* lifts the veil that has long shrouded these original Indo-European speakers, and reveals how their domestication of horses and use of the wheel spread language and transformed civilization.

Linking prehistoric archaeological remains with the development of language, David Anthony identifies the prehistoric peoples of central Eurasia's steppe grasslands as the original speakers of Proto-Indo-European, and shows how their innovative use of the ox wagon, horseback riding, and the warrior's chariot turned the Eurasian steppes into a thriving transcontinental corridor of communication, commerce, and cultural exchange. He explains how they spread their traditions and gave rise to important advances in copper mining, warfare, and patron-client political institutions, thereby ushering in an era of vibrant social change. Anthony also describes his fascinating discovery of how the wear from bits on ancient horse teeth reveals the origins of horseback riding.

The Horse, the Wheel, and Language solves a puzzle that has vexed scholars for two centuries—the source of the Indo-European languages and English—and recovers a magnificent and influential civilization from the past.

The Ghost Horse: A True Story of Love, Death, and Redemption

by [Joe Layden](#)

In ***The Ghost Horse***, Joe Layden tells the inspiring true tale of a one-eyed, club-footed thoroughbred racehorse and a journeyman trainer, Tim Snyder, who scraped together every penny he had to purchase the broken and unwanted filly.

Snyder helped the horse overcome its deficiencies, eventually naming her in part after his deceased wife, Lisa, the great and only love of his life—a bright and sweet-tempered woman whose gentle demeanor seemed eerily reflected in the horse. The trainer (and now owner) was by nature a crusty and combative sort, the yin to his wife's yang, a racetrack lifer not easily moved by new-age mysticism or sentiment. And yet in those final days back in 2003, when Lisa Snyder lay in bed, her body ravaged by cancer, she reassured her family with a weak smile. "It's okay," she'd say. "I'll see you again. I'm coming back as a horse."

Tim Snyder did not then believe in reincarnation. But he acknowledged the strangeness of this journey, the series of coincidences that brought them together, and the undeniable similarities between the horse and his late wife. And so did those who knew the couple well, and who could now only marvel at the story of the filly, Lisa's Booby Trap, and the down-on-his-luck trainer who apparently had been given a new lease on life. *The Ghost Horse* is a powerful horseracing story of underdogs and second chances.

The Last Ride of the Pony Express: My 2,000-mile Horseback Journey into the Old West by [Will Grant](#)

The Last Ride of the Pony Express boldly illuminates both our mythic fascination with the Pony Express, and how its spirit continues to this day.

The Pony Express was a fast-horse frontier mail service that spanned the American West—the high, dry, and undeniably lonesome part of North America. While in operation during the 1860s, it carried letter mail on a blistering ten-day schedule between Missouri and San Francisco, running through a vast and mostly uninhabited wilderness. It covered a massive distance—akin to running horses between Madrid and Moscow—and to this day, the Pony Express is irrefutably the greatest display of American horsemanship to ever color the pages of a history book.

Though the Pony Express has enjoyed a lot of traction over the years, among the authors that have attempted to encapsulate it, none have ever ridden it themselves. While most scholars would look for answers inside a library, Will Grant looks for his between the ears of a horse. Inspired by the likes of Mark Twain, Sir Richard Burton, and Horace Greeley, all of whom traveled throughout the developing West, Will Grant returned to his roots: he would ride the trail himself with his two horses, Chicken Fry and Badger, from one end to the other.

Will Grant captures the spirit of the West in a way that few writers have. Along with rich encounters with the ranchers, farmers, historians, and businessmen who populate the trail, his exploits on horseback offer an intimate portrait of how the West has evolved from the rough and tumble 19th century to the present, and it's written with such intimacy that you'll feel as though you're riding right alongside of him. The result is an extraordinary portrait of the treacherous and, at times, thrilling landscape of the known and unknown American West, and the people who populate it.

The Last Ride of the Pony Express is a tale of adventure by a horseman who defies most modern conveniences, and is an unforgettable narrative that will forever change how you see the West, the Pony Express, and America as a whole.

The Art of Horsemanship by [Xenophon](#), [Morris H. Morgan \(Translator\)](#)

Among the earliest known works on choosing, caring for, and riding horses, this book is still hailed—2,300 years after it was written — as one of the most complete, thoughtful, and accessible guides of its type. Civilization has changed radically in the centuries since it was written, but the equestrian arts have remained essentially the same. Much of what we presently accept as common wisdom about horsemanship derives from this volume.

A student of Socrates, Xenophon was an accomplished cavalryman and one of the foremost scholars of his day. This translation by Morris H. Morgan offers a fluid interpretation of the ancient Greek's advice, plus 38 carefully chosen illustrations. Equestrians and other horse lovers as well as military history buffs and students of Greek culture will find *The Art of Horsemanship* a treasury of practical tips and enlightened observations.



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Your feedback is appreciated. Paulette PJ Dyon

You've got a horse – and money in the bank? What does it feel like to be financially stable?!