

HIGHLINE

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From the President's Pen

By Kathy Sherer

My top 3 priorities as incoming President (that I described last month) have been coming along. Here are some updates:

Tack Sale

We have been communicating with the 4-H as they begin the process of taking over the Tack Sale. Several 4CBCH members have already volunteered to help during the sale with training and support. The 4-H has identified their lead committee members and are working to secure the many volunteers they will need. Since they are able to use the Fairgrounds for free, this will now be a 3-day sale. The flyer with all the details will be included in the March Highline.

Trail Projects

As I said last month, we are now planning to work closely with the USFS, SJMA, and SWCC to provide pack support (packing in/out their equipment). We are hoping that the annual Trails Committee meeting will take place this month. We are waiting until representatives from these agencies can attend with their list of priorities for 2024. All interested 4CBCH members are invited. Stay tuned!

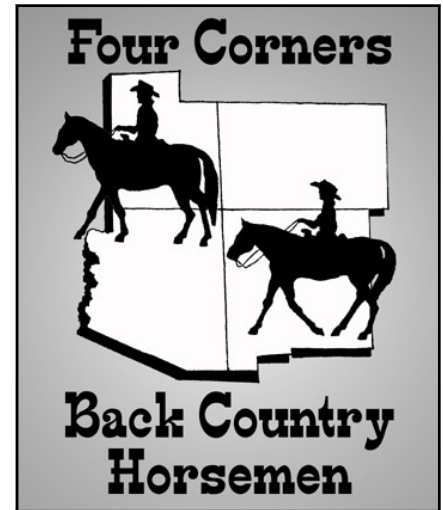
Monthly Membership Meetings

If you missed the February membership meeting, you missed Linda Boulder's wonderful ham/bean/cheese/beer soup and Pat Berg's coffee cake made with raspberries from her garden. You also missed a really informative talk by Jeri Friesen about what she's done to rescue her horse and miniature mule from a terrible case of winter laminitis. And, last but not least, Bob Croll told some pretty darn funny jokes. We hope you'll join us next time for our monthly roundtable meeting.

BLAST FROM THE PAST



This group of hot and tired (but happy) 4CBCH members gathered at Pat & Frank Amthor's trailer (as usual) after completing a count of the Spring Creek Basin mustangs for the BLM in Disappointment Valley in May of 2006. What fun times!



Next Membership Meeting

Thursday, April 18

6:00 dinner, 6:30 meeting

Florida Grange

656 Hwy. 172, Durango

New Meeting Format

Roundtable Discussion



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FOUR STATES AG EXPO
March 22-23
Montezuma County Fairgrounds

- * Vendors with goods and services
- * Ag summit education sessions
- * Youth beef show
- * Fitting and showman class
- * Ice cream eating contest for kids
- * Win and catch a chicken
- * Children's agriculture learning facility
- * Cross-cut branding
- * Live demos
- * Products, services & education
- * Horse skills training
- * Family entertainment
- * Equipment and information

More info at www.fourstatesagexpo.com
 Veterans get in free with ID

SAVE THESE DATES!
 (more details coming soon)

TACK SALE ~ April 5-7, LPC Fairgrounds,
 brought to you by 4CBCH & 4-H

BARN PARTY ~ April 21, 4:00-7:00,
 Destination Ranch, sponsored by Durango
 Cowboy Gathering, entertainment & taco bar,
 \$35/person at the door

BARN DANCE & SILENT AUCTION
June 9, 5:00-8:00, River Bend Ranch,
 featuring the Tim Sullivan Band, sponsored by
 Durango Cowboy Gathering, \$15-\$20/person

DURANGO COWBOY GATHERING
 October 2-6, lots of new events, including a
 Horse Social on Main St. before the parade

AND... don't miss the monthly 4CBCH
 membership meetings on the third Thursday
of each month! A delicious light dinner at
 6:00 with a roundtable discussion at 6:30.
 Come join us to share your ideas, get your
 questions answered, meet new people, or set
 up a ride. Who knows what will happen!

Smithsonian Museum Traveling Exhibit
Highlights Rural America

Coming to Ignacio April 29—June 8

Since 1990, the percentage of Americans living in rural areas dropped from 60% to 17%. Yet, Americans still rely on rural communities for food and other resources. The Smithsonian's Museum on Main Street traveling exhibition "Crossroads: Change in Rural America" looks at that remarkable 20th century societal change and how rural Americans responded.

Through a selection of photographs, objects, film, audio, and interactive displays, "Crossroads" takes a broad look at the characteristics and impact of rural America. This focus gives people an opportunity to see areas of overlap and to highlight what is different about each community.

Even though each community is different, rural American communities share similarities. A unifying theme is family structures. While the family unit might look different from place to place, the exhibit highlights that the larger idea of 'family' is what helps rural areas flourish.

Designed for small-town museums, libraries, and cultural organizations, "Crossroads" serves as a community meeting place to bring people together. History is a unifying topic of conversation because it's a shared experience, a collection of peoples' stories and lives.

When "Crossroads" was in Alamosa and Walsenburg in 2023, it helped people realize that their local rural history is important to the narrative of Colorado history and American history. Colorado has an important indigenous history.

More information about these dates and locations can be found at www.coloradohumanities.org.

Have You Renewed Your Membership?

If you joined after October 1, 2023, you are covered for 2024.

To pay with Paypal or credit card:

Go to 4cbch.org and open the “Membership” tab

Select a membership level, then fill out the form

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Go to 4cbch.org

Open the “About Us” tab and select “Applications & Forms”

Select “Membership Application” and print it out

Send to P.O. Box 3521 with your cash or check

Applications are also available at meetings or from a Board member.

Remember: the Florida Grange Entrance Changed

Remember that you can no longer access the Grange from Hwy. 172 for our membership meetings. The new access is located just down Hwy. 172 to the south of the grange. It is the new paved road on the east side of the highway that leads into the new Mesa Subdivision. Just follow the signs and arrows.



LPC Humane Society Pet of the Month

Carla is a 2-year-old female Hound/Rottweiler mix. She is one of our spunkier gals! She talks a lot during play and has come a long way with her dog manners. Carla is great with puppies and other adult dogs. She also loves people.

For more information, please call 970-259-2847.

FCER Horse of the Month

Meet Ceaser! He is a 6-year-old mustang pony who stands 12 HH. He is lightly started under saddle and already carries packs. He is a bit shy but great around other horses. Ceaser has all of his vaccinations and is micro-chipped.

For information about Ceaser or any of his friends here at FCER, please contact us at 505-334-7220 or visit www.fourcornersequinerecue.org.



ADOPT A MESA VERDE MUSTANG
From the National Mustang Association, Colorado

Juniper has received more training than any of the Mesa Verde horses we've had. She was gentled and started at Mustang Camp and has been with NMACO-approved trainer Michele Bell for groundwork training. She is sweetness itself and is looking for her forever home.

Despite the slight sway in her back, she has proved herself to be a very capable horse. Michelle has mostly been ground driving her, but she has been saddled and approved by the vet for light riding. She is easy to catch and halter, trailer loads easily, is good for the farrier and vet, and stands tied calmly.

Her ideal person is someone who is looking for a companion horse and has the patience and know-how to continue developing her natural abilities whether as a driving horse, or simply as a mount to cart grandkids around. She would be a great therapy horse too and would love that kind of work. Juniper is an absolute joy to be around and she loves to be loved on and groomed.

If you are interested in meeting Juniper, please contact Bonnie Loving at blloving_2@hotmail.com. She is available for adoption through the National Mustang Association, CO.

For more information go to www.NMACO.org or www.mustangcamp.org



Her foal has gone to an adoptive home so Juniper has now been the patient nanny to 2 other Mesa Verde mustang foals that were recently weaned.



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4. To educate, encourage, and solicit active participation in the wise use of the back country resource by horsemen and the public commensurate with our heritage.
5. To foster and encourage the formation of new state Back Country Horsemen organizations.

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