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VOLUNTEER TRAINING **DATE SET**

To get signed up for the training taking place on July 19, 2008, please contact Vicky Rae at 520-366-0326 or contact her at this email address:
thelpinghorses@hotmail.com

Training is open to the public and there is no cost. Starting time will be 8AM and training lasts about 3 hours.

Training is great for new horse owners or if you just need a brush up.



\$5 Equals 20 Bales of Hay??



Yes, \$5 could win you a ton of hay!! In an effort to help raise funds to provide feed and services to the animals we rescue, a hay raffle is being held. The winner will have a choice of Alfalfa or Bermuda hay, which will be provided by **Whetstone Feed and Supply**, located at the intersection of Highways 90 and 82 in Whetstone. You do not have to be present to win, so please contact Cyndi McLemore at 520-559-1697 or any of the board members to buy your ticket(s). Raffle tickets can also be purchased at **Whetstone Feed and Supply** or they can be purchased the day of the drawing. If you do not own a horse, you can still participate in this event by purchasing a \$5 ticket and if your name is drawn, you can donate the hay to Care For The Horses. This will help defray the cost of feeding the horses waiting for adoption.

The drawing for the hay will be at 2PM on June 21, 2008 at **Whetstone Feed and Supply**.

Other events taking place during this time include a vaccination clinic for horses, dogs and cats, from 9-12 by Dr. Nancy Leverenz from All Creatures Veterinary Clinic. No appointment is necessary, just bring your horse(s) or pets in and get them up to date on all their spring shots.

Susan Malecki from Pomerene will be giving cart rides with her mini horses. A \$2 donation is asked for those taking the cart ride. Monies received for the cart rides will be donated to Care For The Horses. This is a great time to bring the kids and let them pet the mini horses and go for a ride.

Featured at this event will be Chevy, a 12 yr. old Mustang mare that is ready for adoption. She has been saddled and has learned that being brushed is a wonderful thing, not a scary thing. One-eyed Jack who has been adopted and lives nearby will also be there to visit with everyone. (cont on page 2)



Fund Raiser (cont)

Representatives from Hi-Pro Feeds will be on site throughout the day to answer questions you may have on how to properly feed your animals to ensure that you are getting the best nutrition value for your dollars.

Representatives from the Agape Youth Ranch near Elfrida will be available to discuss the summer camps they have available for youth. Youth who participate at the camp will learn about being a Christian, having fun working with horses and meet lots of new friends.

Door prizes will be drawn throughout the day. Come hungry and buy a freshly grilled hamburger or hotdog, chips and a soda or water for only \$5.

The Arthritis Brothers will be playing at 11:30 and 12:30 for your listening pleasure.

Be sure not to miss this fun event!!!

FOR SALE: Two Thoroughbred geldings. Would make good E.A.P. horses for behavioral health facility. One has a race record, other has fibromyalgia in rear leg. \$700 OBO for both. Vel Sass 928-232-9401 or vel.sass@gthmail.com.



CFH Makes a Wish Come True

Recently CFH was contacted by Jewell Kirkman and Pamela Marr to help make a wish come true. One of their well-known customers at the Landmark Cafe was turning 93 and wished to ride a horse just one more time. Mr. Bob as he is known used to ride in what was then the last Calvary. It had been years since Mr. Bob was on a horse and he truly missed riding

with his favorite horse Socks. So one Saturday in May, Ken Wendt now the owner of One-eyed Jack, brought him to the Landmark Cafe parking lot and Jack gave Mr. Bob his ride. Mr. Bob was all smiles and he was helped onto Jack and made two trips around the parking area. The Mayor was on site for the event, a presentation was made by the Commander of B-Troop with pictures of B-Troop members riding their mounts, and a honorary cap was presented to Mr. Bob. About 30 of Mr. Bob's family and friends enjoyed this wonderful event.

Adoptions – Happy Endings!

Dutchess – 14 y/o grey Arab mare to Margaret Klein of Sierra Vista



Farley – 18 y/o Paint gelding to Dusty and Lynda Knox of Tombstone and McNeal.



Egypt – 17 y/o Egyptian Arab gelding to Doug Smith and Julie Miller of Sierra Vista.

Deeksha – TB/QH buckskin colt born March, 2008, adopted by Katie and Gail Knoodle of Sierra Vista.



OUR FRIENDS

Arthritis Brothers String Band
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Troubled Times for Horse Rescues

I am sure many of you have read and been made aware of how many rescue organizations around the country are closing. This is due to the increase in the price of hay; currently in our area it is \$14 a bale. This with the cost of gas increase to almost \$4 per gallon is making for difficult times. CFH is also feeling the strain of the high prices and has also been forced to limit the number of horses that can be helped.

Feed and veterinary assistance is not currently affected thanks to the generosity of Janet Brady who last year donated \$10,000 in memory of her daughter Tonya Thomas, allowing us to setup the Tonya Thomas Feed and Veterinary Assistance Program. As long as those individuals who have needed our help continue to make their payments back to CFH, funds will be available. Currently we have had 5 individuals need assistance so far this year.

As for our regular operation and how these costs are affecting us, well we finding ourselves facing some very tough decisions. In the past we have been able to at times take horses that individuals would want to surrender to CFH, because they no longer could care for them due to loss of a job or decrease in income. At this time we are not able to take those horses in. We will offer assistance to those individuals until they can find a home for their horse or horses, as may be the case. This is really hard for us to do, as that is forcing the individual to either take their horse to the auction, spend even more months trying to find a home or in the worst-case scenario, having to put their beloved friend down. It is very difficult to tell individuals that we are not able to help them due to the rising costs of caring for the horses, but we do not have any other choice. It is not expected to get better during the next few years either. It is predicted that hay will be \$20 a bale by next year, and the cost of gas - who knows.

The horses received from AZ Livestock officers are in very poor condition and due require eating hay 24 hours a day. This means that the horse will eat 1 bale of hay every week. If you take that into consideration it costs \$728 for hay for 1 horse for a year, multiply that by 12 horses brings the cost of hay to \$8,736. This figure does not include of course supplements such as grain, which is also fed to the horses.

We are asking those who read this newsletter to please, please make a \$10 donation to the program. If everyone were to do that, it would cover the cost of the horses we can take from Livestock officers. Then with the funds raised from our fundraisers we can then find ourselves in a position to take in those horses that owners cannot afford to feed. What used to cost an owner to feed 3 horses hay was \$96 a month now costs \$168. For this reason horse owners are just not able to keep up.

Please make your \$10 donation now and send it to us at PO Box 884, Sierra Vista, AZ 85636.

We thank you and the horses and owners who need our help thank you.

Our Annual Garage Sale Was Another Success!!!!

Garden Canyon U-Store-It was kind enough to donate a storage unit for the purpose of allowing us to collect items for our garage sale. Thanks to them we were able to collect items for the sale for weeks in advance and store them until the sale was setup. The storage units are located at the corner of Carmichael and Wilcox making easy access for us to just stop by when items came in.

Our hosts for the sale again this year were Cliff and Gisela Richardson. Their time and effort in allowing us to take over their yard and neighbor's yards again this year was greatly appreciated. Additionally, we would like to thank all of you who took the time to donate items for this sale. Because of your donations we were able to raise \$2,500.



Pawn Shop Shows Its Support

The Coin & Pawn and Southwest Coin 300 E Fry Blvd. raises about \$70 a month for CFH. The shop has been kind enough to setup a donation jar on their counter for us. Those who make a donation can then have a bumper sticker for their vehicle. It is amazing when I go there to see the many different items that are in the shop and also the very reasonable prices. Please stop by and see them and of course make a donation while you are there. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Other Horses Available By Owner

Currently we have the following owners who are looking to find homes for their horses. Please contact them directly if you are interested or know of someone who may be able to take them.

Chief - 12 yr. old Thoroughbred gelding, 17HH. Very friends, has been ground driven, but is unable to ride due to a broken back at some point in his life. He loves people. Please contact Cyndi or Dennis Carroll at 520-559-3259. Tombstone area.

Lacy - 22 yr. old Thoroughbred mare, 16+HH. Very friendly, can be ridden, but has not been ridden for over a year. Has been trained dressage. Please contact Jaclyn Hunter at 520-459-1185.

3 horses available various ages - Vail area. Please contact Gregg Schuett at 520-762-8634

Awesomes Easy Zip - 13 yr. old Quarter horse stallion. Impressive top & bottom, HYPP results - negative. Also has Private Dancer and Mr. Conclusion breeding. Contact Sharon Hilson at (520) 235-2630 Tucson area.



Donations Made March through June

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Brian & Stacy Martin
Vivian Shirley

We would also like to thank all of you who showed your support by donating items to the garage sale. Without your donations our garage sale would not have been able to make \$2,500.

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Frontier Days A Great Success

CFH wants to thank the organizers of this event for allowing us to participate at this year's first Annual Frontier Days event. We were very fortunate to be able to bring some of the horses to this event. In doing so, Duchess and Egypt were able to find homes. Duchess has been waiting since last June when she came into the program from the State Livestock Officers who thought she might be pregnant. She was pregnant, had a broken fetlock and fracture to her head. A few months later she lost her foal. Egypt was only waiting 2 months to find his new family.

HORSES CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION



Scout – 28+ y/o arthritis in her front ridden, but would great companion – waived

Chevy – 12 y/o bay, Mustang mare, and approximately 14.3 hh. She has been started on groundwork and is ready to move forward under saddle. She is healthy and up to proper weight. Adoption fee - \$150.00.



paint mare, she has knees and cannot be make someone a horse. Adoption fee



Dash – 4 y/o bay gelding has come back to the rescue group. He is green broke and needs someone who is willing to take the time and effort to train him further.

Adoption Fee - \$350

For more information on horses and to find out how to be approved for an adoption, please call Julie Miller at 520-559-0614 or email her at questionsonhorses@hotmail.com

