Peebs-the-Sheep and Goats New Home

During the summer Ron Olsen rounded up a crew of volunteers to build a 24' x 16' goat barn for Sophie, Poppy, Carmon, Rocky, Bandit, Peebs-the-sheep and Meow & Sunny, the cats. The barn is connected to an existing 12' x 10' insulated goat bedroom. The barn came complete with a cat-walk to a loft for Meow & Sunny to hang out on. WOW!! Do they all love their new barn.

Thank you Anne Olson for donating money for materials! A shout out to the hard-working crew who made it possible:

Ron Olson, John Nutter, Clint Brechheisene, Susie and Brad Holland, Joyce Powell, Chris Walrath, Shay, Wade, Kyler and Treyson Roberts.

Our vision is to have a place for volunteers to gather after a morning of hard work, prepare and serve family-style meals, take a break from the summer sun or chilly winter winds and host an Open House.

The caregiver would live on-site in the 1,000 sq ft building that would include a large kitchen to prepare meals for groups, an open dining area to accomodate up to 20 people, a bathroom for all and a separate bedroom.

Currently we have electricity and water to the property, and would use propane gas due to the ease of installation. We have some funds from donations made with a building in mind. However, we need additional funding for the building ($20,000) and a septic system ($10,000) to make our vision come true.

How You Can Support Home On The Range

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2020 Wrap-Up

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Home On The Range Animal Haven

2020 certainly has been one for the books, to say the least. Many twists and turns have happened along the way. Some good, some not so good and some just down right tragic. Through it all, we have stayed focused on our mission of providing a forever home for our animals and working with community members and organizations to enhance the well-being, sense of purpose and self- worth of all individuals, both animals and human.

On January 14, 2020, there was a tragedy at Home On the Range. The trailer that Deb was living in, on the property, burned to the ground with her companions Merlin, Max, Teal Eye and Bodhi inside. Deb's four friends will never be forgotten, and the event will haunt us forever.

We could not have completed the process from tragedy to future possibilities and successes without the continued financial and emotional support from our community.

Moving Forward and Settling In

Loafing sheds ~ Four 12' x 18' loafing sheds for the equines arrived in late January. They were added to three existing 12' x 12' loafing sheds that were insulated in late fall 2019. Ron Olsen added fronts to two of the 12' x 12' sheds and one of the 12' x 18' sheds. They are configured into a U-shape, providing protection and warmth from cold SW and NE winds. All the donkeys have decided that the 12' x 18' shed with a front is theirs.

Goat Barn ~ See back page for more on the story of our great, new, goat barn!

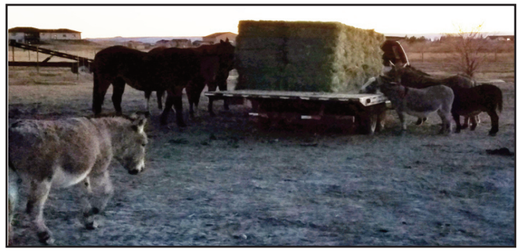
Electricity ~ We finally got electricity the first part of June as Ron was starting the new goat barn. It's just an electrical pole with four plugs on it now, but man has it helped! Ron was grateful to have electricity to run his power tools while building the barn. Deb is grateful to have electricity to keep the water in the troughs from freezing.

Fence for Big Pasture ~ As the goat barn was being built, Shay, Kyler and Treysen built a half-mile fence to allow the equines access to 30 acres of nice, grassy pasture. It was a grand feat for them to accomplish in just two days. What fun it was to see the horses throw up their heads and tails and run like the wind when we showed them what the guys had been up.

Water ~ Water arrived in the evening of Thursday, November 12. During the winter of 2019 and early 2020, water was provided for the equines by chopping ice with a pickaxe in the ditch that ran through one end of the property and hauling five gallon jugs of water to the goats and Peebs.

This summer, the water in the ditch dried up and has not returned. Water was hauled in a 150 gallon cistern on the back of a pickup truck every two days. You have no idea how much easier life got because we have water - at the heave of a handle - from two outdoor water spickets, one at the loafing sheds and one in the goat barn!

Hey! Hey! It's Hay Time



Look at all the hay! Thanks to a generous donor we have a stack of nice hay, which is so reassuring during the upcoming winter months. Jesse, Dox and Reo (horses); Moonlight and Husker (ponies); Webster, Chester, Caesar, Benito, Sierra, Hurcules and Simon (donkeys); Sophie, Carmon, Rocky and Bandit (goats), and Peebs-the-Sheep love the hay; It's so green and nourishing. Meow and Sunny (cats) think it's very cozy and comforting to climb and nestle in.

Visitors & Volunteers

With COVID becoming active in March and steadily growing, volunteers and visitors to Home on The Range have been limited. We hosted individuals and small groups of two to three people on a regular basis to visit with the animals and shovel some manure.

Cathedral Home came out three times during the summer (with everyone wearing masks) and did an awesome job building and rearranging fencing, cleaning things up (especially manure) and painting. They have helped so much at the new place and over the years. We appreciate their hard work and enjoy their company.

The donkeys are always up for visits (and cookies) from all visitors. Carmen thinks it's her job to check out the treats before the equines have a nibble.

Sophie, Rocky and Sunny were surprised by a nice family on a Sunday afternoon. The family saw the newspaper article about the new goat barn and wanted to meet the goats in person. A simple phone call was all it took to arrange a visit. If you would like to visit the animals, give Deb a call at 307-760-0534.

Website & Logo Update

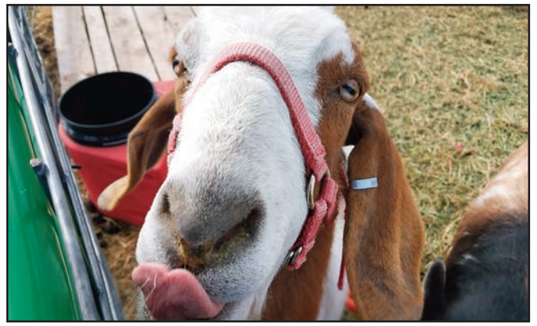
Keep an eye out for our updated website. Jason has been working hard to rework the site to make it more user friendly and interactive. He also gave our logo a little update as well.

Our web address isn't changing - just the look.

HOME ON THE RANGE ANIMAL HAVEN

Coming & Going

We lost two of our animal family this year.



Pong was the whimsical host at Home On The Range. He enthusiastically greeted all the visitors, was the clown of the barnyard and encouraged everyone to laugh at his antics.

Poppy was as sweet as they come. She was so gentle and loving with all the visitors, especially the little ones. Her best friend Bandit misses her dreadfully.

We mourn the loss of these two delightful souls.

We discovered the pond across the road is a nesting area for geese.

There were three families that would cross the road to visit - sometimes all at the same time. What a gaggle to look at!

Fall Into Fun Raffle

We held our raffle in the fall instead of summer due to COVID restrictions. Thanks to Dewy and Jessica from the Pedal House, first prize was a very generous **$1,000 Gift Certificate**! The lucky winner was Jenn Hess. Second prize went to Tennessee Watson and third prize went to Ross Cook. CONGRATULATIONS!! Thanks to everyone who bought tickets and supported the animals - we raised $2,700. See you next year!

Underachiever's Run

In September we were one of several nonprofits who participated in the Hits 106 Underachiever's Run in Washington Park. Laramigos busted out their best running gear for a grueling 500-yard, un-timed race, celebrating underachievers everywhere while raising money for local charities.

Community Partners Grant

The purpose of the Community Partners program is to invest in agencies that provide vital services or activities to help make Laramie a great place to live, work, and play! Home on the Range received $2,605. Thank you City of Laramie.

Donations, grants and fundraisers help pay for the following:

- Feed (in addition to hay donation) *alfalfa for goats and Peebs; pellets & beet pulp for Simon; animal supplements;cat food*
- Monthly lease payment
- Farrier work 5 to 6 times a year for 12 equines
- Veterinary care and supplies
- Fencing materials and miscellaneous supplies including feed pans, troughs, halters, etc.