HOME ON THE RANGE ANIMAL HAVEN

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It's hard to believe that we have been at our new location for two years. Time keeps on moving forward and so does Home on the Range. Checklist of accomplishments since our move in November of 2019:

✓Electricity ✓Water ✓Loafing sheds ✓Goat barn ✓Pasture fence

The year 2021 showed more promise and positive accomplishments than we could have imagined. Yay! What else needs to be done? Oh! the people.

The people needed a gathering space for volunteers to rest & recharge after completing projects and enjoy a family-style meal and a place for the caregiver to live on-site to care for the animals. After the fire in January of 2020, there was a magnificent outpouring of support and generosity from the people of Laramie and beyond to help rebuild.

As a result of this generosity and support, the goal of establishing a people place became a reality this summer when a new Community Center was purchased and placed across from the barnyard! The project included creating a surface for the building to sit on, installing a septic system, skirting, painting and weather proofing.

The Grand Finale was the construction of a beautiful 16'x16' deck that overlooks the barnyard and a smaller deck with a ramp that takes you to the "front" door.

Anne and Ron Olsen donated the materials to accomplish this addition. Ron and his crew (John Nutter, Bernie Horst, Chris Walrath, Clint Brechheisen, Joyce Powell, and Pam Brekken) spent many hours creating function and visual appeal to the new Center.

We are ready for visitors and volunteers to enjoy the decks in the coming months.

Hay Time & Animal Updates

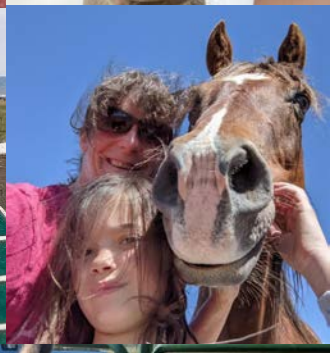
Our generous hay donor once again ensured that the horses (Jesse, Dox and Reo); the ponies (Moonlight, Husker, Annie, Nellie and Shelby); the donkeys (Webster, Chester, Caesar, Benito, Sierra, Hercules and Simon); the goats (Lady, Sophie, Carmon, Rocky and Bandit); and Peebs-the-Sheep will have hay to keep them full and happy as the weather gets colder. It is truly a stress-reliever knowing we have hay and the donation is appreciated by all!

Great news! There were no animal beings that passed in 2021. We welcomed four newcomers to our family.

Lady, the goat. When Lady arrived she was walking on her knees. She'd been living in a pen, with a dirt floor, with a chicken and eating chicken feed. She had not been out of the pen in 7 years. The day she arrived she went from place to place nibbling on offerings of alfalfa, hay and grass. With the foods she was intended to eat and some supplements, she was on her feet in seven days. She is now a bright and enthusiastic goat and comes running to see what good things are being offered from the garden. And, best of all, she has formed such a good friendship with Carmon.

Shelby, Annie and Nellie, the ponies, came to us in the Spring needing a home after their person passed away suddenly. They were limping and in need of hoof care and supplements to relieve joint issues. Casey the farrier got their hooves in shape after a few trims and they thrived on the green grass this past Summer. They greet visitors with whinnies and head nods as if they've been doing it all their lives.

Simon, our oldest family member, with the entitled attitude of an old donkey, is a funny delight in his mid 30s. His teeth aren't what they used to be and we've long searched for the right treat for him. His friends discovered the perfect one . . . organic apple sauce!



Thanks & Gratitude

As the saying goes, "It takes a village..." This is true at Home on the Range except "it takes a community" to keep us going and allowing us to fulfill our mission of returning the animals to sound physical, social and emotional health while providing a forever home and working with community organizations to enhance the well-being, sense of purpose and self-worth of their individuals.

We work throughout the year to not only raise awareness about the animals, but also funds to provide feed, care and shelter for everyone. Thanks to all who participated in the fundraisers of 2021:

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 $3,112. Thank you, City of Laramie.

WyoGives

Thank you for making Wyoming's second annual statewide Giving Day an incredible success! It was heartwarming and so exciting to experience the state coming together as one community to support the work of nonprofits. It is a testimony to the spirit of those who love Wyoming and the belief in giving back to our communities. Special thanks to the Hughes Charitable Foundation for the statewide match. Save the date for WyoGives 2022 ~ July 13, 2022

Summer Reading Program

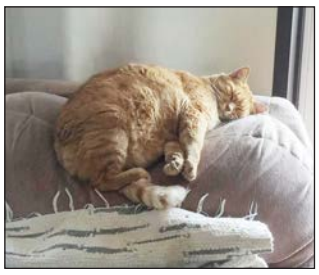
The Albany County Public Library sponsored a summer reading program *Tails and Tales.* For every 150 minutes of reading, kiddos earned a badge. Each badge was good for one vote towards an animal charity. At the end of the summer, donations were made in proportion to the votes each received. Thanks to everyone who read, earned badges, and voted for Home on the Range!

Summer Fun Raffle

Our raffle was back in person this year and included whopper prizes! Many thanks to our sponsors: **The Paddle House, Jim & Kendall, Ace Hardware, Bloedorn Lumber, The Butcher Block, Digital Blues, Murdoch's, The Still, UW Athletics,** and **Walmart**. The lucky winners were Aaron Johnson, Dylan Handrich, Cory West, Erin Phillips and Terri Lake. Thanks to everyone who bought tickets. See you next year!

GivingTuesday

On November 30 we joined forces with 20 Albany County non-profits to participate in GivingTuesday. Created in 2012 as a simple idea, GivingTuesday is now a global movement that inspiring hundreders of millions of people to give, collaborate and celebrate generosity.



Sunny and Meow are thankful for the new Community Center/Living Quarters - allowing them indoor privileges. Thank you Sally, Pam, Laurie, Kendall & Jim, Ron & Anne, Anna, Brian, Eva,Wade, Erika & Casey, and all the good people of Laramie and Wyoming and beyond for making Home On the Range possible!

Volunteers & Visitors

The number of volunteer groups was again limited by COVID concerns. However, Cathedral Home came twice with volunteers to do some fencing so the goats and Peebs had a bigger area to eat grass and roam about. They also completed touch-up painting on the goat playground.

Wade continues to be steadfast in his support of Home On the Range. He saved the day and Benito's life. One morning Deb arrived at the pasture and found Benito with his head wedged tight in the loop of a horse panel and he was having trouble breathing. Wade zoomed over with a saw to carefully cut and pry the panel open to free Bonito. He also rallied Charleigh, Cameron and Tana to help with goat barn clean out (a dirty job), as well as other tasks that need young muscles. We couldn't do it without him!

Wyo Tech volunteers reconfigured the paddocks to allow for better access to the loafing sheds for the equines. They also got conned into a little manure clean up on a chilly and windy fall day.

Anna, Brian and Eva come on a regular basis for manure clean up, as well as, other miscellaneous improvements. Neither snow nor rain nor gloom keeps these brave souls from their mission. Their help is enormously appreciated!

We have long-standing Monday morning visitors. Their primary focus is on the donkeys, but the goats, Peebs and the horses get their fair share of attention too.

Leslie & John from Oregon plan their vacations around visiting donkey rescues/sanctuaries and found HORAH on the Internet. They decided to venture in our direction to spend a day lavishing attention & love on the donkeys.

Various familes, a children's group, and a collection of college students couldn't get enough of the animals!

How You Can Support Home On The Range

Send a check:
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Donations, grants and fundraisers help pay for the following:

- Monthly Feed (in addition to hay donation) *alfalfa for goats and Peebs, supplements, cat food, and pellets & beet pulp for Simon, Jesse and Shelby ($900)*
- Monthly lease payment ($1,000)
- Farrier work 3 to 4 times a year for 15 equines ($2,700)
- Veterinary care and supplies
- Fencing materials and miscellaneous necessities including feed pans, troughs, halters, heaters, etc.