



NEW BUILDING OPENS

This has been a wonderful and exciting year for the Pryor Mountain Wild Mustang Center. We opened our first building on June 29th. Since then we have had many visitors who have come from 38 states and 11 foreign countries to see the Pryor horses. At the Center, they were able to learn about our programs and about the Pryor horses. We have also been able to help many of them find the horses on the range and tell them more about the individual horses they saw. We have found many new friends and supporters in these visitors.



Most of the building construction and operation has been accomplished through the support of volunteers and helpers. Over 40 area residents have donated around 2800 hours of labor and special skills. John Schneider of 5-J Contracting provided guidance through the construction process, which was largely carried out through volunteer labor. Other volunteers have helped in landscaping the lot, which now has trees and a fall lawn established. A group of volunteers also helped put together exhibits and operate the center after major construction was completed.

NEWSLETTER FALL 2007

WIND DRINKER 1000



Our WIND DRINKER 1000 campaign needs you!

Join us in helping to support the Pryor horses by donating to the WIND DRINKER 1000. Funds will be used to inform and educate visitors on the wild mustang center. In addition, educational materials will be developed for individuals across the nation. Over 165 donors have supported the WIND DRINKER 1000 campaign thus far, providing more than \$21,000 toward our \$100,000 goal. These donations are to be put towards our educational DVD school packets, operation costs, a 2nd touch screen exhibit, and the T.D. Kelsey monument "A Family Matter." These activities will help us in meeting our mission of "preserving and promoting a genetically viable herd of Colonial Spanish American Wild Horses in the Pryor Mountains."

The names of all WIND DRINKER 1000 donors are on plates featured on a display in the Center, which is designed to hold 1000 name plates. Upon completion of the Campaign, each WIND DRINKER 1000 donor will also be entered in a drawing for a limited edition bronze sculpture of "A Family Matter" by T.D. Kelsey. The piece is 30" x 20" x 14" and is one of only twenty being offered to the public. The Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and donations made to it are tax-deductible. Donations can be made online at our website or by using the enclosed donation form. Please send your WIND DRINKER 1000 gift of \$100 or more now!



MEET THE MUSTANGS 2007

For Meet the Mustangs 2007, we had an open house at the Pryor Mountain Wild Mustang Center on August 11th. About 250 visitors came throughout the day. While here, they were able to enjoy the well marked mares and colts, descendants of the Pryor horses, which were shown by Dale and Daphne Hartman. In the Center people viewed our first exhibits that showcase the colors, conformation, and behavior of the Pryor horses and a small exhibit on the history of the Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range.

NEW BLM MANAGERS

Last fall, Linda Coates-Markle transferred from the Billings Field Office. Jared Bybee is the new wild horse and burro specialist for the Billings Field Office. Jared has been with the BLM for nine years. He transferred here from Ely, Nevada, where he was the lead horse specialist in the Ely Field Office. He has experience in range management but has spent most of his time in the wild horse program. The Billings Field Office also has a new field manager, Jim Sparks. Jim has been with the BLM for 23 years and has previously worked with the BLM in Wyoming and Idaho. His experience is in range management, but he also has experience with the wild horse program.

DVD SCHOOL PACKETS

Our educational DVD school packet program is fast gaining in popularity. The packet includes curriculum involving the horses as well as an instructional DVD. The packets are free to schools and are funded through donations. In the first year, 165 packets were sent out, but we now have over 200 additional requests. We have ordered more supplies and will be sending out the new packets as soon as possible. We are also planning on making another instructional DVD with more information on specific aspects of the Pryor Mountain Wild Horses.



The Golden Girls

Looking Glass' dun mare (in the back) stands with her look-alike yearling and 2007 foal.

PRYOR MOUNTAIN HERD 2007

This has been a successful year for foals thus far. Thirty-five foals were born and thirty-four of them are still alive. With the loss of some horses, there are currently 145 adult wild horses in the Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range. As we move into winter, the wild horses are changing in appearance and behavior. Right now their shaggy winter coats are beginning to grow. We've had several snowstorms which cause the horses to move up and down with the snowline. Please visit the Pryor Wild blog (pryorwild.wordpress.com) for up-to-date information on the Pryor horses throughout the year.

MUSTANG CENTER DIRECTOR



Matthew Dillon shows a visitor from Denmark wild horses on Mustang Flats.

Matthew Dillon has been hired to serve as director for the Mustang Center. Matthew brings with him a strong interest in the horses, knowledge about the horses, and a strong science background. He runs the Center on a daily basis and provides information about the horses and the area to visitors. Matthew spends time on the horse range each week observing and documenting horse activity.

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