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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

***THE NEWS IS SUPER, DAZZLING, SPLENDID, AND FANTASTIC
A GIANT SILVER JEWELRY SALE***

The sale will be held on May 1st, Saturday at the sanctuary. Starting at 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Rain or shine.

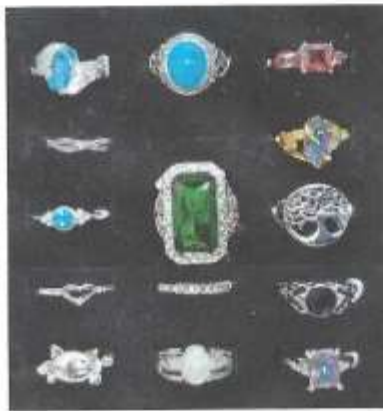
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The silver jewelry was purchased wholesale in 2019 with the plan of having the sale in the spring of 2020. All the items were priced in 2019 as they arrived. Since then the price of silver has gone up 42%. What a great opportunity for all our good folks! There is also some fun costume jewelry, and miscellaneous items. Everything is new! It will be a perfect time to pick up gifts for Mother's Day, friends and family.



Please print the flyer on page #2 & post it on your Facebook and any where else you can think of.

We look forward to seeing you at the sale.



HPS Jewelry Sale

2135 Miller Road,
China Grove, NC

Rain or Shine, the sale will be held in the arena if windy or rainy.
Sterling Silver & Thousands of pieces!

All proceeds go to the Horse Protection Society



Purple Deadnettle (*Lamium purpureum*)



Spring brought a proliferation of purple deadnettle plants in and around the fields and yard. This winter annual features bright pinkish-purple flowers and serrated, spade-shaped leaves. The leaves nearest the flowers often have a purple cast but will turn green as they mature. The stem is square—you'll feel it if you roll the stem gently between your thumb and index finger.

It is always interesting when we see a plant in larger amounts than we are used to seeing. In terms of toxicity, there is no worry on that front to either horses or humans. Young plants are often tossed in spring-mix salads. As **observed, horses don't seem to have a great appetite for deadnettle** but may eat more of it if other, more palatable plants are scarce.

The most interesting observation was the number of honey bees visiting the purple deadnettles early in the morning. There were five or six different types of honey bees helping themselves to an early morning snack. North Carolina is home to more than 500 species of native bees. How about leaving areas for the bees to feed? They may be weeds to you, but they are lifesaving future honey to the bees.

UPDATE ON THE HPS FUNDRAISER

Dental Care: \$3,300. Funding provided -\$1,300.00. Balance: \$2,000. \$_____

General Needs: Cost per horse averages \$350 to \$450 per month.

Thank you for providing all of the needs for the horses in April.

HPS provides the highest quality care for each horse.

Thank you for fully funding the following need!

Propane generators: JCT Electric Inc of Denver, NC 980-785-1118.

The Company has offered to absorb the installation expense. The cost to HPS will be for the equipment only. The 16k generator has been ordered and will be scheduled for installation in April. We have ordered the 24k generator for the barn. We expect to have it installed by late summer. We still have some funds to raise for the second generator.

STOP TORTURING THE HORSES

Sometimes the simplest things can cause painful issues with a horse. I have written about this problem before, but many people are just not thinking when they turn a horse out with a halter on. Horses love to scratch their face and it is so easy for the halter to get caught on a fence post or anything handy for the horse to rub on. The high majority of hoses are not going to stand quietly waiting for a person to come along to free them.

Check out the picture of Santana whose hair has turned white from a halter left on him. HPS has seen this way too often. Dirt builds up under the straps on the halter and **rubbed poor Santana's face until it is raw. The metal pieces on the halter burn the horse's face in the summer and freeze burn it in the winter.**

Horses have come to the sanctuary in halters with the metal pieces so rusty the buckles **couldn't be opened. We have had to use a bolt cutter to remove the halter. We have seen** horses' faces indented from a halter that was too tight or the horses were young and growing. Often the hair will not grow back over the damaged area of the face.

This second issue I have even seen on equine rescue pages. These folks should know better! Warm weather is here and many people think that spraying down their horse will cool his body and make him feel better. **WRONG!!** It is fine to wash the horse down only if you then shed the water off with a shedding tool. This pulls the heat off of the horse's body. Leaving water on the horse holds in the heat and on hot humid days can cause serious issues and even be life-threatening. This practice makes the horse more uncomfortable!



Spraying the horse down and sheading off the water several times will cool down the horse and make him much more comfortable. >>

<< Note the halter scars



Each donation is so very important to the continual running of the sanctuary. The Angel Sponsors are the only funds we can count on each month. The unexpected contributions help so much. We are thrilled when we hear from a person that we may have missed for years to learn they are okay!

In honor of my wife, Lisa Slatt. By Alan Spanos

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers for their ongoing good work! By Ingrid Schreiber

In memory of my daughter, Janet A. Fields. By Argen Aycock

In memory of Morgan, Merlin, Mason, & Muffin. By Donna Dziura

In Memory of Sharie Lee Penney. By Sandra Kranz

In memory of Sharie Lee Penney. By Roberta Stokes

In honor and Memorial of Sharie Penney. By Elizabeth and Gary Butler, The Gary C.

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 THANK YOU!

Spring is in the Air

And so are the flies! Different companies are selling fly predators...now most companies have changed the name to FLY ELIMINATORS. Maybe some folks were uncomfortable with the name predators. The important thing is, they work! The business we order from normally is Arbico Organics and we receive a shipment every three weeks. [Fly Eliminators® | Biological Fly Control for Horses and Livestock \(arbico-organics.com\)](http://FlyEliminators.com) You can check out their catalog for all the other interesting things they offer for sale.

HPS's New Tractor

An anonymous donor provided the funds to purchase the tractor. Our heartfelt gratitude is extended with our wish for blessings to this generous person. Sometimes you just know it is the right tractor when you see it. We purchased the Red Baby from a private owner. The tractor is a compact Case, only has about 545 hours of use and is a 40 hp. Joyce and I took a road trip to check out new tractors of different manufacture and we were not impressed.

Love the new Case.

