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Best Laid Plans

One evening last August, our Microsoft Windows operating system updated our computer. The next morning all passwords for every internet company and website were erased. HPS does not store passwords on the computer, so they could not be recovered. Little by little, we restored everything except our Facebook page. Months and months of trying every possible solution was to no avail. At one point, they asked for my ID, and I pick one to send to them; their reply was, "We don't have time to look at your ID." We are so disappointed with the lack of help from Facebook. We spent way too much time trying to solve the problem..... NO luck! Any ideas on how to solve the problem? Update: The problem has been solved but not with Facebook's help!

At the end of October, our printer died just when we needed to print the newsletter. There was a very limited selection of printers at the store and we selected one that offered two years of free ink. With everything we need to print, this sounded like a good deal. Once again, from January 16-18, I spent hours each of those days trying to fix the Instant Ink issues so that the printer would stop giving error messages and prevent us from printing.

Two other Members tried to help solve the issues the last few months with the printer only to have another problem show up after solving the one issue each time. Finally, after I spent hours on the phone all three days, the problems were all solved.

We have many cartridges left over from the last printer. The ink is for an HP printer, and the cartridge model is H-952. If you are interested, please call 704-855-2978.

In January 2019, we had to purchase a new furnace, and on January 17th one year later, the furnace died. We cannot get a new motor installed until January 22 when a new one can be shipped to the warehouse. The old wood-burning kitchen stove helps a bit to keep the house from freezing. Anyone who would like to cut some wood, it would be greatly appreciated! It is super to have it on hand to help keep the heating bill down.



Gallant & Chief

We have been working all month towards getting the EPM medication for three horses, Gallant, Meeka, and Aslan. Aslan's ten day treatment finally arrived. Once again, I am going to have to call and find out when medications will be sent for Gallant and Meeka.

It was arduous to learn about the different types of generators and then sort through the companies and all the reviews.

We have had several times when the electricity went off for days, and it was a close call providing water for the horses' needs. Each time we talked of the need for a propane electric generator. We thought we had found a good company and were ready to send the down payment when we learned they were not an approved company by Generac. It was impossible for them to get the generators. We have located a new company to work with. *(Cont. on Page 2)*

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Commodity prices have gone up, and our horse feed has increased by 6%.

HPS has an excellent Electrician that we call on when there are issues. We had to have several GFI outlets replaced that run water heaters for the tubs and the electric fence.

January 21st we dropped off all of the Tax Notices at the post office, and they are on their way to all the folks who kindly helped with the financial needs of the rescued horses. The February Newsletter will be running late. Everything is late since we had to get the Tax Notices done and mailed.

It was going to possibly take several months to get a new, used tractor that was strong enough to take care of the mud. Chris Morgan worked for several days and has made a big difference. There is still work to be done and rock to be spread.

The last chapter is unbelievable! Saturday, the 23rd, early morning, one of the members comes in to report what looks like a rabid raccoon on the property. I called Animal Control, and they were not open. The 911 operator contacted the AC officer that was on duty. She seemed more interested in the COVID virus than the raccoon with rabies. 'Does anyone have the virus or tested positive?' I felt a raccoon with rabies was more important since we have so many people here and animals that could be infected.. I assured her we needed help.

She was going to talk with her supervisor since she didn't know what to do. She called back and told me to call a phone number in Raleigh. I asked for her phone number, knowing this was not going to help. Of course, no one answered, and they wouldn't be open until Monday. I asked if I should call the Sheriff's department (she said, "No"). Should I contact the Health Department? (Once again, she said. "No"). I am upset, to put it mildly! Two things that will make me mad are endangering or cause an issue with our folks here or endanger the horses and other animals.

The first line in the Enforcement page for Rowan Animal Control states: **Animal Enforcement staff is active in rabies control.** Further down the page: **Investigating potentially dangerous and/or rabid animals.** The gal would not come and check this raccoon with rabies out or do anything about this issue. She made every wild excuse possible! I told her, "We would take care of the problem!"

Later speaking with a neighbor, we learned there were two foxes and a raccoon killed in the neighborhood since they also showed signs of rabies. Good luck if you have a rabid animal on your property!

We still need to complete the Newsletter, get the truck inspected, the battery is dead in Little Red, more rock needs to be spread and some fencing needs to be repaired. Sometimes it is just like this around here.



Ways to Keep Livestock Water from Freezing

At the sanctuary, we had GFI outlets installed on each of the two barns' outside corner. The heaters are safe for the horses, and the GFI outlet keeps them from being electrocuted.

One idea I have read about that is reported to work well is [Cow Balls](#). “These 4-in. diameter black plastic balls float on the water in the tank. The sun heats them up so that they insulate the water in the tank to prevent ice from forming except in extremely cold weather. If ice does form, it does not take much sunshine to rewarm and loosen the balls. Thirsty cows looking for water can usually breakthrough by pushing on the balls with their noses.”



“You have to use enough of the Cow Balls to cover the tank. When people order them, they get the dimensions of the tank where they will use them. They provide enough balls to cover the surface. Cow Balls are meant to remain on the tank year-round. In the summer, the balls reduce evaporation, helping to conserve water. They also help keep algae growth down by limiting the amount of sunlight that enters the water.”

Horses would love the balls in the tank. They would spend time working on taking the Cow Balls out of the tub.

A large barrel painted black supported slightly above the water tank can supply water as needed. The barrel needs to be attached to a float in the water tub. In the summer, the large barrel can be covered to help keep the water cooler. Wrapped the water tub in black plastic for the winter and then remove the plastic in summer.

New Rule for Showing Your Horse

In 1998, Germany outlawed shaving whiskers. Their Animal Welfare Law prohibits the trimming of vibrissae around eyes and muzzle, as well as clipping or cutting the hairs inside the ears.

FEI passed a new rule covering all disciplines competing internationally under FEI rules. The wording, which was voted on unanimously, states that horses having whiskers/ears clipped are not permitted to compete in FEI events. The new rule reads: “if the horse’s sensory hairs have been clipped and/or shaven or in any other way removed unless individual sensory hairs have been removed by a veterinarian to prevent pain or discomfort for the horse.” France also bans the trimming of whiskers.

You may be shocked to know that a horse’s whiskers (vibrissae) are actually an incredibly important sense to them. The whiskers around the eyes and muzzle are extremely sensitive and have a rich nerve supply. Due to the position of their eyes, horses cannot see under their mouth, and so the whiskers allow them to explore and identify what is under their nose. There are many more reasons not to trim the eyes and muzzle whiskers.

There is finally some conversation about banning the trimming of whiskers and ear hair in the show circuits in the US.



How Can You Help the Horses?

Some companies will give **matching grants** for any donations given to the Horse Protection Society by one of their employers. Did you know that thousands of companies offer employee matching gift programs? Over 65% of Fortune 500 companies offer matching gift programs to their employees! Did you know that thousands of companies offer employee matching gift programs? In fact, over 65% of Fortune 500 companies offer matching gift programs to their employees!

Here is a list of just a few of the companies that will match funds:

Johnson & Johnson offers a 2:1 match for current employees and a 1:1 match for retirees.

Soros Management Fund offers a 3:1 matching ratio of up to \$300,000 annually per employee.

British Petroleum provides a 100% match on all funds raised by employees for nonprofit walks, runs, etc.

Microsoft donated \$48 million in 2011 through the company's matching gift program.

<http://doublethedonation.com/Content/ListOfMatchingGiftCompanies.html>

It is easy; ask the company, and you can help to provide extra needed funds. Even when you retire, some companies will still match your donations.

If you ever do any shopping with Amazon, please sign up with **Amazon.Smile**. An amount will be donated to the Horse Protection Society of NC from each purchase. This does not cost you any additional money.

Provide a **bequest** for the horses. Your last loving gesture may be a saving grace as it has been in the past for the rescued horses. In 2008, a legacy carried HPS through an enormous economic downturn.

The donation sheet that is included with the Tax Letter gives you many options to help the rescued horses. The start of the year is going to be extraordinarily expensive.

It breaks our heart that we will have to drop some of our past contributors that have not been able to help the rescued horses in years. We don't want to lose anyone of the HPS community. We pray you will return when your situation will allow and things improve in your life. We worry about you and pray for the HPS people.

Protect Your Property

There is a new advertisement on TV called "Title Lock." They are telling people that cyber crooks can steal your home, and your home owners insurance will not cover this. It is true, but what the ad doesn't tell you is that the Title Insurance that should have been paid for at closing does protect you from claims on your property or any easement that was not listed on the policy, etc. It is paid for out of the closing funds and the policy should arrive by mail three to six weeks after buying the property. The policy should be kept with your other closing papers.

When I purchased the property here, the Title Insurance Policy didn't arrive in a timely matter. I called the lawyer that handled closing, I called him again and again and finally months later, I still didn't have the policy. I told him that I would make the calls to the state to report him if I didn't have the policy the next day. I did receive it! Shortly later he lost his license to practice law. Do you think he was pocketing the money and not buying the Title Insurance Policy?

Don't wait, and find your Policy now. If it was lost you can get a reissue of the Policy. It should only take a couple of phone calls..... If it was purchased.

In memory of my Parents. Hoffer & Martha Smith By Ruth Smith

In memory of my wife, Alice Bischoff By Robert. Bischoff

In memory of Peggy Hall and in honor of Brantley Hall. Two very special HPS volunteers that worked hard and loved the horses By Dottie Rebhan

In loving memory of Kathy, Debbie, and Dora By Julie & Keith Wilson

In memory of Peggy Hall. Her husband, Brantley Hall, took such good care of Peggy By Sybil Athey

In memory of Sharon Glen By Lisa Higgins

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Chief & Lauren

Chief is 15 years old and is doing great under saddle. He is one of the many horses that comes to HPS with no prior training.

If the horses are worked with to build trust before being saddled for the first time in their life, there will no bucking.

Horses are worked slowly and easily with nothing scaring the horse .

Chief would make a great project horse. He is Arabian and very smart.