



Rev. Floyd Schwieger

The horses and the Center recently lost a great friend. Rev. Floyd Schwieger died July 20, 2005. He found the Pryor horses, or they found him, in the mid 1960s. Rev. Schwieger was part of the original effort to save the herd and worked for their welfare for the rest of his life. One of the first to notice their Spanish traits he also began the practice of naming the horses for easier identification. The Reverend often said that everyone should have a good hobby and the horses were his. Through observation and long time study, he became nationally recognized as an authority on wild horses. The Reverend served as President of the Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Association for many years and along with John Nickle put up the seed money to form the Pryor Mountain Wild Mustang Center in 1998. His legacy of love for the horses included a \$50,000 bequest to the Center to establish the Rev. Floyd Schwieger Endowment Fund, which will provide ongoing annual financial support for future operations. Thanks and goodbye old friend. For an additional tribute to Rev. Schwieger visit the Center's website at www.pryormustangs.org.

NEW PMWMC BOARD MEMBERS

This summer the Center Board welcomed two new members. Nancy Dillon is the curriculum coordinator for the Big Horn County School District # 2. Nancy has become very involved with the Pryor horses and wrote the teacher supplement for the school DVD packet. LaMoine Sorenson has been a partner in his family electric power transmission construction business for many years and ranches near the Pryor Mountains. He is helping with the building construction project.

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**T.D. KELSEY SCULPTURE
"A FAMILY MATTER"**

An exciting project the Center has undertaken is the commissioning of the sculpture "A Family Matter" designed by T.D. Kelsey, an internationally renowned Country Artist. His work is found in public and private collections worldwide. Mr. Kelsey is a member of the National Sculpture Society and has been honored with one man shows at the Thomas Gilcrease Museum and the Buffalo Bill Cody Museum. He has placed monumental and garden-size pieces all across the country. Mr. Kelsey's work is available in very limited editions. "A Family Matter" is a limited edition bronze, 30" x 20" x 14". Only 20 of these beautiful 3 horse sculptures celebrating the wild Spanish mustang will be cast and proceeds from donations will go toward the creation of a 1¼ times life size bronze to be set on the grounds of the Center in Lovell. For a donation of \$10,000, \$8,000 of which is tax-deductible, the donor will receive one of these signed and numbered pieces. Rev. Schwieger spearheaded this project and supported it by donating the first \$10,000 and then giving the piece to the Center. A picture of the sculpture featuring a stallion, mare, and colt can be seen on the Center website at www.pryormustangs.org.

MEET THE MUSTANGS 2005

Meet the Mustangs 2005 was held in Lovell on July 30. It was another great success and was enjoyed by a crowd of more than 150. John Nickle gave the introduction and Nancy Dillon presented a wonderful PowerPoint program showing the stallions and wild horse bands on the Pryor's this year. Nancy has learned the horses well and was able to spend many days on the mountain this summer. Dale and Daphne Hartman displayed some of their Pryor horses and explained the horses' Spanish conformation and markings. Afterwards the crowd enjoyed a BBQ dinner while being entertained with music by Bret Savage and company.



FIRST GROUNDBREAKING

Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Center's first building was held on a snowy day in late March. Remarks were made by Big Horn County Commissioner Keith Grant, Lovell Mayor Bruce Morrison, and Georgia-Pacific Plant Manager Bruce Wacker, who also presented the Center with a \$4,000 check from Georgia-Pacific Corporation. Rev. Schwieger spoke about the Center accomplishments and his dream for the Center future. We hope construction will be completed with him in mind.

FIRST BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

After a groundbreaking ceremony in March, site preparation for the Center's first building began this summer. The area was staked, graded, and fenced. Access culverts were placed, the building site excavated, and 350 yards of gravel brought in for the parking area. Utilities were trenched to the building site. Sub-surface water flooding was encountered and an additional 150 yards of gravel hauled and placed in the excavation. After further study it was determined that an additional 100 yards of gravel is needed prior to foundation work. Construction of the 28' x 40' log building will begin in the spring of 2006. Town of Lovell, Keith Grant, G-K Construction, TCT West, Kim Newlin, Frost Construction, Mike Leonhardt, Jay Bischoff, Lovell Concrete, Dale Hartman, Bill Johnsey, Cliff Revelle, Lomand Fowler, George Pries, Earl Lukkes, William Bridges, Ed Roller, John Nickle, and others generously donated time and/or equipment to get the site ready for the building. The building cost will be \$85,000 and the Center has received \$65,000 in gifts toward this project so far. Thanks for all your support and donations of time, materials, and funding for this project.

**HOPE RYDEN, GINGER KATHRENS
SPEAK IN LOVELL**

Last June in Lovell, the Center sponsored nationally known author-naturalist-photographer Hope Ryden, author of "America's Last Wild Horses" and over 20 other books, to give a presentation of her personal account on "the battle to save the Pryor Mountain wild horses" that took place in the mid 1960s. Her wonderful talk, given at the Big Horn Canyon National Recreation Area Visitor Center in Lovell, was to a full house and was very well received. Ginger Kathrens, Author-producer/director of the "Cloud" books and films, followed with an excellent update on current Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range issues. Both authors visited with the public and had book signings following the talks. For more information about the two, visit Hope's website at www.hoperiden.com and Ginger's at www.taurusproductions.net/ginger.

The choices we make today will affect the Pryor Mountain Wild Mustang Center for generations to come. Your donation supports this public, non-profit 501-c-3 educational facility. We are dedicated to preserving and interpreting the Pryor Mountain mustangs, their evolution, history, habitat needs and historical significance.

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