



### MUSEUM BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION

This is an exciting time for Pryor Mountain Wild Mustang supporters as construction on our new museum building is progressing nicely. The log walls were up by early August and the roof was almost closed in by September. 5 J Contracting of Lovell and a host of local area volunteers have worked together providing the many hours of precise hand labor required for a good log structure. Thanks to all for your donated time, equipment, materials, labor and funding. We still have a long way to go, so we appreciate your continued support. We are aiming toward a late spring opening.

**"WIND DRINKERS"**



*By Nancy Dillon*

Reverend Schweiger said the horses were called "Wind Drinkers" because when they run it looks like they are drinking the wind. It didn't take too long watching the Pryor Mountain Wild Horses to see just what he was talking about. For the most part, the horses graze peacefully throughout the day. Heads down low, they slowly walk and eat. But magic happens in those moments when the horses choose to run. With outstretched bodies, elongated necks and flaring nostrils they do, indeed, look like they are drinking the wind. One of the most interesting opportunities to watch the horses running is when they come to Kruger's Pond to water. Usually they are heard before they are seen as hooves thunder across the mountain meadow. Young and old gallop at full speed down the slope to the water's edge. Another chance to view horses running is when one stallion attempts to steal another stallion's family. This is a dramatic scene that can be played out over hours or even days. It seems like stallion battles are more often won through endurance than through fighting. The chase scene involves the competing stallions, the mares, and the offspring. Even the youngest of foals are forced to run over long periods of time. The image of the running wild horse is truly one of strength, stamina, and freedom.

## NEWSLETTER FALL 2006



### Wild Stallion "Lakota"

#### JOIN THE "WIND DRINKER 1000" HELP THE PRYOR HORSES

The Center Board of Directors is taking this opportunity to announce its 2006-07 funding campaign, the WIND DRINKER 1000. The campaign goal is to receive a gift of \$100 or more from 1000 donors. These funds will be used for an additional touch screen exhibit, our second DVD educational packet for school students, completing the building, (including landscaping and signage), the T. D. Kelsey sculpture, and the Center's startup operation. This will allow the Center to continue to meet its mission of "preserving and promoting a genetically viable herd of Spanish-American wild horses in the Pryor Mountains." The name of each WIND DRINKER 1000 donor will be permanently displayed on a member plaque and included in a drawing for "A FAMILY MATTER," one of only 20 in a limited edition bronze sculpture by artist T. D. Kelsey, upon completion of the campaign. The piece is 30" x 20" x 14." Please consider donating your tax deductible gift to the Pryor Mountain Wild Mustang Center's WIND DRINKER 1000, now!



Donations can be made by using the enclosed donation form or by going online to [www.pryormustangs.org](http://www.pryormustangs.org) and clicking on "Donate."





Photography by Lynne Pomeranz

## “AMONG WILD HORSES” A PORTRAIT OF THE PRYOR MUSTANGS

Text by Rhonda Massingham

Both tender and dramatic, the photos in “Among Wild Horses” reveal horses living a life that is rugged in nature, rich in history, and breathtaking to observe. The Pryor Mustangs will claim a special place in the hearts of horse lovers of all ages. A portion of the profits from this book will go to support the Pryor Mountain Wild Mustang Center. Ask for “Among Wild Horses” at your local bookstore. How gorgeous are the wild horses of the Pryor Mountains! “And, how beautifully have Lynne Pomeranz and Rhonda Massingham rendered them.” *Hope Ryden*



## MEET THE MUSTANGS 2006

This year's Meet the Mustangs was held on Friday August 11 at Constitution Park in Lovell. It was a great success as more than 150 guests enjoyed the festivities. Nancy Dillon presented a wonderful PowerPoint program on native wild horse herd make up and animal behavior. This show, coupled with an outline left by Rev. Floyd Schwieger, will serve as the basis of the Center's next educational exhibit and DVD program. Dale and Daphne Hartman again displayed their Pryor horses and explained their Spanish conformation and markings. An excellent BBQ meal was prepared and served by volunteers. Music and an after dinner sing-along were provided by Bret Savage.

## LINDA COATES-MARKLE TRANSFERS

Linda Coates-Markle has transferred to the Denver BLM office after 10 years as the Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range Manager. Her last day on the Range was September 15. Linda cared deeply about the Pryor horses and worked diligently to keep the herd numbers where they are today. Thanks, Linda!!!

## PRYOR MOUNTAIN HERD - 2006 UPDATE

Pierre  
and his  
yearling colt  
stand alert  
in their  
Pryor Mountain  
home. June 2006



By Nancy Dillon

2006 has been quite a year for watching the Pryor Mountain Wild Horses. Spring is such an exciting time with the birth of the foals. The first foals came in late April. From that point on into July, 29 foals were born. Of those, 23 foals remain. The yearling population now stands at 13. These numbers changed with the summer removal that was carried out by the BLM to reduce the herd size. Nine yearlings were captured by a bait-trap method and placed for adoption. Horses from the age of two and older are considered to be adults. The number of horses in this group also changed during the year. Two stallions died as a result of injuries received in stallion fights. Other horses, both male and female, disappeared and are presumed dead. In addition, nine bachelors from 4-7 years old were captured, removed, and put up for adoption. At the present time 117 adult horses are known to be on the Range.



Mrs. Rhonda Yochum, Sponsor W.H.O.A. HCMS

## INDIANA STUDENTS WILD HORSE PROJECT

W.H.O.A. of Honey Creek Middle School in Terra Haute, Ind., stands for Wild Horse Official Advocates. It is a teacher-sponsored group of students working to preserve America's wild horses. They have held fund-raisers to sponsor five wild horses at the Black Hills Wild Horse Sanctuary, as well as the Cloud Foundation, and the Pryor Mountain Wild Mustang Center. Some of their beautiful artwork was included along with a \$300 gift to the Center. They have also contacted Senator Bayh of Ind., asking him to cosponsor S.1915 which prevents wild or tame horses from being exported for human consumption and have sent petitions to the BLM to keep the wild horses on the Pryor Range. They also honored Lanie Creators, one of their members, by sponsoring a wild horse and naming it in her memory.

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