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You will also get notices about our special events.

President's Message

It was a rough winter, and it seems like summer will be here before we get any relief from this cold, gloomy weather. We lost several horses over the winter. Many of our permanent resident horses are old and physically compromised, so winter seems to take its toll. We are heart broken when we lose a horse, but it is to be expected when we take in horses that are elderly, or come to us after being abused or neglected.

On a happier note, we had a record number of adoptions last year. We ended the year with 55 adoptions. We are so happy that these horses have been placed in homes where they will be loved and cared for and get the individualized attention that they deserve. We love hearing from our adoptive families about how their horse is doing in its new home, and we especially like getting pictures of the horse with its adoptive family to put in the newsletter or on our website.

We want everyone to know that MFMN is participating in the ASPCA Help A Horse Day contest again this year. We have an opportunity to win a \$15,000 grant. This year's contest is focused on increasing the number of equine adoptions. We have planned an Adoption Jamboree event at Rolling Hills Ranch on April 27-29th. If you have ever considered adopting a horse, then you should complete an adoption application so that you can be pre-approved. That way, if you see a horse at the event that you want to adopt, you have a better chance of getting it, before someone else does. So don't delay. You can apply online by going to our website at www.missouriforgetmenot.org/adoption-application. Submitting the application does not obligate you to adopt a horse. You can find more information about this event in this newsletter.

Speaking of our website... We have launched a new website with lots of pictures of our beautiful horses. Kim Hansen of Creative Photography, was so kind to donate her time to take some beautiful photos of our horses that are available for adoption. You can find some of her photos in this newsletter. On our website, you will find more information about our adoptable horses, horses that need sponsors, upcoming events and registration forms, and stories about our wonderful volunteers. There is also information about volunteer opportunities,

how you can support MFMN through your donations, and information about our adoption and foster programs. So go to www.missouriforgetmenot.org and check out our new website!

On May 20th we are having our annual Open House and Volunteer Appreciation Day at the Sanctuary, and we invite all of you to come out to the ranch and visit with the horses. There will be food and activities and pony rides for the kids. Then on June 16th, we will have our Annual Run With the Horses starting at Linn Creek Park. If you have never participated in this event, you are missing out on a lot of fun. It is a 5/10K Walk/Run event with a 1 mile Walk/Run for the kids. The ponies and miniature horses join in the fun and walk along the route with the runners. You can register for this event online on our website at www.missouriforgetmenot.org/run-with-horses. All adults who participate get a free T-Shirt.

If you are looking for something to do this spring and summer, please consider volunteering some of your time for the Sanctuary. We can always use people to help feed and care for the horses, but we also need people who can assist with fundraising, marketing and other behind the scenes work. You will get so much satisfaction from knowing that your efforts are helping save horses from abuse, abandonment and neglect. Thanks to everyone for supporting MFMN with your time, donations and prayers.

Connie Hendrix, President



Horses Needing a Home



Nellie Belle is a pretty little mare that is broke to ride by an intermediate rider. She stands 14.2 hands, loads, backs out, stands tied and lunges like a dream. Loves, loves the trails. Walks, trots, canters on cue, collects beautifully, and has a soft mouth. She would make the best 4H project horse for any intermediate rider to finish her out. Her adoption fee is \$1100 to approved home.



Cinnamon is a 5 year old MFT sorrel filly who recently returned from the trainer and is broke to ride by an experienced rider. She is sound and ready for the right person. You have to love those smooth gaited horses! Her adoption fee is \$1,000 to an approved home.

Hailey is a 4 year old Paint Cross mare. She stands 14 hands, ties, loads, backs out, stands for farrier, and she is broke for trail riding. She is currently being trained for ranch riding skills and she would make an awesome 4H project for an intermediate rider to finish her out. She is flashy and quiet mover, soft and moves off leg cues. Anyone would be lucky to own this sweet mare. Her adoption fee is \$1500 to approved home.



Morning Star is a beautiful 14 year old cremello quarter horse mare with striking blue eyes. (Cremello is a very light cream colored horse with light eyes and pink skin). She stands 14.1 hands tall. She is broke to ride by an experienced rider. The adoption fee is \$900 to an approved home.



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Amos is a 3 year old quarter horse cross. He just came back from the trainer. He is a pretty bay gelding, and he's ready to start his new life as someone's forever horse. Come by and see him and submit an adoption application. His adoption fee is \$1000 to approved home.



Romeo aka Pete is a beautiful grey gelding. MFMN rescued Romeo from abandonment in 2012. He was adopted in 2013 to be a companion horse to another horse. When that horse passed away, the owner returned him to MFMN. He was adopted in 2016 and recently returned to MFMN. He has just finished a refresher with the trainer. Hi adoption fee is \$1,000 to approved home.

Lincoln is a tricolor splashed-white 15 year old Paint gelding with striking blue eyes. He is just back from the trainer. He is a very high energy, dominate horse that likes to go. He will need a strong experienced rider. If you want a unique flashy horse, then this is your guy. His adoption fee is \$800 to an approved home.



Jebediah is a beautiful red dun mule from a quarter horse mare and large donkey. He is 14.2 hands high. He returned from the trainer in December 2017. He's smooth and easy going, and fun to ride on the trails. He is very friendly and in your pocket. His adoption fee is \$1200.



Horses Needing Sponsors



Shay is a sweet 5 year old sorrel MFT mare. She underwent surgery at MU Equine Clinic to remove the abscess and part of her hoof. Since her surgery she has had some problems healing, and she is still recuperating. She needs a sponsor to help with the surgery bill and medications, until she is able to be adopted.



Patches arrived in 2016 due to a concerned citizen report to the Morgan County Sheriff's office. Patches is a 21 year old Paint cross mare. She came in very thin and sway backed. She was bonded to Candy who came in with her. She is a very sweet horse, and she could use a sponsor.

Cotton was a sad mess when he came in. He was skinny and his feet were so bad he couldn't stand for the farrier and we had to use the Belgian's stocks to help him hold up his feet. He has made several trips to Dr. Joyce in Fair Grove for help to heal his feet. His diet was also completely altered to include special grain and additional supplements. He walks quite well now and he has filled out nicely. He needs a sponsor to assist with the continual care of his feet and his special diet.



Champ is a 26 year old bay gelding. He originally came from a sale barn. When he came to us, he had a bad oozing abscess on his shoulder, and he was very thin. As you can see in the picture, the abscess has completely healed and he looks like a Champ. He could use a sponsor.



1st Annual 2018 Adoption Jamboree April 27-29th

On Friday evening, April 27th MFMN is showcasing adopted horses at the Adoption Jamboree at Rolling Hills Ranch. If you own an adopted horse, please go to our website and download and complete the registration form to enter your horse in the SHOW ME YOUR RIDE - ADOPTED HORSE SHOWCASE. This is a very special event to showcase adopted horses, and encourage others to adopt a rescue horse. All equine, including donkeys, mules, horses and mini's can participate in the



Showcase for FREE. Each horse and owner will receive a free memento to commemorate the event with your horse. There is no limit to the number of adopted horses that you can showcase. Just go to our website at www.MissouriForgetMeNot.org/events and download and fill out the registration form and submit a short story about you and your horse that can be read by the announcer as you ride or halter lead your equine in the arena. An outdoor Bar-B-Q follows the event.

On Saturday, there will be special show classes for adopted horses with trophies and ribbons awarded. Chad Johnson, one of our trainers, will also be on hand to present our horses that are available for adoption. He will hold a short clinic demonstrating the abilities of our wonderful horses that he has trained. If you have been thinking about adopting a horse, then don't miss this! Please complete an adoption application, so that you can be pre-approved to adopt one of these great horses. (Completing an application does not obligate you to adopt a horse).

Speed events, including Flag Race, Pole Bending and Barrel Racing will start at 5 pm with 100% Jack Pot payouts. There is a \$25 entry fee for these Jack Pot events.

On Sunday, you won't want to miss the Cowboy breakfast, Poker Trail Ride and Obstacle Challenge, starting at 8 am. There will be fun activities for the kids during these events. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners.

Entrance to the Jamboree is FREE, however, there is a fee for entering a horse in each Show Class, Speed Event, Poker Trail Ride and Obstacle Challenge. We are offering a special 3-day registration fee which includes, entry of your horse in unlimited show events, free Friday evening Bar-B-Q, logo T-shirt, logo Hoodie, temporary horse stall and campsite, free Sunday morning breakfast, and entry in the Poker Trail Ride and Obstacle Challenge. All this for only \$100 per person.

We have some great opportunities for corporate sponsors and we have rental spaces for vendor booths available for this event. Please contact Donna Ogle at 573-745-1448 or email her at donna@missouriforgetmenot.com or go to our website at www.MissouriForgetMeNot.org/events for more information.

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Recent Adoptions

Last year we found forever homes for 55 of our horses with wonderful people who love horses! This year we have had 3 adoptions so far – Callie was adopted by Jeanne Kennedy and her grandson Dean, Big Shot was adopted by Derek and Stacy Bohn and Sugar was adopted by Kyle Foster, who is also a volunteer at MFMN. Jeanne Kennedy sent us a very nice letter about Callie. Here is an excerpt from her letter



"My grandsons have both ridden Callie and the delightful thing about her is that she is so well trained that my 7 year old grandson was able to make her walk, stop, turn and back up all by himself with practically no learning curve! The even better thing about Callie is that I finally got my daughter and her husband to ride her and feel comfortable on her! My daughter hasn't ridden in 20 years but she felt instantly comfortable on Callie". Jeanne Kennedy



Derek and Stacy Bohn with Big Shot



Kyle Foster playing with his adopted horse, Sugar at the Sanctuary

Kelly's Port Sponsors Belgians – Elsa & Zelda

Thanks to Ryan and Kyle Kelly, and Kelly's Port Marine, we were able to shelter these two beautiful old Belgian mares, Elsa and Zelda. We could not afford to take them in without a sponsor. Thank you so much for helping us find a soft landing for these at-risk gentle giants.



Feed a Horse Program

Starved, abandoned and neglected horses need your help. The horse pictured below is Annie. It's hard to believe that when she arrived at the sanctuary she looked like the picture on the left. Annie is a very lucky horse. She has gained a lot of weight and filled out nicely.

Seeing results like this is what keeps us doing what we do! With your support and donations, we save horses from starving, rehabilitate them, then find a loving home for them. Currently, the cost of rehabilitating a horse is approximately \$200 per month. This does not include any vet costs that may be needed. These horses need your help so that they can live out their natural lives. Please make a TAX DEDUCTIBLE donation today. Get involved! Ask your friends, family, co-workers and others to help raise money to **feed the horses!**





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MFMN Receives \$5000 Grant

In January, MFMN received a \$5000 grant from the ASPCA to help us complete the improvements to the fencing that were required in order to maintain our GFAS accreditation. All of the barbwire fencing was replaced with horse friendly non-barbwire, and posts and gates were repaired. We could not have finished this project without the help of the ASPCA. These improvements help us to provide a safe environment for our horses. THANK YOU ASPCA!

Missouri Forget-Me-Not Horse Rescue and Sanctuary was recently recognized for our transparency with a 2018 Gold Seal on our GuideStar Nonprofit Profile! GuideStar is the world's largest source of information on nonprofit organizations. More than 8 million visitors per year and a network of 200+ partners use GuideStar data to grow support for nonprofits.

In order to get the 2018 Gold Seal, MFMN shared important information with the public using our profile on www.guidestar.org. Now our community members and potential donors can find in-depth information about our goals, strategies, capabilities, and progress. We're shining a spotlight on the difference we help make in the world. Check out our GuideStar Nonprofit Profile and tell us what you think: https://www.guidestar.org/profile/45-3787871





Working together to help America's horses in transition We want to thank the Unwanted Horse Coalition for supporting MFMN by providing vaccines for our horses through their Unwanted Horse Veterinary Relief Campaign. This program is sponsored by the American Association of Equine Practitioners and Merck Animal Health.

MFMN also participates in the Unwanted Horse Coalition

Operation Gelding program in which UHC subsidizes gelding fees through their voucher program. We greatly appreciate the financial assistance that these programs provide.

ANNUAL MFMN GARAGE SALE - Start your spring cleaning by donating gently used items to MFMN for the annual Garage Sale on June 22-23. It will be held at the same place as last year – the storage units at 432 Lowell Williams Road, off A Road in Linn Creek, MO. Call Connie at 573-216-3838 about dropping off items.



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Volunteer Spotlight

Barbara VanMeter has been friends with Connie for over 18 years and she says that even when she first met Connie she was rescuing animals. "I always admired her selfless noble acts of kindness with animals." Barbara has helped her friend and MFMN by volunteering at fundraising events for the past few years. This year she started volunteering at the Sanctuary two days a week to help feed and care for the horses. She also fosters two horses for the sanctuary at her house, just down the road from Connie's. "I volunteer because I love the horses and the Sanctuary helps so many that no one else would help. I have seen so many come in that were skin and bones or so sick that they had given up hope. After the care and attention and love they receive at the sanctuary they become healthy and proud. The change in them is a miracle!"



Barbara said she has loved and ridden horses since she was a youngster. "I used to show horses and I would spend every free moment I had with them. Volunteering at the Sanctuary gives me just as much pleasure. As a volunteer I help feed and water the horses. I also help clean stalls and any other chores that need to be done. One of the most rewarding things about volunteering is having the horses greet you with a whinny or nicker!"

"I also love petting and grooming these gentle souls. The only downside is that sometimes the weather can be difficult, like when there is freezing rain! Even with that, the horses are so grateful and the friendships you make with the other volunteers makes it all worthwhile." Barbara said, "One of my most memorable moments was when we had an Open House and it was so fun to see the children smiling and happy being around the horses. It reminded me of my youth. Hopefully these children will grow up to be future advocates for horses. I would highly recommend to anyone to volunteer at the Sanctuary. You will learn so much and, you will be helping one of Gods most beautiful animals."



For Information about Volunteering at MFMN go to www.missouriforgetmenot.org/volunteer and complete and submit an online application, or call Connie at 573-216-3838. You will be glad you did!

Please go to our website www.missouriforgetmenot.org
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Our Mission

is to provide aid and sanctuary to abused, neglected, abandoned or donated horses that come to us in need. Work with law enforcement and other agencies in their efforts to rectify situations in which horses are in peril. Provide horses in our Sanctuary with needed medical care, proper nutrition and a health plan to restore them physically and mentally for a new life. Continue educational and fundraising efforts to both help us support our rescue efforts and to promote awareness of issues involving neglect and abuse in our area.















Save the Dates

April 27-29, 2018 – 1st Annual Adoption Jamboree at Rolling Hills Ranch off Hwy 5 south of Camdenton. Friday evening SHOW ME Your Adopted Horse Showcase starts at 5:30. Saturday, all day horse show and horse trainer clinic, Sunday, Cowboy breakfast, Poker Trail Ride and Obstacle Challenge. Go to www.missouriforgetmenot.org/events for more information.

May 20, 2018 - MFMN Open House and Volunteer Appreciation — Come join the fun at the MFMN Ranch at 1025 Heritage Road, Linn Creek, MO. Open House is from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Come visit the horses and enjoy the food. There will be pony rides and activities for the kids.

June 16, 2018 - Run With the Horses 5K/10K Walk/Run. Registration opens at 6:30 am at Linn Creek Park. 1 Mile Walk/Run for the kids. Come join the horses for a morning run that's lots of fun. Register online at www.missouriforgetmenot.org/events.

June 22-23, 2018 - Annual MFMN Garage Sale — Garage Sale will be held at the same place as last year — the storage units at 432 Lowell Williams Road, off A Road in Linn Creek, MO. Call Connie at 573-216-3838 for information.