



October / November 2011

Wow - sorry about combining months here but it has been a very busy last couple months getting ready for the fundraiser and then cleaning up after it. We are so very happy to tell you that our gross proceeds from the October 2 fundraiser is over \$5000. There are still several auction items to be picked up and paid for and these are not added in yet. If you were called that you won an item, please contact us to arrange pick up so that we can close the accounting on the fundraiser and do our final tallies.

Huge thanks to our entertainers that day - Joah's Ark Pony Parties and Petting Zoo, Lonesome Ron, M C Express, and Sonny Bryant!! And this event could not have been possible without all the people and businesses donating to the silent auction. Nor could it have been so great without our fabulous volunteers! Thanks, once again, goes out to Robert Anderson for the use of the building.

On the home front - horses are doing well with the exception of Peanut and BJ. BJ continues to concern us greatly with his weight. He seems to be maintaining right now and we are working to "plump" him up before winter. We have switched to round bales for BJ and Montana with the chillier weather here in hopes that will put on some pounds. By looking at the mass of hay around the feeder, they are really enjoying it.

Little Peanut is having issues with her hooves again. It seems she can only go just so long doing well and then takes a bad turn. We are keeping her on bute to make her more comfortable. The very hard dry ground is certainly not helping her either. When she wants to stay in the hay piles on the ground, we just serve her there.

All the other "kids" are well. Each one is fuzzing out in their own way for winter. Ralph the cat continues to pick which horse he will jump up on and hang on as the horse walks around. Amazing animals - all of them!

Activities on the horizon include Minnesota's own "Give to the Max" Day on November 16. If you are unaware of this event, this is Minnesota's day to focus on non profits. During the 24 hour period of 12:01 am until 11:59 pm on November 16, donations to non profits through the GiveMN.org website or by phone to GiveMN.org could be increased by \$1000. Each hour a random donation is awarded a "Golden Ticket" and additional \$1000 of matching contributions will be added to that donation.

This is the 3rd annual Give to the Max day. During the first year, GiveMN.org had planned to match fifty cents on the dollar to all donations and hoped to raise \$1,000,000.00 for Minnesota charities. Everyone was shocked when the total donations that day surpassed \$14,000,000.00. Needless to say the match had to be recalculated! Although they are not doing a matching donation this year, they are running several contests and of course the Golden Ticket drawings.

The next event we have scheduled is Christmas in St. Clair, MN. This event will be on December 10th in St. Clair. This sounds like a great time to share a little Christmas spirit and do some shopping!

In closing, let's all hope that the predictions we are hearing for the 2011-12 winter are not true!! Boy, last winter was a tough one but according to what we are hearing, this coming one is supposed to be worse - Yikes!

Remember your standing invitation to come meet the Sanctuary Horses of Misfit Acres and our little greeter, Chopper. Bring your camera catch a cute photo of Ralph the cat going horseback riding!

Happy Halloween and Thanksgiving to all! Until December!!!

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