

Feds renew contract with Lewisberry horse center

LEWISBERRY — The Northeast's first and only wild horse and burro adoption center will remain in Lewisberry.

A new three-year contract has been awarded to Lewisberry resident Frank O. Goodlander, who since July 1982 has operated the popular facility on behalf of the U.S. Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

The new contract, announced April 26 by BLM Eastern States Director G. Curtis Jones, Jr., extends the life of the adoption center through mid-1988, and includes an option for renewal through the end of September 1989.

"Frank Goodlander and his wife Doris have been providing excellent care to the animals—and gracious service to adopters—for almost three years now," Jones said. "They have made many new friends for the Adopt-A-Horse or Burro Program throughout the Northeast, and we expect they'll make us many more."

In addition to maintaining the year-round facility on his Lewisberry farm, each year Goodlander will carry out as many as four "satellite" adoptions—temporary events set up in various locations throughout the Nor-

theast.

"One of the keys to finding homes for the animals is to make it convenient for people to pick them up," Jones said. "The Lewisberry center serves a huge geographical area. Satellites will help bring even more adopters into the program."

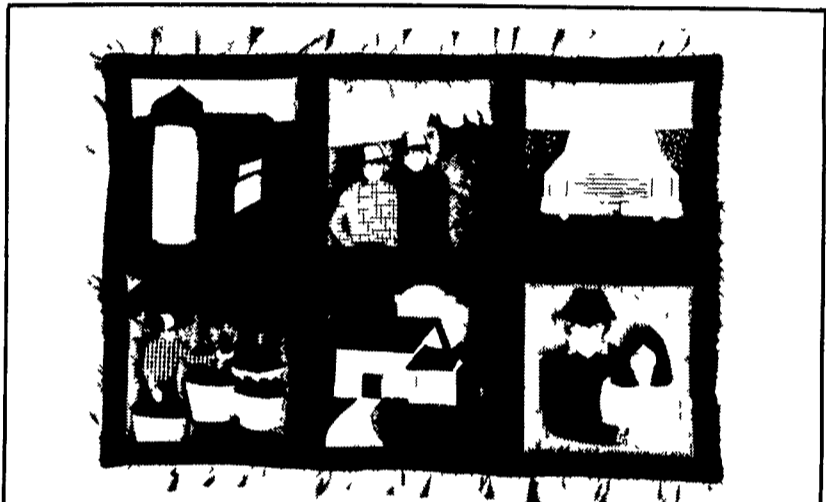
The Bureau of Land Management has been finding homes for wild horses and burros since 1973, and last fall at Lewisberry processed the program's 50,000th adoption. Herds of wild horses and burros that roam the public lands are protected by the Wild Free-Roaming Horse and Burro Act of 1971. BLM monitors the herds and their habitat, and removes excess animals when overpopulation threatens to damage the range.

Any U.S. citizen of legal use in his or her state is eligible to adopt up to four wild horses and burros each year. Applicants must have suitable facilities and at least some experience with horses.

A standard adoption fee of \$125 per horse and \$75 per burro helps cover gathering, processing, and veterinary costs. The animals are wild, but with care and patience can be tamed and used for riding,

breeding, farmwork, show, or other noncommercial purposes. The Lewisberry adoption center is located off I-83, about midway

between York and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Those desiring more information about the Adopt-A-Horse or Burro Program should call Frank and Doris Goodlander at (717) 938-2560.



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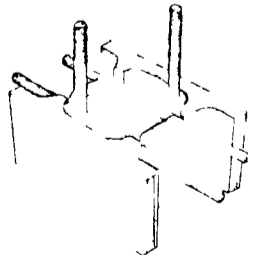
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