

Horse Helpers of the High Country's third annual raffle and silent auction, "eat.drink.bid," will take place from 5 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 6, at Blue Ridge Mountain Club's Watson Gap Pavilion.

The raffle drawing and close of bidding will take place at 8 p.m.

"Join Horse Helpers for a fun-filled evening, including food from Twigs, wines from Grandfather Vineyard, live music, silent auction and raffle drawing of a new 2012 Honda Rancher ATV. Each ticket allows entry for one, and includes all of the above. Tickets are \$40 each, or four for \$150," said event organizers.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.HorseHelpersNC.org or from the following locations: Watauga County Farmers' Market; Pet Supplies Plus, Boone; Apple Hill Farm, Banner Elk; Southern States, Boone; Brushy Mountain Motorsports, Wilkesboro; J.B. Fletchers Cycles, Zionville; Footsloggers; Grandfather Vineyard, Foscoe; My Best Friend's Barkery in Banner Elk; Christopher's Wine & Cheese in Blowing Rock; and Pamper Me Too Dog Grooming, Mountain City, Tenn.

Silent auction items include fine art; gift certificates from a variety of local restaurants; gift baskets; gift certificates from clothing stores; tickets for services and entertainment, such as Appalachian Ski

Mountain and Grandfather Mountain; horseback riding lessons; and fine horseback riding equipment.

A detailed list of auction items and sponsors will be listed on the organization's website and Facebook page.

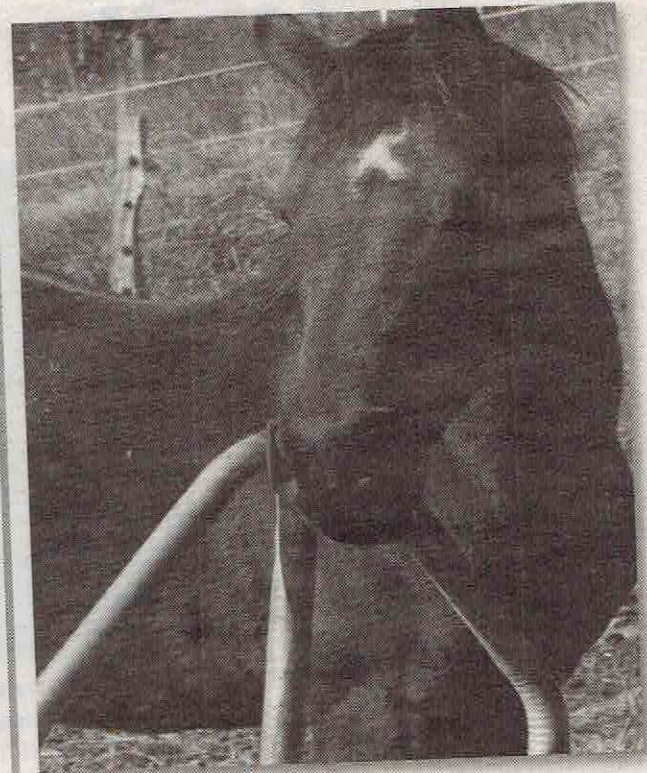
DIRECTIONS

To get to Blue Ridge Mountain Club, take the Blue Ridge Parkway to Aho Gap, milepost 288. Turn south onto Sampson Road. Proceed on Sampson Road for 1.1 miles and then make a slight left onto State View Road. The gated entrance to Blue Ridge Mountain Club is at the top of the hill on the right. Continue toward the pavilion at Watson Gap Park.

HORSE HELPERS OF THE HIGH COUNTRY

Horse Helpers of the High Country, incorporated in 2004 as a non-profit corporation, is the only equine rescue serving Watauga, Ashe and Avery counties, as well as Johnson County, Tenn. The mission of Horse Helpers is to give sick, abused and unwanted horses a second chance. The group provides treatment and rehabilitation for horses seized by law enforcement and animal control.

The group also provides a forum for education on animal care and humane communication. For more information, visit www.HorseHelpersNC.org or call (828) 297-1833.



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