

# Reaching Hands Ranch



## December 2008

| Sunday      | Monday | Tuesday                       | Wednesday                   | Thursday            | Friday | Saturday   |
|-------------|--------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|--------|--|
|             | 1      | 2                             | 3 Happy Birthday<br>Tracie! | 4                   | 5      | 6 Lighted Parade - meet at<br>Skyline Diner Parking Lot at<br>5:45pm |
| 7           | 8      | 9                             | 10                          | 11                  | 12     | 13 Open Ranch 2:30-4:00<br>Horse of the Year Election<br>today!      |
| 14          | 15     | 16                            | 17                          | 18                  | 19     | 20 Open Ranch 2:00-4:00  |
| 21          | 22     | 23 Happy Birthday<br>Natasha! | 24 Happy Birthday<br>Kenzy! | 25 Merry Christmas! | 26     | 27   |
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## Buzz From The Barnyard

### Adoptions

Rosie - the wild filly we know and love has found a great home to call her own. The moment Bill saw Rosie, he knew she was the little horse he was searching for to become his cart horse. Tracie and I however, thought he needed to rethink that decision. Believe it or not, Bill was more determined than the two of us and he chose to adopt her. I have never seen a horse as touchy as Rosie, immediately take to a person. However, Rosie took to Bill the moment he approached her. Bill and Judy took her to their lovely home and within two weeks Bill was line driving her all over his property. For those of you who know Rosie, this is truly amazing. I took a picture for those who may not believe me.



### New Horses

Sitter is a simply adorable small shetland pony that founders. His family could not keep him in a drylot and give him the special care a foundering pony needs. I know he will be terrific for the program. Sitter has settled into his new home and routine very nicely, while making lots of new friends at the ranch.



### November Financial Supporters

Amber Burch - WA, Carol Ann Newbolt - Jonesboro, AR, Karen Lee - Powell, Geri Silveira - San Dimas, CA, Bettye Dominick - Cody, WY, Kathy Coulter - Corona, CA, Mary Mellinger - CO, Linda Orrell - Meeteetse, WY, Dorothy and Harold Hilton - Powell, Sue Scott - Cody, WY, Susan Ahalt, Cody, WY, Poor Boy Feeds - Powell

### Lighted Parade

We will be participating in the Powell Lighted Christmas Parade this Saturday, Dec. 6th. We ask that you DRESS VERY WARM - hats, gloves/mittens, winter coats. Let us know before Saturday if you need to borrow any of those items. We will be meeting at the Skyline Diner Parking lot at 5:45 and you will need to be picked up right after the parade is over at the Bank of the West parking lot on Absaroka. See you there!!

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### Ranch Hands

The Fall group of Ranch Hands graduated. Congratulations! They did a wonderful job on their first rides, not to mention some really great scores on the test!

Sara and Naomi received some great awards at the 4-H Banquet for their hard work. High Point Beginner and Most improved Beginner were two of the awards. Way to go girls!



### Horse of the Year

Horse of the year official election date has moved to Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to those who have voted early! The rest of you can vote on the 13<sup>th</sup>. A victory celebration will be held after votes are counted and the special horse has been named.

### Ranch Hand of the Month



Naomi Sims is the ranch hand in the spotlight for December. She has been a participant at RHR since the spring session 2008. She loves the Ranch because she likes helping out with the horses and riding. Her favorite horse is Rain because she is most comfortable with her since she was her 4-H project this year. Naomi's other hobbies include basketball and any other sport for that matter. Her likes include horses, cinnamon rolls and watching movies. Dislikes are brussel sprouts and winter. She is currently in fifth grade at Parkside Elementary and wants to be a veterinarian when she grows up.

### Partner Adoption Program

Wow. We have been busy with this program. There are 35 horses in one herd that need to find homes. There are some registered Quarter Horses, Appy crosses and other that are trained but not been ridden in a few years. There are also a few in the 4-5 year range that need trained, but are quite gentle. The remainder are mainly Pryor Mt. Mustangs who need trained. Most of the horses are between the ages of 5-12. If anyone knows of someone who could be interested, please let me know!

We also know of a lovely coming two year old palomino filly with a back leg that is a bit crooked. This was a birth defect. We are told if trimmed correctively and consistently she will be able to be ridden lightly when she matures.

I believe we have Jo and Jynx from Billings a home. I will be bringing them to Powell next week for final approval. Stay tuned...

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### Christmas Shopping at RHR

We have a few items available from RHR that may work for someone on your Christmas list. If you or someone you know would be interested, please contact me at 307-272-9437 or email [reachinghandsranch@hotmail.com](mailto:reachinghandsranch@hotmail.com).

We can mail or ship directly as well. Thank you!



For those on your list that have everything - sponsor a special horse at RHR in their name as a gift. Choose from several horses. A card with their picture, a heartwarming description, and a note explaining the horse was sponsored in their name is given to them. They are entitled to visit the ranch and meet the sponsored horse with this gift. Minimum sponsorship of \$20.00 is required.

Hanging Horseshoes decorated for Christmas. Made here at RHR, they are a nice western gift for someone on your list. \$12.00



Halters for Hope. These halters are hand tied at RHR. There are two options. The multi-purpose halter is tied using a premium halter cord. It is a more rigid cord that gives concise direction and quick release when working with your horse. Price is \$15.00. The economy halter is a softer rope offered for \$10.00. Great for the horse person on your list... or to put on your list! Available in small/weanling, pony - average horse - large draft sizes and various colors.

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*Merry Christmas from RHR!*

*May all of you have  
a blessed and happy holiday season.*

