

Reaching Hands Ranch



February 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Happy Birthday Jakob!	2	3	4	5	6	7 Open Ranch 1-3
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Open Ranch 1-3
22	23	24	25	26 Happy Birthday Jenil	27	28 Open Ranch 1-3

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Buzz From The Barnyard

Adoptions

Jo and Jynx were settled into their wonderful new home with Rick and Karen Edwards early in January. The Edwards are so kind and generous to open their barn to these mares. Their previous owner in Billings had recently lost her husband and was faced with either finding them good homes or putting them down. We just love these happy endings!

Other good news...The Huston's have adopted their second mustang from the herd needing to find homes this winter. The first horse they adopted, "Silver", now renamed "Bronte" is doing so well, they decided to get another. Mike was riding Silver within the first week of having him home. It is a true testament to the trainability of the mustang horse. Of course, Mike is very talented and has a special way with horses as well. It is just amazing to see the progress he is making and we anxiously await news on how he is doing with his new horse "Abraxas".



Karen with Jo and Jynx

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THANK YOU!

Book

Tracie and I met with Genie to get a sneak peak of the illustrations so far...WOW! The book came to life as we read the story in front of the drawings. She has done a fabulous job and is nearly finished. If everything moves along as planned we should have the books in two short months!

Ranch Hands and Open Ranch

The winter weather is still not being very cooperative for our Saturday outings. But spring is coming! We will keep plugging away until then and hope for the best. We were able to hold a couple of Open Ranch days last month and the horses sure loved the attention.



Brian and Cricket at Open Ranch

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4-H

It is time to start thinking about 4-H! We will be able to take on a few additional ranch hands to participate in 4-H this year. Space is limited however, and depending on how many of you would like to participate, we may not have enough room this year for everyone interested. I have attached an application for those of you who would like to apply. The forms must be returned by February 28, 2009.

If you are interested, please understand that this is a big commitment. You must be willing to attend open ranch each week in addition to weekly 4-H practice. You will need to get to and from the practices and other 4-H horse events at the Powell Fairgrounds this year as well. Fair week begins July 20th and you will need to be there taking care of your horse at designated times in addition to show days. It is a great and rewarding experience, but it is also many tiring hours of work and preparation. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call me at 272-9437.

Ranch Hand of the Month

Angelo is our ranch hand of the month. He started with RHR in Spring, 2007 because he wanted to work with horses, loves working with his hands and thought the program would be a great opportunity. Angelo likes that RHR teaches kids about horses and how to saddle and ride. His favorite horse is "Bo", but for riding he likes "Rain". Hobbies include work (he is a very hard worker!), listening to music and helping out other people. His favorites include chicken and mashed potatoes and the song "When I Said I Do" by Clint Black. A major dislike is any music other than country. He is heading to Job Corp in Montana mid February and wants to be an Over The Road Truck Driver. Good luck Angelo!



Angelo

Upcoming Ranch Hand Program

We will be starting the next ranch hand program next month on March 18th. We still have a few openings, so if any of you know someone who would benefit, please contact us.

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2009 RHR - 4-H Participation Application

Name:

Age:

Why would you like to participate in 4-H?

How would you benefit from this experience?

I understand that if I am chosen to participate in 4-H through Reaching Hands Ranch:

- I will be committed to working responsibly with my horse project every week from now until the end of summer.
- I will be responsible for getting to and from the fairgrounds in Powell for practice each week until Fair and daily during the entire fair.
- I will respect myself, my horse and others around me, showing good sportsmanship at all times.
I will be a supportive member of my team of ranch hands and fellow 4-H'ers at all times.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Youth Signature

Date

Application must be received by 2/28/09

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