

Reaching Hands Ranch



May 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Open Ranch - 1-3pm
3	4	5	6	7	8 4-H Practice Fairgrounds 5:30-7:30	9 10am-Noon Program Noon-first rides and graduation
10	11	12	13 Happy Birthday Delia and Kendra!	14	15 4-H Practice - location yet to be determined Happy Birthday Rain!	16 No open Ranch Today
17	18 Happy Birthday MiKayla!	19	20	21 Happy Birthday Cecelia!	22	23 Happy Birthday Rielly! Memorial Weekend-No Open Ranch Today
24	25 Happy Memorial Day! Pony Express Celebration in Powell	26 Happy Birthday Jessica!	27	28	29 Last Day of School!	30 Horse Fair and Expo at Boot and Bottle Club in Cody
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Buzz From The Barnyard

Adoptions

We have not had any official adoptions for April, besides through the partner program. However, we have two kind homes who are fostering horses. One of which is our Maggie. Steve has taken her in and spending the time to make her more adoptable - if he doesn't decide to adopt her himself of course:)

Another kind home is fostering "Nitro" a beautiful Appaloosa/Appendix 10 year old gelding that moves beautifully, is very sweet, but quite a handful to ride. He will need an advanced, confident rider, but we are sure we can find him the right home.

Partner Adoption

This has been a crazy month for the Partner Program! We have placed Vaquero (handsome Pryor Stallion) with a wonderful home in the Sheridan area. He was adopted by the owners of Sheridan Media and will have a great home and future. Vaquero caught the eye of their trainer, Gene, who also participates in the Mustang Challenge. He is coming along nicely in his training and is currently recovering from his transformation into a gelding.

The remaining 12 mustang mares and geldings were adopted by a local trainer/outfitter who will be adding them to his string this year.

Rose, a lovely 20 year old mare went to a wonderful home with her new friend Sampson who most of you know from RHR. Sampson's size did not bother Rose at all and they are getting along very well in their new home with Erich and Beth.

We still have some older green broke horses and 6-9 year olds who need started through this herd that are available. In addition, we are trying to help another local woman who rescued 30 horses in January. She is losing the pasture where they are currently located and needs to find homes for them as well. The majority of the herd are mares, some bred and due to foal. Many are 1-3 years old and need trained. Some are trained to ride and most are registered Quarter Horses and come with papers.

Special Thanks to Nicole Michaels! Nicole has spent countless hours, miles, hay and dollars to help out with this situation. She has been passing out fliers, stopping at potential homes, helping assess horses, providing shots, wormer, hoof care and hay for those we have brought to RHR and foster homes. She is amazing and we couldn't have done it without her.

HUGE thanks goes to ALL of you who have provided extra hay, support and donations!



"Cochese" is the last Pryor stud waiting for adoption through the Partner Program.

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New Horses

Buck is a 20+ year old appaloosa gelding. He is a big boy with even larger personality. Since his arrival he is getting extra hay, some senior feed and has been wormed. We expect him to put on some extra weight and settle in nicely here at RHR. Buck loves people, but if you aren't paying attention he will push you over with his big behind demanding a hind quarter scratch.



Buck

Spitfire is anything but a fitting name for this gentle little horse. His very distraught owner called me this week from the Billings Hospital. She had a baby boy prematurely, who will be hospitalized until early June. With all of the unforeseen hospital bills and stress incurred with their situation - she did not know what to do with her gelding who began to colic at home in Powell. Feeling helpless in Billings and hopeless considering a large vet bill, she called us asking if we could take him in. I picked him up that morning and after two trips to the vet, some mineral oil and banamine - he is doing very well.



Spitfire

April Financial Supporters

Kathy Coulter-Corona, CA, Nicole Ballenger - Laramie, WY, Nicole Michaels-Powell, Poor Boy Feeds - Powell, WY, Johnson Family Trust - CA, Eric Hill - Cody, Sue and Doug Coombs - Cody, John Rumm and Lyn Stallings - Cody, Linda Orrell - Meeteetse, Robin Bartel - Texas, Olivia Ximenes (Skyhawk Rugs) - New Mexico, Jerry Kincade - Cody, Karen Lee/Parlor House News - Powell, WY, Cramer Farms - Powell

THANK YOU!

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Current and Upcoming Fundraisers

Broken Trust and New Beginnings - Our first book currently and officially off to print! We hope to have it in hand by mid-May, June 1 for sure! Attached to the calendar this month is a little promo if pre-purchased before June 1st. Napoleon will be personally autographing a photo of himself to include with the book for those who take advantage of the promotion. The book is selling for \$12.99 with \$5.00 additional for shipping.

Jessica Forliano Clinic - Most of you know of Jessica Forliano, John and Josh Lyons certified trainer and clinician. She is a wonderful horsewoman and has generously offered to partner with us to raise funds through a trail and horsemanship clinic in August. Jessica would like the clinic to benefit RHR as well as bring attention to the ever growing problem of unwanted horses. The clinic will be a two day event in addition to a short youth clinic and other educational opportunities throughout the weekend. The clinic will be held at the Fairgrounds, as the Fair Board generously offered to waive all rental fees to help with this fundraiser. The date is set for The weekend of August 28th. We will have more information posted on our website as we progress with our planning. If you are interested in more information, fees or signing up for the clinic you can contact one of us at RHR or see Jessica's website at: www.jessicaforliano.com.

Ranch Hands and Open Ranch

Our weather has certainly been challenging this spring! We have had to cancel numerous times, therefore our group of ranch hands will now be graduating on May 9th. Due to extra activities, end of school year and Director absences in May, Open Ranch will be limited. We will be back on track in June and look forward to warm and sunny weather!

4-H

Our 4-Hers are gaining momentum and gearing up for certifications with their horses this month. They are required to be certified on the horse they will be showing at 4-H events. Other 4-H leaders will be testing them on their knowledge of horse and tack parts, safety in haltering, grooming, saddling, bridling and lastly, riding. They must be able to move their horse safely through the walk, trot and lope as well. They are all practicing very hard and I know they will be successful and ready to move on to showing in June.

Ranch Hand of The Month

MiKayla is our Ranch Hand of the Month. She graduated last fall from the Ranch Hand Program and has been coming to Open Ranch ever since. This year, she will be participating in 4-H using "Cody". MiKayla's love of horses brought her to RHR. She loves working with all of the horses and enjoys their individual personalities and getting to know them. She also loves that we rescue horses who have been neglected/abused or abandoned such as Hope and Ivy and getting to see them get better. Her favorite horses are Cody and Sheamus. She enjoys collecting sea shells and horse stuff. Her likes include the color purple, horses, soccer, art and ranch. Her dislikes include veggies besides corn. MiKayla goes to Parkside and hopes to be a Veterinarian when she grows up.



MiKayla and Cody

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Ivy Meets Ken McNabb at 4-H Clinic

Saturday, April 25th was a life changing day for our Ivy. Many of you remember the sad condition she and Hope were in when they came to RHR last year as yearlings. Hope is very trusting, while Ivy is terribly fearful of all people. So fearful that she will strike out with her front feet when confronted by us. We cannot touch her head making haltering her nearly impossible. When we were invited to bring a 2 year old to the Ken McNabb 4-H clinic, it was the perfect opportunity.

Ken worked with her extensively and in the end was able to touch her head all over, without her trying to strike or paw. He told us the best thing we could do for her, or any horse who has been neglected or abused, is to forget about their past completely. Do not treat an abused horse differently than any other horse. Focus on fixing the problems and move on. That he did. We left with a little horse who made big changes that day. Now, I am able to halter her every day and we can move forward. Yeah!!

Ken also worked with many 4-Hers and problems they have with their horses. He has a wonderful touch and we all left with new knowledge and ideas of how to fix some problems with our own horses. It was a great day enjoyed by all.



Ken and Ivy



Ken demonstrating how to help a horse that pulls back when tied.