

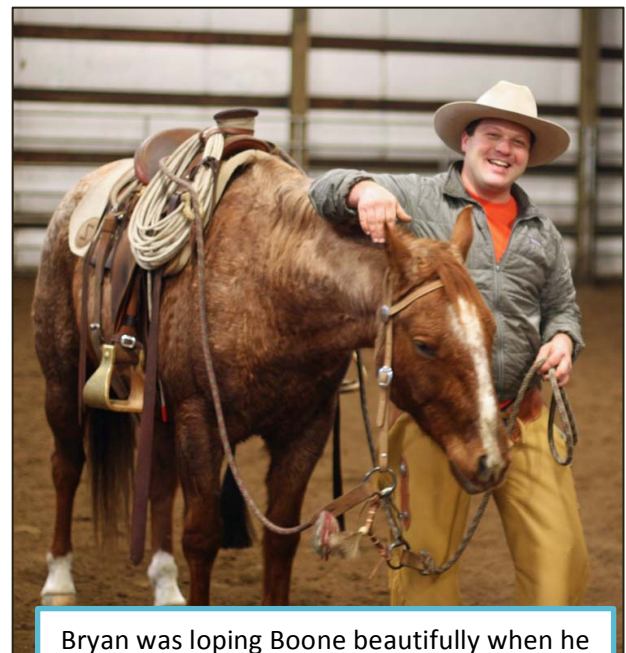


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Hi everyone,

This last week was a real pleasure to be a part of. We had just two guests, Catherine and Cheryle. Both of them have been long-time guests of the ranch, and Shayne was able to teach them at the same level that he was teaching the interns. Nathan was able to ride each day as well. Shayne is working hard to get him "caught up" on some things in his horsemanship, as he hasn't been able to ride near enough in these last few months.

With Chuck here to help now, that opens up more opportunities for Nathan to be horseback more often. I'm excited to start getting horseback more myself, as our previous intern and long-time friend of McGinnis, Stephanie, will be assisting me part-time in the office from now on. With her knowledge of all aspects of the ranch and experience in offices and customer service, she's the perfect gal for the job. Plus, she'll be able to get out and ride with us from time to time as well :)



Bryan was loping Boone beautifully when he lost a Chicago screw on his headstall and it came off! Boone gently stopped and waited for Bryan to get off and fix it ☺



This week we spent a bit of time on lateral work, which helped to refine our cantering. Towards the end of the week, we worked on leg yielding our horses, working really hard to get big reaches and an animated movement. This meant

Catherine got a LOT done on Georgie this week. She's a study if I've ever seen one!

that we had to keep our body position very correct; else we hinder the movement in the horse that we were striving for.

We also had the opportunity to watch Shayne work his horse Hickory from horseback. Hickory has had a lot of trouble with turning loose in some ways. He's probably had more hours of groundwork and feet roped than any horse on the ranch, but he can be extremely touchy and sensitive, so these things have been revisited often. He also has had a tendency to pull away from anything that scares him, from ropes to flags to tarps to lead ropes. Working him from horseback has given Shayne the opportunity to dig a little deeper in working through some of these spots, and it has been paying off in a big way.



Cheryle rode Isaiah and really got him moving nicely for her. She adored him.

By Friday afternoon, Shayne was working Hickory while on Wyatt--with a flag all over him, with a lead rope that never came tight--all while keeping Wyatt in beautiful, correct flexion. Catherine and Cheryle agreed that it was truly a sight to see and a visual testament to everything Shayne teaches in the horsemanship each day.

Have a great week,

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Shayne worked with Hickory this week off of Wyatt and Whiskey. He got lots of big changes in this athletic young horse!