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Hi folks!

I think we've all got a little touch of spring fever coming on out here! The days were so warm that we were riding in the indoor with all the doors up in just our long sleeves. By later next week, we should be all set to ride in Shayne's outdoor arena. I think at the warmest part of the day on Friday, the temp even reached 70 degrees! Needless to say, it feels really good and I think it put an extra spring in everyone's step this week.

Shayne and I returned from the Legacy of Legends on Monday. It was super neat to reconnect with friends and ranch guests as well as to watch all of the presenters. I think we walked away with a few insights into horsemanship and cattle working from it.



Shayne and Buck at the Legacy

Dori and Randy also returned to the ranch this past weekend after spending some time back east. It's good to have them back home. Randy is already up and rolling on ranch projects—

between him, Bryan and Willie, they are re-modeling all of our staff bungalows as well as two cabins off the property which will be used for staff as well.



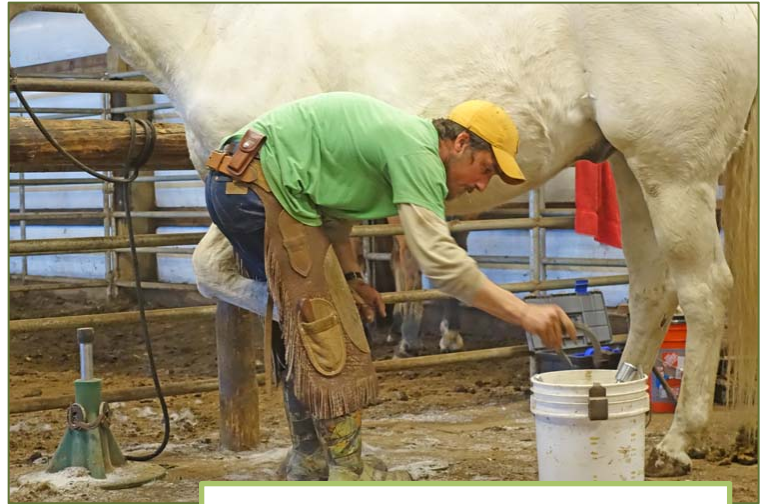
Peekaboo! Nathan peeks out from under Little Red

Dori, Miriam and Amy are working on getting the ranch spic and span for the upcoming season. Since we're ready to start riding outside, Nathan and Chuck have been making their way through the

herd putting shoes on the horses.

Tristen and Keaton joined us all this week, as it was their spring break from school. Both of them did awesome on the horses we gave them and helped out a bunch. We're really looking forward to having them on the team this coming season.

We had 7 guests this week with just two repeats. Because this group was overall a bit more



Chuck is putting shoes on Jessie

advanced, we were able to spend more time on loping transitions.

Each person worked on lope/walk transitions in figure eights around two horses—on about a 12 foot circle. Ideally, you would pick up the lope, go back down to a slow walk and pick up the lope again on one circle, then change flexion in the horse and do the same thing the other way on the second circle. Each rider had to have a lot of

impulsion in their horses, and have them supple in their poll and moving off the rider's seat easily. Amazingly, every single person got it done!

We've got another large group next week are we're looking forward to Monday 😊

Have a great weekend,

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Carolyn and Bridget working at leg yields

