Breakaway Youth Ranch

By Various MINT Girls

Ten Lessons from Our Ponies

~ Fall 2022 ~

When we are picking out hooves, sometimes the horse doesn't want to listen and is disrespectful. That's how we are with God—we want to go our own way and do our own thing. But when we submit ourselves to God we are supported and comforted.

Bonnie likes to go. Sometimes we can speed through life when God wants us to slow down and look at what He has done. Just like Smokey.

When we are riding a horse, we have to be confident of where we are going. God is confident in where He is leading us.

Dazzle [can be] . . . anxious [and] it can be hard for her to trust us when we're trying to help her. We can be like that sometimes. We are so worried about what might happen that letting God help us is scary. Nobody likes feeling afraid and sometimes you just need to trust that God is trying to help you with the scary things—to help you trust Him more and build your faith.

When we groom or work a horse and train it, we want the best for the horse, just like God trains us and wants the best for us.

Honesty is important with a horse because if you aren't honest the horse will never trust you. You need to be honest about what you want or else you will have a confused horse . . . not good. The same goes for people—and we all know God hates sin and lying is a sin. Lying is the opposite of honesty.

Lola can be very stubborn about not taking her medicine, just like people can be stubborn about things that are good for them because they don't know that it is actually good for them.

Dazzle needs you to be gentle. If you're not she'll get scared and frustrated. When we interact with others we can't just yank them around and expect them to be kind to us. We need to be gentle.

Horses give us their trust and energy. We should give God our everything.

Angel doesn't like to listen and she acts like you aren't there. Sometimes we can ignore or not listen to God when He wants us to listen.

With horses, forgiveness is important because if you don't forgive them after you get hurt by them, you will always have a poor relationship with them. The same goes with people. If you aren't forgiving to others or they aren't forgiving to you, the relationship will be not as good as it could be. You should also ask God for forgiveness for your sins (the things you've done to harm your relationship with Him).



Donations have been made to honor these special people:

<u>BIRTHDAYS</u>: Mike, Sandy, Karen, Sloan, Susan, Tricia, Joe & John Richardson, Fidelia Lucero, Jack Sparlin & Brenda Sparlin <u>MEMORIALS</u>: Lois Richardson <u>ANNIVERSARY</u>: Brent & Amanda Reichman <u>GRADUATION</u>: James Richardson

Mule of the Quarter:

Ten things we love about Claude:

- He tries to neigh like a horse, which results in the funniest bray we have ever heard.
- 2) Even though he is huge, he is super gentle and easy-going. Because of that, we can put almost any rider on him for a good confidence boost.
- 3) He is a fun strawberry roan color.
- 4) He is very clever—which keeps us laughing, but also keeps us on our toes.
- 5) He loves to be scratched, petted, and fed grass, so he frequently comes to say "hi" to the ranch visitors.



- 6) He is a very comfortable, smooth ride.
- 7) He is about as fast as a turtle.
- 8) He lets us put hats on him for pictures.
- He is a baby-sitter and friend to Sport—one of the youngest and fastest horses in our herd.
- 10) He keeps us laughing all year long!

Save the Date:
Sunday, September 25th
FALL FUN DAY! 2 - 5pm



Happy 10th Anniversary Breakaway Youth Ranch!



Here are some Fall Fun Day activities to anticipate:

- For the Feast: Please bring a picnic lunch. Bring camp chairs or blankets to fill the place up, and if you want to bring food to share with other families, that's great! This could become a regular school-kid lunch swap!
- We will have ten (10) raffle items for you to try your hand at winning. (If you have things you would like to donate to the raffle, please call Amanda at 406-581-5488 before September 17th. Some donations may be combined with others to make sure we have only 10 raffle items.)
- There will be a \$10 "entry fee" to get raffle tickets and to support either BYR, ROC Wheels, and / or Royal Family Kids. (See the descriptions below for ROC Wheels and RFK.) If the "fee" is in any way a deterrent, please forget about it and just come have fun!
- There will be dancing, 9-Square, Corn-hole, and Carnival style games for the kids and young at heart.
- We will have an open-mic time for you to share some of the ways you have seen God at work through Breakaway Youth Ranch in the last ten years.
- In short, we just want to celebrate the last 10 years of ministry with you! Please come at 2pm prepared to have a ton of fun!
- Directions to BYR: Take exit 267 off I-90. Turn south and follow Cottonwood Rd. for 2 1/2 miles until you see the big red barn!



ROC Wheels (Reach Out & Care Wheels) is a faith-based non-profit 501(c)(3) that fits wheelchairs and gait trainers to children who need them around the world. We create dedicated teams that design, assemble and deliver wheelchairs and gait trainers to children in less resourced areas of the world. We transform lives by providing mobility devices to children with disabilities.



Royal Family KIDS, known internationally as "For The Children" since November 2020, promotes physical, emotional and spiritual healing for child victims of neglect, abuse, and abandonment through intervention programs, education and advocacy. The local Three Forks chapter led by Joseph and Amy Rowan serves foster children through their RFK Camps, year-round group activities, and Mentoring programs.









