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Rainbow Ranch Ranch Hand News

Hi everyone, and welcome to the twelfth edition of Ranch Hand News. I hope you enjoy reading it, as much as we enjoy putting it together. And as always, we welcome your input.

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What Winter???

The warmest February on record is only part of the story. As this winter comes to a close, the only real snow came the day before Halloween, then one small storm in late January, followed with mild temps; if any snowmen were created, they only survived a couple of days. I know the snow lovers were not happy, but winters like this would not be hard to take on a regular basis. The downside to it however will be an increase in the bug population this spring and summer.

Register Now for Riding Programs

This season's riding programs will be filling up soon, so be sure to secure your spot.

Pee Wee Riding (Ages 5 to 7)

A five week program giving the young rider an introduction to riding,

Beginner Riding (Ages 8 to 12)

A eight week program giving the rider an understanding of horses, riding, and safety, from the ground up.

Private lessons (open to all ages)

Private and Semi Private (2 riders) lessons geared specifically to individual levels of experience. One hour lessons on a flexible schedule.

RR Xmas Party 2011



This year's annual event sported some new faces along with RR's regular attendees. Adding to the party's entertainment in Warren County's temporary "Rainbow Room" was.....



L to R: Shannon Would; Bassist, Rose Tillson; on Drums, and Mick Tillson; Lead Guitar and Vocals.

Newly formed, the band has performed at a couple of local Battle of the Bands concerts performing the music of Green Day. You can follow Skysleeper on [facebook](#). Click in and become a fan today.

Some New Faces



Tinkerbelle, Penny, & Bullwinkle

Even though a fence separates them, Canyon and Penny share a relaxing moment with minis Tinkerbelle and Bullwinkle, looking on. The trio moved into the self care field in February, and settled right in.

Where's Lino?

Still not home; he is "working" at the farm where his training was completed a few months ago. It is I who am delaying his return home to RR at this point.

I just have not been able to ride him enough myself there working cows because of various reasons. Actually even though his formal training is done, his being used by the staff there for various chores is just making him a better horse all around. I'm hoping before long to be able to get myself over there to get some riding time in, and then bring him home.

For those of you who are interested in Lino's and his brother Poco's heritage, the link below will bring you to a video about their great Grandmother.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eeFRryUNBhw>

One of RR's own has started:

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TrailBlazing 2012

A small band of brave souls ventured out back to clear the deadfall from the Halloween snow storm which took down so many trees. Many of which had to be cut up and cleared from blocking the trail. The chainsaws were buzzing for many hours, but the job got done, and the trail is ready to enjoy a nice ride.

A Therapeutic Touch

A full service Massage Studio, right here on Rainbow Ranch.

To schedule a human massage contact Marilu at 908-319-7381

We also are offering Equine massage for your horse or pony, either on RR, or at your barn. To schedule an equine massage contact Colleen at www.equinekneadsllc.com

Best Picture of the Quarter



Playing Hide & Seek with a horse is easy!

Best Joke of the Quarter

As the bus stopped and it was her turn to get on, she became aware that her skirt was too tight to allow her leg to come up to the height of the first step of the bus.

Slightly embarrassed and with a quick smile to the bus driver, she reached behind her to unzip her skirt a little, thinking that this would give her enough slack to raise her leg She tried to take the step, only to discover that she couldn't.

So, a little more embarrassed, she once again reached behind her to unzip her skirt a little more, and for the second time attempted the step.. Once again, much to her chagrin, she could not raise her leg. With a little smile to the driver, she again reached behind to unzip a little more and again was unable to take the step.

About this time, a large Texan who was standing behind her picked her up easily by the waist and placed her gently on the step of the bus. She went ballistic and turned to the would-be Samaritan and yelled 'How dare you touch my body! I don't even know you !'

The Texan smiled and said, 'Well, ma'am, normally I would agree with you, but after you unzipped my fly three times, I kinda figured we were friends.'

Down the Road a Bit

- * **SPRING!!!!**
- * Mother's Day Trail Ride
- * RR Tack & Yard Sale
- * Riding Program Registration
- * E mail us any stories, pix, or jokes you would like to share with the RHN readers.

Until next Time:

Happy Trails to you, and Yours.