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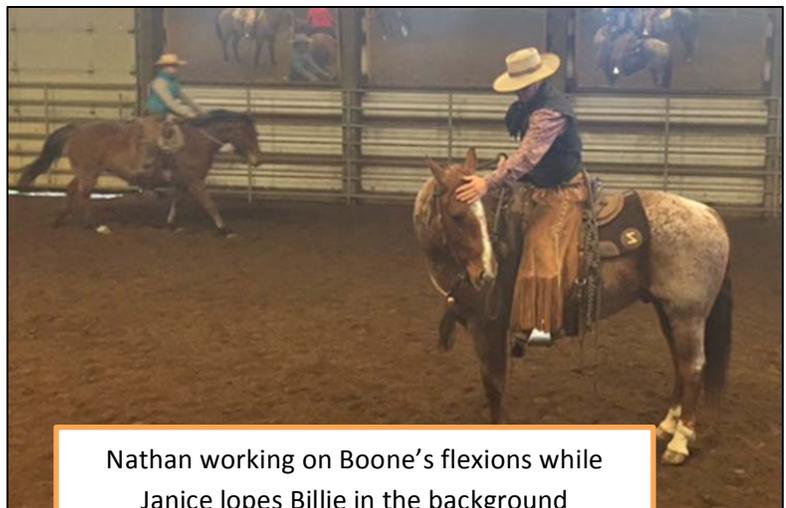
Hey guys!

This was truly an awesome week—just the perfect way to get back to riding at the ranch after the Buck clinics. At the current time, we've got four interns—Bailey, Andrea, Riley and Debra. We also had two repeat guests this week, Donna and Lorelai. With me, Shayne, Eden, Janice and Nathan, it seemed like the perfect amount of people in the arena for what we were doing.

Eden, Janice and Nathan took turns rotating through three of our 4-year old colts, Max, Pecos and Spade. The colts were started as 2-year olds and have only had a handful of rides since then, so the wranglers were kept busy with their groundwork and their riding.

They've been going an awesome job with the colts—riding them with flags, covering them with tarps,

loping them out on both leads and working on their turnarounds.



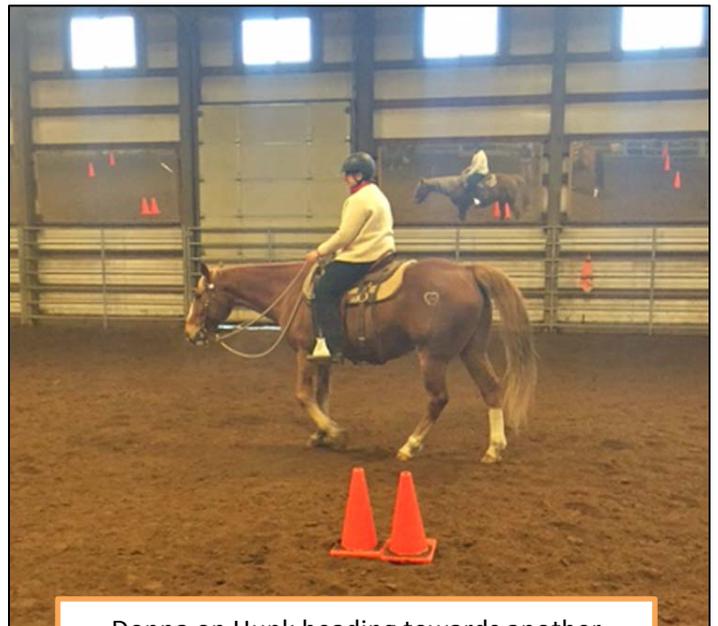
Nathan working on Boone's flexions while Janice lopes Billie in the background

Shayne and I rode our 2-year old colts during lunch on Wednesday, and were able to ride them with the staff and guests in the afternoon on Thursday. They did awesome too! Shayne was teaching off of his colt, Julio, and already has him backing circles and serpentines all over the arena. His turnaround is getting pretty snazzy too! My colt, Tucker is starting to reach a foot really nice and did a stellar job in the trotting to weightlessness exercise (where you trot on a loose rein around every horse in the arena.) Even with all of the commotion in the arena, they never once became troubled by any of it. It's a great feeling 😊

Our interns are really coming along nicely. Andrea was able to get lots of life in Isaiah, and she moved out Boone really nicely. Riley got Amigo much softer, she rode Badger with ease and got his leads beautifully and she got Trump doing beautiful canter departs. Bailey was able to really slow down and get in time with Paco, trotting beautiful straight lines on a loose rein, and he had the best ride ever on Chalkeye Friday afternoon. Debra has only been riding with us a couple weeks now and she's already getting handy with jumping down her reins, stopping and backing and moving out easily.

Donna and Lorelai were awesome students. Donna rode Dandy, Levi and Hunk, and Lorelai rode Levi, Bob and Quick. We were really impressed by Donna's innate ability to turn a horse around! She was boring holes in the ground on both Levi and Hunk with ease. She really worked to improve her riding position by sitting up taller, and becoming quieter with her hands. She's definitely getting there and has some homework to take back with her. By the time she comes back, it'll all be muscle memory 😊

Lorelai learned to ride with a quieter seat. By Friday, she was able to lope Quick out beautifully from a nice sitting trot and perform walk/trot transitions on a loose rein with her body position.



Donna on Hunk heading towards another circle of cones

EVERYONE this week had fun, and that's important! We even played a game of "tarp tag" where you are trotting, loping and even galloping around to catch and throw tarps to one another. It gets the horses more gentle too!

Oh, and we had breakfast for lunch one day this week. How much better can it get than that?!

Have a great week!

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