

◆ The 777 Ranch Report ◆

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****Custom Conference**

April 5-7

****Custom Quilting Retreat**

April 19-21

All-Daughters' Fun Day

May 12

(please see website for details)

Speaker—Dianna Carroll

Special Horsemanship Camp

June 10-16

Speaker—Jean Prescott

Horsemanship Camp I (FULL)

June 24-30

Speaker—Pastor Jim Tillotson

Horsemanship Camp II (FULL)

July 8-14

Speaker—Pastor David Brock

Horsemanship Camp III

July 22-28

Speaker—Pastor Ken Keltner

Day Camp

(for local kids ages 8-11)

August 6-10

****Custom Ladies' Retreat (Price)**

August 3-5

****Custom Youth Retreat (Price)**

August 11-14

Adult Horsemanship Extravaganza I (FULL)

September 2-8

with Jeff Gore, cowboy poet and singer

Adult Horsemanship Extravaganza II

September 9-15

with Jeff Gore, cowboy poet and singer

****Custom Men's Retreat (Price)**

Sept. 21, 22

****Custom Ladies' Retreat (Richfield)**

Sept. 28, 29

**Custom retreats are for a specific church group.

If you are interested in a spring or fall retreat, please give Katie a call very soon at 435-749-9704 as we are almost out of available dates.

A Full Spring, Summer, and Fall Schedule

As you can see from the calendar, things are going to be quite busy starting this spring. There is space for around five campers in the third horsemanship camp, depending on riding levels. There are nine girls signed up for the special horsemanship camp designed for only those girls who have attended two camps, have graduated from high school, and who are trying to complete the program. Since only girls were signed up, our friend Jean Prescott jumped at the opportunity to speak for these girls since we had to cancel our Cowboy Poetry and Music Gathering this year which Jean usually participates in. Be ready to ride, girls!!

Opportunities in Canada Expanding

We have just spent the last month daily working with Les who heads up the horse program at Brightwood Camp in Alberta and with his head wrangler Vanessa from New Zealand. Elizabeth was able to join us for the fourth week before they all headed to their respective ministries. It was a profitable time for all of them and the ranch horses they worked, as they learned how to tune up varying levels of horses, continue specialized training, and break a couple of colts.

Upon her return to Canada, Elizabeth will be starting the public school horse program at Bethany Homes. Please be in prayer for her as she ministers to these kids. Before Brightwood Camp begins its summer schedule, Vanessa will be able to help her, too, along with other helpers.

In a couple of weeks, Rick will be flying to Calgary to meet with a woman who is interested in her ranch near Banff being used two weeks this summer for the campers at Camp Hope, another part of Hope Mission in Calgary. Katie and Elizabeth will be responsible for getting that horse program organized and started. It will be a big job hauling horses as well as tack the three hours from Bethany Homes, but it will provide another way to draw young people to hear the truth that God loves them and has provided salvation for them through His only Son Jesus Christ. He is the only one on whom we can depend for salvation and to be our stronghold in today's world. Thank you for remembering them all in prayer.

Homegoing of Two 777 Ranch Supporters

For those who've come to a camp at the 777 Ranch have had Velma Ward's spaghetti sauce. She suffered a stroke in early December, seemed to be improving, but then got pneumonia. While the hospital was treating her low oxygen level, she suffered a massive heart attack. We will miss her contribution to the kitchen, but most importantly, we will miss her prayer support and interest in what happens at the ranch.

Dickie Tidwell, the man who donated "The Shack" as the first building on the property back in 1996, passed away this month. We called the building "Dickie's Cabin" as it was his painting studio. It was remodeled a bit to serve as our kitchen/meeting hall/dining area during the early years of camp. Once the lodge was finished, it became our Snack Shack, or "The Shack," as we call it during camp.

Both of these local friends knew Christ as their Savior and, according to what the Bible tells us, they are now in heaven with Him.

Meet Our New Horses

Bones, our aged bay stallion and the sire of many of our horses, died soon after summer camp ended last year. Doc, another gray stallion but a bigger version of Jack, came to us from Oregon in October to take Bones's place. Three babies are due—one in May (Evelina & Bones) and two in July (Snowball & Bones and Sophie & Jerry). You just might be the first to meet them if you're at camp in July!!