

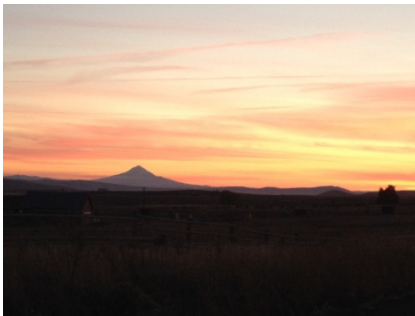


ZEPHANIAH'S PROMISE RANCH

BACK AT THE RANCH...

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Isn't fall truly one of the most beautiful seasons of the year? Spectacular colors of red, orange, brown, and yellow surround us as the foliage and prairies change colors, the sunsets are magnificent, and the full moons are brilliant and, well... full! This year October has given us some amazingly long sunny yet brisk days here in the high desert and day after glorious windless day we have been able to spend time outside tending the last of the garden (yes, I STILL have green tomatoes on the vines), brushing and bonding with the horses, and enjoying the calm peaceful days. Eventually I will need to harvest the final bunches of carrots and figure out how to save my potatoes for the winter stews and soups and I find myself so grateful for

friends and family who have inspired me to learn how to preserve and enjoy my garden long past the harvest. The horses have the beginnings of their fuzzy winter coats, and I am grateful that for once that it has been a gradual cooling rather than a sudden burst of below freezing nights. As the last few days of fall descend on the ranch before we dig into winter, we are already enjoying quiet, cozy evenings by the fire--next week it will be darker earlier and the reality of the new season will be upon us.



Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your path. Proverbs 3:5-6



ZAC TAILS: Rolling. I have observed all types of it over the last few months. The tumbleweeds roll. The horses roll. I have even observed the chickens roll. When Sampson goes out to the arena he especially loves to roll--and he rolls all the way over and back again. It feels good. It scratches the back, gets rid of the flies, stretches the legs, and is very freeing. You should try it sometime. There are different types of rolls. There's the after dinner roll which also helps wipe off the mouth--I have found the carpet is especially effective for this type of roll. There's the "I'm clean, now it's time to roll" roll which is very important to be followed immediately after being bathed. And the "it's starting to rain" roll that the horses are particularly fond of. Last week it sprinkled for maybe 10 minutes and one by one they each got down to



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celebrate the dampness. For some reason my lady felt compelled to go out and brush all the dirt and mud off of them the next day. Maybe that's why they do it--so they can get brushed. I like that thinking! One of my favorite rolls is the "here's a nice decaying pile of manure just waiting for me to jump into" roll. For some reason I'm not too popular after I participate in that roll.

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God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: it is his megaphone to rouse a deaf world.

C.S. Lewis

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OTHER NOTEWORTHY NEWS: We've had so many fun fall guests this year! First a phone call from Rachel that she and her parents Jane and Robert were going to drop by to say hi to Shana! What a joy to see them reunited and to show Rachel's parents the ranch.



Next Rebecca and her daughter Carus came out for a day to see the ranch. We had a great time just hanging out and doing a few chores, followed by some arena time with Mac.



Then Hannah and her parents Alan and Pam came out to do a job shadow for a school project and we loved showing her all the work we do and we so appreciated that she desired to help us out and not just "shadow." She took a shine to Sampson and Shana and we spent time grooming each of them.



We love that people are seeking us out and wanting to spend time here. If you have a trip planned out our way, or even if you want to make a day-trip, please let us know--we are always happy to show off the ranch, and even happier for any offers to volunteer their time!

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FINANCIAL UPDATE: Every month we purchase grains for the horses as a supplement to the hay to help with digestion and provide additional nutrients: beet pulp, soy meal, alfalfa pellets, and Senior feed. The average cost of a bag of grains is \$20. With winter on the horizon, we will also be adding to their diet to prepare them for the long cold months ahead. We would LOVE to receive extra funding to help purchase additional grains to stock up for the winter, purchase a blanket (\$200) or get another heater for the additional water troughs we have this year (\$50). If you would like to help, \$20, \$30 or \$50 will make a big difference! Donations can be sent to ZP Ranch, 11 Stirrup Lane, Goldendale, WA

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