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### **Continuing the Josey Legacy**

R.E. and Martha Josey began their rodeo careers in the 1960s when Martha competed as a barrel racer, and R.E. competed as a calf roper. After meeting at a Rodeo, the couple fell in love, got married, and started down the rodeo road together. As they began to progress in their respected events the couple was seeing great success in their events. With a shared vision of starting a rodeo school, the couple moved to Martha's childhood home Marshall, TX where they hosted their first rodeo school in the summer of 1967.

For the last 55 years, the Josey Ranch has continued to build a legacy through the Rodeo Industry training World Champions as the longest run rodeo school in the world.

This past weekend the Josey Ranch concluded its annual Spring I clinic with 77 barrel racers coming from ten different states including, Florida, Colorado, and Brazil. Students and their families spent the weekend on the Ranch working on barrel racing techniques, training methods, perfect practice, and learning how to set attainable goals for 2022 with Martha, Gary, and their impeccable staff.

Amongst the 77 students, many came together to spend the weekend learning from the Josey Ranch Instructors. Brandi Williams, a Texas Trainer, brought 12 students from her lesson program. This group included 12 students, 15 horses, 5 dogs, 5 trailers, and nearly 30 people total to all to Marshall, TX for the weekend.

"We love teaching," explained Martha's nephew and Josey instructor Gary Arthur. "We have taught thousands of students in the last 54 years, and they have all become part of the Josey Family. To see a clinic filled with so many students who were making their first trip to the Josey Ranch was incredible. We are truly blessed to be able to touch so many kids and adults in their dreams and passions."

Along with these Texas students, one family came from Colorado. Andre Coelho, a native Brazilian, brought his family and 9-year-old, Maria Coelho, to ride in the clinic. The Coelho's are currently staying in Colorado but going back to Brazil soon. They took the chance to attend a Josey Clinic before returning home.

"I would like to thank Miss Martha and the whole team for such an incredible experience, for so much teaching, Explained Maria's father Andre Coelho. "Since 1997 a Clinic at Josey's Ranch was on my bucket list, but seeing my daughter making this dream come true is even more special. We greatly appreciate an amazing weekend of barrel races at Josey's Ranch."

This week the Josey Ranch is still hard at work preparing for their next two Spring Clinics, Spring II **April 8-10**, and Easter **April 15-17**.

Following the Spring Clinics, the Ranch will be even busier hosting the 29th Annual Josey Reunion Barrel **April 28 – May 1** Race, and 42nd Josey Jr World Barrel Race **May 6-8**. These races bring some of the best barrel racers in the county to compete for an incredible payout and prizes.

The Josey Ranch Clinics and Events are always open to the public and offer family-friendly fun watching barrel racers train and compete.

“This year our events are going to be bigger and better than ever,” said Martha Josey.



Maria Coelho and Farran Reynolds carrying the American Flag and Ragged Old Flag for Sunday's grand entry.



Martha Josey with Maria Coelho in the welcome meeting.



Martha with Brandi Williams and her group of students.



Andre Coelho and his family getting autographs from Martha.