

The Right Man for the Right Job

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Phillip Chamberlain was the “right man for the right job” when it came to repairing the quarter crack in the hoof of my horse Shining Shoes.

My horse, Shoes, had a quarter crack and we had not found a farrier that was able to fix the quarter crack. If we could not fix the quarter crack, I would not be able to ride and show my horse.

Marc Wagman, Ben and Dylan’s dad, told us about a farrier, Phillip Chamberlain. Mr. Wagman said that Phillip was able to repair a quarter crack in his horse’s hoof and that is how I came to know Phillip.

When I asked Phillip how he got started as a farrier, Phillip told me he was raised next to his grandpa and grandma’s dairy farm in Ohio. One day his grandpa hired a man to shoe his horse. After he left, his grandpa said, “I hope you were paying attention because I am not paying \$25 to have another horse shod.”

After a rodeo career, he attended Oklahoma Farrier College and sometimes helped the instructor. During his career as a farrier, he has shod jumping horses, draft horses, and reining horses. Finally, Phillip made Oklahoma his home and has shod horses for major training facilities.

Besides being a great farrier, Phillip is my mentor. He takes time to explain and show me how to shoe a horse. He is also teaching me how to bow hunt. But most of all he is my friend.