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Ranch Happenings

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Summer is here and so are the warm beautiful days. Rain has been a little scarce this spring and early summer, however we do have some irrigation water to put down on our meadows. The water has lasted longer than we thought, but it will be over by the end of June. Our custom hay cutter will come in to start putting up the ranches hay around the first week of July.

We are still calving and every one is doing well. Just a little note for Stephanie Martin, Daisy had a healthy bouncing baby bull calf. The bulls where turned in with "Sweetie" the milk cow and "Wilma" the milk calf this month. Hopefully, by the first of April next year, they will both have calves by their sides.

There were a couple of events held here at the ranch this month. The Custer County Cattle Woman's Association had their annual meeting at the Cookhouse on the 8th and the San Isabel Land Trust also used the Cookhouse this month for one of their events. Something else that happened this month is the Martin family broke ground for their new house, and the Johnson's are not far behind.



The development company purchased a new side mower for the tractor. It is doing a nice job of mowing all the ditches. Also, Bret Martin found the ranch five new roping steers to use here at the ranch and Russ Maytag went to Denver to pick them up. For those of you who might like to do a little rafting, the Arkansas River is high; good for the rafters, but not so good for the anglers.

One last thing for all you home owners to think about-you might want to start cleaning out your freezers-I'll be taking some of the two year old steers in to be processed.

Until next time,

Happy Trails.



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Greetings From Maytag Mountain Ranch By: Twyla Walker

Greetings from the Ranch,

Summer is officially here and we are enjoying the long warm days and all of the associated activities. We are holding our own in the drought. We have had water to irrigate, and the ranch is still green. I have enjoyed "playing" in the water whenever Mike is away. With all of the nice green grass we are moving the herds quite often. It's always a thrill to see the new spring "babies"-cows, elk, deer, coyotes, etc.

We started June off with a Versatility Ranch Horse Clinic-taught by one of my favorite horsemen-my brother! It was a real success. We had 10 participants on Saturday and 7 on Sunday, myself included. Russ and the Martins joined us on Saturday. We will give Russ a score of 85 for the bronc rides. Wow what fun we have here on the ranch!

Our garden is beautiful and we are enjoying some salad fixings out of it. Soon we will begin making comfrey salves, herb vinegars, and drying herbs for teas. We have placed several planters of flowers by all of our buildings. It really adds a lot of nice color to the porches.

We have hired new cleaning personnel this month. Joshua Whit is the new face that you will be seeing around here cleaning. He is a young man with a young family and brings lots of energy to our cleaning staff here at the ranch. Joshua is also a fabrication welder by trade. We had all of the widows cleaned this month by professional window cleaners. The "mud daubers" sure tried to mess that project up. We had a lot of sparrows here by the pond this month.

I am thrilled to let everyone know that my daughter, Jamie, who was in college in Oregon is back home now. She will be helping us out here at the ranch. The extra help will be great!

Make sure you check out our new website, we think you will like what you see.

Congratulations to Brett & Stephanie Martin who broke ground on the 20th. We had a great celebration lunch here on that day. The weather was just beautiful for the merriment. Brett rode Jimmy in to what will soon be the front door of the house and then into

June 2006 the kitchen area. Really Brett, I don't think Stephanie will allow that much longer! Ha.

As Mike mentioned we had other celebrations here this month as well. The Custer County Cattlewoman's Association had their annual meeting here, Dixie I attended. Also the San Isabel Land Protection Trust had their annual fund

raiser here at the lodge. Russ, Jeannie, and Samantha were able to attend.

I was glad for our gardener's experience with natural herbs when I had a little accident here at the ranch. She recommended arnica tablets to take and some arnica salve for sore or bruised areas. It is very effective and we will definitely stock the first aid kits with this great product. It's good to be part of a team of such knowledgeable compassionate people. Thanks to everyone for their support.

It is with heaviness of heart that I end this letter with a farewell to a long time Maytag friend, Sonny. He had to be put down in late June and was buried here on the ranch. We will always remember his willingness to serve; he so faithfully taught many people to ride. Sonny, was a well bred, nice looking gelding with a wonderful lope. Our sympathy goes out to Russ' sister who owned and let us use Sonny for so many years. Thank You.

In memory of special horses,

Twyla

