



MAYTAG MOUNTAIN RANCH

Ranch Happenings

July, 2006

Ranch News By: Mike Leal

We are over the hump and it will not be long before fall is here. Let's enjoy the summer while we can. July has been one of those months that it is either good or bad with all kinds of up's and down's. On the up side the rains finally came dumping close to four inches. On the down side we have not yet been able to put up the ranches hay due to the rain. On the up side we have enjoyed the opportunity to visit with almost every homeowner this month from dancing with the Martin family at the Westcliffe stam-pede to dinners and horseback riding with the Stroupe's and Van Wormer's. Even Jim Johnson made it to the ranch with Laura for a nice horseback ride.

We are done calving, which is great although there have been some up's and down's with that also. We only lost two calves this year, but ended up with 18 open cows out of 94. Russ and I are trying to figure out how that happened, but we don't have any answers yet. We had the bulls tested and they came back negative and fertility tested well.



company in the picture above. Russ and I where able to attend the Grazing America Conference this month, Twyla unfortunately could not make it. There where quite a few different speakers that ranged from marketing to "scientific" and they even had a chef speak on how to market your beef to restaurants. There was also a meat tasting which we submitted some of our beef.

As for the fishing enthusiast the Arkansas is still running a bit high. If you don't mind nymphing, fishing the banks is probably your best bet or just hang out and fish the ponds here at the ranch.

Until next time,

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Happy Trails.

Greetings From Maytag Mountain Ranch By: Twyla Walker

Hello,

July has been an eventful month filled with visitors. We are pleased to report that all of our owners were able to spend time at the ranch this beautiful summer month. We celebrated with riding, rodeos, county fairs, and country dances. The mountain weather has been ideal for all of the outdoor excitement and festivities. The days have been warm and sunny with some much needed afternoon rains.

We have had some challenges with the health of our chickens as well as one of the roping steers. Mike and I are working on solutions to these problems. The horse herd is doing well, but unfortunately Chief managed to tear part of his hoof wall off. I have been doctoring him for a couple of weeks and am pleased to report that he was healthy enough to be ridden for a couple of hours this week. These moderate exercises will promote faster healing in his foot. The ranch also got great news about Banjo, our little horse that stays with Chris. Banjo is able to start mild work after being laid off for a year. He is such a sweet and lovable horse; it will be nice to be able to utilize him again.



tables. The raspberries, elderberries, and grapes will soon be ripe and ready to harvest. Jenny made some comfrey salve with lavender for fragrance. It is wonderful for wound-healing and also guards against incorrect development of scar tissue.

It was good to see all of you this month.

Until next time,

Twyla

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Sweetie surprised us with a bull calf. He is healthy and very cute. It looks like we will have fresh milk soon. With fresh milk and eggs I think we should make some home-made ice-cream!

I hope everyone got to see Maytag Mountain Ranch featured on the 10:00 NBC news. The camera crew spent most of the day here at the ranch and talked with several people to put a great story together about your ranch.

The garden is producing well. We are enjoying salads and fresh vege-