



1st Annual Ranch Autumn Apple Fest

Ranch family, friends, employees and acquaintances gathered on Saturday, October 4th to celebrate our first Ranch Autumn Apple Fest. As everyone began arriving at the Ranch, it was an overcast, fall day with the occasional flicker of sunlight through the clouds. One couldn't help but enjoy the sight of the clouds building over the mountains; knowing that our first autumn snow was falling at the higher mountain elevations. Our master gardeners, Joe and Debbie, had worked hard to have the apple trees in the garden producing an abundance of fruit for the day. Before long, a crowd of more than 25 had assembled at the Ranch eager to learn the art of making apple cider. Many of the Ranch family attendees picked apples from the garden trees and other abundant trees on the Ranch. Everyone who walked through the garden couldn't help but comment on the beauty of all the flowers and the abundance of fruits and vegetables in the garden. Joe and Debbie have done a terrific job in the garden all year and many of us have enjoyed the numerous vegetables and fruits of their labor.

On this Apple Fest day, the new apple press, acquired by the Ranch this year, was put to work as Joe demonstrated to all gathered how to press the apples for their juice. As the juices flowed from the apples, plastic jugs were placed under the juice trough to collect the juices. At least 20 quarts of juice were produced over several hours of pressing apples. It was amazing to many of the children present that this was how apple juice was produced.

A festive buffet lunch of sloppy joes, baked beans, chips and salsa and numerous other side salads was served to all in the cookhouse. As everyone gathered in the cookhouse for the lunch festivities, some requested coffee or hot chocolate to warm them against the cool, autumn day. Friendly conversation and laughter echoed through the cookhouse as all enjoyed lunch and desserts consisting of apple pie, cakes, and cookies.

Many left lunch to enjoy additional fun pressing apples, while others participated in the quintessential Ranch activity of horseback riding and games on horseback in the arena. The egg and spoon race was won by Justice Saraceno. The horseback dollar bill race winner was Nicole Lorenzen. By mid-afternoon, clouds had moved in and a chill was in the air. Participants all agreed that the fall activities on the Ranch were enjoyed by young and old alike creating a fun, family atmosphere. And the biggest bonus was that everyone got to take home a jug of fresh apple cider.

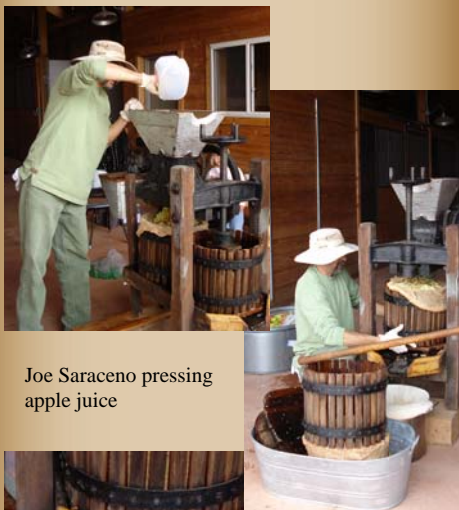
Thanks go to Joe and Debbie for developing the Apple Fest idea and to Jeannie for organizing the event and planning a lunch that was enjoyed by all. Given the huge success of this year's event, everyone is looking forward to planning and holding an Apple Fest once again next year.



Great fall day



Kassy trying to keep her egg in the spoon



Joe Saraceno pressing apple juice



Apple Fest lunch buffet

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Montana's Musings

I am looking out the window at yet another gorgeous blue sky day that I sometimes take for granted on this beautiful ranch. The colors have slipped away and the evergreens have frost on them in the early mornings. The horses and cattle are putting on their winter coats in preparation for the upcoming season.

The calves are doing very well. By the time everyone reads this they will be weaned. We had a strong year for our beef sales. Thank you all for your help.



We were able to direct market about 17 animals. The last four animals were processed on October 31. The yearlings are doing very well right now; I am looking forward to next year's crop. We should have about 40 animals eligible for direct marketing, which is great! Forty animals will be a very large undertaking to market; please tell everyone you know about the quality and peace of mind we provide with our beef.

We received our USDA Organic Certification. The state certifier was happy with our cattle operation. The garden was approved with no concerns. We will be able to market next year's calf harvest as organically grown beef.

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Jake and have been staining the exterior of the Price Cabin, and at this time we have very little left to accomplish. We will begin sealing the Cookhouse windows this week, making it easier to heat this winter.

Jennifer started October 20 and it has been a tremendous help to have her onboard. I am really looking forward to developing a strong team with her and Jake.

I am still irrigating as much as possible to try and get moisture into the soil before winter. We have been grazing very diligently and are using every area possible to make sure that we have enough grass to get us through the rest of the year. The hay crop is finally in and tallied.



We harvested 130 tons of grass hay and 40 tons of alfalfa. This amount of hay should be just enough to get us through the spring.

I am very excited to see the changing seasons. Even though it is getting cooler, it is still so good to be here at the ranch. I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Holiday Season.

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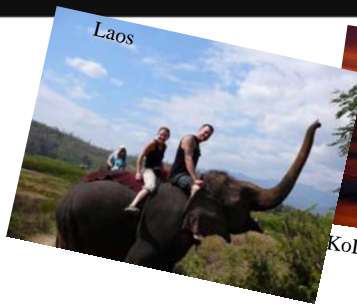
From Jen's Desk

I grew up in Southeastern Michigan where I spent my youth showing Quarter Horses, Appaloosas, and Tennessee Walkers in equitation, pleasure, trail, western riding, reining, and versatility classes, before moving on to compete with the Michigan State University Equestrian Team. At MSU I studied animal production and welfare in the Animal Science and Zoology departments before graduating with bachelor's degrees in Equine Management and Animal Behavior. I decided to continue on with post-graduate studies and was lucky enough to be awarded a full scholarship to Hartpury College in England where I completed my master's in Equine Science while working as a member of staff at the Hartpury Equine Therapy Center. Throughout my studies my focus has been to develop and utilize domestic and wild animal management practices that are sound for the animals as well as the environment and the humans around them. I have tried to carry this focus with me into my working career, and feel that I have found a good home for my interests in Maytag Mountain Ranch.

Since leaving England I have divided my time between working with boarding, training, and competition barns in Michigan and Florida and traveling as far as possible across the globe. I have spent over a year and a half traveling the world - trekking, riding, backpacking, biking, swimming, and driving my way through some of the most beautiful and remote spots on the planet. But even after the experience of pushing myself across the wildly breathtaking landscapes of the Patagonian Andes, the

Australian Outback, the African Serengeti, the Swiss Alps, and the remote Chinese Himalayas I now find myself staring in awe every day at the scenery that makes up Maytag Mountain Ranch. It is like a dream to have landed here in such a beautiful spot that is dedicated to environmentally sound and sustainable practices - a home that is healthy for both the body and the soul, and a place where I couldn't be happier to have finally landed after so much searching. As the horse manager here at MMR my philosophy on riding and training is simple: a secure, balanced seat and effective use of the natural aids provides a solid foundation for success in any discipline you may choose as your riding career develops. The Maytag four-step horsemanship program, like any equine training scheme that produces excellent riders, is built around this way of thinking. It provides an excellent pathway to becoming a safe, knowledgeable, and respectful rider by supplying the logical steps to take to achieve the results you seek. Whether you are looking to become a rider who is confident on the trail, successful in competition, or useful on a working horse I can help you to develop your riding skills to achieve your personal goals.

I can't wait to meet each of you and find out more about your interests in the horse program and outside activities. I am passionate about so many of the sports, events, and opportunities available both on the ranch and throughout the area - I look forward to helping you make the time you spend at the ranch unforgettable - Jen



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RANCH HAPPENINGS

Nov 4th

—Weaning the Calves

Dec 12th

—Annual Homeowners Meeting & Luncheon



Sunrise at the Ranch

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Nov 28

—Parade of Lights (Salida, CO)

Dec 5 -7

—An Alpine Christmas, a performance by The Alpine Symphony (Salida, CO)

Dec 6

—Parade of Lights "Magic of Christmas" (Canon City, CO)

Dec 8

—Tree of Life—Memorial Tree Lighting (Salida, CO)

Dec 31

—Monarch News Years Eve Fireworks and Torchlight Parade (Salida, CO)

—10th Annual New Year's Eve Murder Mystery Dinner Theater @ The Abbey (Canon City, CO)

Jan 24

—23rd Annual Chocolate Lover's Fantasy (Salida, CO)

FEATURED LOCAL ACTIVITY - SALIDA HOT SPRINGS AQUATIC CENTER, SALIDA, CO

The **Salida Hot Springs** is a year-round facility offering aquatic recreation and relaxation in **natural mineral water**.

Collected underground and piped 5 miles from the source, high in the majestic Rocky Mountains, this sparkling clear and odorless water was originally enjoyed by the **Ute Indians**. It flows continually into the various Salida Hot Springs pools, refreshing and warming them naturally.

Colorado's largest indoor hot springs pool facility. This 1937 WPA project employed some 200 men for digging and laying the original pipeline and constructing the buildings. The facility, including the water line, has been updated several times over the years..



We would like to hear from you !

If you try out one of our featured local events we would love to hear about your experience and share it with other owners. Please email CLorenzen@maytagmountainranch.com for a survey before or after your outing.

Also, if there are activities you have heard about and would like some additional information on before you head out, please let us know. We can make some phone calls, go online or visit a site to find out more for you.