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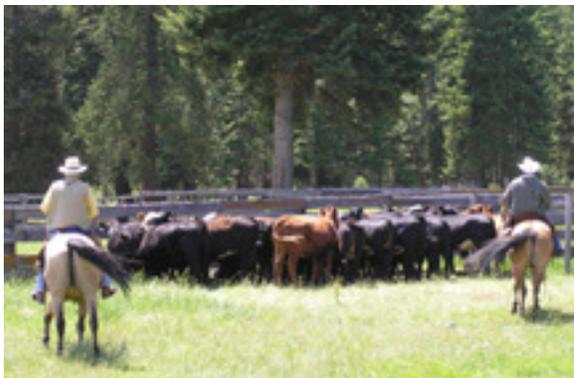


Hello Everyone! I believe summer is beginning. We've got 80 degrees and solid sunshine on this Sunday. Baby fawns seem to be everywhere. They are so small, we have to be careful not to ride over them. Moms stash their babies in the tall grass while they graze. The meadows are about 3 to 4 feet deep in grass right now!

We started this week a bit shook up. Tex and Teylor left the ranch. It was a sudden decision that left us all feeling baffled. We all felt close with them so there was a great sense of loss amongst us. The terrific crew that we do have all pulled together and filled in where needed however, and we had a very nice week with another special group of people. We wish Tex and Teylor well in their pursuit of finding a place they feel is right for them.

Nine guests this week, all repeats and a very relaxed group. One new person, Teresa Leigh from N.C., fit right in – another lifelong friendship. Monday we got everyone acquainted with their horses and familiar again with the daily routine of each day. Tuesday I took Robin and Joe Heaney with me to Bear Springs. About seven of our pairs were on someone else's property so we gathered them up and put them through a gate in the fence line back onto our pasture. We spent the rest of the day just bumping cattle up high off the bottoms and getting the girls motivated to look around for feed. We found a bull with foot rot. He was pretty ouchy so we patiently moved him into our twin cattle guards pasture to doctor later along with some pairs to keep him company. Tanya meanwhile was on the other side of the ridge moving cattle out of Lund pasture over to Gardner Pond. We kid her because she hasn't found Gardner Pond on her own yet. Randy drew a pretty straight-forward map and she and Joel still couldn't locate it. So they dropped their cows in an area with lots of standing water and called it a day. She was so close! This will be the week she and Joel will find the pond.

Wednesday Tanya and I with a group of four people, gathered all we could in Bear Springs and drove them up to Rock Pond. We stayed with the cattle long enough to encourage them to drift further west instead of right back where we came from. The folks at home enjoyed playing with the yearlings, improving on horsemanship, and even covered some country in the afternoon. The Masseuse was a real hit this evening.



Thursday everyone opted for some low key time. There was a ride exploring some country – they came back with a beautiful bouquet of wild flowers for the dining. Cattle play in the afternoon – I think the steers have things figured out! Just stand in the corner and don't look!



Friday Randy, Tanya, and Ricky with our guests spent the day doctoring cattle out at graze. Here's the bull we found earlier. Ricky head roped him, Tanya and Randy had each a hind foot. The bull behaved just fine.

Meanwhile at home, Adrienne and Joel with our guests, moved our cattle closer to the ranch. Everyone thought it would be a leisurely move, but by 1:00 PM and only a mile and a half of distance covered, the girls had pulled every trick they could! The guests were exhausted and called it a day. I got a new computer this week and a couple guests, Chris Pohl and Debbie Finnerty as well as Joe Heaney, all assisted me for the rest of the afternoon in getting it set up. I sure appreciated their time spent getting me all updated. We teach cattle and horses, and they taught me a bunch about the computer world. Thank you for sharing your knowledge with me!



I love this picture of the boys at breakfast getting ready for their day.

All in all, what a nice week it was. We've got 16 people this week, again many repeats, and again our new people fit right in. They are from Statton Island, New York and are a real hoot already! Have a great week everyone. We look forward to your coming out and riding with us too!

Dori



Cookie's Corner

This carrot cake is so good that Adrienne and Rick both had it for breakfast and now I'm eating it as I type this! YUM!

For the Cake:

1 ½ lb Carrots, Peeled & Grated
 2 ¼ C Flour
 1 Tbl Baking Powder
 ¾ tsp Baking Soda
 1 ½ tsp Salt
 1 Tbl Ground Cinnamon
 6 Eggs
 1 Tbl Vanilla Extract
 1 ½ C Brown Sugar
 ¾ C Granulated Sugar
 1 7/8 C Canola Oil
 1 ½ C Walnuts, Finely Chopped
 ¾ C Raisins

For the Frosting:

6 Tbl Butter, Softened
 8 oz. Cream Cheese, Softened
 6 C Confectioner's Sugar
 1 Tbl Maple Extract

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line 2 9" cake pans with wax paper and grease. Sift flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, and cinnamon into a bowl and set aside. With an electric mixer, beat the eggs until blended. Add the vanilla, sugars, and oil; beating until well blended. Add the dry ingredients in 3 batches, folding well after each addition. Add the carrots, walnuts, and raisins; fold thoroughly. Pour batter into pans and bake 40-45 minutes or until cake springs back when touched. Let stand 10-15 minutes the transfer cakes from pans to cooling rack.

For the frosting, cream together all five ingredients until smooth and well mixed. When the cake has cooled, frost and enjoy with a big glass of milk. Sharing with friends is optional!

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