

# RANCH AT A GLANCE JULY 2022



## RAIN FOLLOWED BY SHINE Jan Elgar

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## OPERATIONS - Grant Kelba

Spring and summer is when operations is at its peak with projects and upkeep of our grounds and infrastructure.

Repairs needed to be made to the front gate, the septic line from the barn, and the North wall of the saloon. You will see numerous trades people and equipment coming and going over the next few months as we get caught up on some projects that have come due and as we still recover from the windstorm damage.

By the time this is published, the next block of townhomes will be painted, (or will be underway) So units 53, 54, 55, and 56 will look smashing in coming weeks.

We also have contracted out the replacement of the eavestroughs on units 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 62, and 63. That work is scheduled to commence on July 22nd.

If you are not in a townhome, how is your septic system? When was the last time you checked it?

If you are feeling “flushed” because you said NO to that last question and don’t know where to turn, “Urine” luck as we offer up [this web site](#) that provides you with helpful tips, insight and all the “poop” on how to properly maintain your wastewater system. In brief, it’s up to you to avoid costly repairs if its maintenance is not taken seriously.

[Septic Awareness Week is September 19-23](#). For updates, you can sign up on their Facebook page.

**We are always here to help, and our maintenance team is ready to hear what you have to say**



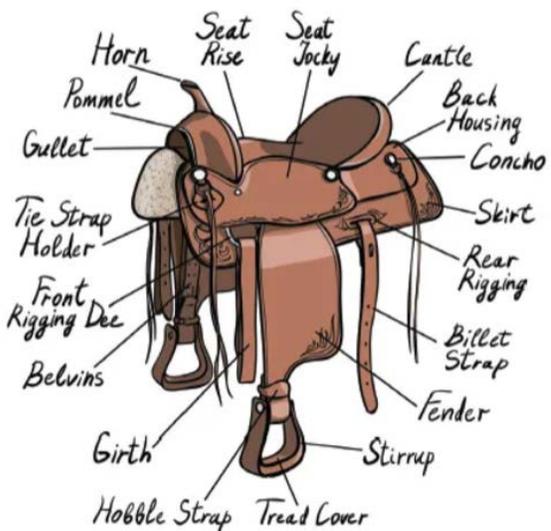
MARK YOUR CALENDAR



# Septic Awareness Week

## September 19 - 23, 2022

### Parts of the western saddle



PARTS OF THE ENGLISH SADDLE

## **RANCH CLUB - Kym Penner**

2022 is FLYING by!

From July 18 – July 22 the Ranch Club will be hosting a camp for kids aged 6-13. We will be looking for a few volunteers to either help Lori with the Equine activities, tacking up and supervising the daily lessons, or hanging out with Kym Penner and helping with the games, lunch time, crafts etc. If you have any time to help, please contact Kym Penner at [kym@pennimark.com](mailto:kym@pennimark.com).

Please be aware that Ranch horses will only be available to the community AFTER 4:30pm during this week.

Recently The Ranch Club purchased a portable grill, and we will be looking for opportunities to put it to good use this Summer with Afternoon BBQs throughout the summer for the whole community... Watch your email or Facebook for upcoming dates!

For those who are new to the Ranch the Ranch Club is currently responsible for the equine program. We also seek opportunities to encourage and support other outdoor activities on the Ranch including but not limited to the Disc Golf Course, the Community Garden, and the reclaiming of trails after the storm. If there is something the Ranch Club can do to support your outdoor activities please reach out. Did you know that even if you do not have horses, you can still be part of the Ranch Club? If you are interested in becoming a Ranch Club member, please send an email [squarebutteranchclub@gmail.com](mailto:squarebutteranchclub@gmail.com) and we will get you a membership form.

We look forward to a great summer!!



## **BARN MANAGER - Lori Cloakey-Collins**

Keep calm and welcome July!

June was a busy month, I was happy to lead a few Trail Rides, help facilitate a few lessons with Lori Lohnes and touch base with so many of you about future rides and lessons. With all the rain in June the pastures finally started growing (I won't lie. I was a little worried with how SLOWLY spring came this year).

Growing pastures mean that the horses out in the west will be returning up front soon. Of course I will send an email out on the exact dates so you will all know about the shuffle.

Once the horses are upfront, I will continue to haul water from the pond for all the horses. Helping the Ranch conserve water is a top priority for me and therefore I will continue to use pond water for all horses this Summer.



Here are some pictures of one of our first  
Community Trail Ride. Hope to ride  
with you soon! [sbranchhand@gmail.com](mailto:sbranchhand@gmail.com)





Did you know that those involved with the Community Garden in the Pond pasture have planted a Garden box that is open for everyone? The Box is marked with a Garden flag. Feel free to weed and then enjoy the bounty.. It's a beautiful little spot to visit and get your hands dirty.

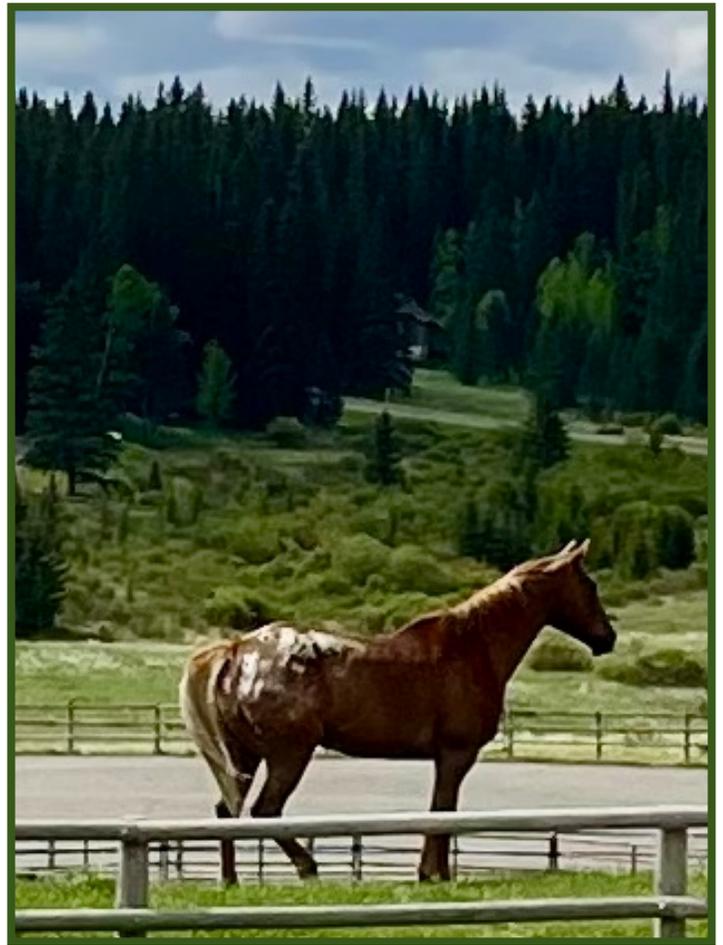


**HOME ON THE RANCH**  
**Photos by Lori Young**

Lori CC riding Maureen Heffring's Big



Lori Young's SUSIE



TONGA - lease horse  
welcomed to the ranch

## **LYME DISEASE**

### **Do you know how to protect your family from Lyme Disease?**

There is quite a diverse tick population in Alberta. Ticks are transported by migratory birds and wildlife who know no boundaries.

### **What is Lyme Disease?**

Lyme Disease is an infection caused by the bacteria *Borrelia burgdorferi*. It is spread by the bite of an infected tick. It is easily treated if quickly diagnosed. However, if left untreated it may cause chronic illness.

### **Signs and Symptoms of Lyme Disease**

Early symptoms can appear as flu like and may include fatigue, nausea, headaches, muscle aches, stiff neck and fever. Rashes can be bullseye shaped but Lyme Disease rashes come in many shapes and sizes.

Many people do not recall a tick bite or rash. Ticks can be as small as the period at the end of a sentence.

It is important to know that not all ticks carry Lyme Disease but a growing number do so prevention is critical.

### **Prevention**

- Wear light coloured, long pants tucked into socks.
- Wear long sleeve shirts.
- Wear closed shoes.
- Walk in the centre of paths and avoid brush contact if possible.
- If you are willing it is recommended to use insect repellants containing DEET.
- Do tick checks regularly on your body and in your hair.

### **Tick Removal**

- Embedded ticks should be removed using fine-tipped tweezers.
- Grasp as closely to the skin as possible and pull straight out.
- Try not to squeeze or twist the tick's body.

- Don't burn or use any other substance.
- Immediately seek medical attention. Don't wait for symptoms.

**Remember your pets. Ask your vet about tick protection.**

## RANDOM PHOTOS OF THE ROPING CLINIC



**Cowboys are Jeff, Benny and Luke.  
Missing from photo is Cody.**



**A LITTLE HISTORY**  
FROM GARY BENNETT

(Gary spent 3 months of his early life in an Oilfield “Shack” in the immediate vicinity of the Post Office)

**KEW POST OFFICE**

There probably is not a more contested name in the Millarville Kew area than the name or location of the first Kew Post Office. It is recorded that George Bell who homesteaded on SE 6-21-3-W5 in 1887 was the first Kew Postmaster. In his story he named it Kew, after John Ware’s brand, Q. The post office was in his home.

When Mary Bell, his wife, died in 1914 George sold his holdings to Bill Patterson. The land was always referred to as “the Patterson place”. When Bill died Pat Rodgers bought it and when Michael and Ellemae Rodgers lived there, the old post office building was still standing. The land is now owned by Dave and Bev Butler.

Next is John Fulton who gave the land for Kew, and it is suggested he gave the Post Office its name possibly in deference to the beautiful Kew Botanic Gardens and Palace in Richmond, England. Mr. Will Egerton ran the store and post office until 1918 when they sold to Mark and Bert Hodgkins.

In 1920 Luke and Anne Forward and Enoch Walton bought the Kew Store and post office. The year before they had bought the Millarville Store and Post Office from W. H. King. The mail now was delivered to Millarville and Anne looked after it there.

Another story states that the name Kew came from John Quirk’s brand Q although he also had a brand JQ.

The study of history, although not long in this area, is filled with differences from oral to written. The best resource we have at the

Millarville Historical Society is the two wonderful books written by local historians that somehow were able to put in writing what before was only oral.

In the last paragraph in “Our Foothills” page 67 states “Thanks to all who contributed information and material to make this section of the book and a special remembrance to those who worked so hard but did not live to see it published. Apologies for any omissions or errors.”

Their humble statement does not even scrape the surface of what would become the best source of local history up until 1976. So, as we are 46 years into unrecorded history of this area. I do not know about you, but I am recording the history of my family in those intervening years and hope you do that too. One of our objectives is to publish a new book but it will require the dedication and perseverance that those that came before had.

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## **LAST MINUTE ADDITION from Nancy Barrett**

### **Square Butte Ranch Residents**

**Don't Be Shy! If you have accomplished something special...tell us! We want to feature your success in the community newsletter. Let your neighbours recognize your achievement and give you a well-deserved pat on the back!**

## Neighbours

We have a talented bunch here on the ranch. If you get wind of someone's success let Nancy know

(as long as it's legal 🤪🤪)

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LET'S GET LOUD and celebrate us!!!!



























