



May & June 2008

First off, our apologies for missing most of the month of May! We will be combining May & June in this column.

As many of you know, I was away for 2 weeks and Bruce “held down the fort”. After I returned, the cyclone hit Myanmar which is where our sister-in-law lives. This made for some very tense days waiting for news with all their telephone & communications down. We finally heard from Chaw Chaw a week after the storm. She is well and has temporarily relocated to a relative’s home.

Now for the kids, all the horses are doing great! Peanut and Dixie seemed to have a little bit of extra hoof problem the beginning of May but that has passed now. They, along with Grandma Abbey, are loving the sunshine! Peanut and Dixie are really creating a bond together. And Grandma Abbey loves them both.

Lucky & April are not nearly so grumpy since the ground has dried up. No more complaints at meal times for them. April must have a little case of “Spring Fever” as she has decided that running to meal times is fun! Lucky just looks at her like - “What are you doing that for”? Lucky generally has something to say about most everything.

Our old boys, Montana and BJ, are just leisurely approaching each day. They spent many hours recently watching the farmer that works the land around the property. At 33, Montana is sharper than ever about being the “ruler” of the pasture. BJ doesn’t really care! We have opened the window in their shelter so they can see Augie & Magic. Augie bites at the mesh but the old boys don’t care.

The young boys, Augie and Magic, already have their pasture down to a dry lot. These two have to be the biggest eaters on the place. They also have it all figured out that the sound of the skid loader means food! May 29 marks the first anniversary of Magic’s arrival. It appears that his sight is diminishing more. He still gets around the pasture beautifully but we don’t believe he see as well as he did.

Of course they all need lots of brushing this time of year! As one of our internet friends said - she went out to brush the winter hair from her pony and could have built a new pony out of all the shedded hair.

May 12 our farrier made his regularly scheduled visit and we did all nine horses. Magic has quite a bit of problem allowing trims on his back feet. His fronts go pretty well. The rest of the crew takes trims fine. Well, little Dixie likes to show you she can stand up. She is so little though, she usually gives up as soon as Bruce put his hand on her head.

And as for Tumbleweed, the barred owl, Bruce was in recent contact with the Raptor Center on his progress. Tumbleweed is in the “Flying Area” as part of his recovery. He lost many, many feathers during his ordeal due to stress. He will need to remain at the Center for an additional two weeks to two months before he can be returned to the wild.

Spring and summer bring vending season. On May 31, we are planning to attend the “Yard Sale” at Country 103. This special event runs from 8 am to 3 pm. We have a new

line of Jade Jewelry that is absolutely beautiful thanks to our sister-in-law, Chaw Chaw. We also have available new horse books thanks to Capstone Press.

Solstice festival will be held in Mankato, MN on June 15, 2008 at Land Of Memories Park. This is a very fun-filled day of music, art, vendors, and food. Great family-oriented event.

Old Town Summerfest is downtown Mankato's own celebration. We have attended this festival for the last two years and had tons of fun there too! August 30, 2008 from noon until 8 pm, downtown Mankato will be full of vendors, food, and music!

Upcoming visits to Misfit Acres include Jen Lyon's Girl Scouts. We had a wonderful visit with the girls last fall and look forward to seeing them again on July 12.

And special thanks goes to the Westford Waverly 4-H club of Truman who donated their Sunday, April 13, to volunteer for the horses. Thank you everyone for your help and your feed donations.

If you wish to schedule a visit, please call us to arrange. We will try our hardest to accommodate your requested date. We welcome visits from student groups of all kinds as well as interested families and individuals.

Until July
Bruce & Jody
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Saving one horse may not make a difference in the world but it will make a world of difference to that one horse - author unknown