



Summer News ~ July 1, 2021



Dawn and the launch of a new day are a gift

Chad Edwards

DEAR FRIENDS,

Summer mornings at Elkhorn are peaceful, but not necessarily quiet! A buzzy hummingbird battle surrounding the feeders around our patio makes quite a racket! Horses' whinnies carry on the breeze up from the barnyard. Birds sing, chortle, cheep and chuckle. The morning light is kind and interesting. Dawn and the launch of a new day are a gift.

We've been living in a time when simple gifts can't be taken for granted. Our thoughts and prayers are with all our friends, during this time when struggles or losses have been magnified by the swiftness and solitude of pandemic illness and social distancing. We venture to say that no one has been untouched. That said, we were bound together by the shared experience. People persevered and found ways to connect and carry on. Babies

were born, toddlers learned to walk, students graduated, couples were wed, people worked and took care of each other as best they could. Several 6 year olds rode for the first time at Elkhorn!

Like everywhere, life here was different this past year; but perhaps less so than for many since so much of Elkhorn life takes place outdoors. The ranch wasn't as busy as usual, but gratitude and appreciation were extraordinary. Our crew worked diligently to design and practice our Covid-Care program and we sincerely appreciated everyone's cooperation. Celebrating Christmas Eve around the picnic tables under the tent was unique and memorable. Chilly meals warmed by good conversation and the patio fire table heaters were a new pleasure. We made the best

of mask fashion. As we plan for next season, we will keep the Covid-Care program going in response to federal and local guidance; but we hope it will gently fade into the background!

FAMILY & CREW NEWS

Alicia's dog Fox welcomed her back to the ranch after a real in-person graduation from Whitman College (witnessed via zoom by a cheering squad of family and friends). Alicia's joining her sister working here at Elkhorn for the time being. Clara worked hard this year alongside the barn crew; and we are proud of her partner Alvaro's work with Arizona National Guard's Arizona food bank and Covid vaccine missions. Tom, Anne, Mary and Charley are pleased to have the fourth generation Millers coming on strong! Jan Miller had a milestone birthday this winter and we were happy to finally see her more easily by summertime!



ENJOYING THE FREEDOM TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS

Luis Bañuelos Photography



A SIX YEAR OLD'S FIRST VISIT

Mary Miller



ALICIA MILLER
WHITMAN COLLEGE MAY 23, 2021
ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY
MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Sarah King

We are grateful that Ben and Diane are here for the summer, and Lisa stayed until early June to put the cabins to bed for the summer. Our chef Chad is summering beneath the Grand Tetons. Brian is fly fishing (and working). Katie, Bryce, Rachel and Jon are in Alaska. Sara heads to college in Seattle this fall. Jesse's working and caring for grandparents. Olivia's a master barista in her home town. Stephany is back at Hunewill Ranch. Ann is settling into true retirement in WY. Nate headed to Texas and John is adventuring, itinerary unknown.

**PLEASE JOIN US DURING OUR 76th SEASON!
NOVEMBER 14, 2021 ~ APRIL 24, 2022**



BÉRTHA AND HER NEW FOAL

Clara Miller

RANCH NEWS

Truth be told, ranching is challenging this year as we're in the midst of the worst drought known by several generations of Arizona ranchers. This past winter we used about triple the usual amount of hay. As of early June, half a dozen rangeland fires have sparked in the Altar Valley. One fire called the Sycamore Fire began west of Elkhorn on the Tohono O'odham Nation and came over the ridge on to Elkhorn in Box and Nogales Canyon. The saguaros and cacti are thin. We hope that our monsoons arrive about the time you receive this news! This would be an ideal summer for rain dancing! On the bright side, the foals are adorable! The Altar Valley Conservation Alliance celebrated its 25th anniversary and thrived through the pandemic via the marvels of zoom. We are grateful for the Elkhorn community's generous support of Altar Valley conservation! Learn more at altarvalleyconservation.org.



OUR WORKSHOP & EVENTS PROGRAM

invites talented people into the community to inspire, teach and entertain - an experiential travel addition to ranch life. The line up for next season:

Laurie Lewis & Friends
NOVEMBER 28 - DECEMBER 5, 2021

Old Time Music
JANUARY 2 - 9, 2022

Rebekah & Matt Rolland | RISO
JANUARY 9 - 24, 2022

Digital Photography
JANUARY 23 - 30, 2022

Yoga & Horsemanship
FEBRUARY 6 - 13, 2022

Art for All Ages
DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED

Learn more at
elkhornranch.com/workshops-and-events



REBEKAH & MATT ROLLAND (RISO)

CELEBRATE

Friendship, family, adventure and more during Elkhorn's 76th season! Many of you missed our 75th Anniversary Jubilee season, but we can celebrate again next season! We hope you'll enjoy the new photo album in the dining room and we've still got lots of 75th swag available from the ranch general store at elkhornranch.com/the-general-store.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Is important to us and we hope you'll sign up for our digital newsletter delivered by email every month or so. You must sign yourself up at elkhornranch.com/subscribe. Check out our social media at [Facebook ElkhornRanchAZ](https://www.facebook.com/ElkhornRanchAZ) and [Instagram ElkhornRanch1946](https://www.instagram.com/ElkhornRanch1946). There's also a news section at our website elkhornranch.com.

Family and grand-parent friendly rates for kids continue to be a top priority!

Keep an eye out for updates to our **Covid-Care program** as we respond to federal and local guidance and industry best practices. On our rate sheet you will see a change to our Cancellation Policy, as well as a higher rate increase than usual (to address cost increases, credit card processing costs and marketing costs). But we have an opportunity for our returning guests - ask about our **Loyalty Program 21/22!**

Confirm your reservation by returning the enclosed registration form and a 25% deposit (checks preferred) by August 1st for fall and holiday reservations and September 1st for arrival dates after January 1, 2022. **You will see that Loyalty Program 21/22 payments must be postmarked between October 1 and November 14, 2021.** We hope for a busy season and may need to reach out to you to check on your plans prior to our deposit deadlines.

We hope to see you this upcoming season!

With love,

The Millers and Elkhorn Ranch Crew



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