

ROSIE'S ROUNDUP

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Party Animal

Rosie the cow is by far the biggest and probably the loudest member of Golden Heart Ranch.

The large, brown Jersey bovine was born July 17, 2018 (that makes her six years old) and came to live at the ranch when she was less than one year old.

In her early days at the Ranch, Rosie could often be heard crying out loud because

“Slimy kisses and sassy moos”

she missed her mom, Lily. But she soon settled in, grew a ton, and decided that all the love she gets at Golden Heart made her new home, her real home.

One Rancher, Lauren, describes Rosie as “beautiful and quiet” although admits that, at times, Rosie can “moo in sassy ways.”

Some Ranchers ask where



Rancher Linus Eberich checks Rosie's hay bin.

Rosie got her name. No, she is not named after Golden Heart Ranch's own Rose van Wier Hein.

Rather, when she lived at the neighboring ranch where she was born, Rosie used to eat the rosebushes on the property. And that's the true story of how our Rosie got her beautiful name.

-Reported by Lauren Haukoos

Rosie the Jersey cow welcomes visitors to Golden Heart Ranch. But beware, she has been known to share slimy kisses and enthusiastic head butts from time to time.



From Plant to Plate

Beautiful things are blooming

One of the newer developments at Golden Heart Ranch is the garden started just five months ago and already producing an abundant crop that includes vegetables, herbs and flowers.

The brainchild of staffer Jenna Hurst, the garden has quickly become a favorite project of many of the Ranchers.

Rancher Kevin Cline explains that a good garden needs sunlight, water and daily tending to produce a bountiful harvest. This time of year, crops include green onions, lettuce, tomatoes, broccoli and much more. The squash and pumpkins are also ripening in time for the autumn harvest.

Blooming flowers have slowed down this time of

year but are sure to pop up in abundance again in spring. Be watching for daisies, snapdragons, dahlias and more.

The garden's evolution is, like so many things at Golden Heart Ranch, a group project.

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Triple Troublemakers

Meet Hazel, Butterscotch and Vanna White



Hazel buddies up to Nicolette.

There are many stories of journalists risking life and limb to report the news. But who would have thought that would happen at Golden Heart Ranch?

Yet, while reporting on the chicken story (see page 4), Rancher Aydan Boden had his notes snatched away and eaten

by one of the goats! Both the reporter and Butterscotch the goat are fine, thank goodness.

But that is just the kind of shenanigans that tends to pop up when the goats are around.

Mama Vanna White and her two babies, Hazel and Butterscotch, are often behind the odd stories at the Ranch. They are known to eat electrical cords, paper, and lots of other non-edibles when they're wandering freely about the

property. Other times they enjoy their diet of hay and grain in their pen which requires daily cleaning.

But the Ranchers love these feisty friends and care for them daily, brushing their coarse coats and making sure their food and water bins are full.

Rancher Nicolette Morrison is particularly fond of the goats and Kevin Cline agrees. "I love the goats," he said while reporting on this story.



- Reported by Nicolette Morrison, Kevin Cline, and Linus Erberich

Butterscotch (left) munches on fresh hay in her pen while Hazel (right) enjoys another sunny day at the Ranch.

Photo by Kevin Cline



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Fresh from the Golden Garden

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Jenna Hurst said volunteers from Rocky Peak Church in Chatsworth and Calvary Church in Westlake built the garden structure which is fully enclosed with chicken wire to keep unwanted critters from chowing down on the tenders plants.

With such an abundant selection of organic vegetables and lovely blooms, the staff launched another business venture and are now selling Garden Boxes. For \$30, anyone can purchase a garden box that includes fresh organic veggies and herbs, as well as some of the loveliest – and tastiest – colored eggs.

Quantities are extremely limited at this time and are sold on a first-come, first-served basis but, with time and plenty of TLC, there should be more boxes available soon. Garden box contents change with the seasons and feature whatever is blooming and ripening at the time.

A newer garden project can be viewed just outside the main clubhouse.

With succulent cuttings donated by Keri Ferguson as well as one of the Ranch neighbors, Ranchers are now able to propagate succulents to sell. Soon potted succulents will be included in the Garden Boxes for sale.

- Reported by Kevin Cline, Blake Mills and Katie Webster



Katie Webster reports on the garden for this article. Right, Kevin Cline works the soil. Along with vegetables and herbs, the garden produces fresh cut flowers including mums and marigolds, daisies and snapdragons.

Photos by Jenna Hurst



Rancher Javier MercadoGomez packs a fresh garden box.

Garden boxes for sale



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Seasonal Vegetables → Fresh cut flowers
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They Rule the Ranch

Happy hens and a couple of roosters

When you visit the Ranch, you'll undoubtedly notice some of the happiest hens on earth wandering the grounds.

There are about two dozen in all, mostly hens except for two roosters who make themselves known with melodic "cock-a-doodle-dos" every once in a while.

But mostly, the chickens "run free," said Rancher Aydan Boden. "They rule the Ranch."

Their diet consists of organic chicken feed, meal worms and whatever the chickens find while foraging freely on the grounds.

Rancher Lauren Haukoos describes the birds' "beautiful feathers" which, she said, are "colorful, silky and smooth."

The birds live in a coop built



The girls gather to pick a little, talk a little and store up energy for their job, producing eggs which, by the way, are available for purchase.

by volunteers, in the shade of a large oak tree. Actually, there are two adjoining coops, both fortified against wild critters that roam the nearby hills.

Just inside the larger coop is the nesting box, where the hens go to lay their colorful eggs. Don't be surprised by the lovely blue/green, dark brown, or pale brown shells. Inside are delicious, farm fresh eggs fit for the finest table. The hens produce about 8 to 10 eggs each day, even more in better weather, according to director Jeni Pierce.



Lauren Haukoos greets her fine feathered friend.



One of the two Ranch roosters makes his presence known with a loud cry.

- Reported by Aydan Boden and Lauren Haukoos.

Golden Goodies



Visit the Golden Heart Ranch Market

We are Diggin' December

Every month holds many adventures for the Ranchers but this December beats them all.

Monday,
Dec. 2



Breakfast with Santa at the Ranch. Holiday sing-a-long, art activities, pancake brunch and a special guest.

Wednesday,
Dec. 4



Ranchers will attend a live performance of the Charles Dickens holiday classic, "A Christmas Carol."

Friday
Dec. 6



Holiday shopping with friends. Staff will support Ranchers as they check off their shopping lists and wrap their gifts for giving.

Friday,
Dec. 20

Polar Express Train Ride. Ranchers will relive the magic of the beloved holiday film as they ride the rails to visit Santa.

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