

OLD KIRBY PLACE

on the Madison River



NEWSLETTER

from Walter...

■ As another season comes to a close, I want you to know that it has been a real pleasure serving you at the Old Kirby Place. Hernan and I will continue doing everything possible to merit the confidence you have shown in us. Know that I appreciate your business and that I sincerely thank you all.

■ A very strong wind snapped off one of the large evergreens, next to the Old Kirby Place, fifty feet from the ground. Hernan and I built an eagle's nest and placed it up atop the broken tree. If you keep your fingers crossed, maybe we will have baby eaglets or ospreys next year!

■ *Fly Fisherman* magazine editor John Randolph and his wife, Mary, stayed with us in August. After a couple days of great fishing, John remarked: "What whirling disease?" Yes-sir-ree-Bob, the Madison river continues to fish better and better each year.

■ It seems to me that when you own horses, you are in a state of quandary all the time. On the fourth of July, our wonderful horse, Federal, died

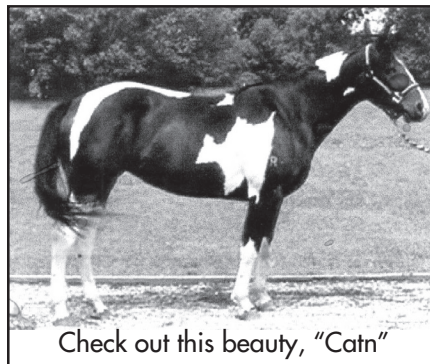
of colic and a twisted stomach. It was a sad day.

Local contractor Harry Liss buried Federal within an hour, unearthing a large boulder the size of the Old Kirby Place dining table. Harry rolled the boulder into the Madison river in front of the lodge.

So, the next time you come visit, take a moment out to fly fish for rainbows and browns behind "Federal Rock."

■ Just as gentle and rideable as can be, is this five-year-old registered paint mare. Owned by Mike and Carol Messick of Lambertville N.J., her name is "Catn" and she will be residing at the Old Kirby Place.

■ Next year will be a very good year. I am looking forward to seeing all of you again. Please be sure to book early and get the dates you want. Use my toll-free number to call me at 1 888 875-8027. Stay well, my friends!



Check out this beauty, "Catn"

A FAVORITE NORWEGIAN DINNER TOAST AT THE OLD KIRBY PLACE

*Given to us by Stein Eriksen
of Deer Vally, Utah*

Din Skaal!
Min Skaal!
Alle Vakra Flickor's Skaal!

To Your Health!
To My Health!
To The Health Of All The
Beautiful Women In The World!

Robert Frost Goes Fly Fishing

BY J.J. BURTON

*Some anglers
cast dry flies upstream,*

To fish that rise.

I do not hold in high esteem

This foolishly elitist scheme.

Instead, I'd rather fish wet flies,

Which are more likely to succeed

*When fished downstream,
not where fish rise,*

But where they feed,

And aren't so wise.

Hutchins Bridge, Cameron MT 59720

The Old Kirby Place
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YOU KNOW YOU'RE FROM MONTANA WHEN ...

from Felice & Stacy

- ...the wind is faster than your truck.
- ...every other vehicle is a four-by-four.
- ...the sun goes down, you start looking for your coat.
- ...in March, your vehicle is 43% mud.
- ...you leave your keys in the car,
and the next morning it's still there.
- ...you installed your new computer
using a "Leatherman" tool.
- ...you hear the words "stream" or "brook"
pronounced "crick".
- ...the elevation exceeds the population.
- ...you've broken down on the highway
and somebody stops to help you.
- ...you can see all the stars at night.
- ...people drive two-hundred miles
to shop in a "real mall."
- ...the courthouse is older than your great-grandmother.
- ...you got a set of snow tires for Valentine's Day.
- ...the bumper jack in your pickup will lift a house.
- ...your back yard smells like sagebrush and animals.
- ...a girls' basketball game fills the gym.
- ...you slept through the night unawakened by a siren.
- ...the footprints in the snow belong to
deer, elk, moose and bears.
- ...a rodeo is more popular than a rock concert.
- ...you can fish, golf and go skiing all in the same day.
- ...a yellow light means
"follow the car in front of you no matter what."
- ...Democrats are like salmon,
they are on the endangered species list.
- ...you wave to someone on the highway
because you recognize the truck.
- ...you talk about a combine and people are not alarmed.
- ...every tenth vehicle you pass in the spring is a tractor.
- ...someone says manure-spreader
and you know it isn't the local congressman.
- ...the weaving car in front of you is a farmer, not a drunk.
- ...maps and gloves are kept in your vehicle's "cubby hole."
- ...you never walk up to the back of a pickup
and say "nice doggy."
- ...you can choose plastic or paper bags for your groceries
and have them carried out to your car.
- ...40°-below isn't too bad, if the wind isn't blowing.

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