

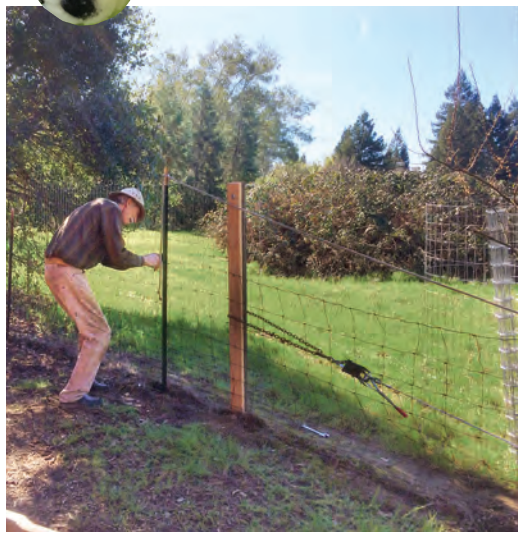


BIRTHDAY TIMES - Cakes, Flowers, and a Piñata



February is birthday month for both Sierra and I with her turning seven on February 5th and me turning 71 on February 6th. My day included beautiful flowers from Chris, tulips and fancy cupcakes from a friend and Robert taking me out to dinner. Sierra planned her entire party deciding this year she wanted a soccer theme, a sleep over

with friends, a piñata, which she made herself, and a cake of a soccer game which she made with help from Rylan and Aubrey. They each made soccer players out of fondant. Check out the detail! On Super Bowl Sunday, Robert and I joined all the Pines to celebrate with more cake and then Sierra opening her presents.



Fencing Brooklyn

When Brooklyn jumped the fence to go after a deer in the neighbor's field about two weeks or so ago, it became quite obvious the rusty 3 1/2 foot high, falling down fence was no longer going to be sufficient to contain her. Not only was it in disrepair, it was dangerous. When she went over, she tangled one of her back feet in the wire and had to be cut out using clippers! Thankfully Robert and a neighbor were nearby to rescue her!

With 200 feet of fencing to string up and lots of rainy days, it took up until a couple of days ago to finish. With such a long stretch of fence, Robert had to purchase a pulley to get the fence good and tight. The new taller 5 foot fence will now keep Brooklyn from going over the fence after the deer but I bet the deer will still jump over the taller fence into our field.

As of February 11th, Brooklyn is 10 months old. She is growing up fast!



Love of Basketball

Aubrey has become an avid basketball player and travels all over to play competitive games with other schools. Her school's team has won almost every game since the beginning of the school year!