



Farm News from May

I admit it was a sinister thought. My relationship with Yellow Jackets has always been a cautious one. They have hives all over the farm but I kind of draw the line at my house. So when I was about to barbeque some steaks in my Traeger smoker and discovered a wasp hive inside I closed the lid. That's when the thought occurred. "Just turn it on!" There would be smoke, then heat, then the problem would be gone! (hee, hee, hee!) It was not to be. For some unknown reason, for the first time in years, the Traeger smoker did not work. No smoke, no heat, no BBQ. Broken. As I pan fried the steaks on the stove I wondered coincidence?



turn to demonstrate to us that not all human ideas are good ones. More thinking needed here.

I love it when I can imagine a project and actually prioritize the time to make it happen. The water tower had been on the list for years. The goal was to have a reservoir of water out in the pig pasture so that the pigs would never run out of water to drink. With an old fuel tank stand, some timbers and lag bolts the project was finally finished. The red flag at the top is only visible when the tank is full of water. This project works great!



It was a great amount of effort, time and dollars. The goal was to protect the banks of Windsor Creek from the destructive hooves of our cattle and bison. The creek flows through our property and every once in awhile we have to move the animals from one side to the other. With assistance from the Alberta Conservation Association, a bridge was constructed to demonstrate to other livestock farmers an alternative for protecting the creek from erosion. The construction went well and the bridge survived the spring flooding. There was only one problem. The cattle wouldn't go on it. It was the cows



Time to bring out the lawn mowers. These mowers have countless generations of experience and require only grass to continue operating. Low noise and non-polluting, these mowers actually control weeds and fertilize at the same time! The added bonus to this system is fresh, delicious milk every morning! Even enough to share with the neighbours!

