

Farm News from June



Camping in the springtime. We are so lucky to live close to Tumbler Ridge. The area is like Jasper but without the tourists. There's one essential that accompanies every trip to the mountains: our Biolite. This miniature stove has a grill for frying sausages or steaks, a French press for coffee, is great for marshmallows, has a light for reading and can even charge a cell phone. The Biolite uses sticks, chips or spruce cones for fuel and is incredibly efficient. Shut off the electricity or turn off the gas, there'll always be wood to cook with.



It happens every year. After the pigs have explored every inch, the old pasture is ready for something different. Around 9 or 10 acres are devoted to raising pigs every year. Once they move on the straw is composted, wallows are filled, the soil is tilled, seeded and allowed to grow for fifteen years before the pigs return.

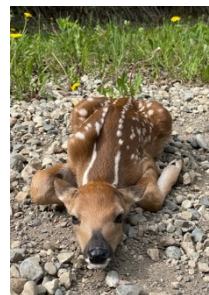


I'm glad the neighbour to the north has moved on. Three kilometers below our farm are some large pockets of gas which is worth lots of money to some pretty big companies. For a couple of



months, they drilled and flared. We could see it and hear them from our house. The next step will be to build a pipeline and send it off to who knows where. After it travels for countless miles, I'll end up paying the price when we fuel up the tractor and truck. (I love my electric car).

Driving down the road I spotted a new born fawn who instinctively dropped to the ground when it



saw me. The camouflage may work well in the forest but on the road, not so well.

Its brain must be telling it, "don't move and you'll be safe". This time it worked because I was able to pick up the fawn and carry it off to the bush. I drove by an hour later and it was gone.

Wildlife friendly? As I was working on this month's Farm News I received this email:

I am pleased to say that we have now uploaded the press release about First Nature Farms' certification to the Wildlife Friendly website, and have also shared an announcement on LinkedIn.

Here are the links to both:

<https://www.wildlifefriendly.com/26-june-2026>

<https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7477639465172201472>

Please feel free to share them around with your network.

OK, done. More Farm News coming up in July, it just hasn't happened yet.

Jerry