



# April ~ May 2026

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**Easter was delicious & fun.** Xena had the Easter Egg Hunt all to herself this year. Uncle Rusty monitored her progress. April was filled with birthday celebrations, greenhouse prep, fence mending & everyday chores....

**Mother's Day** we all went outside for a fun group picture; via a drone. Rusty was the drone pilot.



## .....the rest of May was full of 'Spring' Projects....

Critters start moving around this time of year so the 'catch'em live' trap was busy. Otters (catch & release) were persistent visitors. We had to leave the trap tripped for awhile to give them the message to stay away!



Water at the Upper Ranch... Turned the spring water into the tank system and setup a camera to monitor the creek irrigation water flow. We have to make sure the pasture lease cattle can get a drink of water. Depending on spring and creek water can get scary with such a dry winter. The water situation can get iffy quickly. Pray for good spring & summer moisture! May 30 - 31; we have received 1.5" of rain and it is still raining!



Raspberry Syrup was made for the 1<sup>st</sup> time. Johnno had a lot of clean/frozen raspberries. Told him we would attempt syrup for the 1<sup>st</sup> time ever. Poof! 4.5 quarts later...it turned out. Next we will attempt to make some seedless raspberry jelly. Thank you Johnno for the bumper crop of berries from your freezer!



We took flowers to relative graves in the Helena area for Memorial (Decoration) Day. Kwinci & Mitch cover the Bozeman area graves.

We hope this finds you doing well. Have a fun spring - summer. Stop by if ever in our neck-of-the-woods.



Take Care,  
Sid & Irene