

# July was NOT SO HOT! *Pun Intended!*

## Lower Temps & Rain = not much for Forest Fires....

Our temperatures were in the high 80's and low 90's most days, with a couple of days over 100. We had a lot of afternoon thunderstorms which brought an unusual amount of rain for the month. A few lightening strikes started fires, but with the help of accompanying rain, they were put out quickly.



## HOWEVER..... Thunderstorms = 2 Tornados....

Kwinci took the picture on the left showing a small tornado touching down by Duck Creek across the lake from where they live, at the base of Mount Edith. The picture on the right shows the *angry clouds* that spawned a small tornado outside (south) of East Helena close to the new rodeo grounds by McClellan Creek at the base of the Elkhorn Mountains. I took this picture looking south from where we live.



## Stormy for Last Chance Stampede rodeo too....

We attended the rodeo at the fairgrounds and for the first time in our memory it rained! No worries though, the rain quit just before the rodeo began. It stayed cloudy and threatening the entire evening. This is a picture we took from the grandstands. We all enjoyed the cooler temperature due to the stormy weather. It was another good rodeo!



## We say Goodbye....



Sid's cousin Russell Westlake passed away on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Three of Sid's horses (Willie, Sadie & Ben) were purchased from Russell. Sid & Russell had many good times hunting together in the early years.



Mitchell's Mom Carolyn Tatarka passed away on July 16<sup>th</sup>. Carolyn was a *wonderful* Grandma to Tel & Cydney! She also shared her secret with me for her *beautiful* flowers and her *delicious* Roasted Crème Corn. A *sweeter* person with a permanent smile will never be found!

**Summer favorites....** watching the garden and flowers grow.



Garden in mid July



1<sup>st</sup> Zinnia bouquet of 2025

**Have a Safe and Happy August**  
**Take Care!**

*Sid &  
Irene*