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Spring Things

Up here in the mountains the weather is getting as nice as it can get this time of year. The wind is here ever so often but for the most the days are beautiful and the nights still have a frost to them. April is gone and as May moves in so does the spring fever. Our gardens are just about ready to plant. The apple and Cherry trees are blooming. And the Pines are starting to freshen the air with their aroma.

As the days seem to get warmer and nights are almost bearable to walk through, we tend to be getting out doors more. Last weekend we did a whole lot of coyote calling. A whole lot of rabbit killing. And a whole lot of shooting. After the fun we tend to do a little yard work here and there and Bar B Q. When we get time even some horse back riding.

So when your down in that hot place we call the Valley and want to escape to a place that will make you not wanna go home, come up and visit. We may even take you hunting with us, or maybe a trip into the pines to have a picnic. All in all we are here in the mountains to stay and you are always welcome to come visit to enjoy what we call the best place in Arizona!



C.W.

Special points of interest:

- Spring
- Huntin'
- Being prepared
- Trapper Days

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National Day of the Cowboy.....

Just a reminder that National Day of the Cowboy is getting closer. There will be several events taking place this year to celebrate our American way of life. And just a little opinion from.....well....me. I think if there were more cowboys and cowgirls out there then America would definitely be a better place. As Americans we have forgotten what this country was built from. And now that we have a day to actually celebrate it, we need to hold on to it. And we can absolutely thank Bethany Braley for her extraordinary efforts in making this day even possible.

Now I am going to be getting hold of Bethany and trying to get a list of what's going on around the state for National Day of the Cowboy. I know there are events planned all over the state. Rio Verde is more then likely having a shindig going on. And Watson Cattle Company is trying to get something planned for up here in Northern Arizona. So keep your eyes open for more information as the National Day of the Cowboy gets a little closer!! You may also wanna visit the website at watsoncattlecompany.com or nationaldayofthecowboy.com for more info!!!



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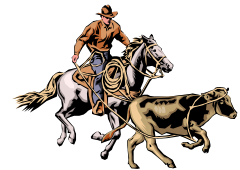
Horsebackin'

This year we will be taking several trips to Unit 6A to do some scouting. So if you wanna ride with us just give us a yell and we will let you know when we gonna go. Or check out our riding calendar at Watsoncattlecompany.com. I will try to keep it updated. Although time....or not having the time keeps me from updating our site as much as I'd like to, but I will try. You can always email us as well. Just send us a letter to info@watsoncattlecompany.com and we will let you know whats up.

If you want to come up to the mountains and ride then just give us a call. We always welcome anyone who can ride. We have tons of areas to do so. One being right outside of showlow up in the pines. We will be doing a lot of riding there to scouting for Archery Deer season. Most riding we do is usually some sort of scouting for something.

Also if you don't wanna drive to far we will be riding the area North of globe scouting for Bear. If you have never ridden that area you don't know what your missing. The Salt river just a short ride away and a million acres to get lost in. Again I will post when we head out. Hope to ride with some of you folks soon!!

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Trapper Days in Taylor.....May 24th

Every year Taylor has a little get together called Trapper Days. All kinds of things going on this date. I know for the main event involves a dog contest that is truly interesting. They also usually have a tractor show, some kiddy rides. And this year a free trail ride.

Also they have a few vendors here and there and some awesome food. So if you are looking for a reason to kill a Saturday and have fun doing it head into Taylor, AZ and see what the fuss is about. And if you have a dog, bring em. They have a dog show that any purebred or mutt can enter, with categories such as the ugliest, cutest biggest and smallest.

If you need some more information just give Millinda a shout, since it is her dad that organizes it all. If she don't know she will go directly to the source and find out what you need to know. And if your interested in being a vendor, let her know and she can get you the info you need to get in. Hope to see you there!

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Keep your powder dry, your whiskey wet and your knife sharp!

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My new ride

Well we are not all about horses and cattle and huntin. Ever so often we hit the pavement on our Iron horses. And I finally got me another one. And yes it's been way to cold to ride on some of these morning but it hasn't stopped me yet.

Sometimes a good escape is just that. And sometimes, not very often, but sometimes we are able to escape. Now having six kids doesn't make it easy. But it can be done. Although it takes teamwork between Millinda and I to actually make it out the door, to the bike, get it started and get out the driveway before one of them comes out and realizes what we are doing, we manage to pull it off. And escape we do well. Even if just a short 30 minute ride that cost us \$20 to our 13 year old daughter that gladly accepts the money with no regrets, it is relaxing. Well until we get home and walk through the door and see total chaotic turmoil. But what can you do when you have 6 kids!!

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Coyote Report

Well it's the time of year where the pups are being born or have just been born. So calling is at it's worst. Hard to get them in unless they hungry. I haven't really tried howling a whole lot but I think you would have better luck doing so. We went out a few weekends ago and did some calling and nothing. So my advice try some calling.

A lot of controversy with actually hunting coyotes this time of year due to the pups. Me, well I like to hunt and they are in season, so I hunt them. Maybe not as heavy as I do in the breeding season, but we still hunt them. I don't give up to many opportunities to kill me a coyote. From a ranching view you could understand why. But people have their own way of looking at things.

So if you are gonna hunt them dogs this time of year try some howling. Your success rate may be a little higher then mine with the distress call. If so let us know so we can try a few different techniques ourselves. And we always love a good coyote killing story. So if you have some send em to us and we will put it on the website and in our newsletters. Until then happy hunting!! C.W.



Garden Tips

It is gardening time and for those who are gardening this year...get to it. Up here in the mountains we tend to not even start getting the garden ready til about now. For those down in the hot country, probably been gardening for the last month or so. We started a ton of stuff inside this year to get a jump on spring. The only problem with this is getting your plants used to the sun.

If you are like us and planted a ton of stuff indoors then you gonna need to take the time to acclimate them plants to the outside weather. Don't make the mistake of planting them straight from the house garden to the outdoors garden. Start putting them outside for a little while at a time. I suggest getting them close to the windows before you take them out. Then take them out for about an hour a day for a few days then increase the time gradually. I made the mistake the other day by leaving them out to long and the Broccoli bit the big one. The green beans seemed to burn on the one side so I also would recommend turning them as well so the sun hits both sides of the plant. Now I ain't no expert so you may even wane grab a book or check on the internet for proper acclimation of your plants. C.W.

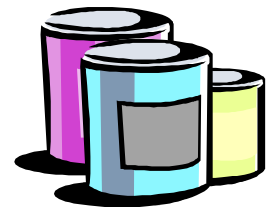
**Give it all you
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never know if
there's gonna
be a next time!!**

**Danielle
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Being prepared all the time

You know me when it comes to being prepared. You just need to do it. Make sure your family has a plan for the "just in cases". I can hardly stress enough about this subject. And let me tell you I am the worst about procrastinating. Get your 72 hour packs together for sure. Wouldn't even hurt to have an extra in the trucks. Now they have some very inexpensive 72 hour packs out on the market that has everything you need in a 72 hour pack. Check out that www.beprepared.com.

Also being that the economy is what it is right now, it may be a good idea to store a little gas in your garage. Also make sure you have a good supply of food as well. China is already keeping the rice at bay. And wheat is in shortage due to everyone wanting to grow corn for that ethanol. So I can not stress enough to buy up what wheat, beans, or rice you can. One day you will even thank me for reminding you every letter to BE READY!!! C.W.





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If you have something you want to put in this newsletter then let us know. You can e-mail it to info@watsoncattlecompany.com or mail it to 518 W. White Mountain Blvd., Lakeside, AZ 85929. I am going to try and get these out once a month. Don't know how successful I will be with it ,but with your help it may be possible. So no matter what you have to print get er' to us. Recipes, stories, announcements. Let us



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“Recipe of the month”

Cattle Drive Cornbread

- 4 cups cornmeal
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 cups chopped onion
- 1 to 2 finely chopped jalapeño peppers
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1 1/2 tablespoons salt
- 2 teaspoons black pepper
- 1 (16 ounce) can creamed corn



Boil a pan of water.

Mix cornmeal and vegetable oil well in a large bowl. Add just enough of the boiling water to form a dough that could be made into a ball. Add remaining ingredients except for the creamed corn. Mix to blend, then add creamed corn.

Coat the bottom of a cast iron skillet with vegetable oil. Heat over medium heat. Remove one cup of the cornbread mixture from the bowl, and add it to the skillet. Flatten out the cornbread, and cook as you would a pancake.

Editor note: I have made these and let me tell you.....DELICIOUS!!!!!!