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Happy Friday, Farm Friends!



Despite the heat, it's really starting to seem like Fall. The days have more of that Fall Feel. The light is a bit lower, the trees are coloring up, and the days

are definitely shorter. I am having a hard time believing that I need to put on a headlamp in order to see during the evening feeding!

And speaking of earlier darkness, we've been treated to a lovely celestial show the past couple of days as the Moon, Jupiter and Saturn converge. Tonight will be the last of this [three-day astronomical event](#). Hopefully our clear skies will continue for this!

As much as we want to enjoy this lovely warm weather, we know that it won't last forever. Thursday was a delightful 81 degrees! However, this weekend and next week will bring lows in the 40s and mid-30s! We are trying to get preparations made for winter so that we can be ahead of the curve.

A great thing about our new Pump House (aka Sheep Shack) is that we will have our wellhead protected from freezing temperatures. In the past we have had to cover the well with pallets, old styrofoam plant trays and tarps along with a heat lamp to keep things from freezing. This usually got installed the afternoon of the predicted freeze. Now with this insulated building, aside from needing to add a heat lamp, everything should be just fine. We did want to get a protective coat of stain on the building before winter so Master Painter Bob came to the rescue!



Another pre-winter maintenance task is to get the exterior of the walk-in pressure washed. The paint was flaking badly on our Army Surplus cooler and it was definitely time to get those flakes of paint as well as the accumulated mold and moss(!) off the exterior. Nothing that Bob and a pressure washer can't handle, huh? Next up: A new paint job!



### **Great Garlic! And One More Workshop!**

We had a terrific group of folks attend our ***Growing Great Garlic at Home*** workshop this past Sunday. They got to learn all about the necessary requirements of the plant as well as its different stages of growth. But the really fun part is getting to actually get out and get your hands in the soil to plant the cloves, right? This year's class was no exception -- they really got into getting the cloves planted just so!



We have one more workshop scheduled for this year. On **Sunday, October 24**, we are hosting ***Growing the Jewels of the Garden***. This workshop will help you get your blackberries and raspberries ready for winter and a successful spring. We will walk you through what the plants need nutritionally as well as how to prune and trellis. This workshop is also hands-on and will give you the opportunity to work with a variety of bramble plants. The class fee is \$35. [Click here to register.](#)



### **Thanks for Stopping by to See Us!**

It was so great to see so many of you at Cobblestone last week as we Popped Up for the day. Potatoes -- both sweets and standards -- were definitely a big hit! We'll be back at market at least one more time before the end of the season. Don't forget that you can order through our online store for pick-up at the Cobblestone Drive-Thru on Saturday or at the farm on Wednesday. Orders

close at 10 a.m. on Fridays for Saturday pick-up. [Click here to learn more!](#)



### **Sweet Kittens (Cat-ens?) Looking for a Home!**

Detroit, the ruling King of the Feline Jungle, has spoken. The Kittens must go!

Well, we tried. The feral kitten rescues that came to live with us in March have been banished by King Detroit. We really aren't sure what it is, but Detroit does not like Luna and Hoover. He hisses and strikes out at them any time that he can. Since Detroit is the original farm cat, he makes the cat rules.... And we are really sad about it -- we're super fond of the little guys.

So as winter approaches, we need to find a home for Luna and Hoover. We had hoped to be able to let them out to roam around the farm but we are afraid that Detroit would not let them back in at night or he would chase them away. RingBob doesn't like them either -- he has refused to stay in the Cat House at night since they arrived.

The boys are incredibly sweet and beautiful cats that would be perfect house cats. Luna, in particular, is snuggly and loves a belly rub. Hoover is a bit more aloof but has an amazing purr and is a real stunner! He definitely warms up with some time and attention.

Can you help us find a home for these two guys? They are litter box trained and are neutered. Did I say that they are really sweet? If you are interested, please just shoot us an email! We can arrange a time for you to come meet them.



That's got us covered for this week's news. But did you know that Saturday is [National Feral Cat Day](#)? Perhaps that's a good sign for our formerly feral kittens!

**Remember to please get your COVID shot (and a booster if you need it) and keep wearing a mask in indoor public places. And don't forget to be kind.**

**Until next Friday,  
Cheryl & Ray**

