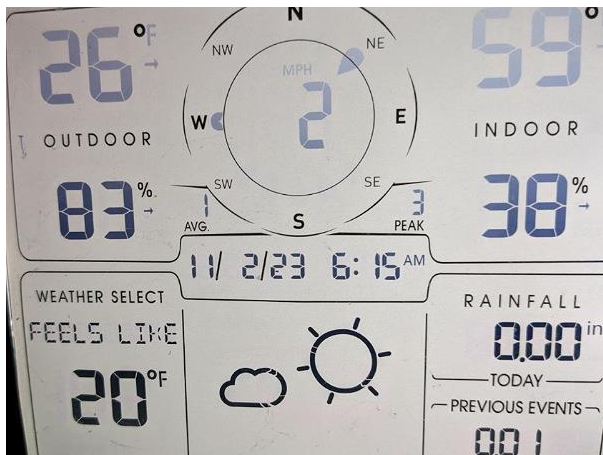




Happy Friday, Farm Friends! Welcome to November!



Brrrrr! What a way to start off a month! Actually, this photo isn't entirely correct -- the thermometer registered 25 a few minutes before this was taken.

So, we have now officially entered Cozy Szn (the way I've seen it spelled in ads). Cozy because you want to cozy up with LOTS of blankets, hot tea and a good book. Um, right.

To a farmer, the cozy season means trying to find your long underwear, adequate hats (that actually keep your ears covered), gloves that aren't threadbare, and the warmest socks you can find that will fit in your boots.

But maybe even more important to a farmer, the cozy season means making sure the plants you want to keep are cozy. We spent a lot more time on that task than on finding the best cold weather gear this week!

We had a lot of things that needed to be cozy and weatherproofed -- our high tunnels needed to be buttoned up as well as the Pavilion. They were all thinking it was Endless Summer (hey, it WAS 85 degrees on Sunday!) and were still in their open-air mode. Ray and Jonny took care of that!





Once everything was buttoned up, we needed to make sure that our super-sensitive plants, like tomatoes, would be warm enough overnight. If we can get them through this cold snap, we'll probably have tomatoes for Thanksgiving!

A few years ago, we invested in a "cannon" type heater and it does a great job in warming the airspace just enough. Ray put one in Raz House, where we have the late fruit tomatoes and had it running all night (which included a 2 a.m. refuel). Looks like it did the trick! The plants were pretty happy on Thursday morning! These plants are just now coming into production, so they were worth the extra effort.



The older main season Slicer tomatoes in the other tunnel didn't have supplemental heat and weren't quite as perky. But we think they'll do okay for the rest of the season.



The real impact was felt by the cold-averse nightshades in the field. We knew we were going to lose them, so we had harvested everything on Tuesday. And when we went out on Thursday, yep -- they were goners.



The chile and eggplant were quite sad on Thursday morning.



Here's the field after the plants were removed.

So after the clean-up of the field, the compost pile got a big load of green and brown matter!



Although some of the peppers were just too pretty to compost! Time to make mini-ristras?



### **The Kitten Report -- Week 9**

Our little balls of fluff are getting SO big! Tuxie has now topped 3 pounds and Dusty is at 2.5! And they are learning the fun of climbing and jumping. This week, Dusty finally made it up to the shelf in the Cat House and she's pretty happy about that achievement (Tuxie was there last week). They will really enjoy Kitty Park when we get that reinstalled for them. There's a tree trunk

there just for climbing!



### **Cobblestone Farmers Market Update**

We had so much fun last Saturday during the Halloween festivities! Our space was transformed into a market tent inhabited by Garlic-Loving Vampires -- well, former vampires.

*Reformed Vampires LLC* took over the Purple Tent! And they were telling anyone who would listen that they LOVE garlic and that garlic had actually saved them from the vampire life. They even broke out into song about it.

***I love garlic! I love garlic! I don't know why it took me so long...***

*to the tune of "I Feel Pretty"*

Although we didn't win the vendor costume contest, we had a grand time trying! And listening to customer jokes like, "Too much sunscreen, huh?" made the day even more fun!

We'll see you back at market on November 18 -- just before Thanksgiving!



That's all we've got for this week, Friends!



Barney is trying to catch up on all of the happenings in area this weekend -- he's not sure he can make it through the stack of newspapers! There's an easier way -- check out [Best of Winston](#) and sign up for their [newsletter](#). They provide a curated list of activities each week, so be in the know!

Speaking of knowing, Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday! Make sure to turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday.



And if you want the latest arguments on why we should or should not keep Daylight Saving Time, [check out this article](#).

Be safe out there!

**Be kind to your neighbors and please pray for peace.**

**Until next week,**

***Cheryl & Ray***

