

**Moving Sale Update!** Although Sandra & Fabian are now in Italy, their moving sale will go on! Their daughter will be managing the sale for them and she's making a weekend of it! It will be on Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 10 to mid-afternoon. There's LOTS of good stuff! The address is 1077 Flat Shoals Road in King -- next door to our farmhouse. Look for the signs!



Happy Friday, Farm Friends!



We hope in the coming week that you are as cozy as a cat in a box! It's going to be COLD!



Although there's no snow predicted for the next Artic blast, it was nice to get that beautiful snow last Friday. We got about 4 inches of light fluffy powder. Perfect for skiing.

Ray got geared up, waxed the skis and took off! For about 50 feet. The sole of one of his boots came off. Very unhappy Ray.



These were his absolute favorite boots, and he had spent years looking for this perfect pair when we were in New Mexico. I guess they had developed dry rot after of not being used for so long. It's time to go boot shopping!

### To Plant a Seed...



Most of the seed orders have come in and many of those seeds are already in seed trays! It's so exciting to get those boxes of promise!

One of the hard things about this time of year for farms is how expensive it is to get ready for the season. Seeds, soil amendments, equipment repairs, greenhouse supplies, propane to heat the greenhouse... the list goes on. And these are all *\*very\** pricey things.



Take a guess at how much this box of seeds cost -- wild guess. The box is about the size of a shoebox and shipping was free.

It was \$501.45. Granted they all aren't that costly but that sure takes a bite out of the ol' bank account!

Good thing we like seeding things! And we do!



In addition to seeds, we received our bareroot strawberries this week from a new supplier, [Innovative Organic Nursery](#). Finding organic Everbearing strawberry plants is tough. But Cheryl ran across an item in the [California Certified Organic Foundation](#) (CCOF) newsletter last fall about this nursery and contacted them about getting plants. Hooray!



And the plants are beautiful! Very strong root systems and healthy crowns. We'll be potting these up next week -- more hanging baskets for our Plant Sale!





And speaking of Plant Sale, we've got our sales and classes planned for the year and are already getting ready for the [Spring Plant Sale](#) on March 21st and 22nd. New week we'll post the full list of activities that we have planned for the year -- 'tis the season to get your calendar in shape!

### **Need Garden Supplies?**

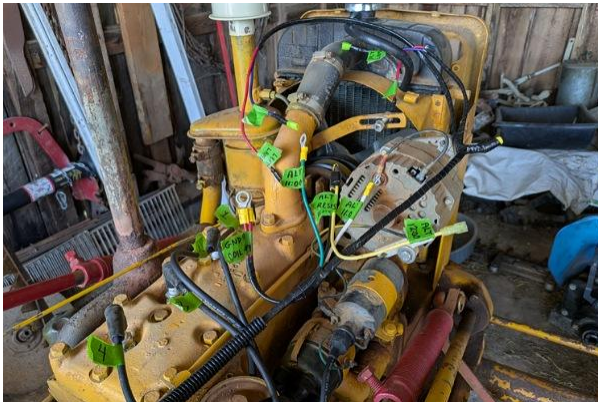
While we are on the subject of plants and gardens, our first [Seven Springs](#) cooperative order of the year is coming up soon. By joining in with other farmers and gardeners, we can all save money on shipping! It's easy to put in your order -- just go to our [website](#) and you'll find a link to either a printable order form or an Excel version that can be emailed.

Orders are due by **Tuesday, January 28** and pick-up is scheduled for **February 7th** here at the farm. Don't hesitate to contact us if you have questions! Email is the best way to reach us: [farm@plumgrannyfarm.com](mailto:farm@plumgrannyfarm.com)

### **Franken-Cub!**

Ray has been working on our old 1969 Cub over the past couple of weeks. There were lots of issues that needed attention that cannot get done during the season. The electrical system was in terrible shape and there were some issues with the fuel line and carburetor.

It's a good thing that he is good at labeling everything in a project like this because he rebuilt the entire wiring assembly for the tractor. No easy task!



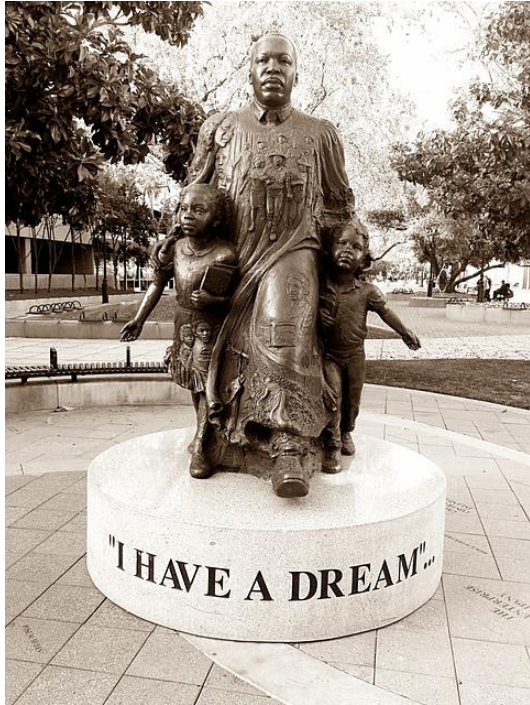
The lights now work (1st time for us!) and many more improvements have been made. We'll have a happier J-Cub (and Ray) once we get back in the field soon!



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That's the news for this week, friends!

On Monday, the Nation celebrates the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In these times of division and senseless violence, let us remember his call to have a Dream. Let us reflect on his vision for peace and nonviolence. Let us keep the Dream alive!



**"The time is always right to do what is right."**

*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
at Oberlin College's  
Commencement in 1965*

**Be kind to your neighbors.  
Until next week,  
Cheryl & Ray**

