



Friendly Flash



Friendly Farm
Where farming meets Fun and learning!

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What's happening on the farm....

What a month it has been! WE had a bunch of visitors to the farm this month both for the farm and for Beware of the Forest! It was awesome! I had some FANTASTIC help! Without all the great teens that volunteered to help it would not have been possible.

We are looking forward to some great fun in November and December as well. Be sure to check out the class schedule and the calendar later in the newsletter.

Now for what everyone wants to hear, what's happening with the animals. It has been a happy month for all the animals. They are doing well.

Petunia's babies are so much FUN! WE have enjoyed watching them grow. They escape from the stall on a regular basis and run like crazy! We have chosen the one we plan to keep, her name is Star. We are going to work on halter training her so she can go with us when we travel to parties and events. She doesn't think much of the halter right now, but she is getting used to it. We also sold one of the little pink ones, her name is Lily and her new owners are excited to get her home as soon as she is eating well. WE will miss her but she is going to a GREAT home where she will get lots of love. Another little pink one has a new home too but she is not named yet. She will be well loved too. That leaves us 7 more to find homes for so if you would LOVE a really cool pet, come pick one out. Potbelly pigs are a great pet. Read about them just Google potbelly pigs.

Still no new goat babies but Mama is going to burst

soon! Polka Dot is also getting very large. Both are beginning to milk up so it won't be long. We were hoping it would be during the trail but not yet. We love babies! Be sure you follow us on Facebook we will post pictures as soon as they arrive!

. Mrs. Turkey has settled in nicely.. Mr. Turkey, now named Feathers, enjoys her company. She is very inquisitive, begs food from the table, if you are not careful, she will steal food right off your plate! . No turkey eggs yet either.



Still no baby rabbits, but we did have someone don't late 3 really large rabbits to us, one of them is suppose to be bred to have babies in 2 weeks. We hope so. We are keeping them separate for a week or so but then we will put all three in with the others, buck included.

Hopefully we get more baby bunnies. We love babies....

The horses are doing well. Nell gets special treatment, she has to be fed twice a day now so we can try to fatten her up. Everyone else seems to do fine with just pasture but not Nell.

The chickens are still laying. We get about 10 eggs a day. It is an Easter egg hunt everyday around here. The crazy chickens lay everywhere BUT the nesting boxes. We sell eggs for \$3 a dozen and they are so very much better than store bought eggs. The

Boys Need to Be Boys

Still a highlight of the week this group is terrific. They have mastered a chore system and do a great job getting things done. We abandoned the bird project.

The boys just were not interested. We do have bird feeders up and I plan to keep them going all year. I like the

birds even if the boys just don't care. This month we will build a house to attach to the rabbit pen so the rabbits can have shelter and not move from pen to cage each night. The cages are just too crowded. Then we can use the cages for the mama's and babies that I'm sure we will get. WE will

also do a bit of tree study, I will have to sneak it in because they want to play and explore but we will sneak it in. This winter we will clear another hiking trail. That will be awesome! We have a few extra spaces so get your son involved!

Special deals

Do you own a business? We have a few sponsorship opportunities available check out page 5

Are you having a function that you would like to have a petting zoo? We can come to you....

Special points of interest:

- Visit us on Facebook at friendly farm
- Check the website often of updates friendlyfarmforfun.com
- Follow us on Twitter @friendly_farm



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Fun recipes with fresh produce...

This month the Ag Science girls made hot pepper jelly. It was very yummy.

3/4 cup chopped sweet peppers
6 cups sugar
2 1/2 cups cider vinegar
2 pouches pectin
1/4 cup chopped jalapenos (we used one chopped ghost pepper instead)
Run the peppers in a blender or food processors until finely ground. Combine sugar and vinegar in a large sauce pan. Bring to a full boil on high heat stirring constantly then turn

down the heat and simmer for 10 minutes. Strain, returning the liquid to the saucepan Add about 2 tbsp. of the pepper mixture from the strainer and return to a boil Add pectin and food coloring if you are using it. Bring back to a boil one more time and boil for 1 minute. Ladle into freshly sterilized jars leaving 1/8 inch head space. Process in a boiling water bath for 10 minutes to seal..

Kids Outside!

This program is growing! We have a great time on Wednesdays. WE sure have a great time. One class this month was practice for winter! It was SO cold! But we had a great time anyway! We will be working on some great projects this month and next. WE will be building a nature trail, putting up signs along the "haunted trail" labeling trees, and other items of interest.

This is a coed class so get your kiddos outside this fall!

Membership

Ok, Membership info is here!

A full year membership for free admission for your entire family \$150. that includes admission to any open day, 50% off any class or program. It also includes 10% off any on farm purchases. That makes it quite a deal! Visit our website to purchase yours today.

What's Happening continued...

Americana's are getting big, we want them to start laying, we want to taste a d blue egg!

Still no duck eggs for sure. There have been a couple of strange light colored eggs that might be duck eggs but not sure. The quail are happy in their outside cage but she is not laying either. We are awaiting some duck eggs but none yet.

WE are still looking for an incubator so we can raise some baby quail and ducks when they start laying. We also are looking for a Barred Rock rooster so we can have baby chicks in the spring.

Fiona, the chinchilla, is a well loved farm animal. She is very popular with guests. We would like to find her a mate so if you her of a chinchilla for a reasonable amount of money, let us know.

WE have 82 animals right now. But the baby pigs will be finding new homes and baby goats will arrive, and hopefully baby bunnies too so that number will change.

I think that is all the animal news.

The garden was finally coming along very nicely. The tomato's were great, the peppers wonderful the green beans almost ready, and then it got below freezing for two nights. WE tried to cover them but 29 is just too cold, we lost them all.

Our cold weather crops are in the ground. The ones the Ag science class planted in containers are doing well, WE have planted broccoli, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, lettuce, peas, beets, turnips, rutabagas, and carrots for our fall garden.

The Ag Science class planted an herb garden. We will have lots of great fresh herbs soon. They will be learning all about what herbs can cure what illnesses.

Birthday Parties continue to be great! Leslie does a GREAT job with the parties We will continue parties all year round so come a fantastic party. We will move to an indoor party room when we must, but outside is so nice. We will stay on the back porch as long as possible. Book your party now!

I think that covers what's been happening on the farm. Be sure you like us on Facebook to stay updated on Petunia, momma and anyone else that might give birth or have an exciting moment!





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Upcoming events

Saturday and After school events

Kids OUTside

November Kids OUTside will be held on Saturday, November 16. Since there are 5 Saturdays in November and I am a bit late getting this newsletter printed, we will do it the third week instead of the second. Class meets from 10-2 on that day. We will be farmers for the day! The kids will learn all about the farm, take care of the animals, and work on a project. Most likely we will improve our bird habitat as the birds will be needing our help to stay fat and healthy all winter. But things change around here so if there is another project that needs our attention, we will do it. Register by email to friendly_farm@yahoo.com. Send your child's name and age. Payment can be done with a credit card by calling the farm or you can send a check to the farm. Class is \$20 if paid in advance and \$25 if paid day of class. Ages 5-14 boys or girls....

**Have you tried sports and just don't like it?
Tried music lessons and it just isn't for your child? How about Farm club?**

Every Monday for the rest of the school year and beyond we will have farm club after school. Come to the farm, learn all about the animals, learn to care for the animals, learn what it takes to keep them healthy, what they eat, and more. Farm club will meet on the farm and be very hands on after a long day of sitting in school. Someone I met this week told me that showing goats was better than any sport for their children. I believe that is true for mine as well and it might just be true for yours!

Time: Monday 4:00—6:00

Cost: \$40 per month includes a snack

Register by email Jodie@friendlyfarmforfun.com or call 865-982-7255

ALL classes and programs on this page require registration

Special Days

National Adoption day!

November 23rd is National adoption Day! We will celebrate on the farm with buy one get one free admission that day! Come celebrate adoption with us. Time: 11-4
Cost: \$10 for the first person, second person free! Everybody 2 and over pays.... We will have extra things available that day, pony rides \$3 and animal feed 2 cups for \$1.

FARM FUN

We will be open every Saturday in November from 11-4! Come on out and play with the animal, hike in the woods, swing on the tire swing, have a picnic, enjoy being OUTSIDE!

Preschool Time

Preschool craft time

Come to the farm, meet the animals and do a great craft!
Thursday November 14
10:00-11:00
Walking—5 yrs.
\$5 per child
Bring a picnic and stay for lunch.

Get 5 friends to take any workshop and you get to choose 1 FREE! Mix and match just be sure that your friends give your name when registering

All classes and workshops require reservations! To reserve your spot call Friendly Farm at 982-7255 or email friendly_farm@yahoo.com or register on our website at friendlyfarmforfun.com.



Upcoming Events

Book your birthday party TODAY!
Mention this newsletter and book for 50% off!

We will be OPEN every Saturday in November! 11-4

Parent's Night out!

Bring your kids to the farm and go enjoy dinner! We will keep your kids! They will have a great time on the farm while you have a well deserved break!

November 9th arrive anytime after 5 pick up BY 10!

Ages walking—14 infants at an additional fee.

\$20 for first child, \$5 discount per child, \$50 maximum per family

Register by email to friendly_farm@yahoo.com

Goat's Milk

We have been asked by several about purchasing our goat's milk and cheese. Well, the cheese is a work in progress but we cannot sell you goat's milk until we can achieve Grade A dairy status with the USDA. What we can do is care for your goat and milk it for you then you can have the milk. If you are interested, call and let's discuss the options. We have PLENTY of great weeds for many more goats.

The average dairy goat from decent bloodlines that should give a good amount of milk daily averages \$200. If you are interested in this program send an email to Jodie at Jodie@friendlyfarmforfun.com and I will watch for good goats and let you know when they are available.

Would you like your son or daughter to spend 4 hours on the farm on Friday November 29th? Instead of sitting around the house playing video games, watching TV or being bored? Call me! I will do a special Kids OUTside class if I get 5 interested children age 5-14 982-7255



Upcoming events

Homeschool Opportunities
2013/2014

Thanksgiving on the farm!

High School

Agriculture Science

It's not too late to join us

This class has "morphed" a bit. On the first day of class it became obvious that these girls (and it is all girls) were really interested in homesteading. They want to be able to provide for their family from the land. We have changed the focus to be just that. It will still be a credit in Ag science for high schoolers but we will learn all about gardening, animal care, milking, cheese making, soap making, and more. These girls will know how to use the land to provide when we finish. If you have a daughter that is in high school, needs a science credit but hates science, is interested in learning about gardening, and animals, then it is not too late. Space is limited so we only have space for 1 more but I might be talked into 2. The cost is just \$250 for the semester with a \$50 book fee. This is broken into payments of \$50 per month with the book fee being due at registration. Since August and September and October are past, we will prorate the cost making it just \$100 for the semester plus the book fee. If you are interested register by email at Jodie@friendlyfarmforfun.com or call 865-982-7255

Do you need to prepare for dinner without the kids around on Wednesday, (the day before Thanksgiving)? We will have Thanksgiving on the farm! We will learn about the first Thanksgiving, do LOTS of farm stuff! And have a GREAT time from 10-2 that day! Combining this with Kids OUTside for the day will entertain and educate your children while you prepare for Thanksgiving!

Wednesday, Nov. 27

10-2

Ages 5-14 (young by request)

Cost \$20 per child

Register by email at friendly_farm@yahoo.com

Do you own a business?

WE have a few areas that we are looking for sponsorship! If you have a business we are looking for a sponsor for our barrel train! This is a fantastic attraction for families. If you have kids you have seen one! They are very popular at Bible school, festivals, birthday parties and more. Check our website for details of what is involved and the benefits to you as a sponsor.

WE are also looking for a sponsor for our farm land playground. This would be an area for young ones to have old-time fun. It has lots of old games, like grandma and grandpa played, sand pits, find the eggs, stilts, romper stompers, hoppity hops, NOTHING electric and lots of fun! Check our website for details.

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Come feed a baby goat!

Calendar

November 2 last day of Beware of the Forest

November 5 Boys Need to be Boys

November 6 Kids outside! 10:00-2:00

November 9 open 11-4

and parent's night out 5-10

November 11 Farm Club

November 12 Boys Need to be Boys

November 13 Kids Outside

November 14 Pre-school craft day 10:00

November 16 OPEN and kids OUTside!

November 18 Farm Club

November 19 Boys Need to be Boys

November 20 Kids OUTside

November 23 open 11-4

November 26 Boys Need to be Boys

November 27 Kids Outside and Thanksgiving on the farm

November 30 open 11-4

WATCH for EXCITING things in DECEMBER!

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