

Coming in next week's newsletter: Farm Talk and More!

Giant Marshmallows On the Farm?

Has Autumn finally come to Connecticut!

Though we've had some cool days and nights that have dipped into the upper 40's, our traditional type of autumn seems a bit elusive these days!

According to the Old Farmer's Almanac, "Full moon in October without frost, no frost till full Moon in November."

If they're right, and I know people who swear they usually are, that means the temperatures won't be low enough to produce frost until November 4th! That's also happens to be Will Rogers Day in Oklahoma.

To October goes the honor of having its full moon named the Harvest Moon.

This is the time of year where you not only see lots of pumpkins, but also the easy-to-cook-and-eat-squashes such as Butternut, Acorn and Spaghetti! All of which you can find right now at the Farm Store.

Also at the Farm Store right now: Zucchini, Apples, Tomatoes, Eggs of course, and a few other goodies including everyone's favorite herb for keeping vampires at bay!

Plus we have an exclusive selection of other cooking herbs such as rosemary, sorrel, bay leaves, and more donated by one of the Farm's friends.

The Farm Store is open on Tuesdays through Fridays from 1 PM until 6 PM, and on Saturdays from 9 AM until 2 PM.

MEMBERS! Now you can get your 10% discount on Tuesdays AND Thursdays as well as Saturday.

Farm Talk

The biggest news from the Farm is, of course, the SCARECROWS!

They're up on their posts and ready to be seen and be a part of your selfies! Smile for the camera!



What's Up With the Giant Marshmallows ?

As you drive by or walk by the scarecrows, you may notice the giant marshmallows next to the northwest garden.



According to Marvin Hall, professor of forage management at Penn State, wrapping hay in plastic will improve its digestibility. A Vermont farmer told me that making the hay easier for the cows to digest increases the butterfat in their milk making for a richer and tastier product!

5th Annual Harvest Festival!

Saturday, October 21st from 10 AM to 2 PM



Farm Animals! Music! Activities for the Kids!

Meet your neighbors, community vendors, and area non-profits.

Check out the Old Time Tools, and Watch the Spinning and Canning Demonstrations.

Meet Clucky T. Rooster, and Sing goodbye to the Strong Family Farm chickens as they leave for their new happy place at Driggs Farm.

It's a fun time for the entire family!

Food will be available from LuAnne's Bakery and Request-A-Chef.

Admission is Free!

There's also Free Parking at Center Road and Vernon Center Middle Schools. On-site parking is available for \$2.00 per car - enter the field from Peterson Road.

Get Ready! Get Set!

We're Going to Celebrate the Big Yellow Barn's 100th Birthday!



One hundred years ago, in July of 1917, the Strong Family was hit with a devastating fire that destroyed both the barn and many of the animals inside.

What do farmers do when something like that happens?

They start over and that includes building a new barn!

That's exactly what happened 100 years ago over August and the fall of 1917.
The Big Yellow Barn was completed in November.

As it has been for so long, the barn remains the center point of the farm. It houses the Farm Store, and it's where the Adopt-a-Chicken program takes place. Additionally, the Farm's Steering Committee and Board of Directors meet there as has the local 4H group.

Over the next year as we celebrate the The Big Yellow Barn's Centennial, you'll be seeing how local children view the barn, a story about a barn cat, and much, much more!

Looking forward to seeing you at the Harvest Festival and Wishing You All the Best,

Quinn Eurich, Editor

p.s. Remember that the Harvest Festival also marks the closing of the Farm Store. I'll be at the store for the next two weeks, so stop on by and say Hello!