

2011 October Update

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Dear Friends, Neighbors and Customers.

The weather was perfect for the **Fall Farm Day on September 24th**.

Over 200 people visited us that day.

We will have both spring and fall farm days again next year.

I will send the dates to you in the January 2012 newsletter.

Gail fell from a stepladder while painting windows on Wednesday, October 5th.

She broke her neck very severely and has spent the eight days since in the ICU and OR.

She will be fine.

Everyone from the first responders to the Neurosurgeon has done a wonderful job for her.

She will not have any neurological deficit.

Tonight, she ate a good dinner and then we took a long walk down the hospital hallways.

Gail cannot speak because of a trach tube but that should come out in a couple days. She will be able to go home shortly thereafter.

The fall did extensive damage to the structure of her neck, however.

A plate, three long rods and over a dozen screws were permanently implanted in order to rebuild her neck.

Her neck will be relatively stiff, but that should be her only permanent result.

Tonight she was moved to a normal hospital room.

She will probably be home in a few days and fully recovered before Christmas.

Fall harvest is progressing as scheduled.

From a business standpoint the only effect you may notice from this could be poorer than normal customer service on my part.

By that I mean I may be a little slow to respond to messages and it may take a little longer to schedule deliveries.

Please be patient. Email me with any questions or issues you have about your order.

The work will all get done and all orders will be filled in a timely manner.

The next **newsletter will reach you in January as usual**. That newsletter will spell out the farm plan for 2012.

You can place your 2012 order at that time.

We will have at least two **lard rendering/bobsledding** events in February or March. Depending on weather and snowfall.

We are also intending to do some **homemade soap** from beef tallow. That is new.

I've been doing a little **maple syruping** the past two years (March or April depending on sap run).

I will try to get you involved in that also.

Each of these **events will be announced via email** and will take place on a Saturday.

Have a great fall and do not worry about us.

Gail will be fine.

We are surrounded by wonderful neighbors, friends and family.

Best regards.

Tom