



Down on the Farm

Maple K Farms

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of interest:

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us on the
farm!**

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fore you visit to
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are here to
show you
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Arbor Day Planting

On Friday, March 26, Maple K Farms was the host for an outdoor experience for both fifth grade classes from Jennings Elementary in Colfax. Each year the local Conservation district purchases trees for the students to plant to learn more about the environment, water quality, and to enhance wildlife habitat.

Despite the rather cold, windy day, students were enthusiastic about planting their trees and quite



successful in getting a large number of trees and bushes in the ground. With this planting and

our own efforts, about 1000 new trees and bushes are in the ground at the Meyers property.



Maple K Farms is once again working with a farm intern. Duncan

MacDonald is working with us for the next year

Intern

to develop an overall knowledge base of our operation. He and his wife Mary are building their own operation raising pasture based poultry, pork, eggs, and beef. We are hoping that any information Duncan gleans from working with us will be beneficial to the continued growth of their endeavor.

Spring Calves



Our spring calf crop is beginning to arrive. We are expecting 15 calves this spring. With eight arrivals we have a 50% heifer crop. So far all are healthy and quite full of themselves. They haven't started running away from mom yet, but

that will begin soon enough and then the entertainment starts.

This will be Silver's last crop of calves.

We are looking for a new home for him, so if you have some



ladies looking for a gentleman escort, let us know.



"Follow-up"

Just a note to follow-up



Spring Meeting

Saturday, May 22, Maple K Farms will host the annual membership meeting for the Northwest Highland Cattle Association. The schedule is as follows:

- 9:00 AM Check-in/Registration
- 9:30 AM Presentation on Show Preparation: Naomi Ewing & Sue Weimer
- 10:30 AM Presentation on Animal Handling Facility Options: Tom Kammerzell
- 12:00 PM Lunch – *Catered*
- 1:00 PM NWHCA Meeting
- 2:00 PM Farm Tour
- 5:00 PM BBQ (*Catered*) & Bonfire

Throughout the day – Silent Auction & Picture Contest

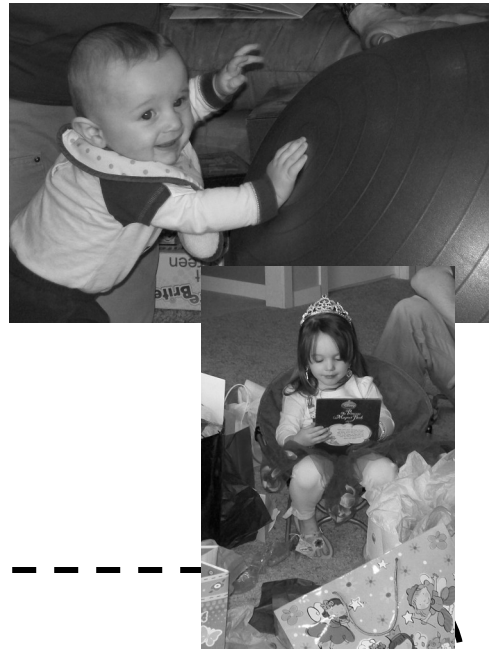
There will be a \$5.00 / person charge to cover the cost of the catered lunch.

Please let us know if you are interested in attending. There will be a small additional fee for non-members.



Family Fun

Grace has now turned 3 years old and is greatly enjoying the role of “Big Sister”. Kellan is crawling and pulling himself up on everything and seems a little frustrated with not being quite able to take off after Grace.



Chicks

We had one of our hens acting broody and very interested in sitting on eggs so we let her complete the process. She did not choose the best location; the top floor of our two-story nest box, and even after several efforts to relocate her, she insisted on her preferred nest. We left her

there and after hatching three chicks, she abandoned the nest and took to teaching her brood about life. We would have tried hatching the remaining eggs, but our old incubator chose this moment to give out so we had to settle for three offspring. They are doing well and such fun to

watch, especially when scrambling for tasty morsels with the other hens. They are quite independent except when they notice mom isn't around and then the peeping and squawking brings mom running. It will be interesting to see what they are as they grow up.





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Spring ???

during the day with nighttime temps at or below freezing. The flowers let us know spring is on the way, now we just have to have the temperature catch up.



Well the daffodils are blooming and the calendar says spring but we are getting the weather we skipped in January and February. The average temperature has been in the 40's

