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Presidents Notes



Well, here we are - last swap of the year. So far everything has gone very well.

We will have our Winter Party on January 31, 2016. More information to follow; plans to be decided at our October meeting.

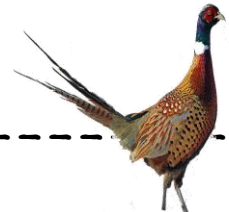
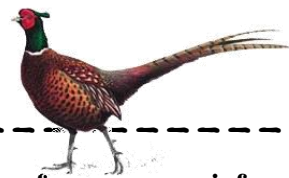
Everyone needs to thank Ton e for the fantastic job he has done on the newsletters with informative articles, superb pictures, detailed reports, etc., etc., etc. He took the job as a favor to Joe and this will be his last one. Thank you Ton e so very, very much!

Election of officers from October meeting will be presented in January.

Remember - this is your club and you are important! Next newsletter will be in January ... so all Season's Blessings and Greetings to you and yours.

Peace and Blessing Love

Estelle Wernle



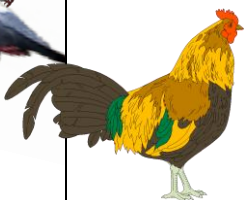
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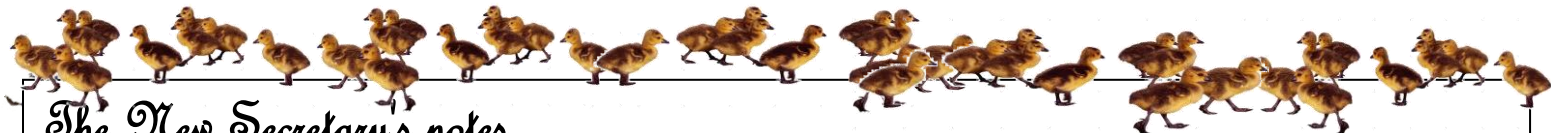
Batten down the hatches

While 'batten down the hatches' is an old shipman's phrase referring to covering grate openings in the ship's deck (hatches) with a tarp secured by wooden strips (battens) to prevent water from getting in during a storm, it still is good advice. Today it means prepare for trouble when trouble is imminent. Well, winter on a farm is trouble. It seems every year without fail, we are not prepared for winter. Maybe it's denial. Usually the bad weather hits and we are doing everything in the pouring rain or freezing cold. My advice would be to try to avoid this as it's much nicer on a rainy day to be drinking a cup of tea inside and smiling at all the silly farmers who are outside kicking themselves.

Shelters

Animals are much more sensitive to being wet and wind blown than to the cold temperatures, particularly since our winters in the desert aren't nearly as extreme as other places. Of course you should make sure all of your animals have shelter with enough room to fit everyone in comfortably. The shelters need to be as leak proof and wind proof as possible so you may need to fix the roof, build shutters for windows, etc. Even something as cheap and easy as stapling chicken feed bags across window openings will make a difference and should last you through winter.





The New Secretary's notes

Minutes May 31 2015. Meeting called to order at 9:12 by Estelle Wernle via phone.. Walter Rau read the minutes from the last meeting. Charlie Kemp made a motion to accept the minutes. Mike Tolka read the treasurer's report. Previous balance: \$9200.20, current balance: 11191.52 April gate 1182. Estelle brought up prizes for yearend awards. March gate 1435. People should bring prizes. Jodi was voted in as secretary. Walter did not oppose. Chad Ruehle made motion to accept. Scholarship: two awarded. Advertising: nothing. We have 12 of the new vests.

New business. Walter was supposed to receive a bill for the website. He has not received it he will mail a check. We need a new web master ,Jodi will ask her husband. he said yes. Mike Tolka will make a deposit in the bank. The issues in the scholarship committee were brought up. Issue will be deferred until next meeting. Gene Willman brought up if people should pay for the year end meal. Today's gate 1100. plus 12 for the scholarship fund. Chad brought up bird flu many states are shut down. as of right now we are ok. Should we order more vests. hank will order four more.. Mike motioned that we will do double drawing next month. Meeting was adjourned at 9:42 by Gene, Chad seconded it.

Jodi Forham, New Secretary

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from <http://www.beginningfarmers.org/information-about-raising-chickens/> go there for lots of links

Start Raising Chickens

Find out where to get information about everything you need to know to raise chickens on a small to medium scale, and learn about poultry processing options too.

1) Introduction; 2) Where to go for Information; 3) Books and Articles; 4) Information on small scale poultry processing

1) Raising chickens is becoming more and more popular with small farmers, urban farmers, homesteaders, others. Many people are realizing that the difference between pasture raised chicken meat and eggs, and those from large confinement operations is similar to the difference between fresh seasonal heirloom tomatoes, and those picked green, ripened with ethanol, and shipped across the country. Frozen Chickens

Chickens can also be beneficial in diversified farming operations by helping to control pests, providing an alternative, year-round source of income, and producing high-nitrogen manure for fertilizer.

Interest in raising chickens has grown quickly in the last few years, accompanied by a resurgent interest in heritage breeds, pastured poultry, and on-farm processing.

Here I try to offer a broad range of resources, applicable to small-mid sized farmers and hobbyists alike. Below I provide links to websites, magazines, articles, and books about raising chickens and other types of poultry, and information about small scale poultry processing.

2) Where to Go for Information

Chickens 101 – offers basic information about raising chickens, starting with eggs, coop plans, chicken breeds, and more.

Chicken Breeds List doesn't just list breeds, as their name might suggest. They also provide great information and articles on chicken care, breeding, and much more.

Raising Poultry – an information packed site that provides a broad range of information and resources regarding all aspects of raising poultry. A great place to start.

The Country Chicken – is about the care and raising of backyard chickens. There is information about chicken coops, daily care, pictures of breeds, and an excellent links page.

BackYardChickens.Com – is a terrific, comprehensive site focused on raising chickens on a small scale. They feature a learning center, links to great forums and message boards, coop designs, breed information, and a great photo gallery.

Sustainable Poultry is a great site which includes all of ATTRA's publications on poultry, as well as presentations, videos, databases, and other poultry information.

Poultry One – offers articles and guides for getting started in raising chickens, and other poultry. They provide great information for the beginner, with lots of information and resources.

A Pastured Poultry Resources Page links to a number of useful publications, resources, associations and forums.

The American Pastured Poultry Producers Association (APPPA) – "Encourages people to learn and exchange information about raising poultry on pasture, exchanging techniques, innovations, and advice."

International Fowl Breeders Association – would "like to be the first place you think of when you need more birds! They offer memberships for FREE, which includes a breeder's listing on their "breeders & hatcheries" page, a listing in their newsletter, and banner ad eligibility.

The City Chicken – "a web site to encourage city folks to take the plunge into poultry!" Articles, Laws, Brooding Chicks, Pictures...

The City Bity Poultry Pages have lots of pictures of small henhouses, simple yet detailed information about coop building and raising chickens, as well as web links and news items. A great site for beginners.

Backyard Poultry – "A magazine dedicated to more and better small flock poultry." They also have an excellent website with great information, resources, and links. CONT below



description	expense	income	balance
			\$15,026.95
ponderosa room deposit	\$60.00		\$14,966.95
door prizes /Estelle	\$250.00		\$14,716.95
WALTER RAU ADVERTISIN	\$389.62		\$14,327.33
Estelle / supplies	\$25.81		\$14,301.52
Allan Blumhorst	\$100.00		\$14,201.52
ponderosa	\$385.88		\$13,815.64
postage/Estelle	\$276.00		\$13,539.64
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Monroe co rabbit club	\$250.00		\$13,013.64
Monroe co fair grounds dep.	\$200.00		\$12,813.64
Monroe co fairgrounds rent	\$2,000.00		\$10,813.64
Walter Rau advertising	\$330.00		\$10,483.64
Eckhardt florist	\$123.70		\$10,359.94
Heartland classic poultry sho	\$100.00		\$10,259.94
franklin co 4H	\$100.00		\$10,159.94
voided check			\$10,159.94
Gene Willmann	\$100.00		\$10,059.94
news letter/	137.2		\$9,922.74
Mike/ flyers /	\$320.80		\$9,601.94
dues/season passes		\$575.00	\$10,176.94
country mutual	\$385.00		
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monroe co fair/ 4h	\$125.00		
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washington co 4h	\$105.00		
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mar gate		\$1,240.00	\$2,427.00
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woodside / flowers	\$53.18		
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may gate		\$1,155.00	\$7,679.22
june gate		\$1,385.00	
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1 card add		\$10.00	
3 dues (1 aug 2)		\$30.00	\$2,644.00
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executive business	\$65.50		\$11,577.36
dues		\$10.00	\$1,335.00
sept gate		\$1,325.00	\$12,912.36

CONT from above

Poultryhelp.com is a great site with tons of information, including information on plants that are toxic to poultry

Kerns Chicken Farm has a great blog about building coops, feeding, and much, much more. Check them out at <http://kernschickenfarm.com/>

3) BOOKS and ARTICLES

Raising Poultry on Pasture: Ten Years of Success from the American Pastured Poultry Producers Association has over 130 illustrated articles. It's divided into fourteen chapters and is fully indexed for ease of reference. The enormous range of viewpoints and techniques, not to mention the APPPA spirit of starry-eyed pragmatism, make this book unlike any other. \$39.95

A Guide to Raising Chickens: Care, Feeding, Facilities (Storey Animal Handbook) by Gail Damerow – Publication Date: January, 1996 – List: \$16.95

Humane and Healthy Poultry Production is a manual for Organic farmers published by NOFA, written by Karma Glos. A small book, but packed with information. \$12.95

Pastured Poultry At Joel Salatin's Polyface Farm – Weston Price Article.

Small-Scale Poultry Keeping: A Guide to Free Range Poultry Production – by Ray Feltwell – Publication Date: October, 1992 – List: \$12.95

Raising Chickens For Dummies: by Kimberly Willis & Rob Ludlow – Publication Date: 2009 – List \$19.99

Living With Chickens: Everything You Need to Know to Raise Your own Backyard Flock – by Jay Rossier – Publication Date: March, 2004 – List \$9.99

Pastured Poultry Profit\$: Net \$25,000 in 6 Months on 20 Acres – by Joel Salatin – Publication Date: July, 1996 – List \$ \$35.00

Storey's Illustrated Guide to Poultry Breeds: Chickens, Ducks, Geese, Turkeys, Emus, Guinea Fowl, Ostriches, Partridges, Peafowl, Pheasants, Quails, and Swans – by Carol Ekairus – List \$24.95

Keep Chickens!: Tending Flocks in Cities, Suburbs, and other Small Spaces – by Barbara Kilarski – List \$16.95

The Chicken Health Handbook: by Gail Damerow – List \$19.95

Building Chicken Coops: by Gail Damerow – List \$3.95

More than poultry on website

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Ill-Mo Bantam Club Website
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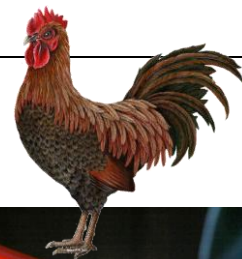
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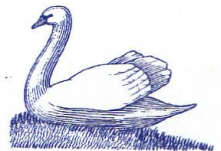
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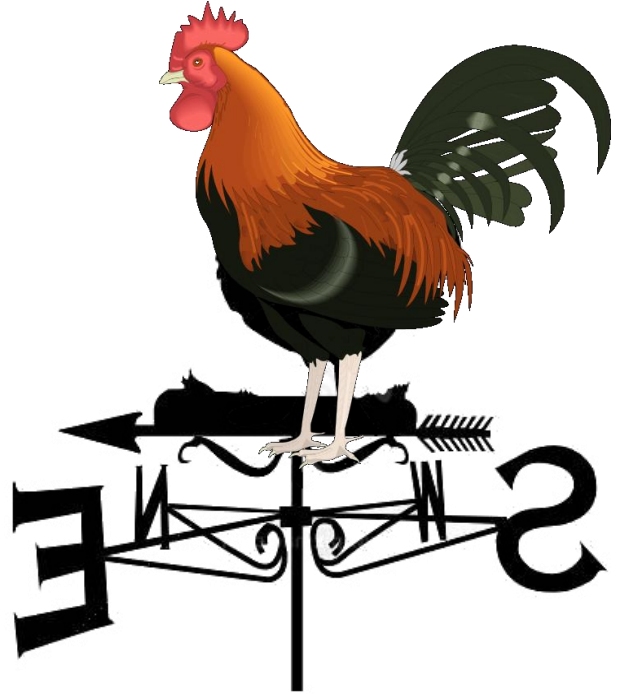
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