

JULY GREETINGS FROM CROSS ISLAND FARMS



WHAT'S FOR SALE AT THE FARMSTAND



The vegetable garden is in full swing supplying the self-serve farmstand inside the front porch with a variety of fresh certified organic produce. Besides the shelf-stable veggies shown above, the small fridge holds kale, chard, beans, onions with green tops, garlic scapes, potatoes, berries and eggs. Cuts of beef are available from the farmer. Hope to see you there!

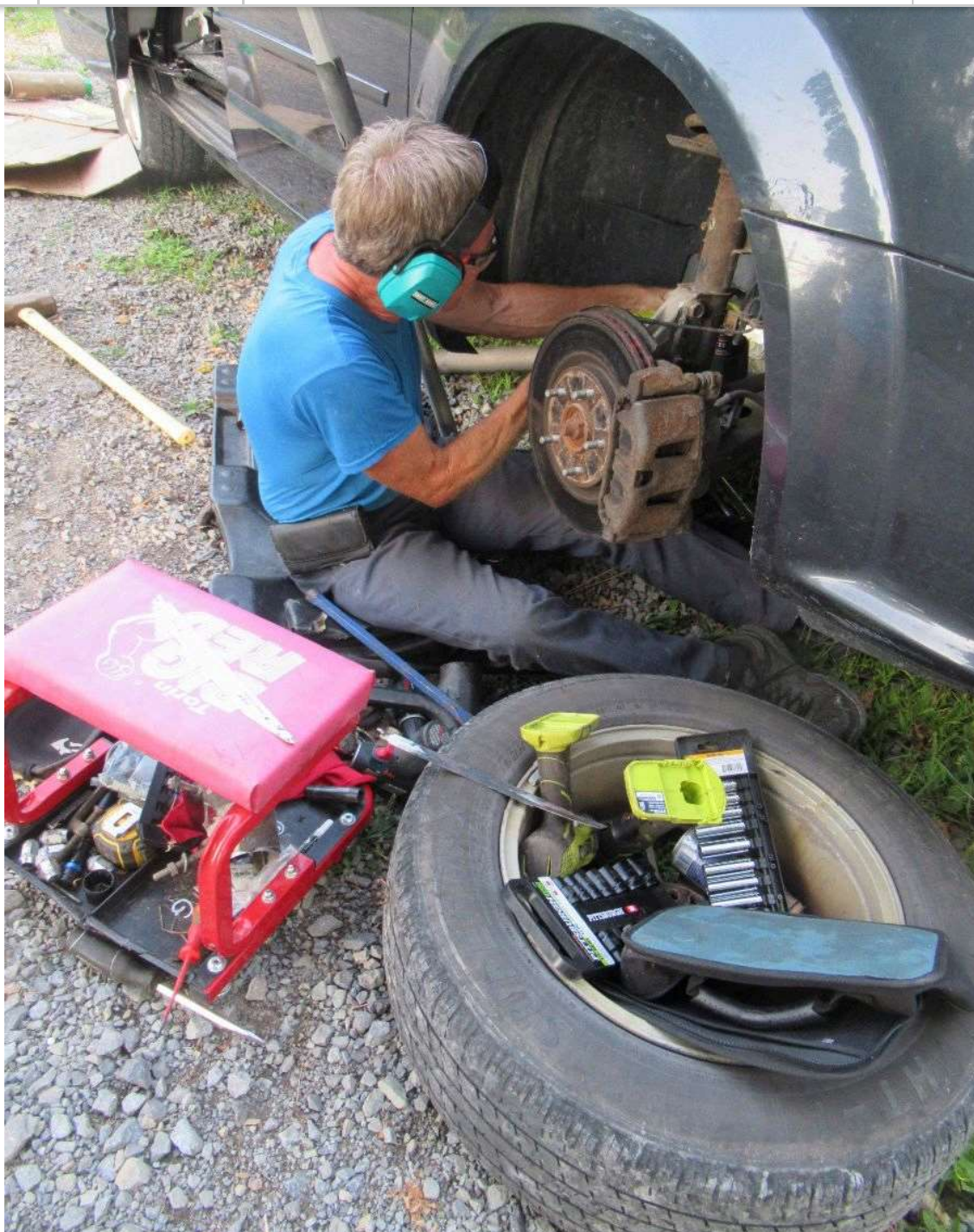
WHAT'S READY TO PICK



A family enjoys harvesting berries in the Edible Forest where tangy red and black currants, juicy blackberries and sweet mulberries are available for U-Pick. Call ahead to reserve your slot..

WHAT'S GETTING FIXED



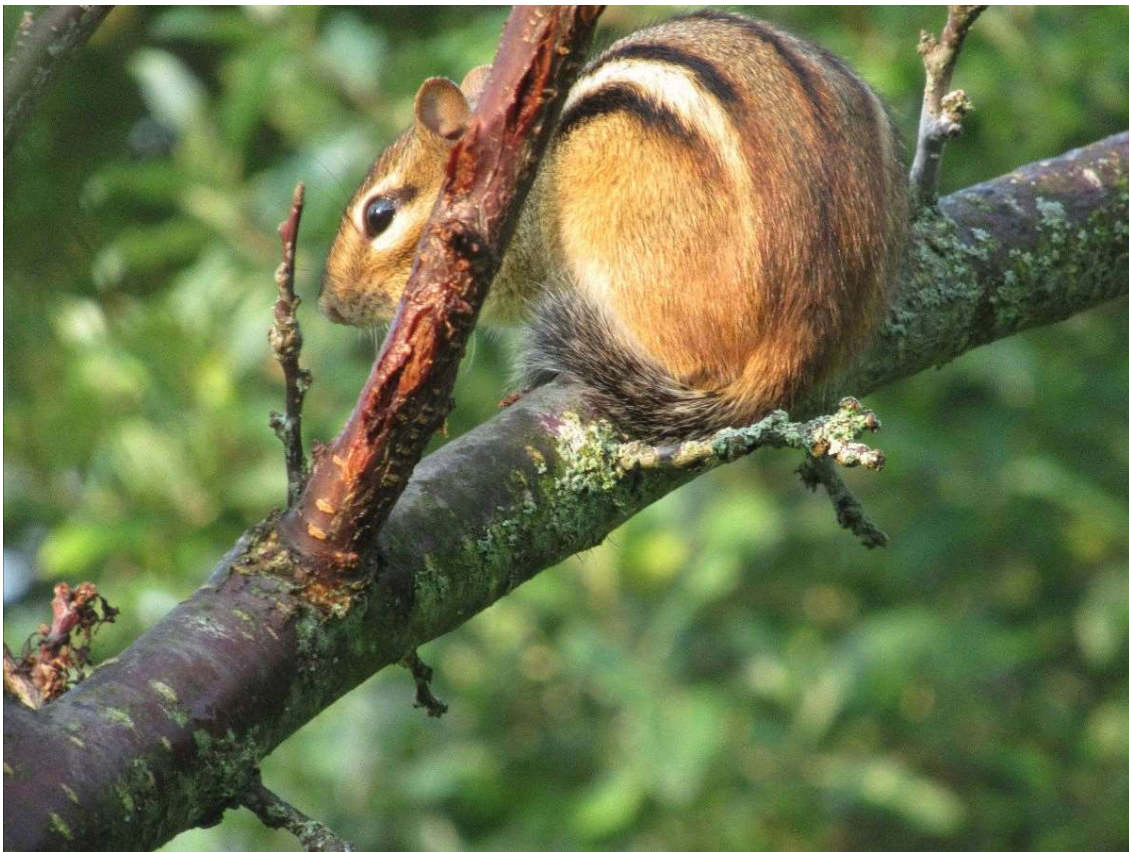
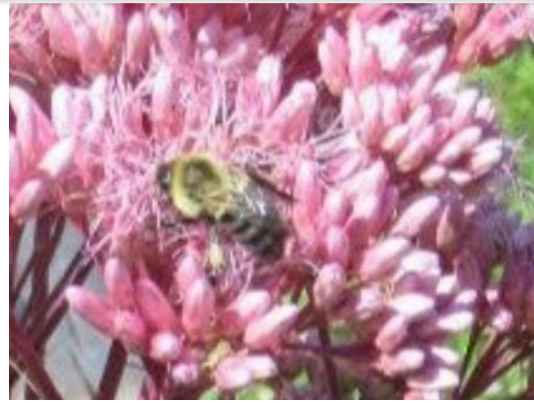


A farmer needs to be a jack of all trades. Top left Farmer David is repairing a tractor that has been running erratically. Top right he jacks up a plum tree so laden with fruit that it fell parallel to the ground. Below he replaces a worn out exhaust pipe in his van.

WHO'S HANGING OUT AT THE FARM



Our wind turbine, which for 10 years supplied most of the power used by the farm, has been out of commission since 2020. Since then we've had a few false starts with companies we contacted to repair it. This week we found a company willing to take on the task. Shown here is one of the workers from Storke LLC repelling down the 120 foot tower after thoroughly inspecting the turbine. We are hopeful that they will be able to get it producing power again before year's end.



A robin tends three eggs in a nest she built in an Asian Pear tree; A bumble bee enjoys visiting the bloom of Joe Pye Weed; A chipmunk surveys the garden perched on an Apricot branch. Chipmunks are adorable, and they are also pesky when they steal nuts and fruit before they are ripe enough for people to pick.

WHEN AND WHERE IS DANI SPEAKING



Above, Dani speaks to a crowd of Master Gardeners at Cornell's annual IPM Conference near Albany on June 27.

Off-Site: Growing Vegetables Organically

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Jefferson County
North Hamilton Street, Watertown NY
10 a.m. July 27
Register by calling 315-788-8450

Off-Site: Panelist for WPBS's Event

Culinary Climate Connection From Garden to Table

Windmill Acres
21866 Old Rome State Road, Watertown, 13601
2-4 p.m. July 30

Register at

<https://www.wpbstv.org/event/culinary-climate-connection-from-garden-to-table/>

**Off-Site: Native Food Plants for Pollinators and People
for TILT's Annual Birkhead Lecture**

Thursday, August 22, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Zenda Farms, Clayton, NY 13624

HOPE YOU'RE ENJOYING (OR AT LEAST ENDURING) THE HEIGHT OF SUMMER

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