

# THE FARM AT PROPHETSTOWN



Membership Newsletter Dec. 2018  
Edited by Megan Perry

## 2018 A BANNER YEAR!

### FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Happy Holidays from The Farm! We are busy getting ready for the long winter ahead, and making sure all the animals will be snug and safe during the cold winter months.

The Farm enjoyed another year of huge growth in 2018. Farm staff, board, and volunteers remain focused on outstanding customer service and quality animal care to fulfill our educational mission. These are the principles that guide everything we do. We are in the business of making memories, and do it with joy.

2018 marked a milestone in the completion of the renovation of the tenant house. Thanks to a generous donation from the late Nola Gentry and the work of volunteers, including Kathy Atwell (volunteer project manager), Bill Young, Mary Anthrop, Karen and John Mills, Ned Derhammer, Susie Schneider, Chris Krok and Floyd Garrott as well as work done by Paul Davis Restoration, the newly christened I. Floyd Garrott Tenant House was officially opened to the public in June! This was truly a project done with dedication and love for history. We think Nola would be proud of the final result.



We rededicated the Gibson Farmhouse in June, putting up a plaque to thank Dale and the late Carol Sue Gibson for donating the funds for its construction. Dale honored us with a visit to the rededication ceremony, and it was nice to have him “home” at The Farm!



Other farmstead improvements included building a new miniature horse shelter, replacing hydrants, replacing a water pump, electrical work in the barn, and planning a commercial kitchen in the basement of the Gibson Farmhouse. A grant from North Central Health Services will fund commercial kitchen equipment!

The park DNR staff has always been very helpful and supportive of The Farm, and we thank them for all they do. Whether it be resurfacing the pig pens, helping with repairs, mowing, or a myriad of other things- they are ON it.

Despite heavy rain, our hay crops were harvested dry and the wheat crop was successful. This is due to the skills and planning of Don and Rusty Rettig, our farming partners. Thanks to their efforts our animals have a healthy food supply for the year. Special thanks to Farm staff and to Jason Getz and Jake Shapley of the DNR for helping put up hay and straw.

The Farm's seed library was heavily used. We're thankful for the seed donations from Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds, Purdue Extension, and Seed Savers Exchange. The Farm had an heirloom vegetable and herb plant sale in conjunction with the DNR's prairie plant sale in May. Thanks to the DNR for letting us use their greenhouse!

The Gibson Farmhouse player piano wore out in May, and thanks to your donations we funded part of a "new" 1913 player piano. We received a grant from the Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette to fund the rest!



Farm programming experienced large increases in attendance, despite heavy rain and high winds at several programs. Visitors enjoyed an ambitious schedule of 55 different events centered on historic agriculture and 1920s lifeways. Education and Events Coordinator Lauren Reed did a fine job arranging these, and it takes a "village" of volunteers and staff to pull this kind of schedule off! Highlights included a vintage baseball game; Family Day; 1920s Car Camping and Bushcraft weekend; a membership dinner where we partnered with the Tippecanoe County Historical Association; the Country Fair; Barn Dance and Fall Fest; and our most heavily attended event for the year- Trick or Treating with the Animals! Several Farm staff presented programs at Purdue University, Ball State, annual meetings, art league luncheons, civic group meetings, and in classrooms.



The Farm to Table dinners sold out by the first of March! Chef Lauren was featured in numerous publications including Lafayette Magazine and the Journal and Courier. Hopefully the new kitchen in the Gibson Farmhouse will be ready by early spring so that our farm to table dinners can be offered more frequently.



Tour attendance saw an increase, with local and regional schools, FFA and 4-H groups, pre-K, church and private schools, homeschoolers, special needs students, Purdue students, adult civic and special interest clubs, nursing homes, and professional organizations all getting a taste of life on a 1920s Indiana farm. For many of these tours we partnered with the DNR so that groups could enjoy all the park has to offer.

Our animals are our partners, and this year we had chickens, ducks, turkeys, Oxford/Suffolk cross sheep, miniature horses, Standardbred horses, barn cats, New Zealand rabbits, Berkshire hogs, and Hereford cattle. Farm staff takes very seriously their responsibility to provide outstanding care for the comfort and welfare of the animals. Thank you to our Hereford cattle and Berkshire pig mentors- Ted Hunt of Hunt Bros. Herefords and Brent Stoten of Golden Dawn Farms- for their guidance, assistance, and support towards our goal of humanely raising happy, healthy livestock on the prairie.

Beef, pork, and egg sales increased, fueled by the local food movement, transparency in how we raise the animals, and our attendance at the West Lafayette Farmers Market. The membership's support of meat and egg sales is greatly appreciated. If only cattle produced all steak and pigs produced all bacon...

A dream came true in 2018 with the establishment of an heirloom apple orchard. Spearheaded by experts at Purdue, initial work has been done and trees will be planted next spring. 30+ different historic apple varieties will be featured. We thank Dennis Dunn, Bill Hoover, and Jason Getz for their help facilitating the project.

We received a lot of publicity in 2018, including newspapers, magazines, television, radio, and social media. A grant from Visit Lafayette-West Lafayette helped us do social media boosts for several events, and 211,000 Facebook users viewed these. Thank you, Visit Lafayette-West Lafayette!

Many of you are aware that power lines could potentially be relocated from their current position over the gravel pit to be moved through our farmstead. As of this writing (12-3-18) we have not heard anything additional in regards to this issue from the DNR. When we do, we will inform the membership.

Looking ahead to 2019, proposed projects include building a new sheep shelter and painting the exterior of the Gibson Farmhouse. How can you, our membership, help The Farm in 2019? Renew your membership; come to our programming and dinners; volunteer; purchase our meat, produce and eggs; share our posts on social media; bring your family; and donate if you are able. The Farm has gotten back on its feet and thrived due to your support the last several years- we are thankful for YOU!

In closing, I'd like to thank our incredible staff, our board of directors, and volunteers for all they do to make The Farm a happy, welcoming place.

*Leslie Martin Conwell*

## Membership Renewal for The Farm at Prophetstown

We have partnered with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources to promote a special package. *When you purchase a membership for \$50.00, you receive, in addition to your membership to The Farm at Prophetstown, a state park pass that is good for free admission to ALL Indiana State Parks through 2019!*

Membership benefits also include:

Access to dinners and facility rentals

Discounts on workshops

Free subscription to our email newsletter

10% discount on meat, eggs, and produce

Unlimited free admission to The Farm, Prophetstown State Park, and all other Indiana state parks for 2019!

These memberships entitle two adults and all dependent children or grandchildren age 21 and under to the member benefits.

*Yes! I'd like to become a member of The Farm at Prophetstown, and enjoy the benefits of membership!*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Please charge my credit card Card number \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to make a donation to The Farm at Prophetstown for \_\_\_\_\_

Any amount helps us further our mission to interpret 1920s Indiana agriculture and help families make memories. **Thank you!**

The Farm at Prophetstown, P.O. Box 331, Battle Ground, IN 47920

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## NEW! ANIMAL SPONSORSHIPS!

Costs for animal upkeep are one of the major expenses at The Farm, and we would appreciate your helping support their care so that we can continue to have a large variety of animals for visitors. Please consider a sponsorship! We welcome individual and business sponsors! If we receive more than one sponsorship per animal we will use the extra funds for animal care year round. All sponsors will be acknowledged on a sign in the barn. THANK YOU for your support!



### **Sponsor BOJANGLES or HOPE!**

Bo is an 11 year old miniature horse we adopted from Indiana Horse Rescue, after they saved him from neglect. Bo is a great favorite of our visitors. Everyone comments on his crazy hair! Bo's needs for the year are hay, hoof trimming, vaccinations, deworming and fly spray.

Hope is a spry 21 year old miniature horse who was a neglect case we adopted through Indiana Horse Rescue. She and Bojangles are best pals, but Bo knows who rules the pasture- Hope does! Hope's needs for the year are hay, senior horse feed, hoof trimming, vaccinations, deworming and fly spray.

**Annual Sponsorship \$400 each**



### **Sponsor DAISY or RYDER!**

Daisy came to us from Indiana Horse Rescue after her career on the harness racing track. Her breed is Standardbred. Standardbreds were used on farms to pull plows, and they also pulled school buses, hearses, fire trucks and trolleys. Daisy is 18 years young and has beautiful long legs. Daisy's needs for the year are hay, hoof trimming, vaccinations, deworming, and fly spray.

Ryder is a Standardbred, and like Daisy he came to Indiana Horse Rescue after his career on the track. Ryder adores children, especially toddlers! His favorite thing to do is lounge by the fence so visitors will pet him. Ryder's needs for the year are hay, hoof trimming, vaccinations, deworming, and fly spray.

**Annual Sponsorship \$500**





**Sponsor LOUISE or THELMA!**

Louise came with Thelma several years ago when they were lambs, so they are good friends. Louise loves hanging with Thelma in the pasture, and she is a very good girl every year when their wool is hand sheared. Louise’s needs for the year are hay, sheep feed, hoof trimming, and vaccinations.

We’ve had Thelma since she was a lamb, and she is such a sweet girl! Thelma loves to come up to the fence and let children stick their fingers into her soft, fuzzy wool. She is patient and kind to all our visitors. Thelma’s needs for the year are hay, sheep feed, hoof trimming, and vaccinations.

**Annual Sponsorship \$250 each**



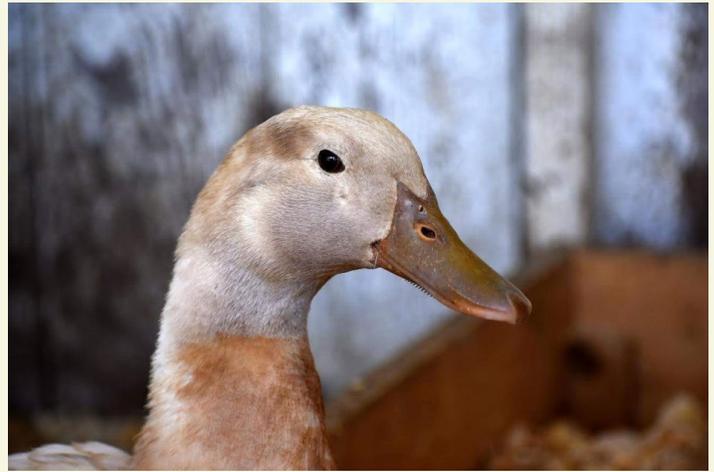
**Sponsor BRENDA, HELEN, or GEORGIA!**

Brenda is a Narragansett turkey, and an absolute favorite with our staff and visitors. She loves everyone, and will sit to be petted. This girl loves “bling” jewelry, and if you’ve got colorful jewelry Brenda will be your best friend. Brenda’s needs for the year are scratch grains and poultry feed.

These two girls came to us as babies. They are Gray turkeys, and have fit right into the flock. Always together, they are very curious and love to explore the Farm. They entertain visitors by being so friendly. Helen and Georgia’s needs for the year are scratch grains and poultry feed.

**Annual Sponsorship \$150 each**





**Sponsor a ROOSTER or a HEN!**

We have seven handsome roosters, all friendly and tame, who play an integral role at The Farm. They keep an eye out on their “girls” and make sure they find food and are safe from predators. These handsome fellows love to strut their stuff, and if they are feeling really good, they just might crow for you! The roosters’ needs for the year are scratch grains and poultry feed.

The chickens are always popular children, because of their bright and fancy colors and their antics chasing bugs and playing in the sunshine. What fun they are to watch! We have 90 hens, and they lay healthy, nutritious eggs that we sell. They’re hard working girls who love the fact that they can freely range anywhere they want to go on the Farmstead. The hens’ needs for the year are scratch grains and poultry feed.

**Annual Sponsorship \$40 each**

**Sponsor a DUCK!**

We have two breeds of ducks at The Farm – Buff ducks and Pekin ducks. The white Pekin ducks are quite elderly, but still love to jaunt around The Farm and splash in their duck ponds. The Buff ducks spend their days playing in the water, sleeping in the sun, or laying their beautiful opal-colored eggs. The ducks’ needs for the year are scratch grains and poultry feed.

**Annual Sponsorship \$40 each**

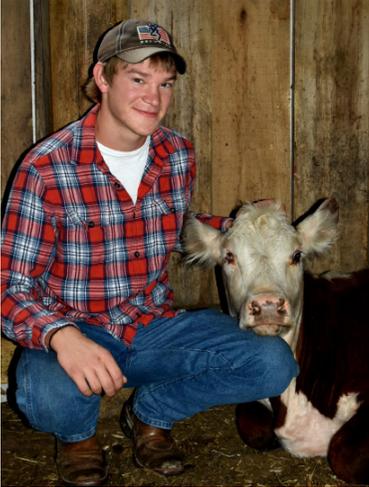


**Sponsor a RABBIT!**

Five New Zealand Red rabbits call The Farm home. By night they sleep in their wooden coops, and by day they play in stalls we call the rabbit romper rooms! They get lots of exercise and are very social. Children love to pet their soft fur. The rabbits’ needs for the year include rabbit feed, alfalfa hay, and special heated water dispensers.

**Annual Sponsorship \$25 each**

**We thank the Farm staff for their hard work and dedication in 2018!**



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Leslie Martin Conwell,  
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# Meat Prices

## Beef

Brisket	\$5.00lb
Chuck Roast	\$5.00lb
Arm Roast	\$5.50lb
Rump Roast	\$6.00lb
Cube Steak	\$5.00lb
Swiss Steak	\$5.00lb
Round Steak	\$4.00lb
Ground Beef	\$5.00 per package
Ground Beef Patties	\$6.00 per package
Short Ribs	\$4.00lb
Skirt Steak	\$6.00lb
Sirloin Steak	\$8.00lb
Sirloin Tip Steak	\$6.00lb
Flat Iron Steak	\$9.50lb
Flank Steak	\$6.00lb
Fillet Steak	\$18.00lb
NY Strip Steak	\$14.00lb
Ribeye Steak	\$12.00lb
T-Bone Steak	\$15.00lb
Stew Meat	\$5.00lb
Beef Shank	\$4.00lb
Organ Meats (ask for availability)	\$2.00lb
Ox Tail	\$3.00lb

## Pork

Bacon, Smoked	\$8.00lb
Jowl Bacon	\$5.00lb
Bacon Ends	\$7.00lb
Canadian Bacon	\$9.00lb
Pork Chop, Bone-In	\$4.00lb pack of 2
Pork Chop, Butterfly	\$4.25lb pack of 2
Ham Steak, Smoked	\$4.00lb
Ham, Whole	\$3.00lb
Pork Burgers	\$6.00lb per package
Pork Shoulder Roast	\$2.75lb
Lard	\$8.00 per quart
Baby Back Ribs	\$4.29
Spare Ribs	\$3.00lb
Ham Hocks	\$4.00 each
Ground Pork	\$4.00 per package
Sausage- Farmer's Mild Breakfast, Mama's Mild Italian, Mama's Hot Italian, Biscuit Delight, Chorizo	\$4.50 per package

\*Cash, Check, Debit, or Credit cards accepted\*

\*Purchase a membership to The Farm and Recieve 10% off all meat, egg, and produce purchase.\*

*Our meat is USDA inspected and processed by This Old Farm, Colfax, Indiana.*