

# Ridgetop Runner

## Connecting the Farm School Community

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### What the Heck Is This Thing?

This, my friends, is the mind-blowing inaugural issue of the first weekly newsletter in Farm School history. Now some of you already read *The New York Times*, *The Boston Globe*, or maybe even *The Athol Daily News*. Way to keep up with the world, but in between your perusal of those esteemed periodicals, we'll tell you exactly what's going on right here right now. As the Ridgetop starts to become your universe, you'll stop caring about anything else. For now, here is just a quick look at what each program is up to this week.

### Practical Farm Training Program

This week, the folks at Maggie's Farm are wrapping up their fabulous fall session. Storage vegetables are being stockpiled, Suzie the milking cow is heading home to Sentinel Elm Farm, and the students are reflecting on the first few months of their agricultural adventure.

### Festival of Fear!

When was the last time a movie scared you so bad you couldn't sleep? In their creaky old farm house, the apprentices are bound and determined to scare themselves silly

with an ongoing series of the most terrifying movies ever made. Got a favorite, or just one you've been dying to see? Bring it over to Maggie's Farm any night and watch it with the group. So far they've been scared away from bathrooms by *What*

### Who Left This on the Table?

Before you blame those pesky kids, let me admit that I, Patrick Farmer, am responsible for bringing this into your home. Luckily for you, however, that does not mean you have to put up with my silliness every week. Quite the contrary, this is *your* newsletter, so please feel free to email me with any reflections, updates, or upcoming events on your farm. This is the place to invite people over for a game night, see if anyone will be around to go for a hike this weekend, sell that Carhartt jacket that's too small, or find that special someone.

### Program for Visiting Schools

Things are quieting down at Sentinel Elm Farm, now that the last school groups of the year have come and gone.

### Chicken Coop School

The playful playwrights are hard at work on a theatrical extravaganza, which will open here in North Orange after the New Year.

*Lies Beneath*, suggested by Lisa, and *Psycho*, suggested by Patrick. Next up is *The Thing*, which they'll watch whenever they can track down a copy. Swing by some night and check it out.