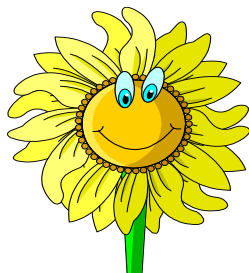


# Babe's Bulletin

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## As we write . . .

We've finished our fall farming harvest. We close the greenhouse the end of August so we can switch hats and go farming. We've also installed new roofs on four of the greenhouses. We have two more to go. In order to do that job, we need **VERY** calm weather. But we interrupt this work time to bring you a very important message: it's hunting season! Jim and Doug are now getting meat for the table. We'll fit the other two roofs in when there's a break in the action—between pheasant and deer season.



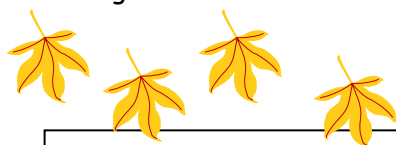
## Speaking of roofs,

### We're at it again!

Building, that is. Finally! We've built another greenhouse in which we can display and sell more of the beautiful plants we're growing in the back houses. We call it the

Geranium House because that's what it will be holding. Because of the added room, we have converted the end of House #2 (the veggie section last year) into a permanent potting area. Which brings us to **a very exciting plan!**

We plan to set aside certain times each week when you can come in and use our facilities to plant your pots. For a fee, you'll get potting soil, slow-release fertilizer, a place to make a mess, and the ability to create as you plant. It's easier to pot when you have the pot and the plants at your fingertips as you're doing it. It won't be a class and you'll be doing the work but we'll be around to answer questions you might have as you work. We're working on the details.

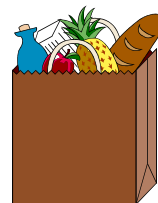


### Soon the falling leaves

will be turning to falling snow. To mulch or not to mulch is a question we often get. If you have plants rated for zone 5 winters (warmer than our zone 4), you should plan to put a protective mulch on those plants to better your chances for their survival. Zone 4 plants (or colder) will always benefit from a mulch but if you're short on time, they will usually survive without mulch. The mulch should be applied after a hard freeze since the purpose is to keep the plant frozen through winter.

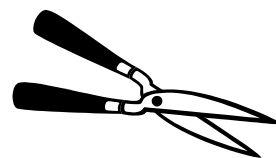
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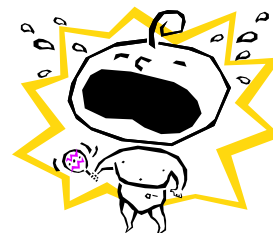


# Thank you!

Because of your generosity during our food shelf sale in August, we were able to deliver over 700 lbs. of food to the Renville County Food Shelf.



For those of you who have **Endless Summer Hydrangeas**, this first winter you should mulch your Endless Summer with about 6 inches of mulch. Also, you need not prune it back to the ground in fall. If the old wood survives the winter, it will bloom on those stems, and also on the new growth, in spring. If you have already pruned it back, don't worry because you haven't damaged the plant.



It was again a year of surgeries for some of us. Marie had work on her knee; I had foot problems. Between the four of us, we might come up with one good body!