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After a very successful year of business with Star Barn Guest House, we have officially moved the business over to the barn – Star Barn B&B is up and running! We had our first guests there in mid March. Everyone seemed very comfortable and had only praise for their accommodations. We are so grateful for all the prayers and good wishes people have been sending us as we have gone through this process.

There are still 2 rooms to complete, but that will be easy compared to what we've already done! Each day I find some way to add to the décor-move this, rearrange that, add those. I guess I won't be happy until it looks lived in!

We have contracted with The American Red Cross to be a short term refuge for people in this area who need housing for reasons such as fire or flood or some other natural disaster. We are proud and pleased to be associated with the Red Cross!

The Maine School of Masonry, directed by Steve Mitchell, who is an avid yoga student, will be contracting with Star Barn Yoga to make a weekly yoga class part of the curriculum for his students starting in September. Steve wishes he'd realized the benefits of yoga long ago and wants his students to start learning to take care of their bodies early in their careers as masons. We commend his spirit! Steve, as it turns out, is a Gideon and hand delivered the Bibles we requested to have available in our guest rooms. Small world!

Though the calendar says we moved into Spring a few weeks ago, you'd be hard pressed to tell by the way things are looking. We still have about 4 ft of snow on the ground. It seems every 3 or 4 days we're getting more snow. Fortunately, the sun shines in between, so we do get some melting. Even those of us who LOVE the snow are ready to move on at this point. Personally, I'm anxious to start doing some landscaping around the barn! The weather has made making Maple Syrup difficult this year, even delaying Maple Sunday by a week. But the birds are right on time. The redpoles, robins, purple finches, and starlings have all returned. I can hear them singing their songs in the morning, so even if it doesn't LOOK like Spring, it sure is beginning to sound like it!

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