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The dog days of summer are upon us. We've hit 90 degrees twice and the humidity has been a bit high these last few days. This should break tonight and we'll be back to "normal" for Madrid, Maine. Hard to believe in just a few short weeks we'll start to see the leaves turning. Have you considered a trip to Madrid for your leaf peeping?

The moose are moving about again after a month of laying low. David has seen a few on "the track", a gravel road that was once the narrow gauge railroad bed leading up to Rangeley. It is the shortest route for us to Phillips where we do our grocery shopping. Visit [www.phillipsmaine.com](http://www.phillipsmaine.com) to see what a great little town this, with its beautiful old homes, rolling hills, and interesting events throughout the year. This month we'll be enjoying Old Home Days, a week long festival celebrating the town, its history and its residents. Star Barn Guest House has one vacancy left for that week.

Star Barn Uniques, located in the Guest House kitchen, did real well during July. Considering we are off the beaten path, our signs on Rte 4 have evoked enough interest to have some people make the trip up Reeds Mill Road to find us. And the Guest House guests have enjoyed shopping during their stay.

Star Barn B&B is currently looking for someone to tape and mud the sheet rock. As soon as that's completed, we prime the walls and lay the floors. The plumber is "on call" to drop everything and run over here to put in the porcelain in the bathrooms. In the meantime, the mason has been back to brick around dining room chimney and more of the old barn wood has been placed inside. We can't wait to tell you we're good to go!

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