

Plattekill Times

FALL
2011

Message from the Supervisor

After our summer went out with a bang thanks to Hurricane Irene, I do hope our residents have full power restored and are recovering well from the storm. I have been working with FEMA to get funds to cover damage within our town and the damage assessment is ongoing. I hope you have heard that a Presidential Disaster Declaration for Hurricane Irene Victims in Ulster County was declared in late August, and also for the State and Town. See the announcement on page 4 for additional information about this.

I would like to thank Robert Wager and his Highway Department, the Police, Rescue and Fire Departments for all of their hard work and the help they provided during and after the storm. Clean up and repairs will continue for some time.

On a happier note, our Annual Plattekill Day will take place on Saturday, September 17 at the Thomas Felten Community Park in Modena. It is a true celebration of our Town and a great family event. Admission and parking are free and I look forward to seeing you there.

On your way to the park, take notice of a new sign on Patura Road. The name "First Lieutenant Mark Dooley Memorial Drive" was added in dedication for this citizen's service to our country. Read the article about this dedication below.

I wish you and yours a wonderful fall season.

Sincerely,
Bruce Loertscher

Road Dedication in Plattekill

In a jointly sponsored event by the Town of Plattekill, Rolling Thunder of New York Chapter 3, and the Southern Ulster Rotary, former Plattekill resident Mark Dooley was honored by having the name "First Lieutenant Mark Dooley Memorial Drive" added to Patura Road. Supervisor Loertscher provided a welcome to all and Highland resident Martiana Scott sang a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem.

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L to R: Chris Dawes, Peter Dooley, Charles Alonge, Senator Larkin, Marion Dooley, Robert Wager.



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- *Local Farm Wins Awards*
- *Veteran's Committee Plans Events*

Road Dedication... (Continued from page 1)

Senator William Larkin [R-Cornwall] provided a heartfelt speech, speaking directly to parents Marion and Peter Dooley, acknowledging, "we don't suffer as much as you do, but we bear your pain." The senator also acknowledged the presence of the Gold Star Mothers and what they have all sacrificed. The family was presented with a proclamation from New York State commemorating the dedication of First Lieutenant Mark Dooley Memorial Drive. Together with the Ulster County Rotary and Rolling Thunder Presidents, the new road sign was presented to the Dooley's. The Dooley's were clearly moved and deeply appreciative of the honor bestowed on their son.

Ulster County Legislators Wayne Harris and Kevin Roberts presented Pride of Ulster County Awards to the Southern Ulster Rotary and to Rolling Thunder NY Chapter 3 for their work in coordinating the event and making the dedication possible. Rotary President Chris Dawes presented a check for \$1000 to Rolling Thunder's President Charles Alonge for all they do for the Vets. Rolling Thunder provides help to Vets in need in a variety of ways and provides comfort to families who have lost someone in the military.

The NYS Gold Star Mothers is a group of mothers who have lost a son or daughter in the military and provide support to others. President Renate DeAngelis reiterated "that dedications like these really help the families who have lost a child."

Rolling Thunder's Alonge thanked the Gold Star Mothers, saying "there is no way we can ever repay those mothers." He went on to say how pleased he was that the sign honors Mark Dooley's service and memory and now his name will live on forever. He thanked Senator Larkin for his ongoing support of Veterans and his presence at every road dedication. Next he shared his appreciation for the Rotary and the Town of Plattekill for their support and collaboration. A special thanks went out to Robert Wager, Highway Superintendent, "who heard about this project and took the bull by the horns and ran with it."

Final thanks was given by a tearful Mrs. Dooley who talked about her son and how such a dedication helps provide closure to the family. Mr. Dooley asked

that those who we have lost and those who are still fighting be never forgotten. It was a lovely ending to a very emotional ceremony.

Assessor's Office News

Star Exemption

The Assessors Office would like to remind all property owners that they are eligible for the Basic Star exemption on their home if it is their primary residence, regardless of age or income. The assessor must receive all applications by March 1, 2012. You can request applications from the Assessor's Office at 845-883-7331.

Senior Citizen/Enhanced Star Exemption

Any property owner who will be 65 years of age as of December 31, 2012 may be eligible for either the Enhanced Star and/or Senior Citizen Exemption on their primary residence, depending on their income. If you feel you may eligible for either exemption, please contact the Assessors Office prior to March 1, 2012.

Veteran's Exemption

Any property owner who served in the military and was honorably discharged from service may be eligible for a Veterans Exemption on their Town and/or County Property Taxes. Recent legislation passed by the state allows an exemption for any Veteran who served in the military regardless of when or where they served. If you feel that you qualify for the exemption please contact the Assessors Office.


Exemption Renewals

Any property owner who is currently receiving an exemption must file a renewal application by March 1, 2012. The Assessor's Office will mail renewal application forms to residents by December 2011. You do not need to file a renewal for either the Basic Star or Veteran's Exemptions.

Plattekill Day September 17

Plattekill Day will take place on Saturday, September 17, 2011 from 10 AM to 5 PM at the Thomas Felten Community Park in Modena. It is the biggest event of the year in the Town. Community organizations sponsor booths, commercial vendors provide items for sale, and the Town provides a variety of entertainment throughout the day. Admission and parking are free and the event is open to the public. Below is a schedule of events for the day.

Plattekill Day Events Schedule

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| <p>10:00 AM Opening Ceremonies and welcome by Bruce Loertscher, Town Supervisor and National Anthem, announcements & music by Night Light DJ</p> <p>10:00 AM Lawn Mower Pulls</p> <p>10:30 AM – 11:00 AM Barbara’s Karate Kids demo</p> <p>10:30 AM – 12:30 PM Alchemy (under the Pavilion)</p> <p>12:30 PM – 1:15 PM John Hoey’s “Mystery Tour”</p> <p> 1:00 PM Air Borne Entertainment Sky Diving at Ball Field</p> <p>1:15 PM – 1:30 PM Citizen of the Year Award Presentation</p> <p>1:30 PM – 2:00 PM Pentecostal Holy Joy Church Drill Team and Praise Dancers</p> <p>2:00 PM – 3:00 PM Johnny Jake</p> <p>3:00 PM – 5:00 PM The Mustangs</p> <p> 5:00 PM Car Show Awards presented by Hannaford Supermarket</p> <p> Raffles and Drawings for various organizations</p> |  | <p><i>Attractions</i></p> <p><i>Sky Diving Demos</i></p> <p><i>Free Train Rides</i></p> <p><i>Car Show</i></p> <p><i>Pony Rides</i></p> <p><i>Lawn Mower Pull</i></p> <p><i>Inflatables</i></p> <p><i>Craft and Novelty Booths</i></p> <p><i>Organization booths</i></p> <p><i>Free Hay Rides</i></p> <p><i>Food Vendors</i></p> |
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Presidential Disaster Declaration for Hurricane Irene Victims in Ulster County

Ulster County has received a Presidential Disaster Declaration for Hurricane Irene. Those affected by the storms are eligible for Individual Assistance from FEMA.

Forms are available at the Town Hall for residents and businesses (including farms) to report damage assessment. Completed forms should be returned to the Town Hall. Residents can contact FEMA directly at

www.disasterassistance.gov or 1-800-621-3362.

RABIES CLINIC SEP. 16 @ 4 PM



**Plattekill Town
Highway Dept.
Parking Lot
Available to the first 30 people
Cost: \$10/shot
(cash or check accepted)
Another will be offered October -date TBA**



Plattekill Public Library Happenings

The staff is expecting a lot of fun at the library this fall. Besides our Pirate and Scary Story Readalouds, the next Local Business Owners' Meeting will be on September 22, 2011 at 6 PM. Moreover, plans are in the works to start a monthly Knitting Club.

Kids! Be sure to register now for the library's After-School Story time that returns on Monday, Sept. 19, 2011. It starts at 4:15pm with snacks followed by stories and a craft.

Check the library's various communications for updates as they are done frequently. Registration is suggested for all programs, in-person registration only (no phone calls please).

Due to very limited space, we are requiring tutors to pre-register before coming to the library, as we want to make sure there is enough room set aside for the tutors and their students. In addition, the Friday Teen program is suspended while it's being restructured. Furthermore, there will not be a Homework Mentor in the library. We're encouraging students to use Tutor.com for help with homework.

For more information, check our website <http://plattekill.lib.ny.us>, the library's newsletter (paper copy or via email), our Facebook page, or call the library at 883-7286.

Book Club News

Come join the Plattekill Public Library's Reading Groups! Some examples of our upcoming books include *The Ape House*, *The Help*, *Room*, *Winter Garden*, and *Bel Canto*.

Our readers come up with the selections, we have a month to read them, and then some lively, interesting, and friendly discussions occur.

We have three groups so maybe one will fit into your schedule. Contact the Library at 845-883-7286 for more information.

Plattekill Couple Makes History

On July 24, 2011 James Ganci and Richard Gordon Jr. made history as the first couple in the Town of Plattekill to apply for a marriage license under the new law allowing same sex marriages. The couple has been together over twenty years. Town Clerk Barbara Dawes issued the license at Town Hall, while Town Historian Muriel Obermeyer took pictures of the historic moment. The wedding was performed by the USAL Judge Michelle Marcus at the couple's home on July 30, 2011.



Photo of Route 44-55 looking east in Clintondale, NY. Reclassified as a "tropical storm by Sunday August 28, 2011, Hurricane Irene washed out the entire west-bound lane of this state road. The road is closed until sufficient repairs can be made. State inspectors are seen in the background, assessing the road damage and needed repairs.

Upcoming Recreation Programs

Wayne Harris, Recreation Director

883-7331

The Town of Plattekill's Recreation Department (TOPREC) has planned the following programs for our community. Here is a quick glance of the offerings for the coming months. These events can also be found on the Plattekill Community Events Calendar posted in the Town Hall, and on the Town's Web site at:

<http://town.plattekill.ny.us>. The web version is updated on a regular basis. If you have ideas for a recreational program, contact Wayne Harris.

Key To Locations: PES = Plattekill Elementary School; PTH = Plattekill Town Hall; FP = Felten Park, SC = Senior Center, CR = Community Room.

Farmers Market each Thursday 3 to 7 PM through October 27th-Town Hall Parking Lot

Youth Soccer Clinic at Felten Park—Join us for this fun Soccer program and keep the kids active! 9 AM - 4 and 5 year olds; 10 AM - 6 and 7 year olds; 11 AM - 8 to 10 year olds.

Contact Wayne Harris to register. (Saturdays, Sep. 10 – Oct. 22)



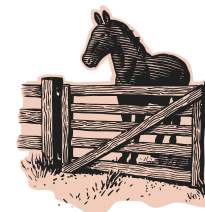
Plattekill Day on September 17th 10 AM to 5 PM, Thomas Felten Community Park in

Modena. Admission and parking free. Entertainment, community organizations, games, great family entertainment. No pets or alcohol allowed in the park.

Registration/Ticket Purchase for Rocking Horse Ranch Community Day (Actual event will take place on Oct. 2nd.) Tickets go on sale at 10 AM at the TOPREC booth at Plattekill Day and can be purchased for \$25/pp, preschoolers free. Limited to the first 100.

Zumba Interest group information at the TOPREC Booth 10 AM to 2 PM

Plattekill Community Day at Rocking Horse Ranch, 11 AM to 4 PM. Ticket pre-purchase required. Tickets are \$25/pp, preschoolers free. Buffet lunch included. Trail rides additional fee required. (Tickets went on sale on Sept. 17th at the Recreation Booth at Plattekill Day.)



Third Annual Fire Truck Pull for Special Olympics on Oct. 9 at 10 AM at FP.

Red, White, and on the Green Golf Outing at the Turtle Creek Golf Course (Garden Cathay) in Plattekill on Oct. 10. Continental breakfast, lunch, greens fees, carts, awards, memorable prizes. 9 Holes/\$195 per foursome. Breakfast and registration at 9:30 AM with a tee-off at 10 AM.

Oct. 30 Halloween Parade at Felten Park. Come in costume! 2 PM. Prizes and refreshments.

Youth Basketball Registration at 6 PM on Nov. 1 at PES. Skills and Drills on Tuesdays November 8 through December 13. 6 PM 7 to 9 year olds; 7 PM for 10 to 12 year olds; 8 PM for 13 to 15 year olds.

Adult Volleyball Registration at 6 PM on Nov. 1 at PES. Volleyball will be played Monday evenings November 7th through December 19th at 7:15 PM to 9 PM at the PES Gymnasium.

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting at Felten Park on Dec. 3 at 6 PM. Join us for caroling, a bonfire, and light refreshments. If we are lucky, we will have a visit from Santa!

NO PETS OR ALCOHOL PERMITTED AT THE TOWN PARK

Town of Plattekill Community Events Calendar Fall 2011

For general questions about Town events call the Town Hall at (845) 883-7331. For additions/changes/corrections to this calendar, email Jean Poirier, Town Publicist at jeanp5@optonline.net or call (845) 883-5284. The most recent version of this calendar is available on the Town's Web site at <http://town.plattekill.ny.us>. This list was updated 09/04/11.

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September

- Sep. 10 – Oct. 22 TOPREC Youth Soccer Clinic** on Saturdays at Felten Park. 9 AM - 4 and 5 year olds; 10 AM— 6 and 7 year olds; 11 AM—9 and 10 year olds. Contact Mr. Harris at 883-7331 to register.
- Sep. 11 Remembering 9-11 Special Service**, Sunday 10:30 AM Modena United Methodist Church
- Sep. 11 Local Business Owners Meeting** at 6 PM at the Plattekill Public Library. Guest speaker Kevin Quilty, Business Services Promotion Consultant for Ulster Development Corporation. A discussion of business services available. Please register with Barbara Jacobini at 845-883-7286.
- Sep. 11 (rescheduled from Aug. 28th) Annual Chicken Barbeque and Picnic** hosted by the PRC. Serving at 4 PM at Harris Lake (Across from the Plattekill Fire Department on Firehouse Road.) Adults \$12, Children under 12 years \$5. For tickets or more information, call 883-7118.
- Sep. 14 Informational Meeting** regarding the upcoming Plattekill Public Library Budget vote. Time TBA.
- Sep. 15 Friends of the Plattekill Public Library Monthly meeting**, 7 PM at the Library. Open to anyone!
- Sep. 15 Pirate Readaloud** at 6 PM, PPL. Come dressed like a pirate!
- Sep. 17 TOPREC Plattekill Day** at Felten Park 10 AM to 5 PM, Thomas Felten Community Park in Modena. Admission and parking free. Entertainment, community organizations, games, great family entertainment. No pets or alcohol allowed in the park.
- Sep. 17 TOPREC Registration/Ticket Purchase for Rocking Horse Ranch Community Day** (Actual event will take place on Oct. 2nd). Tickets go on sale at 10 AM at the Recreation Department booth at Plattekill Day and can be purchased for \$25/pp, preschoolers free. Limited to the first 100. 10 AM to 2 PM Zumba Interest group information at the TOPREC booth.
- Sep. 20 Jewelry making class for Adults**, PPL at 6 PM. Space is limited so registration is required. Visit the library to register (\$2 donation).
- Sep. 19 After-School Story time** begins for the fall at 4:15 PM. Story, snack and a craft project!
- Sep. 22 Plattekill Public Library Budget Vote**, 12 PM to 9 PM at the library.
- Sep. 27 SENIOR—Plattekill Golden Seniors Trip to Aqua Turf Club “Tribute to The Rat Pack.”** Bus leaves Town Hall at 9 AM. Residents \$35, Non-residents \$37. For additional information and to register, contact Mary Tierney at 883-7854.

October

- Oct. 2 TOPREC Plattekill Community Day** at Rocking Horse Ranch, 11 AM to 4 PM. Ticket pre-purchase required. Tickets are \$25/pp, preschoolers free. Lunch included. Trail rides additional fee required. Tickets went on sale on Sept. 17th at the Recreation Booth at Plattekill Day.
- Oct. 2 BBQ and Karaoke Fundraiser** at Primo's Restaurant in Clintondale for the Veteran's Memorial, 1 PM to 4 PM. Tickets \$10, children under 12 free. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs will be served and there will be a cash bar. Tickets can be purchased in advance by contacting Sis Morse at 883-6117.

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- Oct. 9** Third Annual Fire Truck Pull for Special Olympics, 10 AM at FP.
- Oct. 10** TOPREC Red, White, and on the Green Golf Outing at the Turtle Creek Golf Course (Garden Cathay) in Plattekill. Continental breakfast, lunch, greens fees, cars, awards, memorable prizes. 9 Holes/\$195 per foursome. Breakfast and registration at 9:30 AM with a tee-off at 10 AM.
- Oct. 12** SENIOR—Plattekill Golden Seniors trip to Ehrhardt's German Festival with the Joe Lastovica Band. Bus leaves Town Hall at 9 AM. Residents \$36, Non-residents \$38. For additional information and to register, contact Mary Tierney at 883-7854.
- Oct. 30** Halloween Parade at Felten Park. Come in costume! 2 PM. Prizes and refreshments.

November

- Nov. 1** TOPREC Youth Basketball Registration at 6 PM at PES. Skills and Drills on Tuesdays November 8 Through December 13. 6 PM - 7 to 9 year olds; 7 PM - 10 to 12 year olds; 8 PM - 13 to 15 year olds.
- Nov. 1** TOPREC Adult Volleyball Registration at 6 PM at PES. Volleyball will be played Monday evenings November 7 through December 19th 7:15 PM to 9 PM at the PES Gymnasium.
- Nov. 6** Daylight Savings (turn clocks back)
- Nov. 8** Election Day
- Nov. 11** Veteran's Day

December

- Dec. 2** PFD Auxiliary Penny Social. Doors open at 5:30 PM, calling at 7 PM.
- Dec. 3** Annual Christmas Tree Lighting at Felten Park at 6 PM. Caroling, bonfire, refreshments and if we are lucky, a visit from Santa!

* Denotes a change in scheduling took place.

**Registration required for Plattekill Public Library Programs.

Regular Meetings in the Town of Plattekill

Town Board - The first and third Wednesday each month at 7 PM at the Town Hall.

Town Planning Board - The second and fourth Tuesday each month at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall.

Zoning Board - The second and fourth Thursday each month at 8 PM at the Town Hall.

Friends of the Plattekill Public Library - This group meets every other month at 7 PM. Visit their web site at www.mylibraryfriends.org for the date of their next meeting.

Clintondale Fire Dept. Auxiliary - The third Monday of the month at Clintondale Fire house at 7:30 PM For more information, contact Ron Wager at 883-7344.

Clintondale Grange - The first Tuesday of the month at the Community Center, covered dish dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30 PM. If you would like to become a member or need further information contact, Don Markle at (845) 339-4518.

Plattekill Grange - The first and third Saturday each month at noon at the Grange Building, Church St. Plattekill. If you would like to become a member, or need further information contact Nat Dawes (845) 564-0728 or Jean Dawes-Childress 564-3940.

Plattekill Library Board of Trustees - The second Thursday of the month, 7 PM, at the Library.

Plattekill Library Readers Book Club - Group 1: first Thursday of the month at 7 PM at the Library, Group 2: first Wednesday of the month at 7 PM and Group 3: first Wednesday of the month at 10 AM.

Plattekill Historical Society - The third Saturday of the month at 2 PM - most meetings held at the Clintondale firehouse. For further information call 883-5848.

Plattekill Golden Seniors - Each Thursday of the month at 1:30 PM at the Senior Center (Library). For trip and other information contact Mary Tierney 883-7854.

For much more information about the Town of Plattekill, visit:

<http://town.plattekill.ny.us>

Around our Community

Farmers Market

The Plattekill Farmers' Market will continue through the end of October. Be sure to stop by on Thursdays to pick-out locally grown fresh produce, fruits and vegetables, specialty baked products, honey, maple syrup, candy and more. Every Thursday 3 PM to 7 PM at the Plattekill Town Hall parking lot, 1917 State Route 44-55, Modena.

Vine Trouble

The following was submitted by Delia Nocito, age 7, resident of Modena. It was decided by the editor to reproduce it exactly as submitted to keep the charm of the piece.

In the town of Modena, there are vines cosing trouble. There are two places that I have seen. On Contry pond lane, and the Plattikill publick library. When my family tacks a walk down ower street, she and I mostly help the trees. We save lots of maple trees. I hope the trees are allright. It has been very exiting when we are helping the trees! Me and my mom fownd where some of the vines are coming from. We sawd them down. We savd one tree just in time. I haveint seen the vines at the library. My mom did. There are trees at the library that are alredy ded.
By Delia Nocito.

Boys Scouts to Sponsor Dunking Booth

Boy Scout Troup 79 will be sponsoring a dunking booth and a yard sale at Plattekill Day on September 17th to support troop events. \$2 bucks per dunk. Come join the fun!

Plattekill Head Start

We hope everyone had a great summer! We are ready for a new school year and are rarin' to go! We have reworked our classroom to make it more exciting and open for exploration and we are looking forward to greeting our new students and welcoming back our "seasoned students" who are returning for a second year. We have many exciting things planned

for the 2011 - 2012 school year and if you know someone who will be 3 years old by 12/1/11 or is 4 and not eligible for Kindergarten, please call Betsy Escanio at 564-3262 to arrange a Wait List Interview.

The annual German Dinner will be offered at the Memorial United Methodist Church Of Modena on October 22, 2011.

Girl Scout Troop Summer Fun

This summer the girls from Girl Scout Troop 60042 spent a weekend at our local KOA learning camping skills including meal preparation, how to put up a tent, and of course, how to eat smores! If you are interested in learning more about how to become a Girl Scout or leadership opportunities in Girl Scouting, contact Donna Egan at Vank100@aol.com.



Girl Scouts from Troop 60042 after their ride on the KOA retired fire truck.

Plattekill Fire Department Auxiliary Penny Social

The Plattekill FD Auxiliary will host a penny social on Friday, December 2. Doors open at 5:30 PM, with calling at 7 PM. This holiday event will have many new items and gifts, as well as baskets, door prizes, and raffles. This fundraiser has become popular and seating is limited, so come early. The kitchen will be open! Money raised this night will go toward local families that the Fire Department "adopts" for the holidays.

Plattekill Elementary School Welcomes New Principal

Monica Hasbrouck will lead Plattekill Elementary School into the 2011-2012 Academic Year as its new principal. On September 1, 2011, the school held a "Meet The Principal Night" in the school gymnasium and invited students, parents, and community members to come in and say "hello." Mrs. Hasbrouck provided a PowerPoint presentation that outlined her professional experience leading up to this new position, and her personal philosophy of applying excellent "customer service" to foster the community spirit she hopes to inspire within the school.

She has many goals to fulfill, such as implementing the federal and state mandates: Race to the Top (RTT); Core Curriculum Learning Standards (CCLS); and Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR). She will continue to meet annual yearly progress standards while she gets to know the students, staff, and parents of the school. She plans to do this with the help of newly hired Intervention Specialist, Lori Williams. Both will focus on creating a safe, nurturing, and positive environment.

Over the summer, Mrs. Hasbrouck met with retiring principal, Lou Pietrogallo to familiarize herself with the school, staff, and overall operations. This was done on her own time, as her new position did not officially start until September 1.

Mrs. Hasbrouck was most recently employed in Middletown where she served as Assistant Principle of Maple Avenue Elementary School, which has more than 1200 students. Other previous positions include her being the Technology Integration Coach for K – 12 in Middletown and a teacher at Maple Hill Elementary and in Chester where she taught grades 2 through 6.

On a personal note, when asked what is one of her favorite things to do when she has time off, she said she loves going to Disney World with her family. She also loves to read and is a member of a book club. With three children and a husband, that doesn't leave time for much else!

With her open communication style and focus on building a team atmosphere, there is no doubt the Plattekill Elementary School is in good hands.



*Monica Hasbrouck, new principal at
Plattekill Elementary School*

Plattekill Day

Mark your calendars!

Plattekill Day has been changed to
Saturday,
September 17th due to neighbor-
ing Town events.

Subscribe for E-mail Delivery
of this newsletter today!

<http://town.plattekill.ny.us>

Plattekill 4-H Group Participates in The Ulster County Fair

The local 4-H group participated in this year's County Fair in early August. The group helps children learn about the proper care for small animals including chickens, ducks, and rabbits, while also providing community service. Below, Clare Egan is holding a Sebright rooster. It is a miniature or 'bantam' chicken. During showmanship, the children are judged for their knowledge about the chicken, (its variety, what kind of food it eats, its anatomy) and how well they handle it during the judging.



*Clare Egan poses with 'Rocky' and her showmanship ribbon.
Photo courtesy of Donna Egan.*



*Plattekill 4-H group in their 4-H shirts at the fair.
Photo courtesy of Donna Egan*



*Getting ready to show their chickens!
Photo courtesy of Donna Egan*

Local Farm Wins Award

Hurd's Family Farm was honored to be the 2010 recipient of the Golden Apple Award as Apple Marketer of the Year, by the U.S. Apple Association. Charles Hurd accepted the award on behalf of the farm. The award was presented at the annual North American Farmers Direct Marketing Association meeting in Baltimore in February 2011. The farm was selected for its co-promotion of events with local groups, such as providing the library with free passes to the farm, food kitchen donations, school programs, etc.

Hurd's Family Farm also received an unexpected award from the Hudson Valley Food Bank at the Annual Ulster County Farm Bureau meeting in April.

Congratulations to this local business for their outstanding achievement.



*Charles Hurd & Allison Parker, U.S. Apple Association Director of Consumer Health and Education.
Photo by Coral Beach, The Packer 2/14/11*

The Dancing Leaves

*The following poem was submitted by a local resident.
She asked if I have room in this newsletter that I print it. I
do think it is appropriate for the season.*

By Ireleen I. Schoonmaker 10/29/1994

They dance in a circle and whirl all about.
God's dancing leaves I'm talking about.
In the beginning, they hung on a tree,
In all their majesty, green and red as could be.
Giving shade and beauty to all who could see.

In God's given season, their colors did change,
To yellow and gold, red and green, blended together for
eyes to behold,
Then God send the winds to bring the leaves falling
down,
Twisting and turning, one at a time touching the ground.

They cuddled together and covered the green grass
As the winds blew, the leaves began their dance
Whirling and turning and dancing along
As if there was music playing their song.
They danced into the driveways and into the roads
Blended in color of beauty only the Master could create.
We feast our eyes upon them while we may
Children running and jumping and frolicking in them
every day.

The leaves just dance and dance around,
Enjoying the laughter fo the children and their sounds,
Until their season is over and we must begin with our
rakes
Collecting all the dancing leaves and bagging them up for
the take.

We store them in piles and piles creating a haven of
mulch we make
And God will recycle our dancing leaves for his sake,
Back into the ground to nourish His Earth
And start the process all over again for new birth.

Dance little leaves, fly on by, cover the earth by the wind
from the sky,
Beautiful colors for me to see
For now, before, and when you hung on the tree.

Fundraising Plans for Veterans Memorial Taking Shape

The Veterans committee has been busy planning fundraising events to help get them started raising money to build the Veterans Memorial planned in Modena.

The group is now officially operating under the umbrella of The Community Foundation of Ulster County under the name "Plattekill Veteran's Memorial Fund." The committee can now take advantage of the 501 (c) 3 status of the Community Foundation without having to file for their own status. The Foundation is there to help small not-for-profit groups raise funds for specific purposes by taking on the burden of all of the administrative and tax reporting requirements for the not-for-profit.

The following fundraising events will be offered:

Barbeque & Karaoke Party to be held at Primo's Restaurant in Clintondale on Sunday, October 2, 2011 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. The ticket cost for adults will be \$10.00 and children under 12 years of age will have free admission. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served and there will be a cash bar. Anyone wishing to purchase an advance tickets can contact Sis Morse at 883-6117.

The Plattekill Veteran's Memorial Fund First Annual Golf Tournament is being held at the New Paltz Golf Course on May 19, 2012. Additional information TBA.

Memorial Brick Pavers - The Committee will be selling these pavers which can be personalized with a name. They hope to have a display available at Plattekill Day so stop in and visit their booth.

Plattekill Dog Shelter is in need of
long lasting chews, bones, and towels.

Donations can be dropped off at the

Town Hall .

Make a tail wag today!

Town of Plattekill

PO Box 45
Modena, NY 12548
(845) 883-7331

Unless otherwise noted, call the main number for the Town of Plattekill to reach anyone listed here

Bruce Loertscher, Supervisor

Town Board:
Joseph Croce
Jon Crone
Mark Jaffee
Jennifer Zupan

Barbara E. Dawes, Town Clerk & Vital Registrar

April Colombo, Deputy Town Clerk

Robert Wager, Highway Superintendent
883-5910

Mike Dunham, Town Assessor

James Brugger
Joseph Locicero
Building Inspectors

Annamaria Maciocia, Town Justice

John G. Sisti, Town Justice

Joseph Ryan, Police Chief
883-6373 (non emergency)

Wayne Harris, Recreation Director

Muriel Obermeyer, Town Historian

Chantel Haight
Dog Control Officer
883-6557 (non emergency)
691-8473 (State Police - emergencies only)

Jean Poirier, Town Publicist
883-5284

Ulster County Legislators:
Wayne Harris, 883-6022
Kevin Roberts, 566-4143

For emergencies only
Dial 911

Senior Corner

We have a very active senior club in the Town of Plattekill and they invite all residents' seniors to come and join. The Plattekill Golden Senior Citizen Club meets four times a month, at 1:30 PM at the Senior Center below the Plattekill Public Library.

1st Thursday of the month is the business meeting.

2nd Thursday is an activity or speaker at 1 PM.

3rd Thursday is an activity or speaker at 1 PM

4th Thursday Lunch at noon is brought in or the group goes out to lunch.

During a week when there is a trip, there is no meeting. The September speaker will be: Wayne Harris, Ulster County Legislator. There is also Bingo every Tuesday at 1 PM. If you wish to become a member, contact a present member or officer and try out a meeting.

There current officers are:

President Emilie Rappleyea

Vice-President Dorcas Arocho

Treasurer: Mary Jiminario

Secretary: Fay Branca

The election of officers is in October and the new officers take office in January. Currently, there are about 60 members. The membership dues are only \$8/year.

Thank You to Sponsors of the Senior Picnic

The Town of Plattekill Recreation Department wishes to send out this public thank you to all of the generous sponsors of the Plattekill Senior Picnic, which was held on August 9, 2010 at the Felten Community Park in Modena. They truly helped make this event a success.

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Wingate at Ulster

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Ulster Savings Bank

P & G's Restaurant

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Dawes Septic

Southern Ulster Rotary

Golden Fox Restaurant

Jim Taylor Plumbing

Stewarts of Modena

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Hannaford of Modena

Plattekill Farmers Market

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Barbara Dawes

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