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LAST WEEK



Matt Perry invited childhood friend Chris Cashen to tell us about his agricultural venture known as [The Farm at Miller's Crossing](#). Chris grew up outside of Claverack and is the youngest of 9. Although he did not plan to farm, he became involved when his girlfriend started working a small rented plot. After they were married they settled in Columbia County where they expanded the operation and now farm 30 acres and raise grass fed cattle.

With the increase interest in organic food The Farm sells 30 varieties of produce to wholesalers and farmers markets.

During the growing season, foreign student trainees work fulltime on the farm. They come here to learn American techniques and are dedicated hard working agriculturalist use to long hours without much of the technology used in this country.

Chris' wife handles the bookwork and office duties for the Farm. Growing season lasts until Thanksgiving and the winter is used to prepare for the next.

NEW FAMILY FOR 2008

Anyone wishing to contribute the Winter Welcome for our new family can bring clothing, food, games or Valentine related items to the February 1st meeting.

FAMILY MEMBERS

FATHER

SIZES: Shirt/top Lge
 Pants 32x34

DAUGHTER

SIZES: top & pants 7/8

SON

SIZES: Top & bottom 4T-5T

DUES ARE DUE

The Club secretary is responsible for membership reporting. Please see Jack to pay your semi-annual dues and receive your Membership Card.

Menus

1/16 Pork Dijonnaise
1/23 Salmon w lemon dill sauce
1/30 Chili in bread bowl
2/6 Steak sandwich on chibetta bread
If you need an alternate meal please see Marci or our waitress when you arrive.

CLUB STATS

MAKE-UPS: Moseley

GUESTS: Betty C., Chris Cashen.

50/50 Mitch (2 weeks in a row)

2008 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

1/16 Students of the Month
1/23 Dennis Knoll-Clean Water
1/30 C, Calvin TH Superintend.
2/6 Matt Herman Chili cookoff
2/13 Carolyn Moyhihan
2/20 Christine Ryan
2/27 Sherry Ritchie

FOUR WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do

- 1) Is it the **TRUTH**?
- 2) Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- 3) Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- 4) Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

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OUR STUDENTS

Robert Lachance is the son of Janice Sanders and Gerard Lachance Library Media Specialist Steve Tiger nominated Robert in recognition of his numerous accomplishments.

Robert is captain of the Taconic Hills High School basketball and track teams. He attended Boy's State, is a member of National Honor Society, Student Council, and Amnesty International. Last summer he attended Brown University's Environmental Leadership Lab where as one of 30 students, he studied the natural ecosystems in Hawaii. He has placed on the high honor roll all throughout high school.

This year Robert is attending the New Visions Scientific Research and World Health Program. Currently he is conducting a study on the prevalence of mercury and PCB's in fish found in New York City. Robert will be traveling to Guatemala this spring to further his studies.

He intends to study Environmental Engineering in the fall of 2008.

Colleen Farrell has been selected by the Taconic Hills Faculty in recognition of the outstanding qualities she has exhibited as a student and community member to be a January Student of the Month. Colleen is the daughter of John and Annmarie Farrell of Hillsdale.

Her teachers are impressed with Colleen's concern and compassion for others. This year she started a chapter of Amnesty International at Taconic Hills High School. Her AP English Literature and Composition teacher and Amnesty International sponsor Stan Koroleski, describes her as well organized, impressive, and an effective leader.

Colleen is involved in Varsity Track, select choir, Model U.N., National Honor Society, and mentoring elementary students. She currently works as a sales associate at The Berkshire Co-Op. Music plays a huge part in Colleen's life. She sings and has played piano since the age of 8. She has recorded on 3 of her father's CD's and is currently beginning to compose her own music. She would like to study International Politics in college next fall.

NEXT WEEK

Dennis will present a program on Clean Water.