A Newsletter For People Who Care About Agriculture

An Evening Discussion About Poisonous Plants of Connecticut

Learn about the most common toxic plants found in Connecticut, and discuss problems you have encountered with your animals. Moderators are Dr. Dennis Thibeault, Green Valley Veterinary Services, Dr. Jennifer Hall, Coastal Valley Veterinary Services, and Joyce Meader, UCONN Cooperative Extension System. Directions available at www.odetah.com

October 3rd, 7-9 PM
Odetah Campground
38 Bozrah St. Ext.
Bozrah CT
No charge and refreshments will be provided.
Please RSVP to 860-774-9600.

Walktober!

Every weekend in October is Walktober, a great way to explore and experience the Last Green Valley. There are seventy-nine walks scheduled along with over thirty area events. Forty of the walks are happening here in Windham county. For more information go to www.lastgreenvalley.org and click on the Walktober link or call 860-963-7226. Just a few of these walks are:

- -Turkey Talk on Ekonk Hill, Sterling CT
- -The Quiet of the Still River, Eastford CT
- -Mill Village Memories, Thompson CT
- -Speaking from the Grave, Woodstock CT



Apples Abound!!



Apple Orchards in Windham County

18th Century Purity Farm Hall Homestead 156 Plainfield Pine Rd Plainfield CT, 06354 (860) 564-8733

Buell's Orchard 108 Crystal Pond Rd Eastford CT, 06242 (860) 974-1150

Horse Listeners Orchards 317 Bebbington Rd Ashford CT, 06278 (860) 429-5336

Oak Haven Farm 113 Khourie Rd Scotland CT, 06264 (860) 456-3333

Palazzi Orchard 1393 North Rd East Killingly CT, 06243 (860) 774-4363 Woodstock Orchards 494 Rte. 169 Woodstock CT, 06281 (860) 928-2225

Lapsley Orchards 403 Orchard Hill Rd Route 169 Pomfret Center CT, 06259 (860) 928-9186

Betsy's Stand Rt 49 Ekonk Hill Sterling, CT 06377 (860) 564-1117

Andamaxei Orchards & Nursery 392 Hampton Road Chaplin CT 06235 (860) 455-9026

Normans Orchard 387 County Rd/Joy Rd Woodstock, CT 06281 (860) 974-1235

Fall is a great time to go apple picking!

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A New Face at the FSA Office

With the changing of the seasons came a new change at the Brooklyn FSA office, a new Temporary Program Technician (TPT).

The new TPT is Sarah M. (Davis) Phaiah a young women who has long had a love for agriculture. Sarah comes from Oneco/Sterling where her family operates Davis Dairy, a small dairy farm with a milking herd of 200 of mainly Holsteins and a few Holstein-Jersey crosses. Sarah has been involved in the farm since she was 5 when it was her job to get off the bus in kindergarten and clean the parlor from the morning milking.

Besides working on the farm, Sarah was also a Killingly FFA Member and served the State FFA Association as Secretary and Reporter in 2006-2007 and retired in 2008 from serving as Vice-President.

Sarah and her husband, Ken, live in Oneco where in their spare time they volunteer with the Oneco Fire Dept. and Moosup Ambulance.

Sarah is excited to work at the FSA where she can take her love for agriculture to a new level. She is looking forward to working with and helping support the local agricultural community.

OCTOBER EVENTS AND DEADLINES

- **-Now thru October 15** Every Wednesday thru Sunday from 11-5 photographic exhibition of Woodstock's barns and their history. Event is free and will be held at Roseland Cottage Carriage Barn, 556 Route 169, Woodstock
- **-October 18 & 19** 10th Anniversary of the Amish Bank Barn. Contact Blue Slope Country Museum for directions, admission prices, and schedule of events. By the web, www.blueslope.com or 860-642-6413
- -October 30th-CT-WAGN Introductory Workshops on Business Planning with Joe Bonelli, UConn CES Agricultural Economist, Tolland County Extension, Vernon (just off exit 67, I-84 on Route 30)
- -November 6th- CT-WAGN Introductory Workshops on Business Planning with Joe Bonelli, UConn CES Agricultural Economist, New London County Extension Center, Norwich (next to Three Rivers Community Technical College)

Don't forget to put down your cover crops!

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