

Mountain Lines

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☺ October will be here before we know it and one of my favorite events is happening right here in Ellenville.

St. Francis Day or The Feast of St. Francis will be held at *St. John's Memorial Episcopal Church* at 40 Market St. on **Oct. 2nd at 10 AM.**

Religious or not, most people know about St. Francis of Assisi, who reminded people that human beings are not the only creatures of importance in God's creation, but the animals, the woods, waters, sun and moon are also wondrous parts of the whole. In the past several decades pastors began to pray for, gather, and bless all kinds of animals on this special day. Everyone is invited to bring a pet or plant to *St. John's* for the service.

Dogs must be on leashes and cats and rabbits in carriers for their own protection. A sudden noise or the fear of all the people and other animals could cause a happy time to go bad. If your pet is very nervous, just bring a photo along to be blessed. Believe me, the animals are already blessed... this service is really for the people to honor them.



Dianne with Bumpy
(2/7/89 – 8/19/05)

☺ One religion that honors all of creation is Buddhism. There seem to be quite a few communities of Buddhists nearby and the *Dharmakaya* has bought 87 acres along **Cragsmoor Road.**

There are ongoing discussions between the *Cragsmoor Association* and *Dharmakaya* about water and traffic, as the sect is planning a conference center. We would also like to know if the newcomers will contribute to the infrastructure of the mountain community, since religious groups do not have to pay taxes. Cragsmoor has always had problems providing enough water to homes under drought conditions as the water is found in layers that depend a great deal on rainfall.

☺ We live in such an environmentally-unique area that I thought you might like to hear about some things happening in another neat place – the far northwest. The following is from Grist, a site I found online that gives great information we never hear about; imagine something similar being done right here:

Royale With Breeze... Northwest Burger Chain Switches to Pure Wind Power

Fans of Pacific Northwest fast-food purveyor Burgerville will soon be noshing on burgers and onion rings cooked up with clean energy. The Holland Inc. – parent company of both the Burgerville and Noodlin' regional chains – has announced that all of its restaurants will use regionally-produced wind power for 100 percent of their electricity needs. The move may increase the company's overall energy costs, but will reduce its carbon-dioxide contributions by about 17.4 million pounds a year -- the equivalent of taking 1,700 cars off the road.

Burgerville has long felt the Pacific Northwest love by featuring regional foods such as Tillamook (Oregon) cheese and Walla Walla (Washington) onion rings. The energy switch is just one more commitment "to business practices that benefit our guests and enhance the communities we live

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in," said chief operating officer Jeff Harvey. Makes us want to weep with joy, right into our organic ketchup." (Reprinted by permission from Grist Magazine. For more news and humor sign up for Grist's free email service, <http://www.grist.org/signup/>)



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