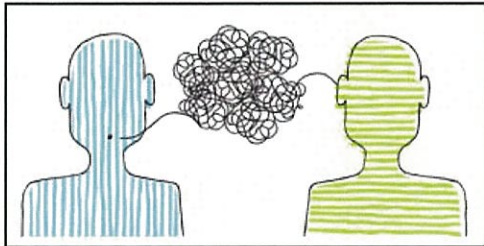


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Spring Social



Have you ever wondered what Farm Bureau is? What Farm Bureau does? Are you a current member and have ideas to improve Schuyler County Farm Bureau? Join the Schuyler County Farm Bureau board for a **Spring Social on May 2, 2018, from 6-8 p.m. at Lakewood Vineyards**. This social is open to both current members and non-members with the goal of improving and strengthening Schuyler County Farm Bureau. There will be light refreshments and some wine to taste. Bring your ideas and questions, and come on out and meet the board. The importance of Farm Bureau is higher than ever and we need all of your ideas, input and activism. There will be a membership special for new members, which includes free tickets to the summer picnic for you and the new member!

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to:  
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# Schuyler County Farm Bureau Happenings

## Schuyler County Farm Bureau Spring 2018 Newsletter

### President's Message—Nicole Rawleigh

Help wanted! I want to hear your feedback and thoughts on Schuyler County Farm Bureau. The Board works hard all year long to strengthen and protect agriculture within our county, but we are looking for new ideas and events to make our county Farm Bureau even better. We will be holding a Schuyler County Farm Bureau Spring Social on Wed., May 2, from 6-8 p.m. at Lakewood Vineyards. This social has two goals: the first is to hear from our members in a non-formal social environment, and the second is to reach out to the larger community and let them know the great work that Schuyler County Farm Bureau and NYFB do every day that may not be recognized. I hope you will take the time to join us and bring a friend. There will be a membership special for new members, which includes free tickets to the summer picnic for you and the new member!

In February, board member Chad Hendrickson and county Farm Bureau member Abby Stamp went on a NYFB-sponsored lobby trip to Washington, D.C, along with a dozen other farmer members from across the state. While there, they had the opportunity to meet with many of New York's Congressional delegation. With all the turmoil that seems to come along with D.C. these days, having farmer members there is vitally important, as they lobbied on such things as the 2018 Farm Bill and agriculture labor.

In March 2018, a group of members represented Schuyler County Farm Bureau at the annual Taste of New York Reception and Lobby Day event held in Albany, NY. The members presented samples of Sunset View Creamery cheese and wine from Lakewood, Hazlitt, Atwater and Barnstormer. They then had the opportunity to speak to our elected officials, as well as our adopted New York City legislators, on many important issues affecting our local agriculture. If this is something you would be interested in attending, either in Albany or D.C., let us know.

One of the greatest events for Schuyler County Farm Bureau is the annual farm tour for all three school districts' sixth grade classes within Schuyler County. A group of approximately 170 sixth graders will tour Bergen Farm on May 30, 2018, where they will have the opportunity to not only see how the farm works every day, but also learn from several agriculture industry professionals about their careers and the education needed related to those careers. This is a great event to showcase local agriculture businesses and show potential careers for the students. We are looking for volunteers to help us run the event smoothly—please contact me if you are interested.

I look to the year ahead and am so grateful to be a part of Schuyler County Farm Bureau. The year looks promising and full of exciting events to further promote and educate on the importance of agriculture in our community. There are many priority issues facing New York agriculture and I truly believe it takes all of us working together to find the solutions. I see a strong organization that works hard every day to preserve agriculture and our way of life

Thank you!  
**Nicole Rawleigh**





**Board Member  
Chad Hendrickson  
and SCFB Member  
Abby Stamp at Lobby  
Days in Washington,  
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### 2018 Annual School Farm Tour - Help Needed



Are you looking for a way to get more involved with Schuyler County Farm Bureau? We are looking for volunteers to help with the annual school tour on May 30, 2018. This event sends every sixth grader in the county (Watkins Glen, Odessa-Montour, Bradford) to a farm for a day. No other county in the state can boast those kinds of results. If you are interested or want more information, contact Nicole Rawleigh at [rawlersteinfarm@gmail.com](mailto:rawlersteinfarm@gmail.com) or (607) 664-7245.

### Calling all Schuyler County Young Farmers and Ranchers!

Hi, I'm Sarah Teed and I've been the Young Farmers and Ranchers representative for two years now. I'm trying to gather the input from our Young Farmers and Ranchers to see what they would like to do this year for events. Are there other farms you would like to visit? Do you want to see a plant that could have some of the products that you use on the farm? Do you want to see where some of your equipment is made? Would you like to learn about something that has been on your mind? If this is the case, please contact me either by phone or email. Maybe we all can get together as a group and make this happen. I'm looking forward to hearing from the Schuyler County Young Farmers and Ranchers!

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### Agricultural Literacy Week - 2018

On Mon., Mar. 19, as part of National Agricultural Literacy Week, Schuyler County Farm Bureau was delighted to host Sue Santamarina, Senior Program Manager for Agricultural Development for the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, who read the book "Before We Eat: Farm to Table" to Mrs. Iandoli's third grade class at Watkins Glen Elementary School. As a show of support from the school district, also in attendance were Superintendent Greg Kelahan and Director of Instruction Kristine Somerville. Many thanks to Chad Hendrickson and Meredith Williams for making this happen.

Agricultural Literacy Week is celebrated each year, based around National Agriculture Day. It is all part of the Agriculture in the Classroom initiative. Each year Schuyler County Farm Bureau donates a copy of the chosen book to every third grade classroom in the county. We have also had preliminary meetings with the Watkins Glen School District about the potential of reinstating an agriculture program, something that hasn't been around for many years. Agricultural education needs to start young and Schuyler County Farm Bureau is working at it. If this is something you would like to help out with, let us know.



### SAVE THE DATE

Our signature social event of the year!

The Annual Schuyler County Farm Bureau Summer Picnic  
Thursday evening, July 26, 2018  
at beautiful Atwater Vineyards overlooking Seneca Lake

