

AG TRIVIA NIGHT WRAP-UP

Madison County Farm Bureau is grateful to everyone who made its 5th Annual Ag Trivia Night a success! Held on Sat., March 9 at the Hampton Inn and Suites in Cazenovia, there were over 150 in attendance! Over \$3,500 was raised that will go towards supporting FFA and 4H youth programs in Madison County.

Thank you to the participating teams, sponsors and everyone who donated for the auction! Without you, this event would not be possible!

Congratulations to the winning team from Oneida County Farm Bureau. This is the second time in three years that the team from Oneida County has won!



YOUNG FARMERS & RANCHERS BOWLING NIGHT ANNOUNCED

FRIDAY, MAY 10 AT 7 P.M.

AT THE CAZ SPORTS BOWL



Any member between the ages of 18-35 is welcome to attend a Young Farmers & Ranchers bowling night on Fri., May 10, beginning at 7 p.m. We'll gather at Caz Sports Bowl, 3 Carriage Lane, Cazenovia, for a fun event along with people who are as passionate about agriculture as you are! Participants will be responsible for their bowling fees, shoe rental and any "adult" beverages. **Food will be provided.** Call Bailey at 315-439-0636 to register or for more information.

NY AGRICULTURAL LITERACY WEEK RE-CAP

A remarkable core of volunteers, FFA teachers, youth and Madison County Farm Bureau members joined together recently to celebrate Agricultural Literacy Week. During the week of March 18-22, over 1,150 elementary students in Madison County were read *On the Farm, At the Market*. The book explores the interconnected community of farmers and consumers and how the food sold at the market comes together to create the meals we share.

A copy of *On the Farm, At the Market* was provided to each school or classroom library by Madison County Farm Bureau. Each year, classrooms throughout New York State participate in this valuable learning experience with over 2,000 books distributed and thousands of children learning about the importance and diversity of agriculture!



Assemblyman John Salka and Tess Southern, CCE Madison County Educator, present this year's Agricultural Literacy Week book selection *On the Farm, At the Market*.

Photo Courtesy of: Charles Pritchard, Oneida Dispatch

REMEMBER TO E-LOBBY!

With a new year comes new NYFB e-lobbying efforts. To participate in the e-lobby action items that NYFB is working on, go to www.nyfb.org and click on the E-Lobby—Take Action! icon. Choose your passion and show elected officials you support New York agriculture!

Oppose Farm Labor Mandate Legislation

Legislation has been introduced that would require farms to pay overtime and allow their workers to collectively bargain, either of which could put a farm out of business through financial stress or worker strike. Please tell legislators that this legislation is extremely harmful for farms in New York.

Oppose Legislative Ban of Lorsban in the State

Legislation has been introduced that would ban the use of Chlorpyrifos in the state. Farms across New York depend on this product to protect their crops from pests and, in many cases, there are no alternative for use. We need your help to voice concerns about this legislation.

MADISON COUNTY FFA CHAPTERS PARTICIPATE IN NYS LEADERS EXPERIENCE

Madison County Farm Bureau was pleased to support the attendance of local FFA members to this year's NY FFA State Leaders Experience (SLE) conference in Albany in February. The two-day conference focused on FFA members engaging directly with their local lawmakers to learn about the legislative process, the issues facing the industry, developing a message and telling their stories. FFA members from Stockbridge Valley, Hamilton and Madison recently attended the March county Farm Bureau board meeting to thank them for their financial support and to present highlights of their SLE conference experience. The funds donated by Madison County Farm Bureau were raised through Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee activities such as Ag Trivia Night.



Members of Stockbridge Valley, Hamilton and Madison FFA Chapters with Madison County YF&R Chair Bailey Coon (r) at the March board meeting to discuss their attendance at the NY FFA State Leaders Experience conference.

EQUINE CAREER AND COLLEGE FAIR

SATURDAY, MAY 4

9:30 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M.

NEW YORK STATE FAIRGROUNDS EXPO CENTER

This is a FREE program open to all who are interested in learning more about career and college opportunities within the equine industry.

Registration required: https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/EquineCareerAndCollegeFair_225

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WORKWEAR PROGRAM



All Farm Bureau members and farm employees have to do is either tell the person at the customer service desk they are a New York Farm Bureau member or show any type of proof—that's it. Members will bring their purchases to customer service, mention that, and they will get the discount of **10% off Herb's Already Low Regular Prices!**

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**MADISON COUNTY FARM BUREAU
OPEN HOUSE**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 14
BEGINS AT 6 P.M.**



**HELD AT TUSCARORA DAIRY
TUSCARORA ROAD, CHITTENANGO**

All Madison County Farm Bureau members are invited to attend the open house at Tuscarora Dairy, owned by the Steve & Marylouise Durfee family. The evening will begin at 6 p.m. with a short farm tour as well as an ice cream social. A brief board meeting will take place at 7:30 p.m.



**Come enjoy a summer evening
with some good conversation
and ice cream, too!**

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Madison County Farm Bureau board meetings are normally held on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Madison County Farm & Home Center, 100 Eaton Street, Morrisville, NY

MADISON COUNTY FARM BUREAU



April 2019

President's Report



Looks like we've finally made it to spring and everyone will be running full tilt soon enough.

While I have the chance, I'd like to thank Madison County Farm Bureau members Larry and Kate Fisher, who took the time to meet with elected officials during NYFB's annual Taste of NY Reception and Lobby Day in Albany on March 4-5.

By attending NYFB's Lobby Day, they stood up for agriculture in Madison County and all of New York State. They met with local Senators and Assembly members, as well as "adopted" legislators from New York City, to discuss NYFB's state public policy priorities as well as agricultural issues that Madison County farmers are facing. For our urban legislators, this may be the only time they meet with a farmer, and possibly the only rural New Yorker.

I'd encourage any Farm Bureau member to make the journey at least once to meet with elected officials in Albany. Stand up and have your voice heard and help promote New York State agriculture!

Darrell Griff

President



Madison County Farm Bureau members Kate Fisher (left) and Larry Fisher (right) met with Assemblyman John Salka during NYFB's Lobby Day on March 5 in Albany.

FFA Blue Jacket Presentations Announced

Madison County Farm Bureau board members will be presenting FFA blue jackets to the winners at the following banquet dates/times:



Deruyter

Fri., May 24 at 6 p.m.
Deruyter School

Madison

Fri., June 21 at 6 p.m.
Madison School

Hamilton

Wed., June 12 at 6 p.m.
Hamilton Caf 

Canastota

Tues., June 4 at 6 p.m.
Canastota H.S. Caf 

Stockbridge Valley

Thurs., May 30 at 6:30 p.m.
Stockbridge Valley Aud.

Cazenovia

Wed., June 12 at 6 p.m.
Cazenovia High School

Thank you to the FFA members and advisors who applied this year for the Madison County Farm Bureau Blue Jacket Award!

SIGN UP NEW FARM BUREAU MEMBERS AND RECEIVE AWARDS

2019 MEMBERSHIP INDIVIDUAL AWARDS & INCENTIVES

QUARTERLY RECRUITER DRAWING

Each quarter there will be a drawing for a cash prize. For every member you sign up that quarter, you will be entered in the drawing.

HIGH FIVE AWARD

Write 5 new memberships and NYFB will show its appreciation for your hard work by awarding you special Farm Bureau apparel.

3 STAR HONOR AWARD

Sign up 3 new members and NYFB will recognize your increased level of commitment to membership with a special award at your County Annual Meeting.

HONOR CLUB

Write 1 new membership and NYFB will recognize your accomplishment by awarding you a special gift at your county annual meeting.

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