

Yates County Farm Bureau

Summer 2023



Dear Yates County Farm Bureau Member,

The annual **Tools, Trades & Trivia!** is back and better than ever. Scheduled for Saturday, April 22nd at Climbing Bines Craft Ale Company, we hope you plan on joining us for a night full of trivia, fun, and fellowship. This year we are happy to announce that we will be partnering with Penn Yan FFA Alumni Association to bring this great event back for a second run. Together, we will be fundraising for the Tools of the Trade Matching Grant Scholarship and the Penn Yan FFA Alumni Association. The Penn Yan FFA Alumni Association is a group of former FFA members of our local Penn Yan FFA chapter that helps to raise funds for current students and their activities in the organization. Students have the opportunity to go to local, state, and even national events all of which come with a cost that the Alumni Group seeks to help with. Our night starts off at 4:30 PM with check-in/registration followed by dinner at 5:15 PM then trivia at 6 PM.

A FEW MORE EXCITING NEW ADDITIONS: We will be having a Cake, Pie and Cookie Auction, in addition to our live auction and silent auction. We are looking for individuals to donate their best cakes, pies, or batch of cookies. The top selling items will earn more than just bragging rights, they will earn you a **FREE** 1-year membership for Yates County Farm Bureau! We will also be drawing for the **Penn Yan FFA Alumni Raffle** at the end of the night. This year's prizes for the Alumni Raffle include a Yeti Hardshell cooler, \$200 gift card to Himrod Farm Supply and a Yeti Tumbler. For additional information or questions or to purchase tickets for Tools, Trades & Trivia or the Alumni Raffle email yatesyfnr@gmail.com or call Triana at 315-536-2212. This year's event is going to be a great one!

Tickets for this event are \$25 a person and include a great chicken BBQ dinner, 2 hours of trivia, access to our auctions and a great evening of fellowship. A Tools, Trades & Trivia Team Registration Form is available inside this newsletter. We hope you'll consider entering your own trivia team for this exciting, fun-filled evening. All while knowing that monies raised will be put right back into our community as we help support our local FFA kids and help fund our Tools of the Trade Matching Grant Scholarship being made available to our young adults pursuing a career in a skilled trade.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to be involved in this exciting partnership event of the Yates County Farm Bureau and the Penn Yan FFA Alumni Association. Let's all work together so that we can offer our young students and professionals the support they need as they enter the Yates County workforce and community.

Respectfully,

Triana Burgos-Farnan, Chair
Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee
Yates County Farm Bureau Board

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THANK YOU, EILEEN!

For 52 years, Eileen Farnan and her husband Ken have been growing grapes and perfecting their wine making at Buzzard Crest Vineyards/ Barrington Cellars. Her devotion and love for her work has carried over into the commitment and dedication she has had to the Yates County Farm Bureau as well. After twenty years serving as the Treasurer for the Yates County Farm Bureau Board, Eileen has decided to step down. Her life's work with Ken at the vineyard and wine cellar will continue on. We wanted to give her a shout-out to let her know that we appreciate everything she has done over the years and want to thank her from the bottom of our hearts.

TOOLS OF THE TRADE FIRST YEAR RECIPIENTS

The past few months have been full of new opportunities for our younger generation of agricultural professionals in Yates County. Through the Tools of the Trade funds, we have awarded two individuals with monies as part of the matching funds grant created last year.

Breonna Lane-Tomion and Kendall Johncox, two Penn Yan FFA Alumni, attended the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis this past October to receive their American Degrees. The American Degree is the highest degree achievable in the FFA and is given to less than 1% of FFA members. Members that earn the American Degree go above and beyond during their FFA careers and work hard even after graduating to earn this degree through the vigorous application process.

We are happy to help these two attend nationals and make their community proud. Kendall worked for Monroe Tractor after graduating High School in

Campbell, NY as a truck driver and a diesel mechanic. He has since left and is now working at Fritz's Trailer Sales as well as working in the shop doing service work on trailers. Kendall also facilitates sales of new trailers as well as parts and trailer accessories. He also has a trucking company of his own.

Breonna is currently a 911 dispatcher as well as a newly licensed real estate agent. She also managed the Indian Pines Farm Market as well as helping to harvest grapes in the area.

Both students have put countless hours into their respective areas of employment and have taken initiative to apply for this recognition.

Our final applicant is Perry Lewis. Perry is also an alumni of the Penn Yan FFA chapter and applied to receive funding for a tool box that will be used to house his tools used on his vineyard operation as he repairs and maintains equipment and machinery.



One of the first recipients of the Yates County Tools of the Trade Matching Grant Scholarship, Breonna Lane-Tomion as she receives her American Degree.



Perry Lewis and his newly purchased toolbox with monies provided by the Yates County Tools of the Trade Matching Grant Scholarship Fund.

ARE THE TRADES CALLING YOUR NAME?

The Yates County Farm Bureau has recently expanded the "Tools of the Trades" Matching Grant application! The application has been expanded to now include award opportunities for students between the ages of 15 – 18! Yates County Farm Bureau is calling all students who are interested in pursuing a job or career in the occupational trades, we now have a special award category just for you. Students are eligible for up to \$500 per year to help defray the cost of purchasing tools equipment or supplies, for licenses and certifications, for travel to leadership activities and trainings. All information and applications are available on the Yates county page of the www.NYFB.org website. Click on the About Tab on top and then the County Farm Bureau's Tab, scroll to Yates and click.



Kendall Johncox, another recipient of the Yates County Tools of the Trade Matching Grant Scholarship as he receives his American Degree.

NEW YORK FARM BUREAU LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES SET FOR 2023

Below are the New York Farm Bureau 2023 legislative priorities. These priorities are a culmination of the grassroots efforts which began last fall at county annual meetings and culminated at the State Annual Meeting held in December. These priorities reflect the collective interest of our members and rural communities and will determine the focus of our advocacy discussion and action for the year ahead.

- Support legislation and budget appropriations that would allow New York to replenish the Unemployment Insurance (UI) trust fund without overburdening businesses with high UI tax bills, specifically the interest assessment, as businesses recover from the pandemic.
- Support critical funding for current agricultural animal health (such as the Avian Disease Program), promotion, research, and environmental programs in the final FY 22/23 state budget.
Support farmers in their efforts to adapt to and mitigate climate change through funding of critical programs in the Environmental Protection Fund and legislative programs that support on-farm renewable energy.
- Solar development and the aggregate value of solar lease payments should be utilized as potential development value when property is appraised for PDR values or similar farmland preservation programs.
- Support the development of solar energy that balances private property rights and the current and future land needs of agriculture in the state. Whenever possible, prime soils and actively farmed lands should be avoided in favor of previously disturbed or fallow lands and rooftop development for distributed generation.
- Oppose any alteration to Soil and Water Conservation District laws that would change the make-up, mission and function of the State and County Soil and Water Conservation Districts without the statutorily required inclusion and input from County Boards of Supervisors, or county legislatures, New York Farm Bureau, the New York State Grange, NYS Department of Ag & Markets, and the four-way partnership (NRCS, NYACD, the State Committee, and the Employees Association) of the Soil and Water District system.
- Continue funding support the Nourish-NY program to help farmers provide local, healthy food to underserved and food-insecure communities in the state.
- Oppose legislation increasing the state's minimum wage, until there is a national wage standard to allow New York's businesses to compete on a national basis.
- Oppose legislation that prohibits the use of agricultural chemical protectants and support strong DEC's regulatory authority over pesticide registration in accordance with sound science.
- Support legislation allowing direct to consumer shipping for all New York-produced farm beverages, including beer, cider, and distillates.
- Oppose Extended Producer Responsibility legislation that doesn't require consumer responsibility for packaging they receive and doesn't unduly burden New York's food and wine manufacturing businesses.
- Incentivize more locally produced food purchases by public entities without values-based purchasing requirements.
- Target federal and state infrastructure funding for rural roads, bridges and broadband.

IN ADDITION TO OUR SHARE THE ROAD CAMPAIGN...

We all know that flashing lights, strobe lights, and SMV signs can make a huge difference for motorists being able to see that there is something ahead. The Yates County Farm Bureau (YCFB) would like to remind ALL members to make sure that you have fresh and bright signs on the back of every Slow Moving Vehicle! There are several outlets for Slow Moving Vehicle signs around the County and we encourage every person to "Take two" to the check-out counter next time you are shopping at your local equipment or hardware store.

In addition, many of the hardware stores sell magnetic-base strobe lights and flashing lights at a very affordable price. Furthermore, there are remote-controlled units which allow the operator to operate turn signals and flashers with remote technology. These remote units are available at multiple locations around the county, and YCFB would like to remind all of it's members about the importance of not only increasing the number of strobe lights and flashers on your equipment, but to also support local vendors who sell these items.



YATES COUNTY FARM BUREAU & PENN YAN FFA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

TOOLS, TRADES & TRIVIA

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023

CLIMBING BINES

CRAFT ALE COMPANY

511 Hansen Point Road, Penn Yan, NY

**** CHECK-IN BEGINS AT 4:30 PM ****



*Bring your goodies
to the
Cake, Pie & Cookie
Auction*

*for a chance to win
a Farm Bureau
Membership!*

*See Page 7
For details*



\$25 PER PERSON INCLUDES:

- Chicken BBQ Dinner by Wagner Restaurant with chef Andrew Jensen.
- 2 hours of engaging trivia action courtesy of FLX Trivia with Nate Baker.
- Silent Auction items available to bid on.
- Live Auction with auctioneer Brayden Webber.

TEAM TRIVIA with answers submitted via cell phone will include questions on:

- ▶ Agriculture
- ▶ Agriculture Careers
- ▶ FFA
- ▶ History of Farm Bureau in NYS

PROCEEDS RAISED will be distributed among Yates County Farm Bureau and the Penn Yan FFA Alumni Association in furtherance of their support of our young adults interested in pursuing an agriculture career or skilled trade.

2023 TOOLS, TRADES & TRIVIA

Team Name: _____

Team Contact email: _____

List of Participants:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

**Mail Completed Registration Form and
Registration Fee (\$25 per team member) to:**

Triana Burgos-Farnan

2735 Gray Road

Penn Yan, NY 14527-9554

Registration & Payment Due

April 8, 2023

**Make checks payable to:
Yates County Farm Bureau**

Yates Young Farmers & Ranchers along with Penn Yan FFA Alumni Association

CAKE, PIE & COOKIE AUCTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 22ND, 2023

CLIMBING BINES

CRAFT ALE COMPANY

511 HANSEN POINT ROAD, PENN YAN, NY

****DROP-OFF BEGINS AT 4:30 PM ****



During the second annual Tools, Trades, Trivia! Event, Yates County Farm Bureau's Young Farmers and Ranchers in collaboration with the Penn Yan FFA Alumni Association will be auctioning baked goods to support the Tools of the Trade Matching Grant Fund as well as the Penn Yan FFA Alumni Association. The top selling items will receive a free one-year membership for the Yates County Farm Bureau. We ask that all donations include a list of all ingredients used as to accommodate those with food allergies. For more information, please email yatesyfnr@gmail.com.

YATES COUNTY TOOLS OF THE TRADE

CAKE, PIE & COOKIE AUCTION SUBMISSION FORM

Please plan on submitting with each baked good item entered.

Name: _____

Baked Good Item: _____

List of Ingredients: _____

YATES COUNTY FARM BUREAU "SHARE THE ROAD" CAMPAIGN ROAD SIGN AND BANNER ORDER FORM

Make checks payable to:

Yates County Farm Bureau

Mail form to: Ritchie Lent

"Share the Road" Campaign
2695 Coates Road
Penn Yan, NY 14527-9306

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Quantity
Ordered

Amount

_____ "Share the Road" signs at \$8 each _____

_____ One Sided 4' x 8' "Share the Road" Banner at \$75 each _____

_____ Double Sided 4' x 8' "Share the Road" Banner at \$100 each _____

Total Amount Due _____

YATES COUNTY FARM BUREAU TRAVELS TO ALBANY FOR LOBBY DAY AND TASTE OF NY RECEPTION

New York Farm Bureau's Lobby Day and Taste of NY Reception were held for the first time since COVID and Yates County Farm Bureau was there.

The Taste of NY Reception, held on February 27, allows our elected legislators, staff and other participants a chance to talk with our Farm Bureau members and sample the many great products made right here in New York. Counties from across the state brought their best as they handed out cheeses,



Yates County Farm Bureau members Paul Enos (l) and Matt Lewis (r) at the New York Farm Bureau's Taste of New York Reception held February 27 in Albany, NY.

pulled pork, beef, salads, multiple varieties of milk, apples, honey and a myriad of other great New York State products. Our own Yates County Farm Bureau members, Matt Lewis and Paul Enos were on hand to hand out samples from Climbing Bines Craft Ale Company located in Penn Yan and Vineyard View Winery located in Keuka Park. Thank you to Climbing Bines and Vineyard View for their support and contribution towards this event! It is always well attended by legislators and staff and it's a great experience for all involved.

New York Farm Bureau's Lobby Day takes place the following day where our Farm Bureau members meet with legislators to discuss Farm Bureau priority issues. These priority issues are determined at the New York Farm Bureau State Annual Meeting held in December and are reflective of the interest of our members and rural communities. New York Farm Bureau's 2023 Legislative Priority Issues can be found on page 6 of this newsletter.

Matt and Paul had a productive day as they met with Senator Thomas O'Mara and Assembly Member Phil Palmesano, both representatives of our County. They also had the opportunity to meet with an "Adopted" urban legislator, Assemblymember Jamie Williams from Brooklyn. Meeting with urban legislators helps them to better understand agricultural and rural issues in Yates County and also allows Farm Bureau to better understand the needs and concerns of their urban constituents as well.

WE ARE ONLY AS STRONG AS OUR MEMBERSHIP

We are only as strong as our membership and its solidarity and keeping farming in New York relevant.

We are proud to announce that Yates County Farm Bureau was the FIRST County in New York State to reach its Regular Member Goal in 2023! Thank you to all who made it possible!

With that goal reached, the Yates County Farm Bureau has a new goal in mind, which is to expand the number of voting delegates who are able to vote and participate in New York Farm Bureau's Annual Meeting. We are very proud to announce that we are less than 12 members away from being able to qualify for an additional delegate! Delegate assignments are based on county membership.



**1ST COUNTY
TO REACH
REGULAR
MEMBER
GOAL!**

Yates County Farm Bureau can always use your help with getting new members, whether they be full- or part-time farmers, supporting businesses or people that eat. Reach out to your agriculture contacts and make sure they are members of Farm Bureau. If they are not members, ask them to join. Let them know that we are stronger together. Membership materials, applications or brochures can be obtained by contacting ANY Board member.

Starting March 1 through June 30, New York Farm Bureau runs a great special for new members. For \$149, new members get the rest of 2023 and all of 2024. That is a \$60 savings, along with all the great member saving benefits that come with it. To sign up, folks can either go to www.nyfb.org or call 518-436-8495—it is that easy!

WILL YOU BE JOINING THE YATES COUNTY FARM BUREAU “SHARE THE ROAD” CAMPAIGN?

As part of the Yates County Farm Bureau (YCFB) community outreach plan, Farm Bureau hosted an open forum featuring keynote speaker and presenter, Sheriff Ron Spike, who has served for many years on the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee, and has been a long-time advocate of increasing awareness of Slow Moving Vehicles. After the presentation, approximately 40 Farm Bureau members engaged in a think-tank session, discussing ways how we can help to increase awareness and understanding of the slow moving vehicles which must use the roads and highways in Yates County on a daily basis.

The think tank session has produced results, and Farm Bureau has officially launched the Yates County “Share the Road” campaign. With the assistance from Jessica Martin, NYFB Manager of Membership Development, a customized logo has been created! Yates County Farm Bureau has formed a collaborative working relationship with the Yates County Sheriff’s Department to reinforce Sheriff Spike’s steadfast commitment to reducing accident’s involving Slow Moving Vehicles.

The YCFB would like to ask you to participate in our “Share the Road” campaign with our Road Sign Challenge...Our goal is to place a minimum 500 signs along the highways and roadsides of Yates County alerting motorists of Slow Moving Vehicles. To officially kick off the campaign, YCFB has purchased 100 signs and will begin placing these at key locations around the county. The next step is up to you...our members who want to make a difference in our community. Please consider purchasing additional signs at \$8 each for yourself as well as your neighbors, and let’s meet the 500 sign goal!

Signs are being made available at retail locations for purchase throughout the county:

- **Branchport Hardware**
1 W. Lake Road, Branchport, NY
- **Himrod Farm Supply & Hardware**
3141 Himrod Rd., Himrod, NY
- **Knapp & Schlappi Lumber Co. Both Locations**
273 Lake St., Penn Yan, NY
71 Bigelow Avenue, Dundee, NY
- **Martin Equipment & Hardware**
900 NY-14A, Penn Yan, NY
- **Quackenbush Hardware & Lumber**
4777 NY-14A, Geneva, NY

Signs will also be available for purchase at the Yates County Tools, Trades and Trivia Event on Saturday, April 22nd held at Climbing Bines Craft Ale

Company.

The YCFB has also purchased a total of (10) 4’ X 8’ banners, and will be placing these around the

County as well! Mr. Jason Cook, YCFB

member, has blessed the YCFB by donating 10 banner stands for our use! Thank you, Jason, for this extremely beneficial and essential donation!

YCFB needs your help with these signs! We would like to move these signs around the county on a weekly or bi-monthly basis. Please consider allowing Farm Bureau to put one of these signs up on your roadside, and also help us to either pick up the signs, or to take the banners and stands to their next location. Please feel free to reach out to ANY of the YCFB Board members with your willingness to participate in this county-wide “Share the Road” Sign Campaign.

Signs, as well as 4’ x 8’ banners are also available to purchase with our easy ordering form included in this newsletter - see Page 5 for details.



SAFETY TRAINING FOR YOUTH

Along with our newly announced “Share the Road” Campaign, the think tank also discussed the importance of increasing the quantity, as well as the quality, of annual safety trainings held in Yates County especially for our youth. The Yates County Farm Bureau would like to ask for your support of these educational programs by being involved as a presenter, teacher, or mentor. We need to increase real-world trainings for our youth so that they can learn how to safely operate equipment on the roadways. By providing this instruction, it will not only inform, but also increase skill development. As all of you know, there is no substitute for hands-on experience and observation based education. We need members, such as yourselves, to help make a positive difference with youthful, inexperienced operators.

Anyone interested in becoming involved with safety trainings should contact John Kriesse at 315-856-0234.



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