Legislators' Holiday Get Together



On Jan. 10, several county legislators joined Allegany County Farm Bureau members for their annual holiday get together. Curt Crandall and Dave Decker spoke on county issues.

Five county legislators attended an Intergovernmental Affairs Committee meeting in Washington, D.C., where U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue, U.S. Vice President Mike Pence, and legislators from across the country were also in attendance. Among the topics discussed were tax reform and the Farm Bill. There are six new county legislators this year out of 15. Curt was

once again selected as chairman for 2018. Committee selections went out and every legislator is either a chair or vice-chair on each standing committee.

Highlights for Allegany County: Things are moving forward on the hotel/conference center being built at the former truck stop—additional public informational meetings will be held; the vacated GE Lufkin building has a potential new tenant; and we are pleased to hear that the grant for Mass Bio solids has been funded by the state budget.

Presentation about Bolivar- Richburg Central School's new Agriculture Program

Dan Quarterly and Pat Eshelman, from the Bolivar-Richburg Central School District, gave a presentation on agriculture education which was well received by the legislators. County Farm Bureau members have been involved in doing presentations in the agriculture class on Fridays.

Christian Lewis met with New York Farm Bureau President David Fisher to talk about expanding this curriculum to statewide.

The program continues to expand and produce grown in their gardens will be used in the school in either the cafeteria or home economic classes. Community support for this program has been great. Great job Pat!





Member Spotlight

Jara Farms is operated by James and Clara Beiler and their eight children.

The farm focuses on feeding and educating people in a wholesome, nutritious and ethical manner. If you wish to visit the farm, please call for an appointment.

A great variety of products are available at the farm or at farmers markets. Visit their website at: jarafarms.com



Upcoming Events

- Apr. 14 Spring Fling cattle sale at Alfred State College
- **May 15 -** Agricultural Career Day at Alfred State College. Students in grades 9 and 10 from all schools in the county are invited to attend. Presenters from many different aspects of agriculture will be represented to give students a better idea of all that is involved in an agricultural career.
- **July** Allegany County Fair. We are always looking for volunteers to staff the county Farm Bureau booth during fair week. If you are interested in helping, please contact any board member.
- **Sept. 26 -** Farmer to Neighbor Dinner at the Lake Lodge in Alfred. An amazing meal with food provided by local farmers and prepared by ACES at Alfred.





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Let Farm Bureau Know Your Concerns

Is there something happening locally affecting how you farm, such as local town ordinances? County Farm Bureau directors and representatives can help work with local town governments to strengthen your voice.

Board meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month at the Cooperative Extension Office in Belmont, NY. All members are welcome to attend.

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Allegany County Farm Bureau President Darleen Krisher-Meehan addressed NYFB members during the delegate session. Some of the issues brought to the table were: support for funding for critical food safety, animal health and agriculture promotion. More information can be found in the *Grassroots* newspaper.

Six county Farm Bureau members went to the State Annual Meeting in Albany. Here they are showing the Silver Key Award that the county Farm Bureau received. This award is given based on all the achievements accomplished throughout the year. Rob Chamberlain also received a Carhartt jacket for signing up five or more new members. Good job Rob!





Nora Carnes accepted the Pro-Ed Award for the Adopt-an-Alpaca Program. The county Farm Bureau also received a check for \$200. This program was done at The Scio School with their fifth graders. They learned about the care of alpacas, their fiber and its uses and visited Kellogg's Alpaca Farm for shearing.

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