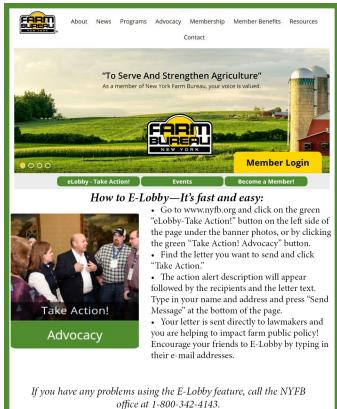
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Wyoming County

Farm Bureau News







President's Message:



Just a few short days ago in Punxsutawney, PA, the popular woodchuck saw fit to bestow upon all of us six more weeks of winter. Personally, I was pretty sure more snow and ice was in the

forecast, but I always try to have some optimism!

Optimism is something it appears we will all need a good amount of this year. Milk prices are headed for a cringeworthy low, and grain prices don't look all that much better. As we strive to cut cost and save on the farm, New York State government is also looking to save some money too. After a recent meeting with Senator Gallivan, it looks like these cuts may, in part, come from reduced funding to programs from across the agricultural community. Now is the time for us to speak up for our industry and let the rest of New York State know what is important to the folks that cultivate our food supply. Reach out to us at Farm Bureau, and reach out to your representatives in Albany and Washington, D.C.

Sooner or later, all across Wyoming County, the snow will begin to melt. Hopefully the spring sun brings with it a brighter outlook for agriculture!

Russell K. Klein



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Calendar of Events

Feb. 17: YF&R Dinner Dance, BW's in Pavilion
Feb. 20: Regional meeting at Coop Ext. in Batavia
Feb. 24: DOT Clinic in Gainesville at Marquarts
Mar. 3: Pride of Ag Dinner in North Java
Mar. 5-6: NYFB Lobby Days in Albany
Mar. 10: YF&R Maple Tour
Mar. 16-17: YF&R Leadership Conference in Auburn
Mar. 19-23: Ag Literacy Week
Mar. 29: Ag Trivia Night at Byrncliff

NYFB Regional Meeting

NYFB will host a Regional Meeting on Feb. 20 at Genesee County Cornell Cooperative Extension in Batavia. The meeting will be held from 6:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and will include a light meal.

The NYFB management team feels it is important for them to visit different areas of the state to share updates and talk with members about local issues and concerns.

Agenda items include:

- What's new in the 2018 New York State budget
- NYFB's 2018 Priority Issues •
- What's new with NYFB membership
- Website and communications tools
- NYFB leadership updates (YF&R, ProEd) •
- NYFB Foundation
- NYFB SG 486 Workers' Compensation Program
- Open Discussion •

Reservations are required for this meeting

If you would like to attend, please contact NYFB-WNY Office at: 585-343-3489 or 877-383-7663 (toll free)

Scholarship Offered by Wyoming County Farm Bureau and Lamb & Webster

Wyoming County Farm Bureau is teaming up with Lamb & Webster to offer a \$1,500 scholarship to a high school senior or college student for the current school year.

To be eligible, the applicant **MUST**:

- Reside in Wyoming County and have a parent and or guardian that is a NYFB member.
- Be a high school senior enrolled in an approved/ accredited college or university, OR
- Be a full-time student attending an approved/ accredited college, university or vocational/ technical program.
- Be pursuing an agricultural or agribusiness degree.

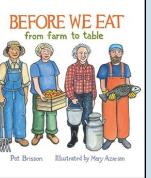


To receive an application packet, please contact NYFB-WNY Office at: 585-343-3489 or 877-383-7663 (toll free)

Application deadline is May 4, 2018

Ag Literacy Week—March 19-23

Wyoming County Farm Bureau helped purchase books to celebrate New York agriculture when volunteers throughout the state will read a book with an agricultural theme to second graders. Students and teachers will benefit from hands-on lessons and receive follow-up activities, along with the book. The book is donated to the school or classroom library with a bookplate recognizing the donor and New York Agricultural Literacy Week.



This year's book is "Before We Eat: From Farm to Table" by Pat Brisson, and Illustrated by Mary Azarian. This book displays the many opportunities and diversity in New York agriculture. Students will not only learn to understand the different aspects of agriculture, but will also learn of the many careers involved.

Annual DOT Clinic

Sponsored by Marguarts Senator Patrick Gallivan Wyoming County Farm Bureau

Feb. 24, 2018 10:00 a.m. **Marquarts Training Facility** 5195 Rt. 19, Gainesville, NY

Presentation by New York State Police Commercial Enforcement

Questions are always welcome

To better help us plan seating and refreshments, please RSVP to Jane at 585-493-5603

> or rhotis@marquartrepair.com

Please call early as attendance is limited to 100

WYOMING COUNTY FARM BUREAU PRESENTS



MARCH 29TH @ 6:30PM

AT BYRNCLIFF RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTER

VARYSBURG, NY *Pizza, wings and soda will be included*

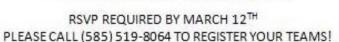
\$15.00 per team up to 5 people! *TEAMS ARE LIMITED TO A MAX OF 5 PEOPLE*

RSVP REQUIRED BY MARCH 12TH











Wyoming County Farm Bureau members meet with Senator Patrick Gallivan in Warsaw on Feb. 8

Interested in Maple Production?

Wyoming County Farm **Bureau Young Farmers** program would like to host a maple operations tour starting in Attica and ending with dinner on March 10.



Come out and see what maple production is all about and have some fun with other local young farmers.

If you are interested, please contact Wyoming County Farm Bureau Young Farmers co-chair, Alton Rudgers, at 585-297-3152 for more details. We hope to see you there.



Wyoming County Farm Bureau members on the delegate floor at State Annual Meeting in December. From left to right: Lyman Rudgers, **Russell Klein and Brian Parker**