

Upcoming Events

July 1

4-H Camp Owahta Starts

cortland.cce.cornell.edu

July 7

Taste of Downtown, Cortland

Cortland area restaurants show off their culinary creativity for the annual walking sample tour

\$15 tasting package

facebook.com/TasteCortland

July 10-14

Cortland County Jr. Fair

cortlandfair.com

July 21-28

Bon Ton Roulet Fingerlakes Cycling Tour

bontonroulet.com

August 22 and 29

Wine and Yoga Wednesday

Finger Lakes Tasting Room, Cortland

\$15 per person

To be considered for future event placement, email Matt Kemak at mkemak@yahoo.com

The Thruway Authority and the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets are encouraging farmers across the state to sign up to sell their products at service areas along the Thruway this season. The Thruway Authority has outdoor farmers' market locations at service areas across the state. A list of Thruway Authority service area locations is available at thruway.ny.gov. New York vendors interested in selling food products at Taste NY Farmers' Markets should email TravelersServices@thruway.ny.gov for more information on how to participate this season.

Cortland County Jr. Fair

July 10 - 14

Schedule of Events

Tuesday, July 10

- Poultry & Rabbits in Place
- Poultry Show - 12 p.m.
- All animals in place - 6 p.m.
- Fair Queen Contest - 7 p.m.

Wednesday, July 11

- Exhibitor Meeting - 9 a.m.
- Livestock Show starts
- Market Turkey & Broilers - 11 a.m.
- Swine - 12 p.m.
- Beef - 1 p.m.
- Sheep - 2 p.m.
- Meat Goat - 3 p.m.
- 4-H Horse Qualify Show 1

Thursday, July 12

- Dairy Goat Show - 9 a.m.
- Dairy Cattle Showman - 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- 65th Dairy Showman Challenge
- 4-H Horse Qualify Show 2

Friday, July 13

- Dairy Cattle Breeds Show - 9 a.m.
- Rabbit/Cavy Show - 2 p.m.
- 4-H Livestock Market Sale - 6 p.m.

More information - www.cortlandfair.com



Giving Kindergartners a Taste of the Farm



The primary focus of the Cortland County Farm Bureau Promotion and Education Committee over the last few months was preparing for a farm visit to New Hope View Farm LLC by the entire Homer kindergarten class. On May 21, the county Farm Bureau hosted over 130 students as well as teachers and some family members to the farm. There were many volunteers who made this happen, including many from Cortland County Farm Bureau who came to volunteer to help with the tour. Trinity Valley donated chocolate milk and Holtz Nelson Dairy Consulting donated cookies made by Trinity Valley.

There were two dairy princesses, Zoie Skinner and Sonya Helms, who handed out milk and cookies as well as some treats, coloring books donated by Balchem and cow pencils. Calf-tel had a representative help for the day and donated two hutches to house some baby calves and baby goats brought by Uphill Angus, as well as some chickens. Also, many neighbor farms helped donate time to talk to the kids about tractors, animals and farming in general. The entire tour was a huge success with much great feedback from the teachers and classes. We have great ideas for next year and already are making plans!

Seven Valleys Health Coalition Receives EPA Award to Support Community Revitalization in Cortland

The Environmental Protection Agency has announced that Cortland is one of 16 communities selected to participate in Local Foods, Local Places (LFLP), a federal initiative that helps communities reinvest in neighborhoods and improve quality of life as they develop the local food economy. Hunger, agritourism, connecting farmers' market and commercial kitchen, increased urban agriculture and use of SNAP and WIC benefits to purchase healthy local foods are some of the priorities the Cortland Food Project is hoping to discuss at the LFLP planning sessions scheduled for July 30 and 31 in Cortland.

To register for the workshop, contact Seven Valleys Health Coalition at 607-756-4198 or email susan@sevenvalleyshealth.org

Grassroots Advocacy Gets Results

Cortland County Farm Bureau joined farmers from across the state in Albany in early March for New York Farm Bureau's annual Taste of New York Reception and Lobby Day. Matt Kemak, Cortland County Farm Bureau member, attended for the first time this year.

"It is a really good way to get an understanding on how to advocate for agriculture," said Kemak.

Farmers met with almost every Senator and Assemblymember to share the significance of securing funding for critical programs and enacting legislation that would keep family farms on a positive path. The impact of their advocacy was evident in the final state budget and approval of measures like the real property tax credit for new farm construction. To learn more, visit nyfb.org to find out the very latest on what is happening in Albany and Washington pertaining to agriculture and easy ways you can lend your voice on issues important to you.

"I do recommend attending future lobby days," said Kemak. "Grassroots advocacy is a powerful force, hearing from farmers firsthand makes a huge impact."

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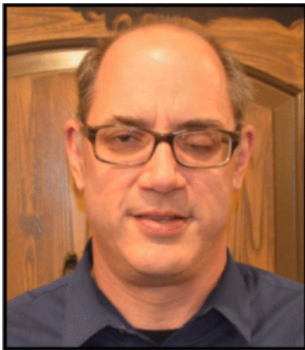
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Farm Bureau News

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President’s Message



Spring is quickly transitioning to summer, crops are in and first cutting is underway. Hopefully it is putting a spring in everyone’s step, other than the long hours needed, but making progress on crops helps offset worries with dairy, exports and unknowns that producers work with every day. Cortland County Farm Bureau has not had a newsletter in quite a while. The goal for 2018 is to have one in the first half of the year and one towards the end.

Cortland County Farm Bureau board members have been active with state policy issues, listening to community needs and connecting members to resources available to them through the state and national Farm Bureau network. The county Farm Bureau continues to actively support the growing FFA and 4-H groups across the county through scholarships, fair sponsorship and FFA jacket awards. The Promotion and Education Committee continues to develop new opportunities to share the story of agriculture with our community and the Young Farmers and Ranchers Committee is working to develop opportunities for younger members to socialize and share resources.

County fair season will soon be upon us with cattle shows and project judging. That also means policy development is just around the corner. Farm Bureau is built upon local voices bringing issues to state and national levels. Please bring issues that you feel need the attention of our entire organization up to a board member, or participate in the policy development meeting in August and the State Annual Meeting in December so that our voices are heard and change is initiated.

Yours in Service,
Jeff Perry, President

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The Cortland County Farm Bureau Board meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Cortlandville Grange in Homer



A sweet thank you note from Homer kindergartners after their fun visit to New Hope Farm. Read more about their visit inside.

