

## Looking for Vendors — First Ever “Taste of Wayne County”

The Village of Newark, the Greater Newark Chamber of Commerce, and Wayne County Farm Bureau have joined forces to host the first ever *Taste of Wayne County*. To inspire local taste and community fellowship. **This exciting outdoor event will be held on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. along VanBuren Street from Main Street to East Avenue, and in the T. Spencer Knight Canal Park.**

The Taste of Wayne County was created to showcase vendors, restaurants and other food and drink related businesses solely from Wayne County through samples of its “signature” dishes, food products, or beverages. This community event will coincide with VoteTilla, a week long navigational celebration that will take place along the Erie Canal from July 17-22, 2017, starting from Seneca Falls and ending in Rochester with a parade and celebration at the National Susan B. Anthony Museum & House. The stop in Newark will celebrate the 100th anniversary of women’s suffrage in New York State with a historical reenactment. Additional entertainment will include music from Frankie and Jewels from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Pre-sale tickets are \$10 for 15 samples, or \$1 per sample at the door. The first 300 event goers will receive a free “swag bag.” For more information regarding how to participate or attend this event, please contact the Greater Newark Chamber of Commerce office at 315-331-2705 or via email: [support@newarkchamber.org](mailto:support@newarkchamber.org).

### Mark Your Calendar & Save The Date Courtesy Truck Inspections Coming Soon!

Once again, through the courtesy of Assemblyman Bob Oak’s office the details for the annual courtesy truck inspections for farm and agricultural plated trucks by the Department of Transportation are being planned out.

Right now the dates are tentatively set for August 15, 16, and 17. More details on scheduling your appointment will follow soon. Watch in future mailings.

## Agricultural Energy Audits Available to NY Farms Through NYSERDA

*New York farms can cut energy use and energy costs*

Last spring, NYSERDA launched the Agriculture Energy Audit Program. The program offers farms and on-farm producers **no-cost energy audits**. No up-front costs are required from the farmer as NYSERDA pays the consultant directly. Three levels of audits are offered. The level II audit adheres to ANSI/ASABE S612 standards and can be submitted with EQIP applications or to other third parties for funding consideration.



**The next EQIP deadline is June 18, 2017. Farmers are encouraged to sign up for the audit immediately and begin the application process with their local NRCS office. Level II audits are required for EQIP applications. The audit does not have to be completed by June’s deadline but farmers must be enrolled in the AEAP program to qualify.**

Audits are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The program runs through the end of the 2017 or until funds are expended. For general information or to request flyers for your office call 800-732-1399 or email [aeap@nyserdera.ny.gov](mailto:aeap@nyserdera.ny.gov). To discuss the program further or contact the Program Manager, Lisa Coven, at extension 839 or [lisac@ensave.com](mailto:lisac@ensave.com). **Applications available at <https://nyserdera.seamlessdocs.com/f/AgAudit>**

## My Dues Are How Much! *By John Sorbello, NYFB State Membership Chair*

While out working on membership for Farm Bureau, one gets to hear just about every reason imaginable to not join or renew a membership. From a difference of opinion on an issue that took place several years ago, to the idea that Farm Bureau never does anything! However, one of my favorites (an oldie but goodie), is that our dues are too high.

A couple days ago, I fueled up the pickup, spending \$72, and just a few short days later, I'll have to repeat that purchase. As I drove away from the pump, I couldn't help thinking that for just a few dollars more, I get a full year's membership in the greatest, most effective grassroots farm advocacy organization ever to exist! That includes our diligent Public Policy Department working full time in Albany and Washington, and on more regional/local issues when necessary. Then there's our Promotion and Education staff, and their tireless efforts, often collaborating with others, to bridge the gap between farmers and the non-farm public, who don't always understand what we do. Our Legal Division always seems to have plenty to deal with also. Between government regulations and overreach, ever-changing laws, and anti-agriculture activist groups, their work is never done! All of this for just a little more than a tank of gas! But wait, there's more! We also enjoy access to our dedicated, competent Field Staff, a huge array of member benefit programs, including several with significant discounts, the opportunity to join Group 486 workers compensation program, Grassroots newspaper every month, and much more!

With record low commodity prices, challenging weather conditions, and an un-stable political landscape, stress levels are understandably high, and some major league belt tightening is taking place. Whether economic conditions are good or bad, it's always wise to do some basic cost accounting, to analyze what is, or isn't working. I believe that if a member does this, and truly looks at the honest value of being a part of New York Farm Bureau, they'll come to the conclusion that their annual dues are among the most cost effective purchases they can possibly make! It's an investment that will pay dividends well into the future!

## Nomination Sought for Ag Environmental Steward Awards

Wayne County Soil and Water Conservation District has opened nominations for the 2017 Conservation Farm of the Year and the individual/partnership award of Ag Environmental Steward of the year. Criteria for these awards can be found on their website at [www.waynecountyNYsoilandwater.org](http://www.waynecountyNYsoilandwater.org).

Nominations will close on July 15 and will be accepted in writing by email to [rdtswcd@rochester.rr.com](mailto:rdtswcd@rochester.rr.com) or by phone to 315.946.7200. These awards are projected to be awarded at the 2017 Wayne County Fair. More details to follow.



### Save The Date

**Wayne County Fair  
August 14-19**

### Ag Literacy 2017

**Thank you to all the Ag Literacy Readers! The program was a huge success! Thank you to Wayne County CCE for facilitating.**

## In memory of Jerome “Jerry” Youngman

*Past Wayne County Farm Bureau President*

1938-2017 Wayne County Farm Bureau sends out a salute to Jerry as he continues to cast the line in heaven on February 3, 2017. His dedication and service to Wayne County agricultural community continues to resonate in the hearts of all that worked with him. Hats off to you, our agriculture comrade!



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Wayne County  
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# Wayne County Farm Bureau News June 2017-Dairy Month



To Serve And Strengthen Agriculture



## 1st ANNUAL JOINT CONSIGNMENT AUCTION

*Partnership with Pioneer Gas Engine  
Association Steam Pageant*

### Saturday, July 29, 2017 At 9:30 a.m.



### 4024 North Main St. Marion, NY

**Tractors \* Light Industrial Equipment\* Lawn & Garden \*  
Implements \* Other Miscellaneous Items**

#### GOOD SALE ITEMS WANTED

To pre-list these items please contact Steve at Van's Auctioneer Service. All other consignments will begin registration Thursday, July 27 at 3 p.m. on-site and will be accepted until the morning of the auction.

**Special note:** This is a consignment auction to offer farms the opportunity to return value to previously enjoyed equipment, supplies, implements, and materials. While we would also accept donations, we would prefer consignments.

Any questions can be referred to Van's Auctioneer Service at 315-926-5211 or at [www.vansauctionservice.com/auctions](http://www.vansauctionservice.com/auctions) or call Caleb Peters, Young Farmer & Rancher Chair at 585-217-6546.

## New Location, New Partnerships, New Opportunities

#### Featured Benefit Of The Month

**LET NYFB HELP PLAN  
YOUR SUMMER FUN!**



Members Receive  
discounted tickets to  
Great Escape, Darien Lake  
& Enchanted Forest.



Members **SAVE** up to  
20% at Choice Hotels &  
Wyndham Hotel Group.



Save on attraction Tickets  
& Orlando hotels.



Members can receive up to 25%  
off the cost of rental vehicles.

1.800.342.4143  
NYFB.org



#### E-Lobby on Agricultural Issues

Visit [www.nyfb.org](http://www.nyfb.org) and click the E-Lobby box to check out the newest bill memos and to E-Lobby. Specific bill text for each bill can be found on-line. Remember to include the S or A when entering the bill number.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact  
NYFB at (518) 436-8495.

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