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Wyoming County Farm Bureau

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Spring 2022



## NYFB Lobby Day Goes Virtual Again This Year

This normally two-day trip into Albany, will be virtual again this year, thus giving those members unable to take time away the opportunity to participate. Virtual meetings will be scheduled with elected officials over a few days span to increase participation.

Our Lobby Day goals are to make connections, build relationships and communicate the needs of agriculture to elected officials. If you're interested in meeting with your elected officials "virtually" and representing Wyoming County Farm Bureau, contact Amanda Krenning-Muoio at 585-504-8308.

## President's Message

As the March sun begins to slowly compress this past winter's snow into the ground, the eyes of the world are focused across the globe. Russian military forces move deeper and deeper into the Ukraine. What will come of these actions, we can only speculate. We can watch the stock and commodity markets jump around wildly, and



grumble at the signs of inflation every time we pull up to a gas pump, or go out to eat at a restaurant, but it's anyone's guess where this all will lead us. For now, it is probably a safe thing to say, things are changing.

In New York, the wage board has made it's recommendation: move down to 40 hours for over time. After great lengths were taken by Farm Bureau to impress upon our government representatives, what a bad idea that is, the decision now seems to rest in the hands of the governor. Let's hope she carries that rare gene of common sense.

This past fall at the Wyoming County Farm Bureau annual meeting, a number of resolutions were passed. We should be glad to know our concerns were heard at the state level. Almost everything moved on, being added to state resolutions and soon to be lobbied for in Albany.

Moving painfully slow, away from the Covid years, but too fast towards great uncertainty in world tensions... it might be easy to let life drag you down right now. I like to remind myself that we are still working to produce food for all our communities. Right here at home I look forward to letting our Kverneland plow sink itself into the cold April soil. I'm waiting to see that brown frosted grass appear from under the snow, and see it start to green up with the sunshine of longer days. Before we know it... the fields of Wyoming county will be vibrant again with the color of growth, and life.

Russell Klein

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Our Board of Directors usually meets the third Tuesday of every month at the Wyoming County Ag Center, Warsaw except for May, June or July	

### MARCH IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH

#### Earn Rewards by Referring New Members

##### MARCH MEMBERSHIP CASH INCENTIVE

For each new membership you sign up during October you will receive a \$20 cash incentive. Valid for new members signed up 3/1/2022-3/31/2022

##### HIGH FIVE AWARD

Sign up 5 new memberships and NYFB will honor your dedication and hard work by awarding you with a special NYFB apparel item.

##### March - June Incentive

County Farm Bureau must bring in a minimum of 12 new members between March 1 and June 30 to qualify. Top Producing CFB will receive \$500.

**Individual Incentive** - Any individual who sells a new membership March 1-June 30 is eligible. The individual who sells the most new memberships gets a \$200 award

##### Limited Time Offer

##### \$149 SPECIAL NEW MEMBER RATE

New members can join for the rest of 2022 and all of 2023 for \$149. Offer expires June 30th, 2022.

\*Long Island new members are \$225

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# Wyoming County Farm Bureau Wins State Awards

Wyoming County Farm Bureau has received four County Awards of Excellence from New York Farm Bureau as part of its end of the year recognition program.

The County Excellence Awards are presented to county Farm Bureaus that have exhibited excellence in a variety of categories relating to effectiveness in agriculture promotion and outreach, leadership and county Farm Bureau management, legislative advocacy, and membership. Wyoming County Farm Bureau was successful in being recognized in all four

categories this year.

The Wyoming County Farm Bureau sent delegates to New York Farm Bureau's 65th State Annual Meeting on December 7th in Albany. Your farmer members took part in the grassroots process of discussing and voting on public policy positions on the delegate floor. This important step helps to lay the groundwork for New York Farm Bureau in Albany and Washington, D.C. for the coming year.

# County Scholarship Offered to Students



Wyoming County Farm Bureau will award a \$1,500 scholarship to a high school senior or college student for the current school year.

To be eligible, applicant MUST:

- Reside in Wyoming County, New York and have a parent and/or guardian that is a NY Farm Bureau 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.

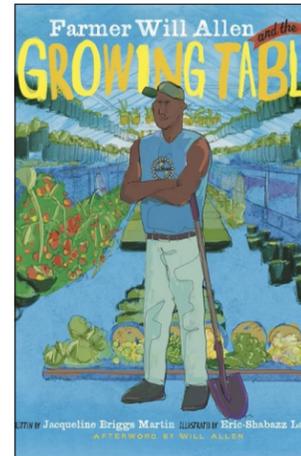
Rules:

- Winner must be enrolled in an approved/accredited college, university or technical/vocational program and be a full-time student each semester, unless an exception is requested in writing and approved.
- Application must be typed.
- All application materials must be received by the regional office by May 3, 2019.

**Mail completed applications to: Wyoming County Farm Bureau 420 E Main St, Batavia, NY 14020**

\*\*The Wyoming County Farm Bureau Scholarship Committee will make the final determination on all cases concerning the interpretation of these rules. All applications become the property of the Wyoming County Farm Bureau and any content may be used in press releases.

# Ag Literacy Week



March 21-25, 2022

For the past 17 years, volunteers throughout the state have helped to celebrate New York agriculture by reading a book with an agricultural theme to elementary school students.

This year's featured book Farmer Will Allen and the Growing Table written by Jacqueline Briggs Martin with art by Eric Shabazz Larkin, focuses on farmer

Will Allen who is no ordinary farmer. A former basketball star, he's as tall as his truck, and can hold a cabbage, or a basketball, in one hand. Farmer Will sees what others can't, the opportunities for growing food whether you have 100 acres or a rooftop and shares the journey from soil to table with those around. This book will take students on an explorative journey learning about community gardens and inspire them to build communities through food, even if they only have a pot on their porch to cultivate. Hands-on activities related to the book are also offered to extend learning. This year students and classrooms have the opportunity to create their own vermicomposting bin and learn about red wiggler worms. Books are then donated to the school or classroom library. Last year 2,300 books were donated while 75,000 elementary students participated in an experiential learning activity.

# Wyoming County New Board Member Spotlight



**Ashley Simmons**

I work as the Location Manager for Growmark FS at the Gainesville location. I also have a small beef farm where I live in Warsaw.

I've always had an interest in Farm Bureau. My grandparents were active members for years and talked about how important it was to them. I also enjoy being a part of groups that work to edu-

cate the public about agriculture. Being a board member has helped me learn more about the policy side of the organization and I'm excited to continue learning and advocating.



**Ashely Bliss**

I'm a Senior Financial Analyst for 2020 Consulting, a company which offers financial services and consulting to ag businesses. My focus is providing financial and operational analyses to farms. I also help with some office management for my parent's dairy farm.

I was in Farm Bureau in college and enjoyed networking and lobby days. I grew up in Vermont so Farm Bureau has been a way for me to connect with my local community and meet new people.

**PERRY FFA ALUMNI AND SUPPORTERS**

# Trivia Night

**Saturday March 19th**  
**6PM at The Club at Silver Lake**

\$40 Per Person - Register on Eventbrite  
 2- 8 people per Trivia team (Agriculture based questions).

**Dinner, Silent Auction and Trivia!**  
 Come on out and enjoy a night of food and fun!

\*Must be 21+, Cash bar available on site

**What to get the guy or gal who has everything?**

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Contact any Wyoming County Farm Bureau Board member, message us on Facebook, or Lynnell Schreiber at lschreiber09@yahoo.com

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