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# **Livingston County** Farm Bureau News Spring 2018

#### President's Message

Livingston County Farm Bureau has been busy this past year and we intend to be very active again this year. If you would like to become involved in the organization, it can be as easy as volunteering at one of our events



throughout the year. One of our main activities each year is Farm Fest. This is held in September at a farm that is open to the public so that we can teach our community more about agriculture. The day also includes fun activities for the whole family. Our thanks go out to Dairy Knoll Farms and the Meyer family who hosted Farm Fest last year. This year we plan to hold this event at Coyne Farms in Avon on Sept. 8. We always need lots of volunteers at Farm Fest.

Another opportunity to volunteer is at our ice cream booth at the Hemlock Fair coming up July 17-21. We use the proceeds from this fundraiser to support the Livingston County 4-H program, sponsor herdsmanship awards, provide funds for bike donations and support our scholarship efforts. Special thanks to Dolores and Chris Cicero for organizing the ice cream booth. Another opportunity to volunteer is to read to an elementary class during Agricultural Literacy Week each year in March. Give our office a call if you would like to become involved by volunteering this year at any of these activities.

Participation can also be as easy as attending an event. I hope that you will attend the 100-year celebration picnic that will be held in conjunction with Livingston County Cooperative Extension at the Hemlock Fair on July 27. You can also attend our County Annual Meeting which will be held in October. to speak for farmers and rural landowners. Farmers Details will be sent at a later date. The annual meeting is represent one percent of the population and are producing where we voice our concerns and vote on policy. Policy the food for the rest of the world. We need to do everything development is the backbone of our organization where every in our power to make sure that our voices are heard and that member has a voice. Once our ideas become official Farm our industry is protected. Bureau public policy, this allows the organization to advocate for particular positions or legislation. You can also become There really are so many ways that you can make a positive active in lobby efforts simply by e-lobbying on the New York impact through our organization and I encourage you to do Farm Bureau website (see back of newsletter for details).

Finally, and most importantly, you can make a huge impact by signing up a member for Livingston County Farm Bureau. It can be a friend, neighbor, relative, employee or anyone whose contribution will strengthen Farm Bureau's ability



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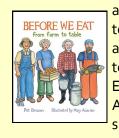
so. If you are interested in becoming more involved or have any questions, please give me a call or call our office for more information. Joe Swyers

Congratulations to Kim and Jerry Sandford of Leg Up Stables on their 2018 Farm of the Year award!



# **Agricultural Literacy Week**

This year's Agricultural Literacy Week book, "Before We Eat: From Farm to Table" by Pat Brisson, shows the vast opportunities and diversity that New York agriculture encompasses. Students are taken on a journey from farm to table to understand the different aspects of agriculture and the many possible careers involved. This is a captivating glimpse into what it takes to bring the food we eat to us in order to nourish our bodies and spirits. Livingston County Farm Bureau purchased 13 books this year, which were distributed to volunteers who read to students in area elementary schools. These volunteers play a key role in introducing



agriculture to students and providing teachers with lesson plans centered around this educational book. Thanks to Livingston County Cooperative Extension for helping make this year's Agricultural Literacy Week a great success!

#### **Calendar of Events**

June 26-27: Livingston County Farm Bureau (LCFB) hosts NYFB state board for their summer meeting

- July 17-21: Hemlock Fair with LCFB Ice Cream Booth
- July 27 : Summer Picnic with CCE at Hemlock Fair for the Centennial Celebration

Sept. 8: Farm Fest at Coyne Farms

# Livingston County Farm Bureau **Offers Scholarship**

Livingston County Farm Bureau is offering a \$1,500 scholarship to a graduating high school senior who is attending college in the fall of 2018.

The winner of the scholarship will be based on the applicant's scholastic accomplishments, extracurricular activities, his or her relationship to agriculture and an essay on career goals and interests.

To be eligible, the applicant must:

- Reside in Livingston County.
- Be the son or daughter of a Livingston County Farm

Bureau member or be a Livingston County Farm Bureau student member.

• Be pursuing college study in agriculture or a closely related field.

> To request an application, please call Livingston County Farm Bureau at 877-383-7663 or 343-3489.

Application deadline is May 15, 2018

# York Central School District **Agriculture Exploration Fair**

Livingston County Farm Bureau, along with Farm Credit East and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Livingston County, sponsored an agriculture career day at York Central School in February for students in grades 7-12. The students learned about agricultural careers from those in the business. Topics covered were veterinary science, agronomy, equipment,

business, herd management, food production and manufacturing.

Agribusiness professionals at agricultural career days.



### New York Farm Bureau Annual Lobby Days

Livingston County Farm Bureau members traveled to Albany in March for NYFB's annual Lobby Days. When they arrived in Albany on March 5, they participated in NYFB's Taste of New York reception and issues forum where more than 80 county Farm Bureaus and agricultural organizations offered the best in New York-grown and produced food and beverages. It was an opportunity to showcase the diversity of agriculture in the state while also making personal connections with lawmakers, agency staff and media. Hundreds of people turned out to enjoy the event. On March 6, county Farm Bureau members attended legislative appointments along with more than 200 other farmer members. They discussed Farm Bureau priorities for the year including advocating for promotion and research budget funding, reduced regulations and increased access for New York-grown food.

We want to thank our members who took time from their busy schedules for this important event. This year Brad Macauley, Liam Coyne and Michael Howlett advocated for New York Farm Bureau on behalf of Livingston County Farm Bureau.





**\*\*\* SAVE THE DATE \*\*\*** July 27 at 7 p.m. **Hemlock Fair** 

Livingston County Farm Bureau and Livingston County Cornell Cooperative Extension Summer Centennial Celebration Picnic





Livingston and Monroe County Farm Bureau members at their appointment with Assemblyman Joe Errigo



