

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR CAMP OSWEGATCHIE



Since 1946 Oswegatchie has been the Adirondack home of the New York

FFA. The popularity of this camp has grown immensely over the past 20 years, going from a camp with 313 campers in 1999 to over 844 in 2018. Current facilities cannot sustain this growth and in 2017 New York State made available to the FFA Foundation a \$2 million grant for a new kitchen and dining hall capital improvement project. The total project is estimated to require \$3.3 million to complete. This new kitchen and dining hall will insure that Oswegatchie exists for many more generations.

Since April of 2018, 251 individual donors have helped to raise \$650,000 towards construction. The next benchmark is to raise \$350,000 by January 25, 2019. This effort if successful will bring us to \$1 million raised or pledged to support this project.

If you are interested in supporting the Camp Oswegatchie kitchen and dining hall project, please go to www.nyffaoundation.org/ for more information, to donate or print a pledge card.

SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019

FFA FARMERS CHALLENGE

HELD AT BEAVER RIVER CENTRAL SCHOOL

100 GALLONS OF MILK DONATED TO FOOD PANTRIES

Lewis County Farm Bureau along with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Lewis County and Lewis County Soil & Water District donated nearly \$300 of proceeds from their 3rd Dessert Auction to purchase 100 gallons of milk at the 10-Gallon Challenge at the



Lowville Cheese Store. For \$30 you can purchase vouchers for 10 gallons of milk and the vouchers are distributed to the five Lewis County food pantries so that we can all enjoy the benefits of dairy

Pictured: Lynn Cole (Lowville Producer's Dairy Coop), Jen Karelus (Lewis County Farm Bureau), Nichelle Billhardt (Lewis County Soil & Water District) and Michele Ledoux (Cornell Cooperative Extension of Lewis County).

YOUNG FARMERS & RANCHERS BOWLING EVENT

SATURDAY, MARCH 16 @ 7 P.M.
LEWIS LANES
7826 St Rt 26
Lowville, NY



The first Young Farmers & Rancher event for Lewis County Farm Bureau will be held on Sat., March 16 beginning at 7 p.m. at Lewis Lanes in Lowville. FREE pizza, wings and soda will be served. Cost for bowling is \$3.75 per person per game and shoe rental \$2.75 per person.

This event is open to any young farmer/agribusiness person as we look to assemble a Young Farmers & Ranchers group in Lewis County. You **DO NOT** have to be a Farm Bureau member to attend. Spouses/significant others are welcome. Please – no children at this event.

So that we know how much pizza and soda to order, please register by going to our facebook page at Farm Bureau of Lewis County NY.



KEVIN DANIELS AGENCY RECOGNIZED

Each year at NYFB's State Annual Meeting, NYFB honors three Nationwide Insurance agencies who have led the company in sales of farm insurance policies. For the second year in a row, the Kevin M. Daniels Agency from Canton was recognized. Lewis County Farm Bureau appreciates the agency's desire to help members with insurance, financial, and farm transition services, and thanks them for their commitment to serving North Country farmers. If you are interested in getting an insurance quote for your farm, contact Kevin at 315-265-2140.



Pictured: Kevin M. Daniels (l) with NYFB President David Fisher (r)

YOUNG FARMERS & RANCHERS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE OFFERED FEBRUARY 8-9, 2019

The New York Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers Conference will be held Fri., Feb. 8 – Sat., Feb. 9 at The Desmond Hotel, Albany NY. The conference will consist of agricultural tours, workshops, speakers and networking opportunities geared toward young farmers 18-35 years of age.

Vance Crowe, Director of Millennial Engagement from Bayer Crop Sciences, will be the keynote speaker. In his presentation “Heroes, Villains and their Motivations: Getting Beyond “Tell Your Story”, Vance Crowe will discuss how young farmers can articulate their challenges of being a successful farmer in the modern age so that consumers can relate and cheer for them to succeed online, in person and even in the grocery store.

Other workshop sessions include “Land As Your Legacy – Estate Planning from a young farmers perspective”, “Public

Speaking 2.0”, “Fat Free Meetings” and “Media Training 101”. Friday’s agricultural tours will visit several agribusinesses in the Capital Region. A team building dessert party is planned for Friday evening.

The cost for NYFB members to attend the two-day Young Farmers & Ranchers Conference is \$130 which includes registration fee, Friday lunch, Friday agricultural tours, Friday dinner and evening activities, Saturday breakfast and Saturday lunch. The hotel overnight will cost \$124.26/ single or double occupancy. Contact The Desmond Hotel directly for reservations at 1-800-448-3500 or on-line: [NYFB Young Farmers](#) and use the Group Code” “NFB” for the discounted rate.

Reservations are due Jan. 28, 2019. For more information on the conference call NYFB at 1-800-342-4143.

NYFB STATE ANNUAL MEETING WRAP-UP

New York Farm Bureau State Annual Meeting was held December 4-5, 2018 in Syracuse, NY. Lewis County Farm Bureau was presented with four County Activity of Excellence awards. County Activity of 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. Lewis County Farm Bureau received awards in the following categories:

- Membership
- Agriculture Promotion & Outreach
- Leadership & County Farm Bureau Management
- Legislative Advocacy

In addition, Lewis County was presented with a Gold Key Award for overall program accomplishment in the NYFB Awards of Excellent Program. Lewis County Farm Bureau president, Jen Karelus was also presented with a Distinguished President Award at the event.



Photo: District 6 NYFB Director Jacob Schieferstine presents the Gold Key Award to Lewis County Farm Bureau President Jennifer Karelus at the State Annual Meeting.

CHANGE OF MEETING DATE

THE LEWIS COUNTY FARM BUREAU
BOARD MEETING FOR FEBRUARY IS

SCHEDULED FOR

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12 BEGINNING AT 7:30 P.M.

HELD AT THE OFFICES OF

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF LEWIS
COUNTY IN LOWVILLE.

THEREAFTER MEETINGS WILL BE

ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH.

BENEFIT FOR TED SIMMONS SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2019

HELD AT THE COPENHAGEN FIREHALL.

To help support his battle with cancer a fundraiser is being held on Sun., March 10 at the Copenhagen Firehall for Ted Simmons, Manager of the NNY Farmer’s Market. A spaghetti dinner starts at 11 a.m. There will also be a live auction, chicken BBQ, raffles, 50/50, bake sale, wine pull and more. Find more information on Facebook on the “Benefit for Ted Simmons” page.

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Including: wheel loaders, skid steers,
backhoes, excavators and more.

Members must provide a valid Member Verification
certificate at the time of purchase.
Go to NYFB.org/member-benefits to obtain your certificate.



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Lewis County Farm Bureau Board meetings are held the third
Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Cornell Cooperative
Extension Building of Lewis County in Lowville, NY.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday season with family and friends. As the new year gets underway, we're working on several activities to help educate our neighbors and consumers about the importance of agriculture.

LOBBY DAY IS MARCH 5

Lobby Day in Albany for New York Farm Bureau is scheduled for March 5, 2019.

This is an excellent opportunity for Lewis County Farm Bureau representatives to engage with their elected legislators as well as urban "Adopted Legislators". The purpose is to give a rural production perspective to our representatives and let them know what is working and what is not as they prepare to shape agricultural policies. For our urban legislators, this may be the only time that they meet with a farmer, and possibly the only rural New Yorker. Any Lewis County Farm Bureau member is able to participate in Lobby Day. Please contact me at 315-486-8820 or jen.karelus@millerspraying.com and I can give you all the particulars.

I'm looking forward to having a productive 2019 and wish you all the same!

Jen Karelus.

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NEW YORK FARM BUREAU 2019 AGRICULTURAL YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

Applicant Guideline

- 2019 graduating high school seniors who will continue their education to prepare for a career in some way connected to the diverse agricultural industry.
- Live or work on a farm or be involved with agriculture through any avenue.
- Family Farm Bureau membership or student Farm Bureau membership is required and may accompany application

Process and Procedure

- Applications and information are available at www.nyfb.org or request by calling 1-800-342-4143.
- Students are required to complete an application which is a fillable pdf available on the NYFB website and submit a brief 300-500-word essay discussing an issue facing agriculture in their county, explaining how they think NYFB can support members who may deal with this issue.
- Completed application packets must be returned to New York Farm Bureau in Albany. **A March 1, 2019 postmark deadline or via email.**
- A district-level competition will be held. Scoring will determine the county winners as well as the district winner. The judging event may necessitate a personal interview and essay presentation or may be based solely upon the application and attachments. The judging will take place prior to **April 20, 2019**. Each district winner will receive \$100 plus a memento of their selection.

State winner selection will be made from district winners, **based solely** on the submitted applications; there will be no personal interviews.

TASTE NEW YORK RECEPTION MONDAY, MARCH 4

New York Farm Bureau's Taste New York Reception is held in conjunction with Lobby Day and scheduled for Monday, March 4, in Albany. If you have a farm product you would like to showcase in the Lewis County booth, please contact Mellissa or Michele at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Lewis County at 315-376-5270. This is a great opportunity to show elected officials from across the state the diversity and importance of Lewis County agriculture.

