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Oneida County
Farm Bureau News



ONEIDA COUNTY FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

Congratulations to Kathleen Gallagher (left) for placing first in the Oneida County Farm Bureau Youth Scholarship Contest. Kathleen was presented with a certificate along with a check for \$100 by Oneida County Farm Bureau Pro-Ed Committee Chair/NYFB District 6 Pro-Ed representative Karen Lohr. Kathleen is the daughter of Paul and Cindy Gallagher and is a senior at Waterville Central School. Scholarship money made possible through the Oneida County Farm Bureau Ag-Trivia Fund.

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The board usually meets on the third Monday of the month at the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Oneida County in Oriskany, NY.

Oneida County Farm Bureau Hi-Lite July 2019



MEMBER APPRECIATION EVENT SET FOR THURSDAY, JULY 11 COME SEE US AT THE STAMPEDE!

The Oneida County Farm Bureau is holding a **Member Appreciation Event** during the Utica Stampede (begins at 7 p.m.) on **Thurs., July 11**, at the Adirondack Bank Center in Utica, NY. For this event, all Oneida County Farm Bureau members are able to buy admission tickets pre-sale for \$12 per person (must order by July 5). Tickets are available online at: www.adkbankcenter.com/box-office (use discount code: **FARMBUREAU**) or by calling the box office at 315-790-9070.

In addition, a buffet, served from 6-8 p.m. in Zetlin's Lounge, will be offered to Oneida County Farm Bureau members, spouses and children under the age of 18 for \$5 per person. Additional buffet tickets for guests can be purchased at \$20 per person. The buffet will include: pulled pork, brisket, cole slaw, mac 'n' cheese, baked beans, waffle fries, soda and water. A cash bar including beer, wine and mixed drinks will also be available for members. Payment for the buffet will be accepted at the door.

If you've already purchased your Utica Stampede tickets, please feel free to join us for the buffet! For questions, contact John Wagner at 315-761-9770.

See you at the Stampede!

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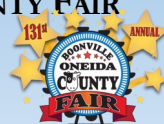
PRIZE MONEY DONATED



Oneida County CCE 4-H Livestock Educator, Casey Holbert (left), is presented with a \$200 donation by Lory van Lieshout to use towards prizes at the Boonville-Oneida County Fair 4-H livestock competitions. This donation was made possible through the Oneida County Farm Bureau Ag Trivia Fund.

SAVE THE DATE!

BOONVILLE-ONEIDA COUNTY FAIR
JULY 21 - JULY 28
IN BOONVILLE!



URGENT! CALL TO ACTION!!

Currently, the Oneida County Legislature is contemplating the adoption of a local law that would create an animal abuse registry in Oneida County. The local law would also state that those convicted of animal abuse would be prohibited from animal ownership. Additionally, the local law would put the burden on the seller to verify that they are not selling an animal to someone listed on the registry. If a seller does indeed sell to an individual on the registry, the seller would be subject to a fine of up to possibly \$5,000.

Oneida County Farm Bureau opposes the creation of the animal abuse registry for the following reasons:

1. NYFB policy states: "We oppose the creation of a state or federal animal abuse registry."
2. NYFB policy states: "We recommend that local governments not be granted the authority to make more stringent animal welfare/cruelty laws than existing state laws."
3. Oneida County Farm Bureau believes that existing state statutes and New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Law are sufficient enough at this time to handle the issue.
4. Our organization has concerns that the current draft does not have an exemption for farm animals as defined by Section 305 (4) of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law.
5. Farm Bureau is also concerned that the proposed law has no language to deal with farm partnerships or LLC's and the ability of the farm operation to continue to own livestock if one partner is convicted of animal abuse.

Members are encouraged to contact their local county legislator, the county executive, the county attorney and the county sheriff and let them know that **YOU DO NOT SUPPORT** the creation of an animal abuse registry in Oneida County. Contact numbers are listed below; we encourage you to call today.

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YOUNG FARMER'S DISCUSSION GROUP SOCIAL

9660 Loughlin Road, Sauquoit, NY

Friday, July 12

8:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.

We are keeping the momentum going! Please make plans to join us for an evening of networking, socializing and learning opportunities. Topics slated for this evening discussion include, but are not limited to, farm transitioning and improving communication skills on our farms. Light snacks and cold refreshments will be available.

Reservations are strongly encouraged. Contact Marylynn Collins, at 315-736-3394 ext. 132 or email: mrm7@cornell.edu.

SMV SAFETY ADDRESSED

Oneida County Farm Bureau partnered with County Executive Anthony Picente Jr., County Sheriff Rob Maciol and Clinton Tractor on an SMV traffic safety workshop on April 26. The workshop featured a presentation by New York State Police Sgt. Bernie Kennett on the newest regulations involving the proper usage of the SMV signage.

Oneida County Sheriff Robert Maciol announced that funding has been secured for purchasing SMV symbols and reflective striping, which will be available to farmers who don't have them.

Thank you to the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee for providing the funding and Sheriff Rob Maciol for making this important safety measure happen. A special thanks to New York State Police Sgt. Bernie Kennett for the updates and to all local law enforcement and individuals who are making the safety of our farming community a top priority!



FARM FEST 2019 WRAP-UP

This year's event was held at Brabant Farm, owned by the van Lieshout family in Verona. There was a morning program for school groups grades 3 to 5 with over 700 students plus teachers and chaperones in attendance. Various stations were set up around the farm to learn about the many different aspects of agriculture. The evening Farm Fest was open to the public with about 3,000 in attendance who were able to tour the farm at their own pace. The event was organized by Cornell Cooperative Extension Oneida County, Oneida County Farm Bureau and the Oneida County Dairy Promotion. Thank you for everyone's hard work and enthusiasm!



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Neil Collins, Farm Specialist
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ONEIDA COUNTY FARM BUREAU MEETS WITH CONGRESSMAN BRINDISI



Oneida County Farm Bureau members had the opportunity to meet with Congressman Anthony Brindisi on April 19. Pictured (l-r): NYFB Field Advisor John Wagner, Oneida County VP Mike Candella, Congressman Brindisi, Oneida County Farm Bureau Pro-Ed Committee Chair/NYFB District 6 Pro-Ed representative Karen Lohr, Ben Simons and John Collins.