

Cattaraugus County



September 22, 2021

West Valley Fire Hall

West Valley, New York

***Welcome to the 9th Annual
Cattaraugus County
Farmer-Neighbor Dinner***

Brought to you by:

***Lamb & Webster
Cattaraugus County IDA***

***Cattaraugus County Agricultural
and Farmland Protection Board
Cattaraugus County Department of
Economic Development,
Planning and Tourism
Cattaraugus County Farm Bureau
Cattaraugus County Soil and
Water Conservation District***

Menu

Appetizers

Bison Meatballs

Veggie Platter

Cheese, Cracker & Pepperoni Platter

Relish Platter

Spinach Dip

Dinner

Salad

Beef

Turkey

Vegetarian Manicotti

Mashed Potatoes

Buttered Carrot Medallions

Harvard Beets

Dinner Roll

Dessert

Cupcakes (The Mad Crazy Batter)

Program

- 5:30** *Vendor Tables*
& Hors d' oeuvres
Music - Homemade Jam
- 6:45** *Dinner*
Buffet with locally grown
foods, prepared by the West
Valley Firemen's Auxiliary
- 7:45** *Presentation of Awards*
- Farmer of the Year
- Friend of Agriculture
- Conservation Farm
of the Year

Farmer of the Year

Gibbs Apiaries



This year's Farmer of the Year award goes to Gibbs Apiaries, ranking among the region's most prominent professional beekeepers. They produce honey and wax and provide pollination service to other growers and the State of California. Local growers also enjoy the pollination from the bees' 3-4 mile hike each day.

John Gibbs caught his first swarm of bees in 1983 and from that time forward he couldn't leave them alone. John's farm grew from then on, totaling 4500-5000 hives, operating with 4 employees. In 2019 the honey production was 160,800 lbs. of wax. John was able to do some pollination here in New York and said "the best part is sending 3672 hives to California for almond pollination."

Congratulations,

Gibbs Apiaries



Friend of Agriculture

John Busekist



John Busekist has been active in agriculture ever since he was a kid. He grew up on a dairy farm and was a member of 4-H. He was a teacher of agriculture and FFA Advisor at Cattaraugus and then Cattaraugus-Little Valley for 33 years (1978-2011) and at Springville Griffith Institute for 6 years (2013-2019), a class advisor several times, he coached several high school sports, and has been a track and cross-country official for nearly 20 years. He is also active in his church, serving as board president and teaches Sunday school.

He served on the Cattaraugus County Fair Board during the 1980's and early 90's, and was a 4-H club leader. John's 3 daughters and many nieces and nephews were members of 4-H and FFA. John had several students that became state FFA officers and several national judging teams, and is an honorary FFA American degree recipient. He served as treasurer of the NY Association of Agricultural Educators for over 20 years, as well as President for two, and won the Lifetime Achievement award for NY Association of Agricultural Educators. John served on the National Strategic Planning committee from 2002-2010. Also, he served as a trustee on the NYSFFA Governing Board and on the NYS Leadership Training Foundation. He has coordinated the WNY bus trip to National FFA Convention for many years including agricultural and educational stops along the route to Indianapolis or Louisville.

In his retirement he has continued to substitute teach at C-LV and mentors the new teachers at both SGI and C-LV now that the program has been re-established there. He enjoys spending time with his wife and daughters and their families and watching his 3 grandchildren grow up, play sports and participate in 4-H.

Thank you, John, for all you do to support agriculture in Cattaraugus County!

Conservation Farm of the Year

Colonial Hill Farms



The Cattaraugus County Soil & Water Conservation District has selected Colonial Hill Farm for the 2021 Conservation Farm of the Year Award. Jim & Jenny Dye and their family operate a heifer replacement farm in the Town of Dayton. The Dye family has been actively participating in NY State's Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) program and has worked in close cooperation with various partner agencies and organizations, including the Conservation District, USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service & Farm Service Agency and Western NY Crop Management Association to implement many conservation practices to address agricultural runoff, agricultural nutrient management and erosion & sediment control.

In addition to conservation practices, the farm also implemented a number of additional projects to improve operational efficiency of the farm. Practices and projects implemented through cooperation with the District and partnering agencies include:

- Construction of a concrete manure storage structure, which allows for application of nutrients at optimum times of the year for improved crop production and reduced runoff potential.

- Construction of a bunk silo leachate collection & treatment system to control concentrated runoff from their feed storage area.
- Participates in cover crop program (150 acres) to reduce soil loss due to sheet and rill erosion and improves soil structure and stability.

***Congratulations,
Colonial Hill Farms!***

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Native Offerings Farm

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Cattaraugus County Department Heads

Cattaraugus County Legislators

Cattaraugus County Soil & Water

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Perfectly Blended Farm

Grandview Farm

Village of Delevan

Pines of Machias

Town Line Livestock

Telaak Farms, LLC

Town of Persia

City of Olean

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Cattaraugus County Health Department

Cattaraugus County Soil & Water Conservation District

Cattaraugus County Cornell Co-op Ext.

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Seneca Trail RC&D

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Special Thank You to:

***West Valley Volunteer Hose
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Firemen's Auxiliary***

Past Award Winners

Farmer of the Year

2012 Telaak Farms

2013 Pine Villa Farm

2014 Sprague's Maple Farms

2015 Canticle Farm

2016 Angus Hill Farm

2017 Pumpkinville

2018 Hills Valley Farm

2019 Native Offerings

Friend of Agriculture

2012 Lisa Kempisty

2013 Rick Miller

2014 Charlesworth Family

2015 Joan Petzen

2016 Jim Ellis

2017 Lloyd "Ev" Webster

2018 Jack Searles

2019 Chuck & Phyllis Couture

Conservation Farm of the Year

2012 Nichols Farm

2013 Pimm's View Dairy

2014 Tim Ploetz Farm

2015 Triple R Farms

2016 R&D Adams Dairy Farm

2017 Blesy Farm

2018 Bliss Dairy Company

2019 Woloszyn Farm

Ag Legacy Award

2017 Joe and Jeannie Pagett

2018 Barb Andera

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Silver

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Ole Farmer Wisdom...

Always drink upstream from the herd.

A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.

Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.

Don't interfere with somethin' that ain't botherin' you none.

It is a rule of nature that taking a day off on a farm sets a person back at least a week.

Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.







*See you at
next year's Dinner...
April 13, 2022*

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