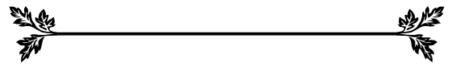


#### **Cover Photo**

Cows at North Country Creamery gather around us during our farm tour. Photo by Paige Lamb , Essex County SWCD.



## **New Services for Municipalities Brochure Maxine Appleby, Wayne County SWCD**

As part of the District's Strategic Plan for the next 10 years, it has developed a new "Services for Municipalities" brochure. The four page colorful document lists an explanation of services and project pictures. There are a series of fact sheets that will be available on the website as well as distributed throughout the year with more detailed information. The booklet is set for distribution once a communication preference survey of municipal boards is returned. The survey is being sent to all clerks within the County.



## 2022 Water Quality Symposium

## Caitlin Stewart, New York State Conservation District Employees' Association

Two weeks. Thirty-two classes. Five hundred attendees from across the Northeast. The Water Quality symposium is one of the most effective professional development experiences available to participants, and this year was no exception.

The 2022 virtual Water Quality Symposium was a tremendous success, and there are many people to thank. Partners with the New York State Conservation District Employees' Association, Soil and Water Conservation Committee, and Natural Resources Conservation Service organized and facilitated incredible, educational classes. This event would not be possible without the dedication and creativity of the WQS planning committee.

Expert instructors shared their knowledge and passion of all things natural resource conservation. Forums gave colleagues the opportunity to discuss challenges and share new ideas. There was something for everyone, with tracks including Agriculture, Non-Agriculture, Forestry, Clerk and

Admin, and Education.

We look forward to hosting the 2023 WQS in person at the Double Tree Hotel, East Syracuse. Stay tuned for more information.

If you are interested in serving on the planning committee, please contact caitlinstewart@frontier.com. We need volunteers with fresh ideas to kindle the continued success of the event.

I thank everyone involved with organizing this year's virtual Water Quality Symposium, and all those who attended.

With gratitude,

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Caitlin Stewart, CDEA Vice President

## Grass Whisperer receives 3 Cap Creal Journalism awards

Troy Bishopp, Madison County Soil & Water Conservation District



Jim Munroe-Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity, Jim Ehmke WBGH-TV, Troy Bishopp, NYS Ag Commissioner Richard Ball.

Troy Bishopp, farmer and grazing guy from the Madison County Soil & Water Conservation District, received 3 "Cap" Creal Journalism awards from the NYS Agricultural Society in conjunction with the recent 190th annual meeting and agriculture forum held at the OnCenter in Syracuse, N.Y. The statewide honor is designed to recognize and encourage positive and accurate media coverage of events, people and issues related to New York State agriculture.

Troy earned the recognition in three categories for his Country Folks printed news story, "Stress management for women in agriculture" (https:// countryfolks.com/stress-management-for-women-inagriculture/), his online feature, "What is the true meaning of grazing?" at OnPasture.com (https:// thegrasswhisperer.com/what-is-the-true-meaning-ofgrazing/) and his Country Folks newspaper cover photo of a CNY wheat harvest.

"It seems like a long time ago (15 years) since I enrolled in the NYS Soil & Water Conservation Committee's media training program taught by Barb Silvestri (RIP), Bill Cooke, Beth Meyer and Channel 5 News Anchor Keith Kobland. Who knew learning

strategies and practicing interview techniques would have such a profound effect on my life as a farmer, conservationist, freelancer and resident Pop Pop to my family, said Bishopp. I'm forever indebted to my peers, mentors, media outlets, editors and fellow agriculturalists who have supported my practical work Wheat harvest in full swing in Cenover the years".

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Laura Bestehorn

# **Jamie Parslow**









# **Division Merit Award**







# Karen Klemczak



# Dave Gasper





# District Director Award

Presented to a current District Director who has shown leadership, supervision and total dedication to the District through support of its image, activities and personnel



	Year	s of Service Pin Recipients 202	22		
		Division I	1000):		
Leonard Preston	Allegany	Watershed Technician / Engineer	November	2012	10
Allen Fagan	Wyoming	District Manager	June	2012	10
Donald Stribick	Erie	District Technician	September	1997	25
		Division II	I wasteninger I		300700
Wanda Jakaub	Cayuga	Principal Account Clerk	Sept	2007	15
Mike Riley	Cayuga	Working Foreperson	Sep	2002	20
Tad Gerace	Ontario	Conservation District Technician	Oct	2002	20
Ronald Thorn	Wayne	Conservation Field Program Manager	May	2002	20
Christopher Creelman	Seneca	District Technician	May	1997	25
Tom Eskildsen	Yates	Senior District Technician	June	1997	25
		Division III			
Elizabeth Gallup	St. Lawrence	Secretary/Treasurer	March	2012	10
Carla Yaw	Lewis	District Treasurer	June	2007	15
Donald Lynch	Oneida	Engineer	October	2007	15
Raeanne Dulanski	St. Lawrence	Manager	May	2007	15
Steve Lorraine	Madison	District Manager	June	2002	20
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		Division IV			
Jeremy Waddell	Tioga	Wetland Biologist	July	2012	10
Russell Smith	Cortland	Natural Resource Conservationist	February	2007	<b>1</b> 5
Jody Applebee	Steuben	Conservation Assistant	May	2007	15
Chris Brogdale	Tioga	Watershed Technician	September	2007	<b>1</b> 5
Jessica Patterson	Delaware	Stream Technician	May	2002	20
Melissa Yearick	Tioga	Wetlands Coordinator	May	2002	20
Chris Savage	Delaware	Civil Engineering Technician	April	1997	25
Lawrence Underwood	Delaware	Executive Director	February	1992	30
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Nicholas Rowell	Warren	Natural Resources Specialist	May	2012	10
Robert Bombard	Warren	Water Resources Specialist	March	2012	10
Dean Moore	Warren	District Technician	September	2007	15
Lenny Croote	Hamilton	Conservation Technician	August	2002	20
		Division VI			
Jacob Hart	Fulton	Resource Conservationist	March	2012	10
Lori Sheehan	Washington	Office Manger	October	2012	10
John Persch	Fulton	District Manager	May	1997	25
Paula Schaeffer	Schenectady	Administrative Assistant	July	1997	25
Corey Nellis	Montgomery	District Manager	June	1987	35
	1	Division VII			1.000
Erin Sommerville	Dutchess	MS-4 Coordinator	Jan	2012	10
Stacie Howell	Sullivan	CSBI Coordinator	April	2012	10
Margarete Wagner	Ulster	Program Assistant	Dec	2007	15
Jake Wedemeyer	Ulster	Technician/Ed. Specialist	Aug	2002	20
Brian Scoralick	Dutchess	Executive Director	Mar	1997	25
Brian Brustman	Sullivan	District Manager	Dec	1997	25
		Division VIII			
Ann Marie Calabro	Suffolk	Agronomist	October	2012	10
Tatiana Morin	NY City	Director, Urban Soils Insitute	May	2007	15
R. Allan Beers	Rockland	Executive Director	January	1997	25

New	Employees .	January 1 2021 - December 31,	2021						
Division I									
Matt Schaefer	Cattaraugus	District Technician	November	2021					
Hailey Brown	Chautauqua	Water Quality Technician	November	2021					
Katie Pfeifer	Niagara	Secretary/Assistant Treasurer	June	2021					
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		Division II							
Eva Champion	Cayuga	Senior Account Clerk Typist	June	2021					
Mike Warren	Cayuga	Motor Equipment Operator	August	2021					
Jacob Kearney	Monroe	Conservation Program Specialist	December	2021					
Peter Rao	Onondaga	Conservation District Technician	April	2021					
Megan Vandewarker	Onondaga	Conservation District Technician	June	2021					
Anne Havelin	Seneca	Bookkeeper / Secretary	February	2021					
Alex McGraw	Seneca	District Technician	September	2021					
		Division III							
Gabrielle Lewosko	Herkimer	Conservation Aide	October	2021					
Kaitlyn Doane	Oneida	Secretary	January	2021					
		Division IV							
Michael Burud	Delaware	Data and Budget Specialist	September	2021					
Josh Hamelin	Steuben	District Technician	May	2021					
Thomas Flynn	Tioga	Conservation Technician	May	2021					
Ranier Lucas	Tioga	Buffer Technician	October	2021					
Heather Scott	Tioga	AEM Specialist	December	2021					
Samantha Smith	Tompkins	Senior Account Clerk	April	2021					
		Division V							
Kaylyn Wood	Clinton	District Technician	August	2021					
Joseph Braun	Essex	Conservation Technician	February	2021					
		Division VI							
Nicholas Blow	Albany	District Technician	November	2021					
Judy Klapp	Albany	District Clerk	April	2021					
Laura Bornt	Rensselaer	Conservation District Technician	July	2021					
Drew Hoag	Rensselaer	Conservation District Technician	October	2021					
Tyler Levy	Schenectady	District Technician	July	2021					
Randy Spengler	Schenectady	Gate Keeper	July	2021					
Lyndsy Hilder	Washington	District Technician	June	2021					
		Division VIII							
Cassandra Miller	Dutchess	Division VII	Cont	2021					
Cassandra Miller Amy Titcomb	Dutchess	Office Manager District Technician	Sept	2021					
Rich Andreassen	Dutchess Greene	Conservation District Program Engineer	Sept May	2021					
Alex Johnk	Greene	Heavy Machine Equipment Operator	Nov	2020					
Victoria Martino	Greene	Administrative Assistant	Aug	2020					
Roland O'Dell, Jr.	Orange	Field Technician	Jan	2021					
Mark Tollefson	Ulster	A.W.S.M.P. Watershed Technician	Nov	2021					
		Division VIII							
Derek Betts	Nassau	District Manager	June	2021					
Tom Parisi	Nassau	District Technician	September	2021					
Sean Rooney	Nassau	District Technician	August	2021					

#### New York State Envirothon

#### MaryLynne Malone and Danielle Parker, Volunteer Coordinators

The New York State Envirothon Committee is pleased to announce that we will host the 2022 New York State Envirothon at Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, NY May 25 and 26. We are excited to continue the Envirothon's mission to promote environmental literacy among North America's youth, and we need your help!

We truly appreciated your support of past NYS Envirothon. Volunteers are at the heart of this event, and we couldn't do it without your efforts. We are reaching out to you again this year for your continued support. It is our hope that you will be willing to volunteer your time.

Please see the list of available volunteer positions. You may volunteer for one or more positions. If your time allows you may volunteer for both days or come for one day.

Overnight accommodations on campus housing and meals will be provided for our volunteers. You will receive a volunteer t-shirt to wear during the event.

The Envirothon affords our high school students hands-on learning experience that may open doors to careers in natural resources. On behalf of the NYS Envirothon Committee, I express my gratitude and appreciation for your consideration to volunteer and make this an incredible event for our students.

In order to volunteer on site, you will need to take a child safety course and upload your certification. Minors on Campus - Training is an approved course. Covid 19 guidelines for campus are strict and must be followed. All persons will be required to wear masks indoors. Proof of vaccination can be uploaded to this form. If you are not vaccinated, you must show proof of a negative test conducted within the 72 hours prior to your arrival. There will be no exceptions. Participants will also be asked to upload a copy of medical insurance cards in case of emergency on site.

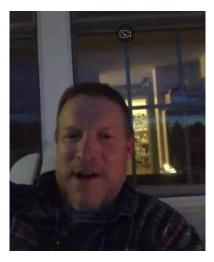
Please let us know if you are willing to volunteer by completing the volunteer registration form as soon as possible found on our website <u>Envirothon Volunteer descriptions</u>. Please fill out our online registration form. Volunteer form

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at <a href="mailto:nykenvirothon@gmail.com">nykenvirothon@gmail.com</a> or leave a message for MaryLynne (845) 234-5025 or Danielle Parker (607)267-2099. Thank you!



















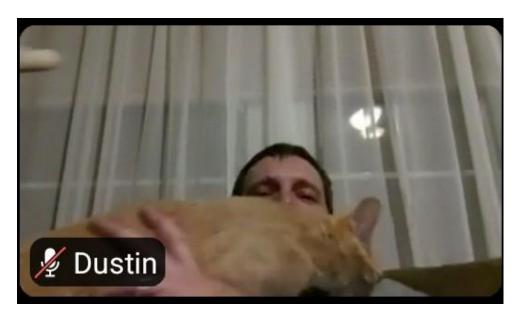






















# Annual NYS CDEA Fish On Challenge

The NYSCDEA is sponsoring a fishing challenge to all anglers out there.



Participation Fee is \$10.00 per person and each participant will receive a NYSCDEA pocket tape measure (\*\*If you haven't received a tape already). Registration is available for <a href="NYSCDEA members only">NYSCDEA members only</a>.

#### Register HERE for the Fish On Challenge by May 31, 2022

\*\*\*New district employees can sign up anytime!

There are Six Categories and prizes in each:

Smallmouth Bass

Largemouth Bass

Northern Pike

Trout Special

Comradery Catch!
For the spirit of friendship and good times with the family!

Jokers Wild

#### **General Rules**

- You are not eligible to enter a fish if you caught it while in a professional tournament.
- Only one prize per fish.
- Entries are limited to those caught from NY waters only (including boundary waters).
- Entries will be scored based on length except for
  - Jokers Wild will be judged on uniqueness of species, size and location of catch. Participant will have to specify why they think the fish is unique and why it should win.
  - Comradery Catch will be judged based on species, fishing story (optional), location, etc.
  - Trout will be judged based on length, species, and location of catch.

Enter a Fish: the participant is required to submit the following information to <u>Google Forms</u> or Fishcdea@gmail.com:

- 1. Name 2. Date caught 3. Species 4. Length
- 5. Location (waterbody)
- 6. Picture of fish with you or a measuring tape!
- 7. If entering the... <u>Jokers Wild</u> category you must include why the fish is unique and why it should win the category.

All entries need to be submitted between March 1, 2022 – February 28, 2023

Examples for pictures:







Winners of all categories will be announced at the 2023 WQS Banquet.

## Register for the Fish On Challenge <u>HERE</u>

If you have any questions, comments or if you are interested in registering, contact Maren Stoddard at: <a href="mailto:Fishcdea@gmail.com">Fishcdea@gmail.com</a>.



## **Photo Album**



Spring is coming...but not soon enough for this maple tree. A maple tree bud encased in approximately ½ inch of ice. Photo taken on 2/5/2022. Photo by Amber Luke, Washington County SWCD.



Educating the masses, look closely a couple familiar faces can be found. Photo by Jason Cuddeback, Cayuga County SWCD.



Essex County SWCD Conservation Technician Joe Braun celebrates one year with the district and was gifted a multitool . Photo by Paige Lamb, Essex County SWCD.



A curious horse followed technicians around during a land assessment at Ducharme Family. Farm Photo by Paige Lamb, Essex County SWCD.



# **Photo Album**



Winter wheat with turbo radish synergizing to protect the soil. Photo by Jason Cuddeback, Cayuga County SWCD.



Tyler Knapp-CCA, working on soil sampling for a 3A plan. Photo by Jason Cuddeback, Cayuga County SWCD.



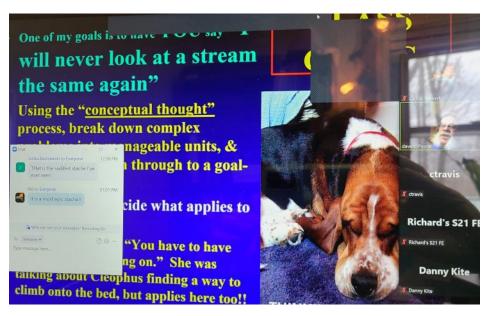
A ray of sunshine peaking in on this farm planting winter wheat for a cover crop. Photo by Jason Cuddeback, Cayuga County SWCD.

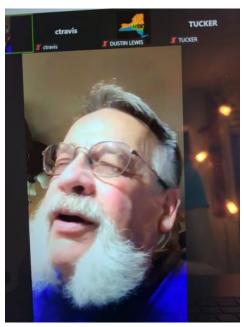


Turbo till radish inter-seeding into standing soybeans, YEAH I AM SOLD. Photo by Jason Cuddeback, Cayuga County SWCD.



## **Photo Album**





Mr. Dave Derrick instructs Introduction to Stream Stabilization and Restoration during the 2022 virtual Water Quality Symposium.

## **CDEA Wine and Pint Glass Tour**

We all love our CDEA wine and pint glasses. Here they are in action across New York State. Cheers!



Caitlin Stewart, Hamilton County SWCD, enjoys an Irish Highlander during the Virtual CDEA Happy Hour held on St. Patrick's Day. Slantie!



Susan Lewis, Albany County SWCD, enjoys another great wine from Thousand Islands Winery.

# CDEA News needs your news!

Please email your stories, photos, save the dates, and fun moments to caitlinstewart@frontier.com

# **Special Columns!**

#### Cover Photo

Your stellar photo could be on the cover of CDEA News. Submit seasonal photos of landscapes or conservation practices through summer, fall, winter, or spring. Include a few sentences describing the photo.

## **CDEA Wine and Pint Glass Tour**

We all love our CDEA wine and pint glasses. Email photos of your glass in action. Cheers!

## Where in New York is Ronny Raindrop?

Email your photos of Ronny with a brief description of what he's doing and where he is.

Back issues are available on the CDEA website: www.nyscdea.com/newsletter/

Thank you for making CDEA News a continued success.

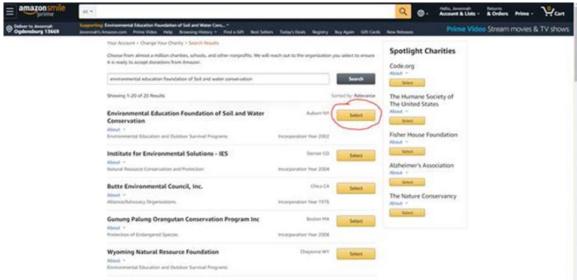
Please keep you news rolling in!

#### **Support the NYS Envirothon with Amazon Smile**

Chastity Miller, President, NYS Conservation District Employees' Association, Inc.

Did you know you can use AMAZON Smile to help the NYS Envirothon! Please use Amazon Smile to give back to the Environmental Education Foundation for the State Envirothon and the National Envirothon in 2023! Here is the link for amazon smile along with some screenshots of what it should look like. Once you have selected them, it works exactly the same as the regular amazon site. Just note that if you go to the regular amazon.com site or use the app the charity will not get any donations, you have to use the smile.amazon.com site. If you forget to go to the smile site and already have stuff in your cart (in app or on regular amazon site), you can still go to the smile site and login and the items in your cart will show up on that site too, I did it just to try! Go to: <a href="https://smile.amazon.com">https://smile.amazon.com</a> & Sign in with your amazon account. This account has already done it, so it shows that their supporting the EEF already, but if you haven't yet you should automatically be prompted to pick a charity. Then you just search for "Environmental Education Foundation of Soil and Water Conservation" and hit select. REMEMBER-note that if you go to the regular amazon.com site or use the app the charity will not get any donations; you have to use the smile.amazon.com site. Thank you so much! We need all the help we can get.





## New York State Conservation District Employees' Association, Inc.



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Joann Burke, Secretary
Chastity Miller, Treasurer
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