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BRIEFS

Rawlings' Final Adieu

Cornell University President Hunter Rawlings will give his final address to employees on Wednesday, October 16, 2002 from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. in James Law Auditorium, Shurman Hall in Ithaca. This event is sponsored by the Employee Assembly. All Cornell staff are encouraged to attend. There will be complimentary pizza and soda. Geneva's Employee Assembly representative Pat Mahoney will present Dr. Rawlings with a lovely basket of fruit compliments of the Station.

If you are unable to attend in person, the address will be available via webcast on the Employee Assembly website <http://www.assembly.cornell.edu/EA/> later that afternoon. It will remain on the website for approximately 30 days thereafter.

Number of Farmers' Markets
Increases Substantially

The direct marketing of farm products continues to rise. According to the USDA, the number of farmers' markets is up 79% from 1994 to 2002. Farmers' markets are now an integral part in the urban/farm linkage and have continued to rise in popularity. The increase is mostly due to the growing consumer interest in obtaining fresh products directly from the farm, the report said. According to the 2002 *National Farmers Market Directory*, there are over 3,100 farmers' markets operating in the United States.

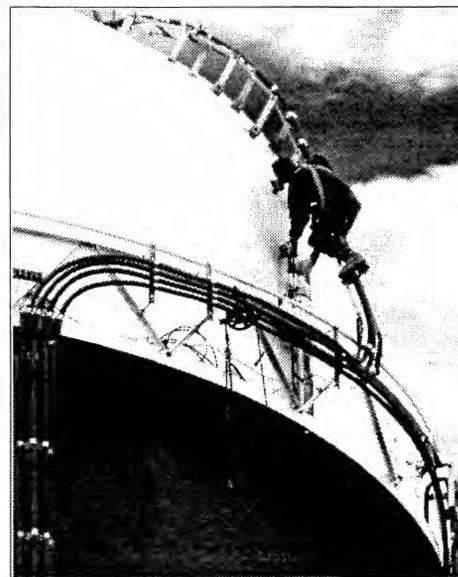
Direct marketing of farm products through farmers' markets continues to be an important sales outlet for agricultural producers nationwide. Small farm operators, consumers and communities benefit from the proliferation of farmers' markets.

For more information visit www.ams.usda.gov/farmersmarkets.

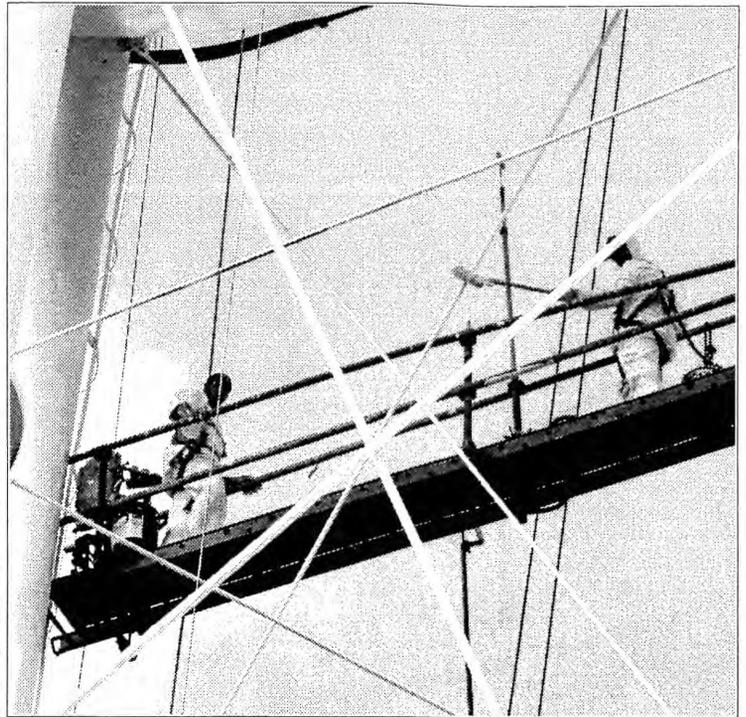
High Above Seneca's Waters

The Experiment Station's water tower is one of Geneva's defining landmarks. For decades, the 130 ft. tower has towered high above Seneca's waters, serving as the back-up water supply to the Station community and a quiet sentry to all Station activity. This summer, the tower was sandblasted inside and out in order to paint it inside and out. The tower is currently in the final stages of painting. Aptly, the color is called "Spring Water."

According to Ralph D'Amato, who coordinates all Station projects for Building & Properties, the work is being done for several reasons. "First, we had welding repairs that needed to be done on the interior of the riser pipe. Second, the tower needed to be brought up to current safety codes by installing a man-way into the tower at the catwalk. The overflow pipe had to extend all the way to the ground, and a fall protection system had to be installed on the exterior climbing ladder. We also have hopes that cleaning and painting the inside of the tank may help with some of our water problems on campus," D'Amato said.



Most of the high-wire tower work was done from safety harnesses.



The tower crew uses a paint roller to put the final coat on the dome.

The work is being funded by the State University Construction Fund. "With change orders, the project will cost \$289,000," said D'Amato. The work is being done by Global Contracting & Painting, Inc., of Orchard Park, NY.

The work began with the tower being drained on June 17, 2002. Then Sprint PCS came in to relocate their cell equipment on the tower so the painters had room to sandblast

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and paint the tower under their equipment. Then the welder had to install the man-way and the overflow pipe. Then the painters had to rig the tank with a giant "skirt" to contain the sand and the paint, so they could start their work.

"As with any project of this size we ran into some unexpected problems," said D'Amato. The riser pipe needed a significant amount of welding and seam reinforcement on the interior. Lead paint was discovered on the belly of the tank, the upper part of the legs and riser pipe. This caused a change to the way the sandblasting was being done and added a considerable amount of time and expense to the project.

One of the functions of the water tower is to boost the water pressure on campus, which, according to D'Amato, is really important if we ever have a large fire on campus. The tower is also a back-up system to the city's water supply system if the city had a water main break which causes an interruption to the Station's water service. In the event of an emergency, the water tower would be able to supply water to the campus for up to two days in the summer and up to four days in the winter, as long as the tower was full to begin with. The tower holds 150,000 gallons of water.

If all goes as planned, there will be no need to do any work on the tower other than routine maintenance for the next 25 years. Even then, all the tower should need will be to have an overcoat painted. No additional sandblasting will be needed because of the extensive work being done at this time.

The contract completion date is October 14, 2002.

Free Flu Shots

for active faculty and staff;
\$12 for retirees, students, and
family members.

— Sawdust Cafe —

October 24 — 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

New York Agriculture Goes to Washington

New York farm-fresh products, award-winning wines, and fine restaurants descended on the nation's capitol to show Congress, the Administration, and others that New York is a major agricultural state, and agriculture is a major part of the state's economy.

On Thursday, September 26 from 5:30 to 8:00 pm, Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton hosted "New York Farm Day" in the elegant Senate Russell Caucus Room, reviving a tradition started by former Senator Al D'Amato. Attendees included Senator Clinton's colleagues, the New York Congressional delegation, agricultural specialists in Congress and the Administration, and members of the Washington area trade and media.

The event was organized according to the state's major wine-producing regions: Long Island, the Hudson Valley, the Finger Lakes, and Lake Erie (Chautauqua). Each region had a "Farm Table" showcasing local agricultural products, a "Restaurant Table" featuring a special recipe created from those products, and a "Wine Table" offering award-winning wines to match the foods.

In addition, New York City featured its Greenmarkets program and four top restaurants: Blue Smoke, Gramercy Tavern, Union Square Cafe, and 11 Madison Park. Throughout the room, there were several poster presentations depicting the positive economic impact of agriculture.

The "Farm Tables" and a centerpiece "Cornucopia" included everything from A to Z (apples to zucchini), with a bounty of fresh vegetables, fruits, dairy products, meat and seafood illustrating New York's diversity as an agricultural state. Though few farmers could attend since they were in the middle of the fall harvest, they have generously contributed their products for this event.

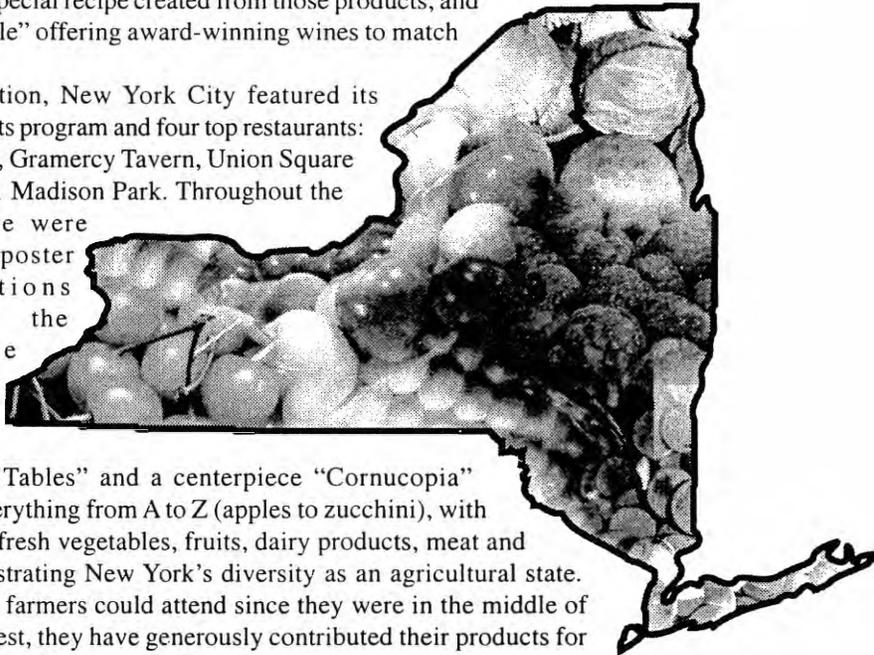
From the Finger Lakes region, Red Newt Bistro offered a Bison Pate with a Chevre Sauce; and Veraisons created a Glenora Pinot Noir-Birkett Mills Kasha Loaf filled with McDonald Farm's Leg of Lamb, served with Organic Cornucopia Garlic Chive-Glenora Riesling Beurre Blanc. Wines included Chateau LaFayette Reneau, Dr. Frank's Vinifera Wine Cellars, Fox Run Vineyards, Glenora Wine Cellars, Hunt Country Vineyards, King Ferry Winery, Prejean Winery, Red Newt Cellars, Sheldrake Point Vineyards, and Widmer Wine Cellars/Brickstone Cellars.

"New York has it all—great foods, great wines, great restaurants," said Jim Trezise, president of the NY Wine & Grape Foundation. "When most people think of New York, they think of the Statue of Liberty, Broadway, or Times Square. But New York is much greater than those wonderful attractions, and it's fun to watch people discover that fact."

New York Farm Day was sponsored by Constellation Brands, New York Farm Bureau, and Northeast Farm Credit; and organized by the New York Wine & Grape Foundation in conjunction with numerous other organizations and individuals who contributed their time, products and services.

*"Horse sense means seeing things two ways --
how you want them to be and how they have to be."*

—JUNE SMITH—



Deer on Station Property

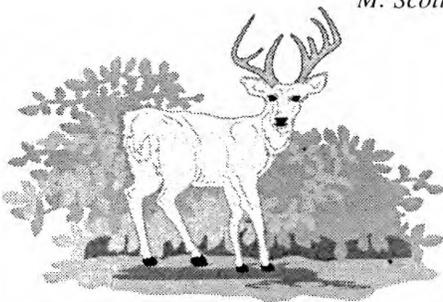
Because of increasing problems/damage from deer in research plots, the station has applied for and received DMAP (Deer Management Assistance Program) Permits. These permits are for landowners who are experiencing excessive crop damage. These can only be used during deer hunting season (bow, regular gun, and muzzleloading) and is for antlerless deer only.

The deer control program includes the use of electric fences, baiting the fences, use of repellents, nuisance permits, and hunting during the legal deer hunting season. Archery season is October 15 through November 17 and then again December 11-15. Gun hunting season for deer is November 18 through December 10 this year and muzzleloading is December 11-17. There will be hunters (Station employees only) allowed to hunt on Station property.

The firearms hunters can be identified by an orange vest they will be wearing with NYSAES printed on it. They will also be wearing an orange hat. Project leaders and technicians are encouraged to wear light colored clothing in the field during this time. To check to see if a hunter is on a farm, you can call Security (X215). Hunters are required to sign in. Also, you can report to Security that you will be in your plot and for hunters to stay out (include block code time you will be in plot). You will need to sign up daily. If you do find a hunter in your plot, inform them that you will be working and that they will have to move elsewhere.

For more information on either of these programs as well as voicing concerns or signing up to participate (safety meeting for participants is Oct. 10 and Nov. 14 at FRU; need to attend only one), call Mark L. Scott, 789-3689, Field Research Unit.

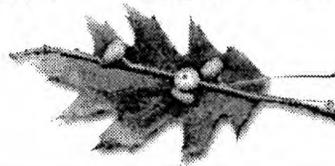
M. Scott



STATION CLUB BANQUET

NOVEMBER 1, 2002

Social Hr 6:00 pm • Club 86 • Dinner @ 7:00 pm



Member	Menu	Non-Member
15.00	Baked Half Chicken	18.00
18.00	Broiled Whitefish	21.00
21.00	NY Strip Steak	24.00
18.00	Veal Parmigiana	21.00
15.00	Eggplant Parmigiana	18.00

Includes: soup, ziti, entree with salad and desert

Ticket prices will be reduced by \$10 for all active employees. This discount is made possible by Unit Leaders and Department Chairs. See your department rep for details.

Music provided by "The California Kid"



Holiday
Craft & Book Sale
Saturday
November 9, 2002
in Jordan Hall.

THE
3RD ANNUAL

Artists
Among Us
FINE ART EXHIBIT
& BENEFAIR
DECEMBER 5, 2002

If you wish to enter some of your artwork for the exhibit, please contact Amy Andersen at ada10 or x 2314.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

OCTOBER 11 - 18, 2002

LTC

Excel Intermediate I

Date: Thursday, October 17, 2002
Time: 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Place: LTC, Jordan Hall
Instructor: Cheryl TenEyck
Subject: The course will cover the following: creating charts using the chart wizard, working with names on a worksheet, using the function wizard. Some of the functions discussed will be the following: and, average, convert, if, max, min, now, or sum, vlookup. There will be time allotted for hands-on learning.

FITNESS

Aerobics

Date: Mon. & Fri.
Time: 12:10 - 1 PM
Place: Sawdust Cafe

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Date: Mon., Oct. 14 & Wed., Oct. 16
Time: 12:10 - 1 PM
Place: Jordan Hall Auditorium

**"It's not so much how busy you are,
 but why you are busy.
 The bee is praised.
 The mosquito is swatted."**

-MARY O'CONNOR-

Geneva Community Projects
 is proud to present the

Finger Lakes

GRAPE
 STOMP

A Fun Wine Festival!

Saturday October 12, 2002

Lakeshore Park, Geneva, NY

11:00 am - 8:00 pm.

\$10 admission for wine tasters

\$3 admission for designated drivers

12 and under are free

(The \$3 admission for designated drivers includes: enjoying the Lucy look-a-like skits and special foods from vendors, free cider drinks from Red Jacket, an option to take part in the grape stomp, and participation in the silent auction!)



Enjoy the Finger Lakes wine tasting experience. Sample Award Winning Chardonnay's Rieslings, Sweet and Red Wines. Receive a free Finger Lakes Grape Stomp wine glass.

Featuring gourmet foods and cheeses from area restaurants. Experience the fun of a grape stomp contest and maybe laugh with Lucy.

CLASSIFIEDS

FREE TO A LOVING HOME: 6 calico, black & white, & black long-haired kittens, most are seven-toed. Approx. 6 weeks old, very friendly and looking for a loving, adoptive family. For further info, please call x2314 or e-mail ada10.

FOR SALE: Sofa, dark blue, flowered with shades of rose/ burgundy . Both ends recline. Very good condition. \$150.00. Call 315 781 2723

HOUSE RENTAL NEEDED: Looking for house/ apt 2/3 bedrooms for rent. Contact: dbg25@cornell.edu, x2368

FOR SALE: 1993 Ford Taurus Wagon. Auto, 6 cyl, AC, power steering, windows, locks, folding 3rd rear seat. Mileage: 137,125. Good running condition, would make a great second family car. Asking \$2,500 or BO. Call Judy Birkett at 585-526-5840 after 6 pm.

FOR RENT: New furnished home on east side of Seneca Lake. Available 10/15/02 - 5/31/03. Contact Penny at 315-585-2259 or pyl1@nysaes.cornell.edu

FALL CLEANUP SALE: JOHN DEERE model 33 manure spreader: 7' wide from outside-tire to tire, needs minor wood repair, w/ owners manual; \$450. TROYBILT "Junior" 17" rear tine rototiller: 5hp, like new condition; \$650. DIESEL FUEL TANK: Agway 39" high x 3' across round tank, needs crank handle and hose repair; \$200. LAWN ROLLER: 37" wide, excellent condition; \$150. BILLYGOAT "Quantum 35" gas powered four wheeled walk behind pavement vacuum sucker w/ bag: good condition; \$75. DOUTHERM Forced air furnace: 30,000 BTU input rating, natural gas or propane w/ honeywell control. Good for hunting camp or cottage; \$20. COURIER 10 gallon electric hotwater tank: 1650 watt/120 volt, good for hunting cabin or

cottage; \$20. MAGIC CHEF "Vue Magic" gas stove: 20' wide x 22' deep, brown w/ clock/outlet, good for hunting camp, cottage or apartment; \$20. More to come. Call 315-946-6617 or e-mail dwc15@nysaes.cornell.edu

FOR SALE: Nordic Track Walk Fit, not motorized, upper and lower body workout with adjustable resistance for both. \$300. Call 315-548-3101.

FOR SALE: professional drafting table, Hamilton VR20, 3'x5', power lift, excellent condition, \$300. Call Dave x2496.

WANTED TO RENT: House or apartment, 2/3 bedrooms. Contact dbg25 or x2368.

FOR SALE: '95 Coleman Cedar Tent Camper. Sleeps 5, Stove, Sink, Awning & Tent. \$3200 or B/O. Call Holly 315-539-5216 or e-mail: hak@cornell.edu