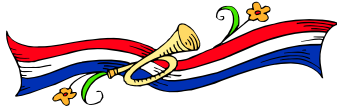


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L. Kelley Dickinson

L. Kelley Dickinson died Saturday February 28, 2009. Kelley was the liaison between the Lewis County Board of Legislators and the Lewis County Agricultural Society and was always very interested in the success of the Lewis County Fair and the activities of the Agricultural Society.

Kelley proudly served his country with the US Navy Seabees from 1942 to 1946 when he was honorably discharged with the Rank of Electrician 3rd Class. Kelly was first employed by Diamond Match Co. in Plattsburgh, for 20 years as a lumber buyer. He then was employed as a salesman for Timber Jack Skidders and Prentice Log Loaders, and was later employed for Elliott Harwood in Potsdam. He was then employed with Schroon Lake Tractor in North Gouverneur selling John Deere Equipment.



In 1989, Gary Buckingham, the Lewis County legislator representing the Town of Diana resigned to take a full time job with the county. Kelley was pleased to be appointed to serve the remainder of Gary's term on the Board. Kelley, a Republican, has won re-election every two years since 1989. He served longer than any other member of the Lewis County Board of Legislators and was always very proud of his general conservative stand on most issues.

During his tenure on the Board of County Legislators, Kelley served on every standing committee except for the hospital. Highlights of his appointments show that he has served on the Forest Practice Board from the beginning in 1989. This is a State authorized Board which works with the Dept. Environmental Conservation and private landowners. Kelley has also served on the Fish and Wildlife Board for 16 of the last 20 years. He has had two terms as its chairman of the State Board. Outside of his County responsibility, Kelley has served on the Adirondack Park Review Board for the past ten years.

Kelley was a member of the Harrisville Grange, the Harrisville Rod and Gun Club, the Beaver River Memorial Post #1663 American Legion in Croghan, the Veteran's of Foreign Wars, and was a charter member of Mullen Flow Hunting Club which leases hunting land east of Harrisville.

When working for the Diamond Match Corporation, Kelley helped establish the Lumberjack Field Days in Tupper Lake with the support of the "Northern Logger" magazine. Competition and exhibits of lumberjack skills, logging equipment, and timber products such as loads of logs were on display in a collegial atmosphere and thousands of spectators attended. Kelley also served as a judge for a variety of their events. These field days continue to this day. For a number of years it was held in alternating years in Tupper Lake and Boonville.

Gary Ebersol

Gary Ebersol died Tuesday May 5, 2009. Gary served as Associate Director for several years. Gary worked on the family farm and purchased it from his parents in 1970. He and his wife operated the farm until 1997. After retiring from farming, he worked for Lyndaker Excavating and Trucking for two years and for VS Virkler and Sons until retiring in 2007.

He was a member of Salem Christian Fellowship Church and served as a steward for a time. He served on the advisory board of First Pioneer Farm Credit. He was an honorary member of the Beaver Falls Fire Dept. and had served as chief for several years. Mr. Ebersol was a member of the Lowville Elks Lodge #1605 and the Sons of the American Legion in Croghan and the Number Four Hunting Club, Lowville. He was an avid Yankees fan, enjoyed flying model remote control airplanes and fishing.

