

FARM BUREAU NEWS

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Greetings Farm Bureau Members,

It's almost that time again for our Annual Farm Bureau Banquet and Auction. Details for the banquet are in this newsletter, and I want to thank all of you for your support in the past and hope you'll attend this year.

Farm Bureau has been very active in various legislative issues, nationally and locally. On the local scene, Farm Bureau has taken part with the County's Watershed Implementation Committee. As you know, the EPA has handed down some very unrealistic goals in the form of regulations which they call the Chesapeake Bay Pollution Diet. Our County Commissioners have taken a proactive stance by forming this committee for the purpose of proposing a more realistic and fiscally responsible solution. The American Farm Bureau has filed a lawsuit along with Pennsylvania Farm Bureau against the EPA in hopes of keeping them from overstepping their bounds and making them follow the law.

This month, we will be taking part in the Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Women's Committee Day in Annapolis, meeting with state legislators personally to voice agriculture concerns and to let them know we are still here. Then, in March, we will go to Washington to meet with Representatives and Senators in the same capacities. From time to time, we will be asking you to participate in contacting legislators by email, phone calls, or personal visits. Any and all contacts are very important, and we can help with any information you might need. Feel free to contact me, or any of the Farm Bureau Directors.

In the near future, Cecil County will be transitioning from County Commissioners to Charter Government. Cecil County Farm Bureau will be staying involved in this and we need your opinions and input on someone to fill the County Executive position who understands the State's #1 industry, and that's agriculture!

Take Care
Stay Involved,

Wayne Stafford



Dear Farm Bureau Members and Friends

The Cecil County Farm Bureau is hosting their 81st Annual Banquet on Saturday, March 19 at the North East Fire Company Banquet Hall. We will be holding a silent auction with a live auction right after dinner. Proceeds from the auctions will benefit the Cecil County Farm Museum, Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation, 4-H and county agricultural programs. Following dinner the Outstanding Farm Operation of the Year Award will be presented.

Plan to join us for this evening beginning at 5:30 P.M. for bidding on silent auction items and fellowship. The buffet dinner begins at 6:30 P.M. The menu includes Baked Stuffed Chicken Breast, Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, rolls, butter, coffee, ice tea, milk and pie. The price for this dinner is \$22.00. A cash bar will be available.

Please make reservations early as seating is limited. If you have any questions, you may contact the Farm Bureau Office at 410-392-4226.

For reservations, return this portion of the letter with payment by **March 8, 2011 to Cecil County Farm Bureau, 20 Peach Road, Elkton MD 21921.**

Make your check payable to **Cecil County Farm Bureau.**

Please adhere to the March 8 deadline as we will be unable to accommodate late reservations.

Name _____ Phone _____

Number of adults: _____ x \$22.00 = \$ _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

***PLEASE NOTE – Your cancelled check will be your receipt. Reservation listings will be at the door.
NO TICKETS WILL BE MAILED.***

CECIL COUNTY FARM BUREAU SILENT AND LIVE AUCTIONS



It is time to focus on our annual Farm Bureau Auction again. It will be held during and following the annual dinner meeting on Saturday, March 19. The silent auction will begin at 5:30 P.M. and the live auction will start following dinner. Mr. George Gibney has again agreed to be our auctioneer.

As has been done in the past, the proceeds from the auction will benefit ag related programs including the Cecil County Farm Museum, local 4-H, the Maryland Ag Education Foundation and the Lead Maryland program.

We need help from the membership to donate items and to solicit items from area businesses. The items should be new, antique, or things that are nearly new and in good useable condition. No "yard sale" items please. Hand crafted items are welcome, as are gift certificates from business people.

An auction donation form is provided below. Completing and returning this form to Betty Moore will help in planning. We need to either have the item delivered to Betty Moore or have a firm commitment by Saturday, March 12 in order for your name to appear on the donor list. Betty can be reached at 410-398-3879 or by e-mail at charbetmoore@zoominternet.net.

Also, remember to bring your checkbook on March 19 and bid on the items for sale. There are sure to be lots of things you can't resist.

Thanks, in advance, for your support.
Betty Moore, Fund Raising Chairperson

AUCTION DONATION FORM

Please return form to: Betty Moore, 2745 Telegraph Road,
North East, MD 21901

(Phone 410-398-3879)

Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

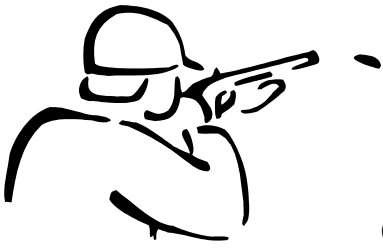
Item(s) to be donated _____

Please check one:

_____ I will deliver my donation to Betty Moore by March 12

_____ I will need someone to pick up my donation.

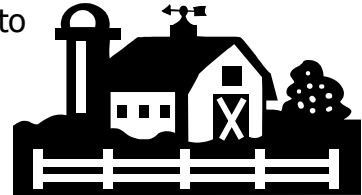
CECIL COUNTY YOUNG FARMERS



Our 5th Annual Clay Shoot will be held April 9th at Hopkins Game farm in Kennedyville, MD; registration begins at 10:00am. As in years past we will have a gun raffle, door prizes and a BBQ lunch for all attendants. Hope to see you there!

Some of our current Young Farmers members will be attending the Annual Retreat coming up this month in Hershey, Pennsylvania. And, I know it's early, but we are already thinking about this year's ice cream booth at the Cecil County Fair. This is a very big event for our club and we look forward to it every year.

We are in the process of selecting some farms/operations to tour this year. This is one of the many activities our fundraising goes towards, along with our Carl Stafford Fund for 4-H'ers. Please contact us if you have a request that the Cecil County Young Farmers could assist you with.



We are always looking for new members! If you are interested, please contact Jenn Jeanes at 443-566-6010 and get some information about our upcoming meetings and/or events.

Thanks,

Jennifer L. Jeanes
President