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Greetings to all,

I hope that this newsletter finds you all in good health. Who would have thought back in January we would be dealing with the challenges and obstacles this year has dealt all of us. COVID-19 has had a detrimental domino effect on everything we do, produce, and sell as well as our family and personal lives. Yet as the rest of the world spun out of control, we in agriculture continue to persevere and do our best to provide for our country and the world.

We did manage to have a few events before things turned upside down. We partnered with Maureen O'Shea, Ag Coordinator for Cecil County Department of Economic Development who did an excellent job at organizing two grain marketing workshops, one on February 4<sup>th</sup> and the second on March 11<sup>th</sup> at the Calvert Grange. The workshops featured Bill Hostetter of Hostetter Grain in Oxford, PA. They were well attended and very informative. Also, earlier this year Doris Behnke of Turkey Point Vineyards hosted a meet and greet for Farm Bureau members and anyone interested in Farm Bureau at their tasting room in North East. Bob Miller of Chesapeake Gold Farms brought several samples of their cheese for all to enjoy with the wine tasting. A couple new members joined and we renewed a few memberships.

This year's annual banquet was first postponed and then cancelled due to attendance, food restrictions and health concerns for those attending. We were not alone. Most if not all county farm bureau dinners and events state wide were cancelled. Our Young Farmers had to cancel their events as well.

The Miss and Jr. Miss Cecil County Farm Bureau contest was held at Fairwinds Farm with very little attendance. The winners are Miss Brynn LaSala and Jr. Miss Kaylin Stafford. Many thanks, to our 2019 Miss Cecil County Farm Bureau Heather Mullins and Jr. Miss Tarra Todd. You both did great this past year. The Miss Maryland Agriculture competition was held virtually because of the pandemic. The winner was 17-year-old Kylan Keehan of neighboring Harford County. Congratulations Kylan.

In May, Maryland Farm Bureau Executive Director John Torres was contacted by WXCX radio station in Havre de Grace, MD regarding an advertising campaign promoting local farm bureaus. It became a partnership between Cecil, Harford, Kent, Baltimore counties and Maryland Farm Bureau. An eight-week radio campaign was run with two sixty second commercials and three ten second traffic and weather sponsorships five days a week, Monday – Friday. I heard nothing but good comments and positive feedback from these commercials. I'm not sure how many memberships were generated from this but most of us believe that this was money well spent just to get Farm Bureau's name and what we are all about and promoting agriculture out to the general public. I think we should do this every year as a regular promotion. As far as advertising costs go this was an excellent deal.

The policy development committee met recently to discuss ideas to be submitted to Maryland Farm Bureau. This is one of the many things that makes Farm Bureau a great grass roots organization. We rely on our members for input and ideas. We will be submitting policy recommendations to Maryland Farm Bureau no later than October 16<sup>th</sup>. If you have any suggestions for policy please let us know.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the annual meeting in October. It's a great time to see what's going on with your county and state farm bureaus as well as American Farm Bureau Federation.

Here's wishing you all good weather and a successfully safe and plentiful harvest.

Sincerely,  
C. Michael Kincaid, President  
Cecil County Farm Bureau, Inc.

#### ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT



**The Cecil County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting will  
be held on Mon., October 12, 2020**

**7pm-9pm**

**at the Calvert Grange  
2357 Telegraph Rd., Rising Sun, Maryland**

*All Cecil County Farm Bureau members are  
invited to attend. We hope you will join us!!  
Zoom link for the meeting will be emailed for  
those who are unable to attend in person.*

## Meet your 2020 Miss & Jr. Miss Cecil County Farm Bureau!



Left: Jr. Miss Kaylin Stafford & Right: Miss Brynn LaSala

The Cecil County Farm Bureau Women's Committee successfully hosted our farm queen contest in person at the Fairwinds Farm in North East, MD and virtually on Facebook.

Congratulations to the 2020 Miss Cecil County Farm Bureau Brynn LaSala. Brynn is 17 years old and a senior at North East High School and Cecil County School of Technology. At the school of tech, she is a member of the agricultural sciences program where she learns about agriculture and how she can improve our world's agriculture. She is a member of FFA, 4-H, and National Honor Society. Also, she is an 11-year member of 4-H where she is active in the horse, market poultry and leadership projects. Brynn is excited about being the 2020 Miss Cecil County Farm Bureau and learning more about agriculture.

Congratulations to the 2020 Jr. Miss Cecil County Farm Bureau Kaylin Stafford. Kaylin is 15 years old and going into her sophomore year at Rising Sun High School. Kaylin and her brothers are the fifth generation working on their family farm. She raises sheep, steer, hogs and chickens. Kaylin's main focus if chosen to be Jr. Miss is restoring peoples want to keep agriculture going. Kaylin is Vice President of Kibbles-N-Kids 4-H Club. She has received awards for STEM Academy, Honor Roll, Presidential Academic Award and Grand Champion for Quilting at the Cecil County Fair. She shows market steers, sheep and pigs at the Cecil County Fair. Kaylin is thankful for this wonderful opportunity.

# CONGRATS!!

## CECIL COUNTY YOUNG FARMERS NEWS

Warm Greetings,

We at Young Farmers are hoping everyone is staying safe and making the best out of these difficult times. We hope everyone is social distancing and wearing their masks!

Events have been virtual for Cecil County Young Farmers. Recently, we have supported 4-H members at the Virtual Livestock Auction. We would like to give thanks to all the hard work these individuals have put into their animals. Thanks to them, we have purchased two market swine, a market goat, a market lamb and a market dairy steer.

In regard to future events Young Farmers will be hosting another Legislative Breakfast as well as a spring Clay Shoot. We will be announcing the dates and times in the near future. We appreciate your patience during this time.

God Bless,

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### **Young Farmers merchandise is in!!!**



To place your order today, please message [cecilyoungfarmer@gmail.com](mailto:cecilyoungfarmer@gmail.com) with the type of merchandise you'd like with the sizes. We will be accepting payment through Venmo as well as cash on delivery.

Delivery in Cecil County is acceptable. However, if you'd like them shipped, send your address in the message. There will be an additional charge for shipping.

\$20 for all T-shirt and Long Sleeves

\$30 for all Hoodies

\$20 for Hats

(S, M, L, XL,2XL)



## **SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS SELECTED**

The Cecil County Farm Bureau takes pride in announcing the winners of this year's \$2,500 scholarships.

### **STEVE CARSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

Ms. Jessica Behnke is currently attending Salisbury University. Jessica's major area of study is Master of Social Work. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Eric Behnke of North East, Maryland.

Ms. Heather Mullins, is a 2020 graduate of Oxford Area High School and will be attending the Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Heather's major area of study is Nursing. Heather is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Mullins of Oxford, Pennsylvania.

### **RAY MUELLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

Mr. Cole Stafford is currently attending Delaware Valley University. Cole's major area of study is Agricultural Business. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Stafford of North East, Maryland.

**Congratulations to our Scholarship Winners!**

# **SAVE THE DATE!**

**CECIL COUNTY FARM BUREAU  
BANQUET AND AUCTION  
MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2021**

**Rising Sun Fire Company Banquet Hall  
300 Joseph Biggs Memorial Hwy  
Rising Sun, MD 21911**

Due to COVID-19 our 2020 Banquet/Auction was cancelled. If you reserved tickets for 2020, they are good for our 2021 Banquet/Auction. Please contact Patty Pierce at 817-343-8404 if you should have any questions.

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