



NEWSLETTER

FCFB 2018 Calendar

Upcoming Events

February 7th

Day in Annapolis
8:15am in Annapolis

February 10th

Legislative Day
9-3pm at New Midway Fire
Hall

March 27th

Spring Banquet
7pm at Jefferson Ruritan Hall

April 17th

Women's Spring Luncheon
12pm at New Midway Fire
Hall

July 6th

Miss Frederick County Farm
Bureau Contest
8pm at Woodsboro Fire Hall

July 25th

Summer Picnic
7pm at Mt. Tabor Park

August 22-23rd

Miss Maryland Agriculture
Contest
Timonium

August 23-September 3rd

Maryland State Fair
Timonium

September 14-22nd

The Great Frederick Fair

October 19th

Annual Meeting
New Midway Fire Hall

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

ROBERT RAMSBURG

As I prepare the first newsletter article of 2018, I feel it is appropriate to reflect on some of the 2017 accomplishments of Frederick County Farm Bureau. We as an organization had many successful ventures last year. One of the first of these was the writing of the solar energy bill. Because our county Farm Bureau Board of Directors had taken action to oppose the formation of large solar arrays on prime agricultural land, County Council Vice President M. C. Keegan-Ayer reached out to Frederick County Farm Bureau to help formulate legislation satisfactory to us and yet accomplish the goals of the County Council. Some Council members felt Farm Bureau opposed solar arrays. This was not our stand. We supported the production of solar energy to be generated for use by the property owner, but since we did not feel electrical energy to be an agricultural commodity, we could not justify huge amounts of energy being produced on prime agricultural land. This was reflected in the bill passed by the County Council last spring. At this point, the Maryland Public Service

Commission is not in complete agreement with the Frederick County Council bill. Frederick County Farm Bureau is awaiting a final ruling from the Maryland Public Service Commission on several pending cases. This was not an easy decision for the board to make since it involves one of an agricultural producer's most fundamental rights- property rights. After much discussion, deliberation and a board vote it was decided we would oppose large commercial arrays on agricultural land.

An issue the board and I have spent much time and energy on is the Monocacy Scenic River Plan Report. The Monocacy River was designated a scenic river by a Governor and a river board from Frederick and Carroll counties was appointed to report to the Governor every ten years. Due to differing opinions of the board members (environmental groups vs. land owners), aggressive coverage by the press and the potential political fodder this report always seems to generate, this has become a hot topic for Frederick County Farm Bureau this past year. The report is to be brought to the

County Council for approval. However if the report is passed in the present form, we in agriculture feel the door could be opened to many issues involving private property rights. The intended wording was in the report at one time and was removed at the following meeting of the Monocacy River Board. The Frederick County Farm Bureau board has voted unanimously to oppose the Monocacy River Report until the property rights clause is reinstated. Another hot topic on the county scene is the two proposed reforestation bills. Currently Frederick County Farm Bureau is proposing the three stakeholder groups (builders, environmentalists and agriculture) sit together and write a bill satisfactory to all concerned.

On a much more pleasant note, I am pleased to report Frederick County Farm Bureau was honored and received seven gold stars for our county programs at the county Annual Meeting in October.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

SAM ROOP

As a child growing up in the 60's, I remember a few special Sunday afternoons when my parents would take my family on a drive to Barbara Fritchie Restaurant. I would see the big candy cane and know soon I would be feasting on fried chicken and coconut cream pie. I would hop out of the car and run into the restaurant in my swanky bell bottoms to enjoy a delicious meal. Even in 2017 you could count on Barbara Fritchie serving good downhome cooking!

On January 1, 2018 Barbara Fritchie closed their doors for the last time.

Change is inevitable. The owner stated in an article for *The Frederick News-Post* "that the cost of refurbishing a mostly original restaurant built 57 years ago as the reason for the decision."

Change is expensive. How many of us involved in production agriculture have had to invest in new technology and machinery in the last twenty-five years? Do the robotics, GPS, auto guidance, weather apps, smart phones, and quick books sound familiar?

In 1960 while I was wearing bell bottoms and singing along to the Beatles, each farmer fed an average of twenty-six Americans. Today the number is 168. By 2050 it is predicted each farmer will be feeding 255 Americans.

So how does Farm Bureau change to stay up with the times? It takes an investment. An investment of time and resources. Check out the brand-new Maryland Farm Bureau website at www.mdfarmbureau.com. See how your Maryland Farm Bureau is investing resources to advocate for you the farmer, to protect your land, and to ensure a healthy and viable Maryland agriculture. So please renew your membership to be part of the change, so we can all be part of a healthy and viable agricultural industry. This hungry world needs you!

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE REPORT

CONNIE PALMER

The women's leadership committee had a very busy fall. October 13th the Frederick County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting was held and several ladies helped with setting up the Taste of Frederick County Reception with Tom Mullineaux. We had eleven members of the women's leadership committee attend the meeting. On October 13th, new officers/directors were elected: Connie J. Palmer-Chair, Patricia McBride-Vice Chair, Audrey Wolfe-Secretary, Area 1-Beth Reed, Area 2-Mary Ellen Bittner, Area 3-Pam Thompson, At Large-Barbara L. Crum.

Our annual Women's Leadership Bingo was held on November 17th. We had great evening. Money will go toward our scholarship fund and other charities. Thanks to our wonderful sponsors and the people who came and played. On November 27th, Frederick County Farm Bureau Women's Leadership held their volunteer luncheon at Mountaingate Restaurant with 35 people attending. Lunch was enjoyed by all. Christmas music was provided by Peggy Burrier Flickinger.

On December 3rd, Audrey Wolfe, Pat McBride, Cookie Ramsburg attended the Maryland Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee's annual meeting in Ocean City. New State Women's officers are: Chris Catterton, Chair from Anne Arundel County and Danielle Bauer, Vice Chair from Howard County. The guest speaker was Jenny Rhodes.

Plans are being made to attend February 7th the Day in Annapolis and February 10th Legislative Day at New Midway Fire Hall. On April 17th Frederick County Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Annual Spring Luncheon will be held at New Midway. The event will start at noon with silent auction, great lunch and a very entertaining program for all to enjoy. Please make your plans to attend.

SCHOLARSHIPS

AUDREY WOLFE

Attention college bound students! Frederick County Farm Bureau is again offering scholarships to qualifying students. For more information or to obtain an application please contact Audrey Wolfe at 301-293-2886 or al_wolfe@verizon.net. Applications are due to the Scholarship Committee by **April 30th**.

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YOUNG FARMERS' REPORT

LIZ SHRIVER

The year 2018 brought in new officers to Young Farmers:

Tyler Hipkins – Chair

Joey Horton – Secretary/Email Coordinator

Melissa Allen – Treasurer

Each December, members put business aside and mingle at their annual holiday dinner. The year-end reminiscing was held at Hickory Bridge Farm in Orrtanna, Pennsylvania where attendees enjoyed good food and socialization with like-minded friends.

We are always looking for new members, ages 18-35, who have an interest in agriculture. If you know of someone who fits the description, please let us know at fcyoungfarmers@hotmail.com.

LEGISLATIVE DAY

DENNY REMSBERG

Legislative Day will be held on Saturday, February 10th from 9-3pm at New Midway Fire Hall. Sponsors are Frederick County Farm Bureau, Frederick County Pomona Grange and the Catoctin and Frederick Soil Conservation Districts. Representatives will be available from the local, state and national level to discuss issues pertinent to Farm Bureau members. Milk, coffee and doughnuts are available in the morning and lunch will also be provided. Please contact Denny for any additional questions at 301-695-2803 extension 3 (work) or 301-473-7959 (home).

SPRING BANQUET

TOM MULLINEUX

The spring meeting for Frederick County Farm Bureau will be held on Tuesday, March 27th at the Jefferson Ruritan Hall at 7pm. The evening's dinner will be turkey and country ham. For the evening's entertainment, the Maryland State FFA officers will give a presentation regarding their travel to South Africa. For questions regarding reservations please contact Mary Sue Grossnickle at 301-662-8951. The RSVP form is available on Page 7.

2018 FARM TRUCKING FORUM

Join us on Tuesday, February 27th at the Howard County Fairgrounds for the 2018 Farm Trucking Forum. Representatives will be available from the State Highway Administration, Maryland State Police and the Maryland Vehicle Administration to answer questions. The forum will be from 9:30-11:30am. Doughnuts and coffee will be served.

2018 Frederick County Farm Safety Camp Registration

Dear Parents and Campers:

Frederick County Farm Bureau is proud to offer the 23rd annual Safety Camp. This year we have planned an exciting 3 day, 2 night camp. Campers, ages 8-13, may enjoy classes that are tailored to food safety, fire safety, farm safety, and wildlife safety. Classes are taught by volunteers from the community who excel in their specific fields.

Safety Camp will start the morning of June 29, 2018 and will end in the morning on July 1, 2018. Campers are to be dropped off at camp between 10am -11am on Friday, June 29, 2018. Campers are to be picked up on Sunday, July 1, 2018 between 10am and 11am.

The camp will take place at Camp Round Meadow in Catocin Mountain Park – 4840 Manahan Road, Sabillasville, MD. The camp provides four heated dorms, a gymnasium, classroom and a dining hall. Each dorm has two separate bathrooms with hot showers and flush toilets. Electric outlets are provided in the bathrooms. Safety Camp will have on staff a registered nurse to assist with medical issues. Campers will enjoy both indoor and outdoor activities.

Campers need to bring weather related clothing, towels, personal hygiene materials, bedding for a twin bed (most campers bring a sleeping bag with a blanket), pillows, water shoes for shower, suntan lotion, bug spray, medicine and a flashlight. Medications should be in the prescription bottle and will be given to the nurse for safe keeping while at camp. Sunscreen and bug spray should be labeled and will be given to the nurse also. Campers should NOT bring any weapons (including pocket knives), alcohol, matches/lighters or valuables to camp. Frederick County Farm Bureau is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

This year, Safety Camp will be open to campers from other counties including Montgomery, Washington, Carroll and Howard. Registration will be open March 1, 2018 and extend until June 15, 2018 for all counties. Registration will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Registration will not exceed 70 campers. Camp cost this year is \$40.00. The cost includes registration, meals, housing, a t-shirt, water bottle and a camp photo. Deadline for registration is June 1, 2018. All payments must be postmarked by June 1, 2018.

Registration and payment can be mailed to Amy Jo Poffenberger, 10734 Stull Road, Frederick, MD 21701.

Please make check out to FC Farm Safety.

If you have any questions please contact Amy Jo Poffenberger at amy7538@gmail.com or by calling 301-676-6732.

Thanks,

The Safety Camp Committee

23rd Annual Farm Safety Camp

Sponsored by Frederick County Farm Bureau
June 29– July 1, 2018

Contact Information

Camper Name: _____ Sex: Male or Female Camper Age as of 7/1/18: _____
T-Shirt Size (Adult) S M L XL
Camper Street Address: _____
City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____
Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Cell Number: _____

Emergency Contact Info (should not be a parent):

Name: _____ Phone #: _____
Relationship: _____

Medication Permission Form

I, the parent / legal guardian of the camper named on this form, give my permission for the personnel at Frederick County Farm Safety Camp (FCSC) to:

1. Dispense Tylenol or Advil to camper for headache, fever, or minor pain;
2. Dispense Benadryl to camper for allergic reactions;
3. Dispense Tums or Kaopectate for upset stomach;
4. Dispense Hydrocortisone Cream or other antibiotic ointment for minor injuries;
5. Dispense medication(s) brought to by the parent/ guardian;

X **Signature/Date** _____

Overnight Regulations

***This is a two night camp. Campers are expected to spend the night at the camp. If you feel that your child is not ready for an overnight camp then you may check your child out of camp every evening and check them back in the morning.

Please check one:

My child will be staying the night _____

I will check my child out of camp and bring them back in the morning _____

Dietary Concerns:

Allergy Concerns:

Other Special Concerns:

Please provide any other information you feel we should know about your child.

Photo/Video Disclaimer

I, _____ (PARENT/GUARDIAN), hereby authorize Fredrick County Farm Bureau Safety Camp, to use, reproduce, and/or publish photographs and/or video that may pertain to _____ (CAMPER) —including his/her image, likeness and/or voice without compensation. I understand that this material may be used in various publications, public affairs releases, recruitment materials, broadcast public service advertising (PSAs) or for other related endeavors. This material may also appear on the Frederick County Farm Bureau Safety Camp Internet Web Page. This authorization is continuous and may only be withdrawn by the parent/guardian's specific rescission of this authorization. Consequently, the department or camp may publish materials, use my name, photograph, and/or make reference to me in any manner that the department or camp deems appropriate in order to promote/publicize service opportunities.

Parent Signature _____ Date: _____

Frederick County Farm Bureau
Amy Jo Poffenberger, Farm Safety Chairman
10734 Stull Road
Frederick, MD 21701

Dear Farm Safety Camp Supporters;

Frederick County Farm Bureau is gearing up for its 23rd year promoting farm safety. Over the past twenty two years we have touched the lives of more than 1,000 campers because of your generous support.

The purpose of Safety Camp is to promote the recognition of farming hazards to children and to heighten the awareness of general farm safety through education and informational programs. This will be accomplished by organizing the community to provide awareness and education in a variety of methods, such as presentations, dissemination of material and personal contacts. The primary focus will be to target farm youth and their parents. Any other interested individuals, such as urban youth and child advocates, are encouraged to participate.

We are extremely proud of our past work in farm safety education through interactions with 4-H and FFA members and visiting clubs, schools, day care facilities, fairs and pre-schools with our message of safety. Safety Camp is run entirely by volunteer staff and high school age counselors, so without financial sponsorship safety camp would not be possible. We hope you will consider making a donation so we can continue to make the farm and our environment safer for youth to live, work and play.

Safety Camp will be held June 29 - July 1, 2018 at Round Meadow Campground. This year's camp will tentatively focus on: Farm Safety, Cooking Safety and Fire Safety. Please join us in supporting this worthwhile endeavor.

Sincerely,

Amy Jo Poffenberger
Chapter Chairperson

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Donation Amount:

Please detach and return to:

Kimberly Baker

1507 Pleasant View Road

Adamstown, MD 21710

Please make checks payable to:

FC Farm Bureau Safety

MARYLAND FARM BUREAU ADVISORY COMMITTEES

LARRY HOWARD

MFB President Chuck Fry has announced the newly appointed Advisory Committees for this New Year. Following is the list of members from Frederick County who have been appointed to serve in 2018:

Executive Committee- Larry Howard

Ag Education /Extension- Larry Riggs & Emily Snyder

Audit Committee- Larry Howard, Chairman

Dairy Committee- Robert Ramsburg

Environment, Conservation & Nutrient Management- Lisa Gaver, Dick Bittner, Denny Remsburg & Emily Snyder

Field Crops- David Burrier & Colby Ferguson

Labor- Robert Black & Colby Ferguson

Livestock Committee- Colby Ferguson

Membership Development- Dick Bittner

Nationwide Sponsorship- Larry Howard

Poultry & Eggs- Colby Ferguson

Scholarship/Recognition- Gareth Harshman

Wildlife Management- Scott Hipkins & Dick Bittner

Women's Leadership- Connie Palmer

Young Farmers- Francis Moats & Emily Snyder

We thank these fellow members for their service to Maryland Farm Bureau, Frederick County Farm Bureau and the Agricultural Industry.

Reservation for Frederick County Farm Bureau Annual Spring Banquet

Tuesday, March 27, 2018 @ 7pm

Jefferson Ruritan Hall

Name _____

Number Attending _____ x **\$14.00/person** = _____

Send to: Mary Sue Grossnickle at 11020 Keymar Road, Woodsboro, MD 21798

Deadline March 16, 2018– Please make check payable to Frederick County Farm Bureau



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... This achievement was further recognized at the Maryland Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in Ocean City in December when Frederick was honored as being the top county in the state in our membership category. This achievement was accompanied by the presentation of a lovely silver bowl. Thanks so much to the Board of Directors and the entire membership for the participation that made this possible.

More exciting news is Frederick County Farm Safety Camp activity was recognized by Maryland Farm Bureau as one of five outstanding county Projects of the Year. Two representatives of the committee spoke about the camp during the Awards and Recognition program held on December 4th. The Safety Camp Committee was also accepted the invitation from Zippy Duvall, the current President of the American Farm Bureau Federation to provide a booth at the national convention held in Nashville, Tennessee in January. This camp was started over twenty years ago by Mrs. Charles (Jane) Smith to promote farm safety for farm children. With the help of countless volunteers over the years it has remained active and grown to a three day, two night event. For several years the camp has been supervised by Amy Jo and Michael Poffenberger, with the help of Karen Crum Nichols, Margie Leddick and many other volunteers. Thanks so much to this team for a job very well done!

One of the first opportunities for you the members to become involved during 2018, will be to attend the Frederick County Legislative Day. We will be meeting with National and Maryland legislative representatives as well as the Frederick County Executive, members of the County Council and the President of the Frederick County Board of Education. As you can see, we have been very active during 2017, and I am looking forward to 2018. If you have an issue you feel Frederick County Farm Bureau should become involved with please contact me at 240-446-4163. I have enjoyed serving as your President this past year and look forward to a better economic year for everyone during 2018. As you go about your agricultural activities in the coming year, PLEASE remember to be careful and count your many blessings every day.