



NEWSLETTER

FCFB 2021 Calendar

Upcoming Events

August 26-September 6
Maryland State Fair
Timonium

September 17-25
The Great Frederick Fair

October 22
Annual Meeting
New Midway Fire Hall

November 19
Holiday Quartermania
New Midway Fire Hall

2022
January 7-12th
American Farm Bureau
Convention
Atlanta, GA

Holiday Quartermania

Friday, November 19
New Midway Fire Hall

Benefit Scholarships and
Educational Projects

\$5.00 in advance

\$8.00 at door

For tickets call:

Daphne @ 301-676-0954

Or

Leslie @ 240-469-5880

Doors open at 5pm
Bingo starts at 7pm

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

SAM ROOP

Hi All, let me read you a statement I wrote in my first newsletter as President, "Farm Bureau is the organized voice of agriculture. Our goal is to represent, support, and assist all phases of agriculture. Our job is to serve you, the families and individuals, which provide safe, nutritious food to the world."

These words have been practiced a lot in Frederick County over the past three years. What makes me proud is how our agricultural community has been very active in supporting the mission of the statement above, and as such, people are wanting to be Farm Bureau members. We have actually grown in membership here in Frederick County. This is the first time since I have

been your President membership has grown.

Your board has spent a lot of time dedicating themselves to the agriculture industry. From the small community vegetable stands to the multi-generational farm, they are all important components of the diversified face of Frederick County agriculture. Here are some of the pertinent issues we are currently working on, or will be:

-Climate impact of agriculture in Frederick County

-Support and study of a Charter school in Sabillasville for elementary and middle school children with an emphasis in Ag Science

-Studying changes of agriculture in Frederick County

- Buying safe food here in our county to support local farms, big or small

-A Farm Tour- "Frederick County Soil Smart Farm Day" for local legislators, environmentalists and public servants. To view and discuss environmental management practices our farmers face from day to day

Well, aside from the business of farming in our everyday lives, we have something to look forward to. And that is the Farm Bureau Dairy Bar at this year's Frederick Fair! I have always said, it is one of the best buys on the fairgrounds.

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FARM BUREAU ANNUAL MEETING

AUDREY WOLFE

Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting scheduled for Friday, October 22nd at the New Midway Fire Hall. The reception will be from 6:15-6:45pm. The turkey and fried shrimp dinner will start at 7pm. The reservation form can be found on Page 4 of the newsletter. For questions regarding reservations please contact Mary Sue Grossnickle at 301-662-8951 or msgrossnickle@comcast.net.

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE REPORT

CONNIE PALMER

The Frederick County Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee members have remained an active group volunteering at carnivals, festivals, fairs, community picnics and church activities throughout the summer. The Frederick County Chair along with chairs from other counties attended the Maryland Women's Farm Bureau Leadership meeting held in person May 22nd, at Linden Hill Farm in Hagerstown. The topics for the meeting was the Maryland Ambassador Contest and what can be done to get more involvement in the Women's Leadership programs.

On June 9th, twelve of our members met to hear subcommittee reports and plan events. The guest speaker for the evening was Karen Nicklas, giving an update on the Great Frederick Fair. We voted to give Ronald McDonald House charity \$200. We also purchased "Tales of the Dairy Godmother, Chuck's Ice Cream Wish" books, and they were placed in the Little Free Libraries throughout the county. On June 10th we launched our own Facebook Page. Like us by following, "**Frederick County Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee**" to learn more about upcoming events.

The Frederick County annual picnic was held July 22nd at Mount Tabor Park with over 175 people in attendance! A country ham and chicken dinner was served by the Rocky Ridge Fire Company. All seven scholarship winners were in attendance to receive their scholarship money. The Frederick County Executive and three County Council members, Sheriff and members from other Maryland Farm Bureaus attended. We had no young contestants enter the Young Farmer/Farmerette contest. A new event was created instead, the Senior Farmer/Farmerette Contest. Contestants were: Mary Sue Grossnickle, Nancy Keller, Connie Palmer, Chuck Jenkins, Larry Howard and Denny Remsburg. Each gave a brief bio about themselves- one contestant led the Pledge, others recited a poem or sang a cute song, or did somewhat of a dance. Judges had a hard time deciding! After much discussion, it was decided all contestants were winners. There was lots of laughter and a whole lot of fun. A 50/50 drawing was held to benefit the Joe Free Scholarship Fund.

On August 22nd, we held the Frederick County Farm Bureau New Ambassador contest at President Sam Roop's Farm. We were privileged to have three contestants: Dalena Bryant, Jaclyn Bryant and Cheyenne Van Echo. Jaclyn Bryant was selected as our 2021 Ambassador.

The Annual Frederick County Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Bingo will not be held this year. It was voted to have a Holiday Quartermania to be held at the New Midway Fire Hall. See additional details on Page 1 and Page 3.

MARYLAND STATE CONVENTION

LARRY HOWARD

The upcoming Maryland Farm Bureau State Convention scheduled for December 4-7 will be held this year at the Hyatt Regency Resort in Cambridge, MD. Convention activities will begin on Saturday, the 4th and conclude mid-afternoon on Tuesday, the 7th. We are now starting the process of naming delegates and making the appropriate reservations to have all this in place by the October 31 deadline. The official registration process will begin on Sunday and as per usual, Frederick County Farm Bureau will subsidize much of the lodging cost for delegates so our registrants will only be charged for meals and the registration fee.

I am responsible for making reservations and delegate arrangements. Call me at 301-662-8547 to confirm your interest and participation in the 2021 Convention. Let me know your intentions as soon as possible, and I will assist with the details of being a delegate for Frederick County. This year, we will again be seating the largest delegate body at the convention. You are urged to be part of this event to attend and spend a few days doing the business of Farm Bureau. This includes the resolution process, elections, district caucuses, and socializing with your Farm Bureau friends from all over Maryland.

Call me at 301-662-8547 to get more details and register for this convention. Deadline October 31st

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DAIRY BAR UPDATE AND REPORT

SCOTT MONTGOMERY

I hope everyone is ready to dip ice cream at the fair! We thank you for your past support and we know we can count on your support again.

We are in need of two Day Chairs to fill our vacant positions. The duties of a "Day Chair" are:

- 1. Be present at the dairy bar for that entire day.
- 2. Gather persons to man dipping and milkshake stations as well as cashier.
- 3. Communicate with Scott Montgomery if any issues arise.

Here is a shift schedule that generally works for everyone. Remember it takes about 18 to 20 people to fill all three shifts each day. There are three shifts a day of about 4 hours each; 10-2pm, 2-6pm and 6pm to around closing. (Most days the 10-2 shift can have less)

This year our set-up date will be **Saturday, September 11th at 8am**. Help is always needed for this important job. It's also a big help to all the Day Chairs if you can contact them and let them know when you can help. Also if you have not been asked to dip ice cream in the past, but would like to join in on the fun, please reach out to the following Day Chairs for a day that works for you.

Clean-up will be on Sunday, September 26th at 8am. We are usually done by noon. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

Below are the day chairpersons' contact info:

Friday 9/17: Larry & Judy Riggs, 301-606-3508
Saturday 9/18: Young Farmers: Shelby Green, 240-818-5353
Sunday 9/19: Trisha & Scott Montgomery, 240-674-1240
Monday 9/20: Nathan Harshman, 240-409-9055 & Max Baer
Tuesday 9/21: Tom & Brenda Ripley, 410-775-2111

Wednesday 9/22: DAY CHAIR NEEDED

Thursday 9/23: Emily Snyder, 240-405-4365
Friday 9/24: David Montgomery, 240-285-5994

Saturday 9/25: DAY CHAIR NEEDED

Any questions, please contact Scott Montgomery at 240-674-1240.

Holiday Quartermania

New Midway Fire Hall on Friday, November 19th

Doors open at 5 PM, starts at 7 PM. \$5.00 in advance, \$8.00 at the door. Tickets and information: Daphne 301-676-0954 or Leslie 240-469-5880. Please plan to attend. Money from the event will be used for Scholarships, food banks, education and Ronald McDonald House charity.



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So we are looking forward once again for all members to help dip and serve ice cream to those hungry folks at the fair. The proceeds are used for scholarships for our young people. Speaking of food, our 100th annual meeting in October will be at New Midway Fire Hall. Besides the celebration activities, Frederick County Farm Bureau will pick up part of the cost of your meal if you are a Farm Bureau member bringing the cost down to \$16/person. I can't wait- New Midway Fire Hall does an excellent job preparing and serving the dinner!

Finally, please be safe this fall during harvest and public places as well. Hope to see you at the fair and our 100th Farm Bureau banquet!

Reservation for Frederick County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

Friday, October 22, 2021

New Midway Fire Hall

Name _____

Number Attending _____ x \$ _____/person = _____

\$16/person for Farm Bureau Members & \$21/person for Non-Members

Children ages 5-10 \$8.50, children under 5 free

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

Deadline October 1, 2021- Please make check payable to Frederick County Farm Bureau
