



NEWSLETTER

FCFB 2017 Calendar

Upcoming Events

August 24-September 4th
Maryland State Fair
Timonium

September 15-23rd
The Great Frederick Fair

October 13th
Annual Meeting
7pm at New Midway Fire
Hall

November 17th
Women's Leadership
Committee Bingo
Doors at 5pm
Games begin at 7pm
New Midway Fire Hall

December 2nd
Maryland Young Farmers
Retreat
Eastern Shore

December 3-5th
Maryland Farm Bureau
State Convention
Ocean City

2018
January 5-10th
American Farm Bureau
Convention
Nashville, TN

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

ROBERT RAMSBURG

Greetings! Your Frederick County Farm Bureau is alive and active. We have been very involved the last several months in protecting agricultural rights in Frederick County. I have spent a lot of time defending the property rights of land owners along the Monocacy River. At this point in time I do not know the outcome of this situation. I plan to testify on YOUR behalf at both the Planning Commission and County Council hearings regarding the Monocacy Scenic River Plan. I also plan to testify before the Public Service Commission regarding large solar arrays on agricultural land in Frederick County. Apparently the solar companies are not familiar with the phrase "what part of NO don't you understand?".

Frederick County Farm Bureau has been asked by the County Executive, Jan Gardner, to submit agricultural concerns to her to be forwarded to the state delegation and later acted on during the General Assembly session in 2018. Among issues we will be forwarding are:

- Additional funding for noxious weed control
- Continued adequate funding for the cover crop program
- Moving forward with the dredging of the Conowingo Dam on the Susquehanna River

Also congratulations to Amanda Farmer, the winner of the Frederick County Miss Contest held in July. We wish Amanda great success as she travels to Timonium

to represent Frederick County in the Miss Maryland Agriculture contest.

As I travel about the county it is great to see the crops looking so good. Prospects for record crops look very real. Unfortunately all commodity prices at this point are very depressed. I look forward to seeing each of you at the 96th Annual Dinner Meeting on October 13th at the New Midway Fire Hall. Come out and help celebrate another successful year of Frederick County Farm Bureau.

Enjoy your late summer and early fall, and please be very careful as harvest begins. If you have any agricultural concerns please contact me at (240)446-4163. Remember to pause a moment every day to be thankful for your blessings.

FARM BUREAU ANNUAL MEETING

TOM MULLINEAUX

Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting scheduled for Friday, October 13th at the New Midway Fire Hall. We will again be featuring "The Taste of Frederick County" with locally grown products from 6:15-6:45pm. The fried chicken and ham dinner will start at 7pm. The reservation form can be found on Page 2 of the newsletter. For questions regarding reservations please contact Mary Sue Grossnickle at 301-662-8951 or mssgrossnickle@comcast.net.

DAIRY BAR UPDATE AND REPORT

SCOTT MONTGOMERY

I hope everyone is ready to dip ice cream at the fair! There will be a pre-meeting for the day chairs and any other interested parties on September 5th at 6pm at Rene Grossnickle's home. Please contact Rene for directions at 301-834-6162.

This year our set-up date will be September 10th at 10am. Help is always needed for this important job. Many of you have helped in the past and for that we thank you. We know we can count on your support again. 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. It's a big help to all the daily leaders if you can contact them and let them know when you can help. Below are the day chairpersons' contact info:

Friday 9/15: Larry & Judy Riggs, 301-606-3508

Saturday 9/16: Young Farmers, Amy Jo & Mike Poffenberger, 301-676-6732

Sunday 9/17: Open

Monday 9/18: Richard Brandenburg, 301-371-7704 & Zene Wolfe, 301-293-2886

Tuesday 9/19: Tom & Brenda Ripley, 410-775-2111

Wednesday 9/20: Jeff England, 240-674-2030

Thursday 9/21: Tom Mullineaux, 410-409-7538

Friday 9/22: David Montgomery, 240-285-5994

Saturday 9/23: Rene Grossnickle, 301-834-6162

If you are interested in serving as the Sunday day chair, please contact Scott Montgomery at 240-674-1240.

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE REPORT

NOLA "COOKIE" RAMSBURG

The Frederick County Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee has remained an active group throughout the summer. On June 12th fourteen of our members met to hear subcommittee reports and plan summer events. At the end of June, we attended the Maryland Agriculture Education Foundation (MAEF) Summer Teachers Workshop held in Westminster. Our committee provided 48 bags with agricultural education items for each teacher.

On July 7th the Frederick County Farm Bureau Miss Contest was held at Woodsboro Fire Hall. We were privileged to have two great contestants; Jordan Cansula and Amanda Farmer. Amanda was chosen as our 2017-2018 Miss Frederick County Farm Bureau. Later in July an Executive Committee meeting was held. We discussed issues of concern and candidates for the 2018 slate of officers and directors. On July 26th the Summer Picnic was held at Mt. Tabor Park in Rocky Ridge. Preston Clark is the new Little Farmer and Grace Eaves the Little Farmerette. The Women's Leadership Committee provided four of the ten scholarships. We also set up the food table and provided the beverages.

On August 2nd the Frederick County policy development session was held. Three ladies from the women's committee attended and participated. August 14th a county Women's Leadership Committee meeting was held. Subcommittee reports were given as well as late summer and early fall activities were planned. Sixteen ladies attended.

On August 24th the Maryland State Miss Agriculture Contest will be held in conjunction with the State Fair. We wish Amanda well during the state contest. September 16-23rd is The Great Frederick Fair. As in prior years, our group will be working in the City Streets/County Roads building. The Women's Leadership Committee will have Farm Bureau and educational displays and crafts, as well as activities every day in the Farm and Garden Building. Ladies will be available to answer questions. We are looking forward to being able to help our urban neighbors become more aware of the presence of agriculture in their life and its importance to the economy of Frederick County.

Reservation for Frederick County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

Friday, October 13, 2017

New Midway Fire Hall

Name _____

Number Attending _____ x \$17.00/person = _____

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

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

Deadline September 29, 2017- Please make check payable to Frederick County Farm Bureau

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YOUNG FARMERS UPDATE

LIZ SHRIVER

A nomination committee is being formed for elections that will take place at our October meeting. Please visit us at the State and Frederick Fairs as we dip ice cream. This year at the Great Frederick Fair we will also have a display at the City Streets and Country Roads exhibit. Be sure to stop by and see us!

Upcoming Young Farmers Events/Activities

September 2nd- Ice Cream Dipping at State Fair, 4:30pm

September 16th - Ice Cream Dipping at Frederick Fair, all day

October Meeting- TBD*

November Meeting- TBD*

December 9th- Christmas Dinner at Hickory Bridge

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

SAM ROOP

I decided to take my wife, Mary Jane on a date one Saturday night. I am a conservative farmer, so I thought a generous budget of \$70 would be sufficient. We had two fried chicken dinners at Barbara Fritchie Restaurant with two pieces of their famous pie for dessert for a total of \$40 with tip. I then took Mary Jane to the movies where two tickets cost \$25, and afterwards we had two Cafe Mocha drinks at Starbucks that cost \$11.72. I blew my budget for a total evening cost of \$76.72.

\$70 doesn't go as far as it used to. Or does it?

It made me think about my \$70 annual Farm Bureau dues. I thought about all Farm Bureau does for the agricultural community.

Tire Amnesty Program- saved Frederick County Farm Bureau members \$160/ton to dispose of old tires

\$5 off my Subscription to the Delmarva Farmer Magazine

Discounts on rental cars, office supplies, hotels, and restaurants

Services of Colby Ferguson, the Maryland Farm Bureau legislative representative for Maryland farmers in Annapolis and Washington

Frederick County Farm Bureau Safety Camp- hundreds of children have gone through this program in the last 20+ years. We will never know how many lives have been saved or accidents avoided because of this camp. I am blessed all three of my children experienced this proactive safety program.

Scholarship Programs- thousands of dollars have gone to help educate Frederick County Farm Bureau member's children. This has helped to bring many farm children back to the farm or to serve us in the agricultural community in jobs as mechanics, agronomists, veterinarians, bankers, ag teachers, and more.

And the list goes on and on – I encourage you to find out more at <http://mdfarmbureau.com/members/>

My date nights with Mary Jane are priceless and so is my membership in Frederick County Farm Bureau!



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FRUIT ORDERS

AUDREY WOLFE

As we stated last year, Frederick County Farm Bureau will not be selling fruit. Instead we encourage you to support local agricultural education and buy your fruit from a Frederick County FFA Chapter. Please contact one of Frederick's ten FFA Chapters to place your fruit order. The FFA Chapters, contacts and phone numbers are:

Brunswick FFA: Mike Harrington, 240-236-8600

Catoctin FFA: Amy Jo Poffenberger,
240-236-8100

Frederick FFA: Ed Mayne and Brittany Sentelle,
240-236-7000

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240-566-9700

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240-236-7400

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Walkersville FFA: Greg Stull, 240-236-7200

MARYLAND STATE CONVENTION

LARRY HOWARD

The 102nd Maryland Farm Bureau State Convention will convene on December 3rd at the Clarion Resort in Ocean City. Accordingly, the Frederick County delegates need to be registered by November 1st. This year's convention will begin with delegate registration on Sunday afternoon, and we will adjourn on Tuesday afternoon, December 5th. Frederick County Farm Bureau will subsidize the cost of registration for delegates by paying the majority of the rooming expenses so the delegates will only have to pay the meal and registration fees.

I am responsible for making the reservations and delegate arrangements again this year. Please call me at 301-662-8547 to confirm your participation in this year's convention. Please let me know your intentions as soon as possible, and I will work with you on the details of attending this convention as a delegate.

We again note our voting membership here in Frederick County stands in first place in the State of Maryland, and this means we will have the most delegates seated at the convention. So, we expect to seat 25 or 26 delegates to represent Frederick County. You are cordially invited and urged to be a part of this important event. Plan to spend a few days representing Frederick County, carrying out important business of the organization as well as enjoying the company of Farm Bureau friends from all over Maryland. **The deadline for registering is October 30th, so please call me at 301-662-8547 for registration details.**