

January 2016



NEWSLETTER

FCFB 2016 Calendar

Upcoming Events

February 4th

Taste of Maryland Ag Dinner
Glen Burnie

February 10th

Day in Annapolis
8:15am in Annapolis

February 13th

Legislative Day
9:00-3:00pm at New Midway
Fire Hall

February 15-20th

Ag Week at the Mall
Francis Scott Key Mall

March 23rd

Spring Banquet
7pm at Jefferson Ruritan Hall

April 19th

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

July 8th

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

July 27th

Summer Picnic
Mt. Tabor Park

August 26th

Miss Maryland Agriculture
Contest
Timonium

August 26-September 5th

Maryland State Fair
Timonium

October 6th

Annual Meeting
New Midway Fire Hall

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

ROBERT RAMSBURG

As we begin a new year, I'd like to reflect on some Frederick County Farm Bureau accomplishments from the past year. First, are our accomplishments in the field of education. We were a major contributor in bringing 3,000 elementary school students to the Great Frederick Fair and providing them with a real life, agricultural experience. For many of the young students this was the first time they had ever touched a calf, lamb, kid goat or tractor. To provide them with this experience and have volunteers to answer their questions about farm animals, crops, and machinery was fantastic. It was also neat to see the facial expressions of students, teachers and parents as they toured the nine agricultural areas.

Another tremendously successful project, in which we were jointly involved with 4-H, was the "School House Chicks Program." In this project, fertile eggs were placed in incubators in 180 classrooms throughout the county. A presentation was made to

the classes when the eggs were delivered. A follow up presentation was made seven days later when the eggs were candled. At 21 days the eggs hatched, much to everyone's excitement. Peeps were allowed to stay in the classroom for about two weeks. I personally helped pick up those peeps from the various schools. You just cannot imagine all of the favorable comments generated!

These are just two of the many projects Frederick County Farm Bureau is involved with. Plans have been made this year to have the annual Young Farmer/ Women's Leadership Committees Day in Annapolis on February 10, 2016. Closer to home and open to ALL Farm Bureau members is the annual Frederick County Legislative Day. I invite each and every Farm Bureau member to the New Midway Fire Hall on February 13, 2016 9:00am-3:00pm to meet, ask questions of and discuss current legislative policy with national, state and local elected officials.

Another important event is the "Tire Amnesty Day." My family and I will be hosting again at our farm. The dates are February 20 and March 5, 9am- 3pm. This event is sponsored by the MD Department of the Environment and Maryland and Frederick County Farm Bureaus.

We have many events in the planning stages for 2016 such as the Spring Meeting, Women's Spring Luncheon, County Miss Contest, Summer Picnic, and the County Annual Meeting. If you would like to be involved in helping to plan any of these events please contact me or your local director. I look forward to serving as your president, but I need to know your feelings on the important issues. I know agriculture can be trying at times, but I still think it is the best life available. Please keep in touch.

Best regards,
Robert S. Ramsburg

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YOUNG FARMERS' REPORT

AMY JO POFFENBERGER

Safety Camp Update:

Mark your calendars...the 21st Farm Safety Camp will be July 7-9, 2016 at Camp Round Meadow. The committee is busy planning this year's schedule. As you know, our camp would not be as successful without financial help from community members like you. Please consider filling out a sponsorship form. The money earned from our camp sponsors will be used to help buy supplies and materials for camp. Camp is open to campers ages 8-13 who have an interest in agriculture. If you know of a potential camper please help out by providing them with a registration form.

Young Farmers Update:

The year 2016 brought in new officers to Young Farmers:

Amy Jo Poffenberger – Chair
Francis Moats – Co-Chair
Elizabeth Shriver – Co-Chair
Andrea Haines – Secretary
Michael Poffenberger – Treasurer
Shea Smith – Email Coordinator

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, PA, where attendees enjoyed good food and socialization. Francis Moats is the 2016 Maryland State Young Farmer Co-Chair. He also helped raise a \$1,000 for the annual "*Freezing for a Reason*" event held at the State Convention this past December. The money was donated to the Maryland Food Bank. This year the Young Farmers have decided to host a gun raffle instead of a bingo. Please be on the lookout for more information about this event. Additional events forecasted for members include snow tubing and ag week at the mall.

We are always looking for new members ages 18-35 who have an interest in agriculture. If you know someone who fits that description please let Amy Jo Poffenberger know at 301-676-6732.

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE REPORT

NOLA "COOKIE" RAMSBURG

Happy New Year! Your Frederick County Women's Leadership Committee has successfully participated in and completed several projects and activities since our September newsletter. During the past four months we had two county committee meetings and twenty plus ladies worked at the Great Frederick Fair in the Farm and Garden and City Streets Country Roads Buildings. We set up displays, answered questions and provided activities for children several hours each day. Some of our ladies worked at the Dairy Bar and several others served as tour guides at the nine agriculture areas/stations for the 3,000 plus school students that were bused to the fair by Frederick County Farm Bureau.

On the state level we attended a County Chairman and Vice Chairman meeting in October and contributed cash to the Fisher House. The Fisher House is a facility associated with the Walter Reed Medical Center Complex. Several ladies attended the State Annual Meeting in Ocean City. We contributed items for the Women's Committee Silent Auction and items plus a check for the Country Store.

Fifteen ladies attended our County Annual Banquet and meeting on October 1st. During November we donated the book *Thomas Jefferson Grows A Nation* as part of a set which was given to the libraries in fifteen middle schools in Frederick County. We also held a very successful Cash Bingo Night on November 20. Twelve ladies planned and worked this project. Over thirty people attended the annual Christmas Luncheon held at Mt. Gate Restaurant. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. We continue to be an active group due to the hard work and cooperation of the ladies within and outside of our committee. We are looking forward to planning another active year during 2016.

Have a safe, peaceful and prosperous year.

ELECTRONIC UPDATES

LARRY HOWARD

If you are not currently receiving electronic communications from Frederick County Farm Bureau, we ask that you send your email contact information to Charles Brault at chaz@brault.com. This will help improve our ability to provide timely updates to our membership.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

SAM ROOP & AUDREY WOLFE

By the time you have received this newsletter, most of you have made New Year's Resolutions. As producers, growers and livestock caregivers, starting the year with a fresh attitude is important. It's a time to learn from the mistakes and successes of the previous year, and then move forward. Surely, we would like better commodity prices, lower input costs and ideal weather conditions, but we have little to no control over these concerns. Our job is to farm and produce the best product we can. Our diverse Frederick County Farm Bureau membership would like to make sure government officials at all levels understand the impact new laws and regulations have on our farming operation. You, the Farmer Bureau members, do not have the time or energy at the end of your long day to review the hundreds of pending government proposals and how they might affect you. That is why the organized voice of Agriculture, Farm Bureau works for you. Your membership is our way to fund and strengthen this organization to have a highly trained staff of professionals to lobby for us in local, state and federal government action.

In other words, the more membership we have, the stronger the organization. We can then accomplish our goals together and make sure your hard work and quality of life is improved, rather than diminished by unfavorable government action. In the next newsletter, I will update you on how strong our membership is, and let you know what our highly trained Farm Bureau staff has accomplished for us. Remember, our agriculture industry is strong and diverse in Frederick County. You can help each other by being an ag industry member, no matter whether you are a producer, grower or raising livestock, we are a team.

LEGISLATIVE DAY

DENNY REMSBERG

Legislative Day will be held on Saturday, February 13th from 9-3pm at New Midway Fire Hall. Sponsors are Frederick County Farm Bureau, Frederick County Pomona Grange and Frederick Soil Conservation Districts. Representatives will be available from a local, state and national level to discuss issues pertinent to Farm Bureau members. Coffee and doughnuts are available in the morning and lunch will also be provided. Please contact Denny for any additional questions 240-675-6378.

SPRING BANQUET

GARETH HARSHMAN

The spring meeting for Frederick County Farm Bureau will be held on Wednesday, March 23rd at the Jefferson Ruritan Hall at 7pm. The evening's dinner will be turkey and country ham. Kelli Wilson will be sharing about her LEAD Maryland experience as the evening's entertainment. For questions regarding reservations please contact Mary Sue Grossnickle at 301-662-8951. The RSVP form is available on Page 7.

2016 Frederick County Farm Safety Camp Registration

Dear Parents and Campers:

Frederick County Farm Bureau is proud to offer the 21st annual Safety Camp. This year we have planned an exciting three day, two night camp. Campers, ages 8-13, may enjoy classes that are tailored to food safety, fire safety, electric safety, farm safety, lawn mower 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 July 7, 2016 and will end in the morning on July 9, 2016. Campers are to be dropped off at camp between 10am -11am on Thursday, July 7, 2016. Campers are to be picked up on July 9, 2016 between 10am and 11am.

The camp will take place at Camp Round Meadow in Catoctin 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, 2016 until June 1, 2016 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 **\$30.00**. The cost includes registration, meals, housing, a t-shirt, water bottle and a camp photo. Deadline for registration is June 1, 2016. All payments must be postmarked by June 1, 2016.

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

21st Annual Farm Safety Camp

Sponsored by Frederick County Farm Bureau

July 7-9, 2016

Contact Information

Camper Name: _____ Sex: Male or Female Camper Age: _____

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.

Camp Round Meadow in Catoctin Mountain Park – 4840 Manahan Road, Sabillasville, MD

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 21st year promoting farm safety. Over the past twenty 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 July 7-9, 2016 at Round Meadow Campground. This year's camp will tentatively focus on: Fire Safety, Farm Safety, Sun Safety, Wilderness Safety, Small Animals, and Lawn Mower Driving. 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:

Shea Smith

5002 Old Bartholows Road

Mount Airy, MD 21771

Please make Checks payable to:

FC Farm Bureau Safety

Reservation for Frederick County Farm Bureau Annual Spring Banquet

Wednesday, March 23, 2016

Jefferson Ruritan Hall

Name _____

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

Send to: Mary Sue Grossnickle at 11020 Keymar Road, Woodsboro, MD 21798
Deadline March 11, 2016– Please make check payable to Frederick County Farm Bureau

MARYLAND FARM BUREAU ADVISORY COMMITTEES

LARRY HOWARD

MFB President Chuck Fry recently announced the 2016 MFB Advisory Committees. Many Frederick County members are now serving on these committees. Please see as follows:

Field Crops: Dave Burrier

Environment, Conservation, and Nutrient Management: Lisa Gaver and Dick Bittner

Dairy: Robert Ramsburg

Nationwide Sponsorship: Larry Howard

Membership Development: Francis Moats and Dick Bittner

Legislative Affairs: Tom Mullineaux

Public Relations: Charles Brault

Scholarship: Gareth Harshman

Audit Committee: Larry Howard

Specialty Crops and Agritourism: Charles Brault

Wildlife Management: Dick Bittner

Young Farmers: Francis Moats

Labor: Robert Black

Livestock: Dr. Ray Ediger and Sam Tressler

FREDERICK COUNTY ADVISORY COMMITTEES

ROBERT RAMSBURG

Ag. Education: Evelyn Wilcom and Karen Zimmerman

Audit: Charles Brault

Budget: Larry Riggs

By – Laws: Tod Salisbury

Dairy Bar: Jeff England

Discussion: Larry Howard

Frederick Fair: Evelyn Wilcom and Connie Palmer

Frederick County Legislative Day: Paul Stull

Land Use: Robert Black

Legislative Affairs/Policy Development: Paul Stull

Membership: Sam Roop

MFB Convention Delegates: Larry Howard

MFB Representative: Larry Howard

Monocacy River Representative: Sam Roop

Newsletter: Kelsey Maslen

Nominating: Scott Hipkins

Md. PAC Representative: Robert Ramsburg

Program: Gareth Harshman and Tom Mullineaux

Resolutions: Charles Brault and Colby Ferguson

Safety: Amy Jo Poffenberger

Scholarship: Dr. Raymond Ediger

Service – to – Member: Joseph Free and Audrey Wolfe

Wildlife: Scott Hipkins and Lisa Gaver

Young Farmers: Amy Jo Poffenberger

Women's Leadership: Nola "Cookie" Ramsburg

SCHOLARSHIPS

RAY EDIGER

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 Dr. Ray Ediger at 301-788-2250 or rlediger@juno.com. Applications are due to the Scholarship Committee by April 30th.



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LIME DELIVERY

LARRY HOWARD

Currently the lime program is in a "state of flux". In early December, we lost our source of liming material and since then our program has been suspended. However, our partner in this operation, Tom Riley of Riley Bulk Transport, has located a new source of liming materials so we can continue this very important program. Currently, Tom is in the process of getting all the details worked out. We do know we will be handling two types of quality, damp ground limestone. One will be High Calcium Agricultural Limestone and the other will be Calcitic Agricultural Limestone with High Magnesium. Both materials contain about 10-15% moisture with 60% of the liming material passing through a 100 mesh sieve. Please call me, and I can share with you all the specifics on the analysis of these materials.

Another issue in the works is the pricing structure. This will be settled in the coming weeks. In the meantime, you can call me to get more information and place an order for delivery later this winter and spring.

We do apologize for the uncertainty and we are asking our customers who are in need of material this winter or spring, to give me a call. I will attempt to answer your questions, start our your ordering process and work with you to provide a high quality liming material at a very reasonable cost. Please, let me hear from you about your lime needs for the coming season at 301-662-8547.