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SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY
FARM BUREAU

September 2024

Harford Fair 2024

This year’s Harford Fair was fortunate to have good weather leading to great crowds and for our booth a very busy week. It is always nice to hear from folks who’ve visited our booth for so many years and continue to enjoy an apple or a cup of delicious milk.

This also gives us an opportunity to talk about Farm Bureau and what we’ve been doing from the grassroots, you the membership, to benefit all of us. There’s always the focus on agriculture but there are many other issues as well and we try to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to cross paths with so many.

In our previous note we thanked Mike Russell Jr for doing such a great job painting and fixing up our Fair Booth. Also to Aileen Shay for once again making all the contacts for volunteers to keep the booth running.

Finally and most importantly to the following for doing at least a 4 hour shift and some multiple shifts in the booth. The booth does not run itself and to each of these folks we thank you. Joann DiPalma, Cindy Frick, Caitlyn, Courtney and Rose Williams, Julie and Holly Harvatine, Kalena Landis, Kasey Frishko, Emma Hinkley, Earl and Cathy Cottrell, Jess Prusinowski, Karen Harmer, Aileen and William Shay, Mania and David DeLeon, Madison and Sydney Newhart, Kim and Jim Barbour and James Barbour for all his extra help in the booth for seemingly on daily call.

Local Discounts for Farm Bureau Members in Susquehanna County

*SCFB Members - show your membership card at these participating businesses and ask about the Farm Bureau discount.
www.pfb.com/localdiscounts*

Andre & Son, Inc. - True Value (Montrose) - 5% off any in-stock store items not already on clearance or promotional pricing

Auto Plus (Great Bend) 10% off

Barhites Sales & Rentals (Clifford) 10% off all rentals, 5% off all sale items in-stock/shop repairs, 5% off parts, 15% off labor

Blue Stone Pizzeria (Hallstead) 10% off all menu items

Flynn’s Hardware/Flymm’s Stone Castle 10% off animal feed, Lawton

Gerard E. Shinn Construction (Uniondale) 5% off any contracted work

Glezen’s Power Equipment Inc. (Hallstead) 10% off parts

J&J Springs (New Milford) 10% off all water delivery to homes

JDE Salon (Montrose) 20% off all retail products

Liberty Carpet, Inc. (Hallstead) 10% off in-stock & special-order flooring, 5% off hardwood

Little Leaf Natural Products (Montrose) 10% off everything; must show membership card

Maloney’s Pub & Restaurant (Hallstead) 10% off food on Sunday and Monday only

New Milford Hardware (New Milford) Trade Discount - up to 10% off depending on item

Nicholson Tire Service 5% off tires and labor, Nicholson. Available to Susquehanna and Wyoming County Farm Bureaus

Pump N Pantry All stores except Troy - buy one get one free hotdogs (Kunzler’s from Lancaster)

Rhonda’s Country Heart Décor (Montrose) 10% off everything in store

Russell Farms (Brackney) 5% discount

Rustic Roost Café free drink with meal purchase, Kingsley. Available to Susquehanna and Lackawanna Farm Bureaus

Scarfalloto’s Hometown Market (Montrose) 5% off total order

Speakeasy Saloon & Resort (Union Dale) 10% off any dinner and room rental

Stone’s Trustworthy Hardware (Great Bend) 10% regular priced items; some exclusions apply

Strauss Chiropractic/Northeast Nutrition (Kingsley) Initial consult, complete exam & x-rays for \$25 (normally \$175-250)

Summit Workwear (New Milford) 15% off boots and workwear

Timberline Lawn and RV (Montrose) 10% off in-stock or ordered parts; \$100 minimum purchase

Wandering Trails Veterinary Care 10% off services excluding medications, Towanda. Available to Susquehanna, Wayne, Bradford, and Wyoming Farm Bureaus

William Shay Flagstone 10% off 10 by 10 Patio Package, Thompson. Available to Susquehanna and Wayne/Pike Farm Bureaus

MEMBERSHIP GIVEAWAY

NEW members who join by October 31st will be entered to win \$1000. ALL who sign-up for auto-renewal by October 31st will be entered to win \$1000.

NEW and all renewals submitted by September 30th will be entered to win \$2000, \$1000, \$500.

Sign up on our website: www.pfb.com/reasons-to-join or see any SCFB Director

Added local bonus: any SCFB member signing up for auto- renewal by Sept 20th is our guest at our Annual Dinner Meeting on October 4th at the Montrose Bible Conference, 5:30pm Social, 6:30pm Dinner.



Are You Turning 65 This Year and Going on Medicare?

Choosing your Medicare plan can be overwhelming. It can be hard to figure out what you want, or more important, what you need.

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- Explain and compare options
- Work within your budget
- Help with informed Medicare coverage decisions

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SCFB County Picnic



Each year Susquehanna Farm Bureau sponsors a picnic to enjoy delicious food, , discuss policies to take to the state annual meeting, socialize of course, meet new farm bureau members and often have an opportunity to have an excellent speaker. This year we were very fortunate to accomplish all of the above.

On August 29th we were once again welcomed to the Palma Gun Club, or known best to most of us as Belchers Pavilion. We are most fortunate to have Irv and Jerry Belcher and their families to provide venue and hospitality for all of our community. How about perfect weather and one of our largest turnouts in recent years?

Wildlife and crop damage, as many know has been of highest priority for farm bureau this year. We invited two gentlemen who are directly involved with these issues. And we were especially fortunate to have each happily accept our invitations. Jonathan Bowman, PA Game Warden and Stanley



Knick, our regional Director on the PA Game Commission both attended, spoke and listened to many questions asked by those in attendance. Each is well versed in explaining the specifics of the law as well as all the positive changes that have been made in depredation rules pertaining to crop damage from wildlife issues. Susquehanna and PA Farm Bureau have been proactive in writing then advocating for policies that are now law when dealing with the PGC. Does much more need to be done? Absolutely and we will continue to pursue more help in these areas.

We thank both Jonathan and Stanley for spending time with us and giving us an opportunity to not only share concerns but learn about what is available to land owners with all the recent changes in legislation. And especially good to know each is available when we have issues or just questions that need to be addressed.



2023-24 SCFB Policies

- 1) We recommend that WIC, Women, Infants and Children, list only dairy based products with a focus on whole milk, with only medical exceptions, in their daily need requirements.
- 2) the Pa Game Commission create a rigid culling program in areas of high populations of deer causing crop damage as well as a path to control CWD.
- 3) the US House and Senate allow a two thirds majority on the floor to move Bills that are sitting in committee.
- 4) the PA House and Senate allow a two thirds majority on the floor to move Bills out of committee.
- 5) Heavy Use Protection Areas containing a roof not be taxed. These Conservation projects are built to meet the Chesapeake water shed goal on water quality.
- 6) that the bluestone quarries be given the same limitations as natural gas in dealing with Clean and Green exemptions on more than one quarry or gas pad per parcel.
- 7) SCFB will continue the efforts to support the progress in putting together an Agricultural program including a FFA charter at Blue Ridge school district and to provide Ag education to other districts’ students as well.

**SCFB Annual Dinner Meeting
October 4th at MBC**

All are invited to our annual dinner meeting on Friday evening, October 4th at the Montrose Bible Conference. We’ll have a Social hour at 5:30 and Dinner at 6:30. A wonderful opportunity for everyone to discuss and approve policies affecting not only agriculture but our rural way of life. Come enjoy a delicious stuffed boneless breast of chicken dinner with soup, salad and all the complements including dessert. And be prepared to stuff those brown bags to win some great raffle items to aid Ag education.

\$20 per person to be paid at the door. Please reserve by Sept 30th by calling or texting Dave DeLeon, 607-768-9893; Jim Barbour, 607-435-0830; or William Shay, 570-396-4752.

Legislative Tour

County Farm Bureau Director John Benscoter has put together some very different legislative tours over the years with this year's following the same path of being like no others. How about a viaduct in the area followed by a newly put together small organically fed raw milk operation?

We began in Lanesboro on Saturday morning the 7th of this month hoping the rain drops would hold off. We were mostly fortunate in that regard. Local historian John Burdick met us at Luciana Park, to hear and see a true marvel in architecture, the Starrucca Viaduct. Built in incredibly 8 months by 800 Irish and



Italian immigrants, each paid a dollar a day, at a total cost of \$320,000 it remains the oldest railroad bridge still in use in PA. At its completion it was the world's largest stone railway and most expensive viaduct in the world. It is on the National Register of Historic Places.

From here the group moved to Barbour Farms. To quote Kim Barbour, "we had a great time with legislators and guests at our Susquehanna County Farm Bureau Legislative Tour. We shared how at Barbour Farms we have diversified with Glamping, Airbnb, and selling raw, A2A2, Grassfed milk. Guests enjoyed a lunch set up in the barn and toured the farmhouse."



We thank John Burdick for his excellent presentation at the Viaduct and Kim and Jim Barbour for opening their farm, their hospitality and putting together a delicious lunch for everyone. Also to Commissioner Judy Herschel for not only attending but connecting with Drew Popish, the Regional Director for Governor Shapiro's office who attended the entire tour. Also to Mike Mirabel representing Congressman Meuser's office who can be seen at many of our functions. Thank you to all for another successful Tour.



Gun Raffle

The Wildlife & Fisheries Committee is holding a statewide gun raffle sponsored by PFB. The goal of the raffle is to generate monies to aid in our continued public interest purposes regarding agriculture.

The ask from the state level is to have counties sell raffle tickets at their county board and annual meetings. Tickets and handling of the money will be done by the ROD attending the meetings. Cash or Check is the only acceptable payment method.

\$20 Per Ticket

Winners based on the Pa. Lottery Pick 4 Nightly Drawings (No Wild Ball) Nov. 30—Dec. 13 2024

2500 Tickets to be sold, 4 number chances per ticket. If all tickets are not sold, winners will instead be selected by random drawings at PFB's premises on Dec. 2, 2024 at 1pm.

Prizes

(Winners will receive a Bass Pro Gift Card equal to the amounts below)

Nov. 30 - Winchester SX4 Hybrid Hunter Semi-Auto Shotgun (\$899.99)

Dec. 1 - Winchester SX4 Field Compact Semi-Auto Shotgun (\$939.99)

Dec. 2 - Winchester SX4 Waterfowl Hunter Compact Semi-Auto Shotgun - 20 Gauge - 28" Barrel (\$1,049.99)

Dec. 3 - Browning X-Bolt 2 Speed Bolt-Action Rifle (\$1,299.99)

Dec. 4 - Mossberg MVP-LR Long Range Rifle - 7.62 x 51mm/.308 Winchester (\$819.99)

Dec. 5 - Franchi Momentum Elite Varmint Bolt-Action Rifle (\$1,049)

Dec. 6 - Marlin Model 1894 SBL Series Lever-Action Rifle - .44 Rem Mag (\$1599.99)

Dec. 7 - Franchi Affinity 3 Sport Trap Semi Auto Shotgun (\$899.00)

Dec. 8 - Savage 110 Classic Bolt-Action Rifle (\$1,019.99)

Dec. 9 - Beretta PX4 Storm G-SD Semi Auto Pistol - 20 + 1 (\$799.99)

Dec. 10 - Canik TTI Combat Semi-Automatic Pistol - 9mm (\$899.99)

Dec. 11 - Mossberg MVP-LR Long Range Rifle—7.62 x 51mm/.308 Winchester (\$819.99)

Dec. 12 - Browning X-Bolt 2 Speed Bolt-Action Rifle (\$1,299.99)

Dec. 13 - Sig Sauer P320-XTEN Full Size Optics-Ready Semi-Auto Pistol (\$849.99)

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