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Food for Thought!

Harvest seems to amplify deer movement both day and night. Watch your speed and scan your surroundings for them as you drive. This is important for anyone, whether a farmer or not, in a car or a combine. Being aware of your surroundings lessens your risks, no one ever wants to hit a deer.



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The President's Message

As we move into the fall season we hope and pray for a safe and bountiful harvest. As you will read in the various reports our organization has been very active this summer participating and assisting in many events I am particularly proud of the way we have invested our time if financial support to our youth.

Our Young Farmers, Women's Committee and the County Board all contributed many hours helping in the food stand at the County Fair. We financially supported our local FFA teams representing our county and attending the national FFA convention in Indianapolis and the regional contest in Springfield Massachusetts.

As in the past we continue to sponsor three \$1000 scholarships to Ag students as well as awarding a \$1000 scholarship to our 2021-2022 Ag Ambassador.

I think all members realize the importance of a supporting the future leaders of agriculture in our community, county, and the state. We recognize that it is not possible to make these contributions without the financial support of our members. It is through your membership, donations, and the very successful gun raffle held this past spring the the Ag Center that we can afford to support and encourage our youth.

We look forward to ending the year on a good note and cannot wait to begin a new year with new board members, fresh ideas and a whole year in front of us to do more great things. As always, we appreciate your continued support and hope that you choose to renew or become a member of our grassroots organization.

- Jason Myers, Carroll County Farm Bureau President

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Young Farmers

Fall is here! Harvest has taken off in the area and while many of us are in the fields reaping what we've sown, our group of young farmers is continuing to plant their spot in our community.

This summer we were very active in County Fair festivities including sponsoring the champions of multiple outdoor 4-H activities. We were fortunate enough to be able to present a jumbo check to some of those champions at the awards ceremony that was held Thursday evening of the fair. Then our group helped plan and host the county's second annual membership drive which was another success and we hope to see more new members out at the next one, mark your calendars for the last Sunday of September 2023! Most recently a handful of us attended the County Banquet and donated an item for the scholarship fund auction, a custom made, personalized steel, laser cut farm sign. Thank you for donating your talents to make this item for us, Patrick Fulton of Fulton Welding and Repair.

We continue to look for new ideas as well as members! Don't hesitate to contact us about future meetings and events! I hope that everyone has a safe, bountiful fall and we look forward to what winter has to offer!

-Greg Dell, Carroll County Farm Bureau Young Farmers Committee Chair

CC Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee

Happy fall to everyone! Many farmers have already begun their fall harvest. Please keep them in mind as they hit the fields and the roads over the next few weeks and months.

Our women's committee has had a busy summer and we have many activities coming up over the next few months. Thanks to everyone who helped in the food stand at the 4-H fair. We again had a great turn out and appreciate your help! Something new we did for this year's fair was to sponsor the champion ag commodity award, sponsor various livestock awards, and make a purchase at the cake auction. This was made possible by our fundraising event held over the summer.

We had another successful raffle, selling almost 500 tickets. A big thank you goes out to everyone who purchased a ticket and to all the sponsors of our raffle!

Our Ag Ambassador contest was held on Sunday, August 14 in Burns Hall, with two wonderful contestants participating in this event. Ashlynn Kidwell was chosen as our Ag Ambassador with Hannah Clas as our alternate. Both girls did a fantastic job and we look forward to keeping both of them busy helping with activities over the coming year. We wish Ashlynn good luck when she interviews at the state level. Thanks to Angie Bachtel for coordinating the contest.

Our membership picnic on Sunday, Sept. 25 was a great success! Good food and fellowship was enjoyed by all who attended. The women's committee handled the silent auction and had a total of 23 items donated with a profit of \$676. All the kids who were there seemed to enjoy the activities we had for them! Thanks to Ashlynn and Hannah for helping us with these activities!

Our Annual Banquet was held on Tuesday, October 11th at the Pleasant Valley Fire Hall. We organized the live auction items as they came in with our FFA members assisting by walking them around the room during the bidding. The auction was a great event and all proceeds go to the Farm Bureau scholarship fund. The women's committee collected donations for the Shepherd's Staff Rx Fund, which provides prescription assistance for those in need including our seniors. We are thankful for those who donated, we collected \$276. And lastly, we had an activity for the kids during the business meeting which was well received by the children that came.

The Ag Center is having a corn maze again this year and on Sunday, October 30 th there will be Trunk or Treat from 2-4pm. We will be there handing out candy to all the trick or treaters so bring your kiddos out for some Halloween fun! Our next women's committee meeting will be held on Monday, November at 6pm at a member of our committee's home, it will be a holiday social with a short meeting. If you are interested in joining us for a night of food and feelowship, please contact one of us for the details. Please consider joining us as new members are always welcome!

Mary Rasche and Shannon Haines, Co-Chairs of the Women's Committee

Attention Members!

Newsletters will be delivered as follows:

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Please Check your **SPAM** for the Mass Email if it does not show up in your Inbox.

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Women's Committee~

The Women's Committee is still collecting the pull tabs off of aluminum cans for The Ronald McDonald House. The pull tabs will be turned into gift cards for gas and other expenses that families accumulate during their stay.

If you would like to save your pull tabs, even a few can make a difference, please let a committee member know and we can work out how to get them from you.



Maryland Farm Bureau News



ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Golf Resort, Spa and Marina
in Cambridge, Maryland, December 3-6, 2022.

GENERAL REGISTRATION

Pre-registration is now open online via our website at www.mdfarmbureau.com/convention/. Registration does not include hotel room reservations. Attendees must reserve hotel rooms separately.

That information is in the next section of this memo.

Registration pricing:

All Inclusive (Preconference events sold separate) (President's Grand Opening Reception, All Meals & Events Dec 4-6) - \$260.00

Young Farmer NextGen Preconference (Dec. 3) - \$80.00

Annual Meeting of Women Preconference (Dec. 4) - \$80.00

County Leader Preconference (Dec. 4) - \$80.00

President's Grand Opening Reception (Dec. 4) - \$60.00

Day 1 Sessions/Meals/Banquet (Dec. 5) - \$165.00

Awards Banquet (Dec. 5) - \$85.00

Day 2 Only Sessions + Meals (Dec. 6) - \$80.00

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Hotel rooms can be reserved through the special link below to MDFB special pricing. Room rates are as follows:

- Standard Room

o Single: \$89.00/night o Double: \$89.00/night

o Triple: \$114.00/night o Quad: \$139.00/night

Rooms are a combination of king-bedded and queen/queen-bedded sleeping rooms. The Hyatt will do all possible to honor individual guest's request for bedding type, subject to availability at time of reservation.

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Carroll County Farm Bureau News

CCFB MEMBERSHIP APPROVED POLICY

COUNTY POLICY

These is policies were approved at our annual business meeting and will be added to our county policies to present to the County Legislators.

Amendment to #9. Carroll County Farm Bureau urges the county commissioners to continue to include agricultural representation on the Planning **and Zoning** Commission.

Added policy:

18. We urge a change in the law to mandate the trimming of tree limbs on both new growth and existing trees for safe travel of all vehicles on roadways. The county government should increase the level of maintenance to ensure safe passage of vehicles.

19. We encourage county legislation that requires trees and brush be maintained at a minimum of five (5) feet from the road edge and to a clearance of 16 feet on the shoulder of all public roads. Further, we recommend the placement of new poles and guide wires at a minimum of five (5) feet from the road edge, with reflective material placed thereon.

20. We strongly urge the County Roads Department to create policy for the mowing of roadside rights-of-way and medians to ensure public safety and enhance scenic views.

21. We urge the local government and utility companies to undertake a public education program to teach citizens that proper trimming of trees does not impact the life of the tree and there is a need to inspect, harvest and remove older, hazardous and diseased trees.

22. We recommend that the county roads department consider, when designing islands, roundabouts, intersections or the placement of guardrails, road signs and mailboxes so that they do not prohibit or make difficult the passage of farm equipment, commercial and emergency vehicles as well as school buses.

STATE POLICY

These policies were approved at our Annual Business Meeting and were submitted to MFB for consideration as amendments to the State Policy book.

STATE POLICY ISSUES OF CONCERN

ENERGY POLICY

Ethanol and Biodiesel Fuel

Amendment: We urge new research to improve ethanol **and biodiesel** compatibility with medium and heavy-duty vehicles as well as farm equipment to meet new engine standards.'22

Amendment: We oppose commercial **and community** solar energy facilities being considered as an agricultural activity and receiving the same exemptions as an agricultural structure or agriculture land. This would also include receiving the agricultural tax assessment. '22

TOP 3 PRIORITIES

- 1) Road Construction, Design and Maintenance
- 2) Ag Education: Curriculum and MD FFA
- 3) Energy: Other Alternative Energy Sources

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RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MARYLAND BEEKEEPERS

1. Maryland bee populations continue to be severely impacted by infestations of Varroa mites (Varroa destructor, an invasive species), resulting in colony losses by Maryland Beekeepers averaging 60% over the last decade. Though honeybee colonies losses are often offset through beekeeper effort and resource investments, the resulting costs are a heavy burden to this vital agricultural industry. **We Support**
2. We support increased funding for the MDA Apiary Inspection Department (within the Plant Protection and Weed Management) for both personnel hours and equipment necessary to perform inspections. Existing budgetary restraints severely limit the time regional inspectors can devote to supporting the beekeeping industry and preventing colony losses. MDA should routinely replace inspection equipment that is past warranty or its useful lifespan, including vehicles. **We Support**
3. We support fully funding The Honey Bee Lab at the University of Maryland, which conducts critical scientific research and outreach programs throughout the state as well as providing extension services to Maryland beekeepers through its Bee Squad. **We Support**
4. There should be no laws or regulations that prevent or discourage the keeping of honeybees and other pollinators in Maryland, including county zoning ordinances. **We do not support**
5. We support planting of pollinator friendly habitat by county and state agencies on roadsides, rights of way, and similar areas in place of grasses. Pollinator friendly plantings have lower maintenance requirements, are environmentally beneficial, and are more visually attractive. We encourage USDA Farm Service Agency to promote pollinator friendly Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) plantings. **We Support**

MFB AG EDUCATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

1. "Maryland Farm Bureau recommends to the State Department of Education to dedicate guaranteed funding to fully fund staffing for Maryland FFA administration through the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation." ***see amendment below**
 2. "We support the certification of teachers in CASE AgXplore (AgX) to offer agriculture education in Maryland middle schools." **We Support**
 3. "We recommend urge the University of Maryland College of Agriculture and Natural Resources to continue to develop and expand the current program that provides an Agricultural Education major, giving students a specialization in Ag Education leading to a career path as an agricultural educator and/or extension educator. We support allocating new resources to the program. '21" **We Support**
- CCFB Policy Development Committee Recommendations: Amend #1 to read:** "Maryland Farm Bureau recommends to the State Department of Education to dedicate funding to guarantee a full staff for Maryland FFA administration through the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation."

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

AIR QUALITY

Amendment to Line 287: We oppose regulations dealing with exhaust of ammonia or methane gases from agricultural activities **to include both open air and housed animal activities.**'18

BROWNFIELDS

New policy: We encourage the use of these sites as a means of solar generation in lieu of the use of prime and productive farmland.

NONTIDAL WETLANDS

Amendment to Line 1241: We recommend **the continuance** of the process that when wetlands are identified, property owners must be notified, and an appeal or review process be developed.'07

TAXES

Amendment to line 1860: We oppose increasing the state fuel tax **based on inflation.** '11

DAIRY INDUSTRY

New Policy: We strongly urge the Maryland State Health Department and legislators to support the pasteurized milk.

CCFB Young Farmers T-Shirts

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IMPORTANT Event Announcements

YOU'RE INVITED!

CARROLL COUNTY FARM BUREAU ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE DINNER

WHEN: THURSDAY, JANUARY 5TH, 2023

TIME: 6:30PM TO 9PM

**WHERE: BURNS HALL AT THE CARROLL COUNTY
AGRICULTURE CENTER**

RSVP: NO LATER THEN DECEMBER 24TH, 2022

PLEASE RSVP TO 410-857-5503, CALL AND
LEAVE A MESSAGE OR TEXT

This is an evening to prep for the upcoming legislative session with our local legislators from both the county and the state level. Our guests will speak on their planned focuses at session and then members will be able to ask questions, voice concerns and ask for support in areas that directly effect the Carroll County Agriculture community. This will be a catered event and free for our members whom made a reservation.

More info to be mailed out, keep an eye out and WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

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Farm Queen/Miss Farm Bureau/Farm Bureau Ambassador Program

Each year, the Carroll County Farm Bureau selects a representative that will spend the year as an ambassador for Agriculture in Carroll County. While this program originally began and was known for many years as the Farm Queen contest, it has taken on several different names over the past 25 years. 2002 was the last official year of the title being the Carroll County Farm Queen. After that, in 2003 the title was changed to be a Farm Bureau Ambassador. The following year in 2004, it was decided that each county would have a Miss Farm Bureau, and then a Miss Maryland Agriculture title would be awarded at the state contest. That version of the program continued until 2021, when the program once again shifted and was renamed the Farm Bureau Ambassador Program. While the program had traditionally only been open to female participants, when the format of the contest changed in 2021, it then shifted to more of a leadership development program, that was open to both male and female participants.

While the name of the program may have changed over the years, the focus of the program has remained the same. It has always been the goal of this program to select young people in our community to be a representative and ambassador for the agriculture industry. This program supports agriculture education, leadership development, and encourages the person chosen for this role to be a true advocate for agriculture. The person chosen for this title each year, has always played a large role in the Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair, whether it be helping to hand out ribbons at shows, taking pictures with Livestock Sale buyers, or just walking the fairgrounds and educating the public.

Below is a list of Farm Queen/Miss Farm Bureau/Farm Bureau Ambassador participants from the last 25 years:

1997: Jessica Fritz
 1998: Renata Ramonda
 1999: Laura Fisher
 2000: Amanda Dell
 2001: Heather Graf
 2002: Angie Rasche
 2003: Katy Nolte
 2004: Sarah Gieron
 2005: Abigail Hester
 2006: Sarah Krome
 2007: Sarah Rawlings
 2008: Clare Yeager
 2009: Pamela Bell
 2010: Shelby Stevens
 2011: Samantha Anthony
 2012: Phyllis McKenzie
 2013: Kellie McThenia
 2014: Tori Fromm
 2015: Autumn Lippy
 2016: Katie Shower
 2017: Nicole Michol
 2018: Jordyn Griffin
 2019: Elsie McKenzie
 2020: Sierra Wean
 2021: Sierra Wean





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WE HAD AN ESTIMATED COMBINED 20 RENEWALS AND NEW MEMBERS SIGN-ON THAT DAY!!! THANK YOU!!!



THANK YOU MR. BILLY HARRISON FOR DJ'ING FOR US!



THANK YOU STARS AND STRIPES PETTING ZOO FOR BRINGING YOUR ANIMALS FOR ALL TO ENJOY!





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Taneytown Tag and Title named 2022 Carroll County Farm Bureau Distinguished Supporter of the Year



Wayne Barnes chosen as 2022 Carroll County Farm Bureau Distinguished Member of the Year



Thank you to those that donated items to the Annual Banquet Live Auction

Taneytown Auto Parts, Pat Small, Bill and Mary Rasche, Ray and Cyndy Howes of Foggy Bottom Farm, Dell Brother's, Inc., Brooks and Angie Bachtel,

Maryland State Fair, Jason and Donna Myers, Legacy Septic, Janie Dell with Primitive Folk Art, Hannah Clas, Clas Brothers Farms, LLC, Ryan Zimmerman, Riki Sellers, Joseph Amigh



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Dates to Remember

Event	Date and Time	Location
Carroll County Farm Bureau Board Meeting	First Monday of almost every month at 7:30pm	The Library at the CC Extension Office
CCFB Young Farmers Meeting	The third Tuesday of almost every month at 7pm	Locations vary, watch on social media for updates
CCFB Women's Leadership Committee Meeting	The third Monday of every other month, starting in February at 7pm	The Library at the CC Extension Office
Maryland Farm Bureau Annual Convention	December 3rd—6th	The Hyatt Regency in Cambridge, MD
CCFB Annual Legislative Dinner	Thurs., Jan. 5th, 2023 at 6:30pm <i>(requires reservations)</i>	Burns Hall at the CC Ag Center

~All event dates, times and locations are subject to change or cancellation~



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