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You are invited.....

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To the Juniata County Farm Bureau
Annual Dinner Meeting



Friday, September 16, 2022

6:30 PM

Walker Grange

Mexico, PA

The meeting will include a dinner,
followed by annual county updates
concluding with door prizes.

Special this year – a free gift from the Juniata FFA for all farmers in attendance.

This is your chance to support your county Farm Bureau and learn about
activities and services available to you.

The meal is offered **free of charge** and is sponsored by local businesses:

Please make reservations no later than September 2

with # of adults and # of children ages 6-12

Call Ray Geissinger, 717-535-5886 or email at raligeis@gmail.com

Menu:

Ham
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Pickles/olives
Rolls
Fruit cobbler and
ice cream

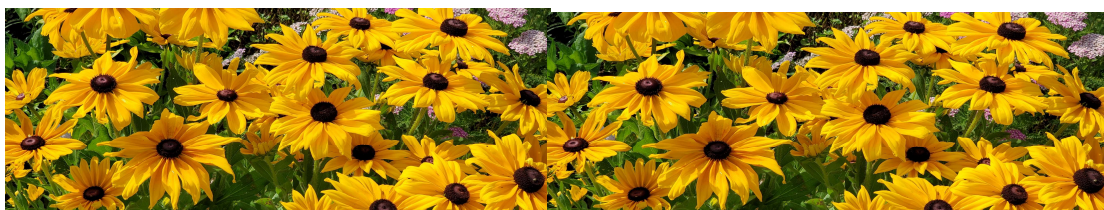
A message from our Juniata County Farm Bureau President.....

I hope this newsletter finds you all well. Also hope you all had an enjoyable wheat harvest. I know harvest time can always bring undo stress but the end result seems to be the most rewarding.

I would like to take the time to invite everyone to our county annual meeting. If you never attended our annual meeting, I highly encourage you to attend. Come for a good meal and see what the local and state Farm Bureau has been up to in the last year. Would love to see new and familiar faces in the hopes of bringing up the attendance from past years.

So, in closing, I hope to see everyone and God Bless!

Ben Zook



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An introduction to Juniata County's new ROD (Regional Operation Director)

My name is Kenny Sechrist and I am honored to serve as the Region 3, Regional Operation Director. I was raised in Red Lion, York County and attended Red Lion High School where I majored in Vocational Agriculture. I was a very active member of the Red Lion FFA. I grew up on the edges of the farm community. I worked in my uncle's livestock auction, helped around my uncle's dairy farm and worked summers with my father who primarily built barns and new milking parlors.

I began my professional career at Pfaltzgraff Pottery where I worked for 25 years, primarily in management. I most recently worked as a Plant Manager at a York powder coating operation.

I have a wife and three wonderful sons, as well as four grandchildren. I enjoy traveling with my wife and family. I also enjoy time hunting at our cabin in Potter County and at our home in northern York County. I also serve as School Board President for the Northern York County School District.

I am so excited to get back to my agriculture roots. Coming from the world of manufacturing, it is so refreshing to work with honest hard-working people who are making a positive impact on the world around them.

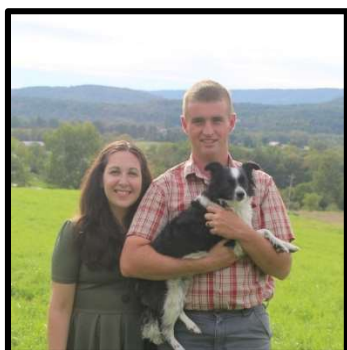


Kenny & Lisa Sechrist

Kenny

Hello from Waterloo! My name is Lindsey Shoop. I am a new Account Supervisor for MSC Business Services, and I will be serving clients predominantly in Mifflin and Juniata County.

I look forward to helping members to better understand the benefits that MSC Business Services has to offer. Do not hesitate to reach out to me if you are interested in learning more about MSC Business Services. At MSC our focus is on tax preparation, business analysis, gas tax refunds, tax planning, payroll, and bookkeeping as your needs require. The best part is, you do not need to leave your home or place of business, because I will come to you.



My husband, Ethan Shoop, serves as a Director for the Juniata County Farm Bureau and represents Region

1. We live on a farm (with our puppy boy Benny) in Waterloo (outside of East Waterford), where we raise beef cattle, hair sheep, layer hens, ducks, and turkeys, and we crop farm. Ethan works for PennDOT as an operator. Balancing a farm around our 9-5 jobs, and still keeping the spark alive in our marriage is an adventure. We have found that the best form of marriage counseling is sorting cattle. If you can work cattle with your spouse, you can make it through anything!

Outside of farming, we both love reading, kayaking, porch sitting, and listening to music. We are old people stuck in 30-some year-old bodies.

We have both been actively involved with the Juniata County Farm Bureau since 2016. We enjoy policy development and participating in/witnessing the delegate session at the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Annual Meeting. Once you experience a delegate session, you will have a greater appreciation of your membership dues. We have learned that sometimes as farmers we tend to operate only within our own silos, so we are grateful that the Farm Bureau provides us with an opportunity to get out there and learn from other farmers, friends, and ag professionals in our community.

Thanks for allowing us to serve you,

Lindsey & Ethan Shoop

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Rural Road Safety Report



As farmers across Pennsylvania returned to the fields to plant crops this spring, representatives from the Juniata County Farm Bureau gathered on Thursday, April 14, to promote safe driving on rural roads as part of Rural Roads Safety Week. Approximately 100 youth from Juniata High School, East Juniata High School, Juniata Christian School, and Juniata Christian Homeschool Association gathered at the farm of Ray & Linda Geissinger in the village of Center. Trooper Fox from the Pennsylvania State Police and Chas Shaffer from Nationwide Insurance each presented a session reminding these young drivers of the dangers of distracted driving and excessive speed. Also on site were large farm equipment and large tractor trailer trucks.

"The purpose of Rural Roads Safety Week is to alert drivers that large, slow-moving farm vehicles and equipment are once again traveling on rural roads here in Juniata County and across the state. We're urging motorists to use caution when approaching farm vehicles and be patient if they are delayed," said Geissinger.

Farm Bureau notes that while it's timely to remind motorists to be cautious now that spring planting is underway, practicing safe driving habits on rural roads is important all year long.

"We wish to thank the following local sponsors who helped make this event possible. Hooper's, Millwork Holsteins, Seed Consultants, Geissinger Grain, Lost Creek Ag, and Mount Joy Co-op."

Harvest time is fast approaching so more farm equipment will be traveling the roads once again

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YAP CORNER

Hello all,

On July 10, Pennsylvania YAP had their yearly picnic at Knoebels. The state committee provided a good lunch of hamburgers, chicken tenders and mac and cheese with build your own ice cream sundae's for dessert. They also did a raffle for



ride tickets for families to win and enjoy a day of riding!

Everyone in attendance received a 2.5 gallon bucket, which I'm sure everyone can put to good use on the farm! With the weather being nice I'm sure we missed some with field and farm work needing to be done, but I'm sure I can speak for everyone in attendance - we all enjoyed the time spent together in fellowship and an afternoon full of riding rides.

Any questions of how you can get involved or ideas that you may have for our county to do for more events, please reach out to any of our board members or I.

Happy Harvesting! Cheyenne Hepner
YAP Chair, Board Member



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Mifflin and Juniata Young Ag Professionals Host Ag Night at Juniata Winery

Members of the Mifflin and Juniata YAP participated in an Ag Night at the Juniata Winery on July 8.



The event featured live music, multiple vendors and drink offerings from the winery, while allowing attendees to learn about PA Farm Bureau and its involvement in state and federal legislation. Attendees were greeted by Farm Bureau members and were encouraged to participate in a raffle to win door prizes that were donated by local businesses. All farmers in attendance received a gift from the winery and farmers were able to share their experiences and speak with attendees during the breaks in music.



PFB Vice President Chris Hoffman was in attendance for the event and addressed the crowd in between the band's sets, teaching attendees

about Farm Bureau and the role that agriculture plays in the food chain, mentioning how many farmers it would take to bring the pizza from a food vendor to the consumer.

"Some of the people there have very little connection to agriculture," Hoffman said. "They don't know about Farm Bureau or have the understanding that even a winery is a form of agriculture. So this was a great way to and to build a rapport to truly get an understanding of what we do as farmers. One thing that was really important was the amount of engagement that we were able to have. I think it was very successful in branding who we are."

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Keeping You Informed.

Game Commission Approves Several Changes to Red Tag

Pennsylvania Game Commissioners recently approved several significant changes to the Agricultural Deer Control Program, commonly known as Red Tag, that will help farmers better manage deer populations on their lands.

The program is designed to give farmers an extra option to handle deer damage in the early spring and fall, outside of the traditional big game hunting calendar. Hunters will be able to obtain up to four Red Tag permits per-property, making it consistent with the allocation to the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP). The summer period during which Red Tag hunting is closed (currently May 16 – June 30) would be expanded to April 16 – July 31. Permits will be valid from Aug. 1 through Sept. 15 and then Feb. 1 through April 15.

Hunters would not be able to use Red Tag from May 16 to June 30, but would cumulatively have more potential days afield to use their permits. Permits would be issued for the license year that begins July 1 and run through June 30.

It will become hunters' responsibility to report their successful harvest, not the landowner.

The program would also be open to all hunters, including those living out of state. Lastly, landowners would no longer need to enroll in the Game Commission's Hunter Access program before using the Red Tag program. These changes fulfill many Pennsylvania Farm Bureau policies in regards to the Red Tag program.

We will monitor the program to see how these changes are implemented and will advocate for other possible adjustments as needed. All of the changes to Red Tag will go into effect November 2022. In related news, the Game Commission also increased Doe Tag allocations for the 2022-2023 hunting season to 948,000 an increase of 23,000 tags from the previous hunting season.



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2022 Safety Coloring Contest Winners

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Coloring Contest



1st Sadie Ferster



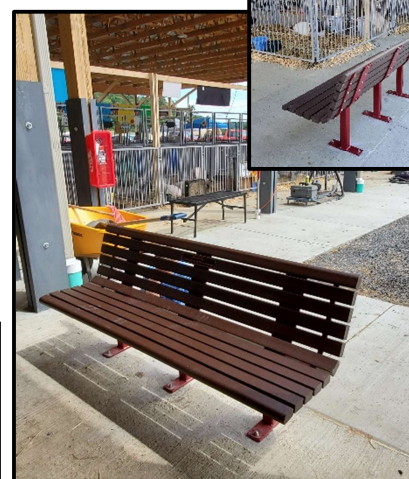
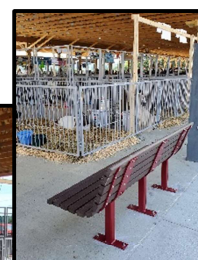
2nd Logan Diem



3rd Noah Partner

Our first place winner has been forwarded to the PA Farm Bureau contest

Congratulations to all the winners and participants at this year's Juniata County 4-H Youth Fair which was held in the new fair barn! The Juniata County Farm Bureau is proud to help sponsor ribbons again this year.



**New Benches in the new fair barn!
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