

Susquehanna County Farm Bureau



April 2022

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2022 Spring Conservation Tour

Elk Mountain Ski Resort

April 6, 2022

At Elk Mountain Ski Resort during the winter season the number of skiers can reach 2,500 on any given day. Gregg Confer, the resort's general manager, oversees 20 full-time and 260 part-time employees in seven departments. Join us as we will learn how fresh water from Elk Mountain's water reservoirs is pumped to the 27 different ski slopes with the right combination of compressed air, water and temperature to produce large amounts of snow (2-ft. depth) for skiing and snowboarding. Solutions to the problem of erosion will be explored. Tour participants will also learn of the 1,000 seedlings that are planted yearly, and of the annual transplanting of 1,000 6-foot tall fir trees.

Lunch will be served in the resort's restaurant followed by a presentation by the Pennsylvania State Police on the topic of *Rural Roads Safety*.

Our aim is to help educate tour attendees with different types of environmental conservation and how conservation techniques are being voluntarily implemented for the betterment of our environment.

SIGN UP SIGN UP

Pre-registration Required

by calling John Benscoter

570-833-4250

or

johnrbenscoter@yahoo.com

Registration Deadline

April 1st.

2022 Spring Conservation Tour SCHEDULE

- 9:30 am-Registration at Elk Mountain Resort, Refreshments and Restrooms
- 9:50 am-Introductions, Flag Pledge, Opening Remarks -Dave DeLeon, SCFB President
- 10:00 am (prompt)-Tour of Elk Mountain's Fresh Water Reservoirs
- 10:15 am-Water Pump Facility
- 11:00 am-Compressed Air Facility
- 11:15 am-Snow Guns
- 11:30 am-Elk Mountain's Forestry History -Jim Kessler, Retired Pa. Department of Forestry
- 11:45 am-Balling of the Fir Trees
- 12:00 pm-Transplanting of the Fir Trees
- 12:15 pm-Elk Mountain's Cafeteria, Meal and Restrooms, Legislative Updates, Farm Bureau Updates, Media Interviews
- 1:15 pm-Rural Roads Safety Presentation by the Pennsylvania State Police
- 2:00 pm-End of SCFB Conservation Tour, Closing Remarks -Jim Barbour, SCFB Vice President

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ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

April 30, 2022

Montrose Bible Conference Lake Avenue Dining Hall

Social Time at 9:00 AM

Buffet Brunch at 10:00 AM

Brunch is \$15 per person

Reservation Deadline: April 25, 2022

Meet the Candidates Program

Board Director Joe Plonski will be inviting those candidates running in this year's primary election to speak.

Chinese Auction to benefit Ag Education

~ **Great Food & Fellowship** ~



To make your reservation, please contact Donna Williams 570-942-6348
Barb Roszel 570-278-2433 or Dave DeLeon at 570-853-3520 or ddeleon.psu@gmail.com



Upcoming Monthly Susquehanna County Farm Bureau Meetings

Meeting Time: 7:30 PM

Meeting Dates: April 8, 2022 ~ May 12, 2022 ~ June 9, 2022

Meeting Location: : Bridgewater Church at 10142 State Route 167; Montrose, PA

Susquehanna County Farm and Home Day

Monday, April 18, 2022

10:00 AM - 3:30PM

Elk Lake High School

Register Today!

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Susquehanna County Farm Bureau will host a *meet and discuss* with invited legislators over important issues in Room 88 from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM.

Celebrate the valuable contributions of agriculture by participating in the 32nd Annual Susquehanna County Farm and Home Day (*formerly Ag Day*). Registration is required for this fun, educational opportunity.

Register by April 8th by calling Penn State Extension at 877-345-0691

or go to this link to learn more: <https://extension.psu.edu/susquehanna-county-farm-and-home-day>

WELCOME TO OUR 2022 NEW MEMBERS!

Steven Biegert ~ Cindy Bonavita ~ Michael James Cottrell ~ Kathleen A Hilling
Frank Alfred Hoehle ~ Andrew Hubal ~ Forrest Mayo Michael L Redding
Barbara Payne ~ Stephen C Roe ~ Chris Titus ~ Enrique Vasquez ~ Nelson Whitmore

Ag Literacy It has been a real treat to be back in our elementary classrooms for Ag Literacy readings this year. All of our schools have scheduled this activity for grades kindergarten through second grade. Susquehanna County Farm Bureau along with Susquehanna County Dairy Promotion through PA Friends of Ag Foundation have provided books for all 74 classrooms in the county. This year's book is *My Family's Soybean Farm* written by Katie Olthoff. The book, through a young boy's eyes, focuses on how farmers care for their land and how technology has changed farming practices. Some schools have already experienced this activity with the rest scheduled. Special thanks go out to Evie Goff who heads the Dairy Promotion Court and schedules the assignments. Those participating are



Dairy Ambassadors: Charlotte Quick, Ava Hughes, Holly Harvatine, Courtney Marvin, Katelyn Farley and Chelsea Empet. Dairy Maids: Emmory Coy-Puzo, Kali and Maci Harvatine. Adults: Jess, Dana and Peggy Empet, Mary and Elizabeth Chidester, Debbie Early, Sandy Marvin, Allison Quick, Evie Goff and Dave DeLeon. Thank you to all the administrators and teachers who always welcome this program and share our interests in agriculture. And finally a special thank you to to all the children whose interest, smiles and questions make this activity so worthwhile.

PFB Ag Promotion and TASK Conference A most productive conference was put together by the PFB State Ag Promotion Committee. The TASK (*Together Advocacy Stimulates Knowledge*) gathering was held over that recent snowy weekend in State College. Over 100 guests listened to Gian Paul Gonzalez as the keynote speaker. He is well known as the speaker inspiring the New York Giants during their 2011 Super Bowl victory. Also, Gian has been on television quite often with his "All In" message. There were breakout sessions featuring perspectives on social media, podcasting basics, children's book writing, and background information on the National Ag Institute. An excellent lesson on turning corn into plastic was presented by a teacher utilizing the Ag Lab for her demonstration. If all school administrators had witnessed this lesson there would be a mad rush to get the Ag Lab to their schools immediately! Also attention was given to the *Kiss a Pig, 2.0* fundraiser that had been taking place. Competition was fierce as to who would raise more money between Vice President Chris Hoffman and president Rick Ebert. Once again Chris won and Rick wore a hilarious pig costume at the conference. And since the goal of \$25,000 was met Chris has to do something the 2020 Pig Farmer of the Year has never done which is to milk a cow. We'll soon find out how successful a pig farmer handles that task. Stay tuned. Jim and Kim Barbour and David and Mania DeLeon attended this most rewarding conference.



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 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

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

Montrose Feed & Supply (Montrose) 5% off bedding & feed

Montrose Produce (Montrose) 5% discount

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

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

Scarfalloto Hometown Market (Montrose) 5% off total order

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

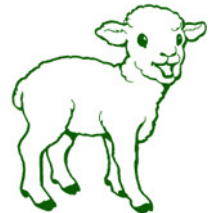
Stone's Trustworthy Hardware (Great Bend) 10% off regular priced items; some exclusions apply

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

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

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