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Featured SCFB Members:

The Bewley Family

Since it is fall, you will find this edition's spotlight family, the Bewley's of Susquehanna, PA, parading their Holstein and Jersey cattle amongst the best the country has to offer in show-rings from Harford to Harrisburg and even on to World Dairy Expo in Madison, WI. Owen, US Sales Leader for Merck Dairy Monitoring, Cathy, owner of a freelance graphic design company, and their two children Emory and Gavin have a passion for dairy farming and dairy cattle but they have a particular passion for showing their dairy animals which are housed at JoSan Farms in Susquehanna, operated by Cathy's parents, Joe and Sandy Pavelski and her brother Matt. Living just down the road, the Bewley's can be found pitching in daily at JoSan Farm, where dairying is a family affair.

Lifelong dairy enthusiasts, Owen and Cathy first met in college at Penn State where they majored in animal science. Both Emory and Gavin are following in their parents' footsteps attending Penn State where Emory is in her junior year, majoring in animal science and Gavin is a freshman, also an animal science major. Following a memorable 2022 show season where one of her Jersey heifers won champion honors not only in Harrisburg, but also at Word Dairy Expo in Madison and the All-American Junior Jersey Show in Louisville, KY, Emory recently completed an internship at Budjon Farm in Lomira, WI where she spent the summer caring for some of the most elite Holstein and Jersey show cattle in North America.



With both Owen and Cathy participating in 4-H as youngsters they were anxious to immerse Emory and Gavin in 4-H as well. Dairy projects were a must but not satisfied with just dairy, livestock projects soon followed. Raising steers, pigs and even lambs have provided the family with a diverse background in animal agriculture and a nice downpayment on two Penn State educations that the younger Bewley's will no doubt put to good use as the forge careers in agriculture. As an incoming freshman Gavin already has his sights set on a career managing a dairy farm.

As if dairy cattle, steers, pigs and lambs weren't enough to keep the family busy Owen decided to follow a multi-generational tradition of his family back in Ireland and add beekeeping to their diverse agricultural enterprise. The Bewley's maintain between 5 and 7 hives annually. You can find their honey under the G.E.zzz Bees brand. Not surprisingly, for a family with a tradition of winning G.E.zzz Bees honey was named Best of Show among all honey exhibitors at this year's Harford Fair.

Local Discounts for Farm Bureau Members in Susquehanna County

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

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2023 HARFORD FAIR

The 2023 Harford Fair was held the week of August 14th. As many of you know the weather was less than cooperative. Although each day and night was quite busy and crowded the numbers attending were not what we've experienced over the last few years. The parking situation with all the huge downpours naturally was much worse than the actual fair grounds and that certainly kept some people away, particularly midweek. Nevertheless Susquehanna Farm Bureau was able to continue our string of many years keeping our booth open. Stocked with lots of information, plenty of helpful pamphlets, selling apples and the very best whole milk at the Fair, once again it was a successful endeavor for us in getting the message out.



None of this would've been possible without William and Aileen Shay who took on the job of rounding up volunteers to do 4 hour shifts all week. Usually in pairs the booth was covered successfully Monday through late Saturday evening.

Special thanks to JoAnn DiPalma, Cindy Frick, Donna, Rose, and Caitlyn Williams, Madison Newhart, Joe Sr and Cheryl Decker, Jess Prusinowski, Emma Hinkley, Julie Harvatine, Verna Everett, Jim and Kim Barbour, Molly Porter, Bill Bayne, Nancy and Harold Shay, Mania and Dave DeLeon and of course Bill and Aileen. Also a thank you to all that stopped by to watch the video, buy an apple and a cup or two of milk or simply to share stories of how many years they've not only come to the Fair but their remembrance of always stopping at our booth.

Thank you to everyone involved.

ANNUAL FALL DINNER MEETING

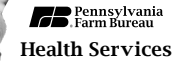
Friday October 6, 2023

Please join us at the Montrose Bible Conference, Lake Avenue Dining Hall for our Annual Fall Dinner Meeting. Social time is at 5:30 and dinner to follow at 6:30pm. Policy recommendations to be approved that will be taken to the Annual Meeting in November in Hershey. A Chinese auction as always to benefit Ag Education in our county will be held. Our county's Dairy Promotion to be represented by the Dairy Princesses.

Menu of Stuffed Breast of Chicken with all the accompaniments. Cost of \$20 per person. Please reserve by Sept 30 by calling or texting David at 607-768-9893, Jim at 607-435-0830, or calling Donna at 570-942-6348. We always look forward to a good crowd to represent and support Agriculture in Susquehanna County.



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PA Farm Bureau Membership Incentives

The first of July started our new membership campaign for 2023-24. To make early signing a little more exciting PA Farm Bureau has created a few incentives.

All new members and renewals who sign up by the end of September will be entered into drawings for cash prizes of: \$2000, \$1000, \$500, and two gift cards of \$500 each. Also if a member signs up for auto renewal (on your application) by Sept 30 that person will be entered into a drawing for \$1000. In addition a new cool incentive was recently announced. On December 1st there will be a drawing for 4 tickets to the NFL Eagles vs Cardinals game on December 31st. These tickets include a parking pass and York Club Access. The person signing a new member and the new member's name go in the drawing. And please remember any farm bureau member can sign another. Those are all great incentives but even more important are the real reasons for belonging. They are having an important voice with our legislators on county, state and federal issues.

Keeping our youth educated in Ag with our Mobile Ag Science Lab visiting 6 elementary schools for a week stay this school year, Ag Literacy Week visiting each K-2 classroom, our FARM-tastic Book Program and our Ag Crate Program that is carried to each of our elementary schools. As a grassroots organization you always have a voice. Members are always welcome to our Board of Directors meeting at the Bridgewater church on Rt 167 in Montrose on the second Thursday of each month at 7 pm. Please let us know how we're doing and how we can do better for our rural community.

2023 Susquehanna County Farm Bureau Legislative Tour

On August the 4th we hosted our annual Legislative Tour with the purpose of showcasing Susquehanna County as we know it now. Natural gas pads, Compressor stations, Bluestone quarries, Bluestone saw shops and Beef cattle are common everyday scenery in our county today.

Our aim was to help educate our attendees with the different types of industry along with and including farming. A light lunch was provided by our county farm bureau and Honesdale National Bank for the 38 folks on our tour.

As usual a big thanks goes out to John Benscoter who always puts forth such a time consuming effort in putting these major projects together.



SCFB Policies

1. We recommend the collection and utilization of data displaying the extent of crop and property damage from wildlife.
2. The PA Department of Agriculture to set aside funding to create a cost share basis with the producer being responsible for up to 50% of the cost of fencing for specialty crops once wildlife damage has been shown. This system can be similar to the program in effect by the New Jersey Dept of Ag.
3. The Clean and Green standards for the non coal mining industry line up with the natural gas industry when it comes to roll back tax liability.
4. Government programs and projects dealing with the prevailing wage act of 1961 be changed from a threshold of \$25,000 to \$125,000 and adjusted for inflation every 3 years.
5. Infrared night vision be legalized to reduce wildlife damage when depredation permits are utilized.
6. Automobile manufacturers be prohibited from collecting personal information from drivers that they review, share or sell to others.
7. The state provide a grant program for snow scrapers in locations easily accessible for tractor trailer use.

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8. Support the re-cycling of electronic equipment on a consistent basis.
9. Support the effort to improve and maintain road maintenance equipment

Governmental Relations *Director Bill Shay*

In late August the EPA has announced a response to the U.S. Supreme Court decision on Sackett. "Waters Of The United States" (WOTUS). The EPA only revised a small Portion of the rule. They ignored the call from Farm Bureau and other groups to provide clarity and certainty to landowners and farmers as to which lands and waterways are going to be subject to the Federal regulations.

Now is the time to perform a call blitz. We need to get involved and call, write or email your U.S Representative and Senator. We all say we don't have a voice. I hear all the time "they" won't listen to our concerns and problems but if they only hear from the other side, they have no idea what we need or want. Your vote is important, but you have to do more than vote. We need to call, email, and interact with these people. The other side is for sure; that is how they have gotten to where this rule is today.

