

Susquehanna County Farm Bureau

December 2020



WELCOME TO OUR 2021 NEW MEMBERS!

Michael Barhite ~ Donald J Meemer ~ David Brainard ~ Bernard DeCanali
David Jagger ~ Jacob J Johnson ~ Vicki Montonya ~ Gary Satunas
Jeff Smith ~ Bradley W Soden ~ Kenneth Soden
Michael Teddick ~ Joseph L Vanderfeltz ~ Janet Watson



Monthly Meeting Location & Schedule

Location: Bridgewater Church at 10142 State Route 167; Montrose, PA
(approximately 1 mile south of Tiffany Corners)

Next Meetings: 1/14/21 at 6:30 PM & 2/11/21 at 6:30 PM



Membership Renewals With your membership each family member has \$1,000 coverage in PFB's *Accidental Death & Dismemberment Insurance* program. The value of the policy increases by \$300 each year of consecutive renewal to a maximum of \$3,100. **PLEASE NOTE:** The membership dues must be paid by 12/31/2020 to keep the policy in force at the increased level. **SENIORS** - if you have been a member for 10 years or more and you are 65 years old and retired, you are eligible for a \$5 refund. Pay your \$75 dues to PFB. Submit a request to Barbara Roszel, 1873 Conroy Rd., Montrose, PA 18801 for a refund.

More Membership News - Joseph Decker and David Payne
On November 12, 2020, the 2021 Membership Kick-Off was held via teleconferencing. Jerry Belcher was the winner of the Incentive Drawing.

Women's Leadership - Emma Hinkley

Emma has ordered 65 *Farm-Tastic* books titled "What's in the Garden." If anyone would like to order soft cover editions, please contact Emma at 570-289-4943. To learn more about our Safety contests and this year's theme, "Lightning Can Strike Twice," go to <https://www.pfb.com/get-involved/women-s-leadership>. Emma needs entries by May 1st.



Government Relations - William Shay

Now that the national election has passed, state and national legislative committees need to be approved at the county level - United States House Representative Fred Keller, PA Senators Lisa Baker and Gene Yaw, PA House Representatives Tina Pickett and Jonathon Fritz. If there is anyone interested in serving for the next two years, please contact Bill Shay at 570-756-2936 or 570-396-4752 (cell).

Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Annual Meeting Report - Dave DeLeon

Pennsylvania Farm Bureau's 70th Annual Meeting was held on Nov 16-19. With plans to conduct all our business, including delegate sessions, educational workshops, exhibit hall visits, and county recognition presentations online, there was a little apprehension in this first time remote experience. Fortunately, for the over 600 attendees, the 4 day program ran smoothly. Emma Hinkley, Jim Barbour and I attended as delegates. Our county policy of "no reductions in the number of environmental coordinators in cooperation with PFB and the Department of Environmental Protection" became state policy. Another one of our county policies dealt with meat inspections allowing Pennsylvania to be in charge, yet guided by, federal standards to allow small slaughterhouses to be more efficient. In earlier committee meetings other counties wrote somewhat similar policies with two getting to the floor and being accepted. One of those supports legislation for Pennsylvania to develop its own state inspection program, and the other to comply with the Cooperative Interstate Shipment Program (CIS) which is run by USDA and allows meat to cross state lines. Also, congratulations to our County Board and all our members for the honor of coming in second place for the Overall Achievement Award among all county farm bureaus with memberships over 401. We also won a President's Award for Media Relations and Member Communications.

New Pennsylvania Farm Bureau policies related to Wildlife and Property Rights adopted at Annual Meeting We recommend the following: **(1)** that the PA Game Commission clearly define what constitutes a farmer as *being an individual or entity that actually cultivates, operates, or manages land for a profit* when determining wildlife harvests for crop damage; **(2)** that State Game Lands pay property taxes in proportion to private landowners; **(3)** that the PGC reinstate share cropping and allow farmers to utilize state game lands for agriculture production without a fee; **(4)** that all commercial regulated hunting grounds for game birds be permitted to offer Sunday hunts; **(5)** that images of law-abiding humans, on private property, captured by game cameras be prohibited to be reproduced or transmitted without permission of the subject(s) or law enforcement; **(6)** that landowner permission be required prior to entrance onto private property; **(7)** that Pennsylvania develop legislation that requires state officials to do the following before going onto private property: **(7a)** identify themselves, **(7b)** notify property owners, **(7c)** obtain written or oral permission, or **(7d)** have a search warrant; **(8)** we oppose surveillance of private property without a warrant or probable cause; **(9)** we support that the Game Commission increase doe tags in an effort to reduce the deer herd; **(10)** amend current policy to read: "We recommend trail cameras not be placed on private property without written permission of the landowner, and notification of the location of the devices to the landowner." *Submitted by David DeLeon, PFB Wildlife Damage Control committee member.*

Susquehanna County Farm Bureau holds Annual Fall Meeting - This year's meeting on October 6th was held virtually. All new policies were approved. William Curley was elected to serve as a District 1 SCFB director. Jim Barbour, John Benscoter, Joseph Plonski, Donna Williams, and Joseph Decker were re-elected as directors.

Young Ag Professionals - SCFB will compensate for 3 FFA jackets (\$60/each) for new FFA members. We will donate to the *Harvest for All* program by sending \$100 to four county programs which include Interfaith, "Caring Cafe" at Great Bend UMC, food pantries at Hop Bottom/Kingsley UMC Charge and South Gibson UMC's support of the TREHAB food bank in Susquehanna, PA.

What's been happening? On December 2, the Budget Committee held a meeting to consider the 2020-21 budget. Jim Barbour, Dave DeLeon, Thom Helmacy, and John Benscoter joined Barb Roszel at her home. On October 8, at the monthly meeting, SCFB reorganized with a change of officers to include David DeLeon as the new president; Jim Barbour, 1st vice president; Donna Williams, 2nd vice president; Micheline Klim, secretary; and, Barbara Roszel, treasurer. As Member Relations Director, Donna Williams completes the SCFB committee chairpersons and members and she welcomes new members to be involved. Please contact her at 570-942-6348 to express your interest and include your volunteerism for the next two years. *{Editor's note - Gratitude goes out to outgoing, long-time president, Donna Williams, whose grassroots leadership brought awareness and education to so many in our county. Thank you, Donna, for all your years of hard work and attention to this organization!}*

Local Affairs (Bill Bayne/Thom Helmacy) SCFB endorsed Bill Bayne for consideration by county commissioners, as a public director for Susquehanna County Conservation District. We sincerely appreciate Alan Hall, County Commissioner, for his support by participating in person or via teleconferencing, at our monthly meetings. **ALSO** - SCFB held a work day on November 4, at Hop Bottom UMC to complete planning for program of work 10/1/20-9/30/21.



Local Discounts for Farm Bureau Members in Susquehanna County



- Andre & Son:** 5% off any in-stock store items that are not already on clearance or promotional pricing - Montrose
- Montrose Feed & Supply:** 5% off bedding and feed - Montrose
- New Milford Hardware:** Trade Discount. 0-10% Variable depending item - New Milford
- Stone's Hardware:** 10% off regular priced items - Great Bend
- Glezens Power Equipment:** 10% off parts - Hallstead
- Barhites Sales & Service:** 10% off rentals, 5% off all sale items in stock, shop repairs 5% off parts and 15% off labor-Clifford
- Timberline Lawn and RV:** 10% off in stock or ordered parts over \$100
- Auto Plus:** 10% off - Great Bend
- Strauss Chiropractic/Northeast Nutrition:** Initial consult, complete exam and X-rays for \$25 (Normally \$175-\$250) - Kingsley
- Little Leaf Natural Products:** 10% discount - Montrose
- Gerald E. Shinn Construction:** 5% off any contracted work - Uniondale
- Liberty Carpet:** 10% off carpet and 5% off hardwood - Hallstead
- Rhonda's Country Heart Décor:** 10% off everything in the store - Montrose
- Summit Workwear:** 15% off boots and workwear - New Milford
- Susquehanna Home Center:** 5% off – Susquehanna
- J&J Springs:** 10% off all water delivery to homes
- Blue Stone Pizzeria in Hallstead:** 10% off all menu items
- Maloney's Pub & Restaurant in Hallstead:** 10% off food on Sunday and Monday
- Scarfalloto Hometown Market:** 5% discount
- Speakeasy Saloon and Resort in Uniondale:** - 10% off dinners and any room rental
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Jim Barbour, 1st V.President.....607-435-0830

David DeLeon, 2nd V. President.....853-3520

Michelene Klim, Secretary.....289-4756

Emma Hinkley, Women’s Leadership.....289-4943

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Barbara Roszel, Treasurer.....278-2433

Joseph Plonski.....756-2901

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