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Payroll Services



Peter and Jamie Hicks, partners in Hicks Brothers, LLC, agree that their concerns are under control because of MSC Payroll Services

- Payroll Check Writing
- Payroll Tax Calculation and/or Deposits
- Payroll Quarterly & Annual Tax Forms
- Payroll Deduction Payments
- New Hire Reporting
- Workmen's Compensation Audits

MSC BUSINESS SERVICES
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Calendar of events:

SEPT. 9TH 3PM AT

ROHRBACH'S FARM MARKET

Columbia County Farm Bureau Picnic

Rohrbach's Farm Market

240 Southern Dr., Catawissa, PA 17820



Please bring a covered dish to share.

Come for great food from Big Dan's BBQ – Corn Maze – Apple Slingshot – Corn Bin for kids – Lots of Fun

RSVP to Karen Chapin at 570-441-3093 or email karrotlee@yahoo.com by Sept. 4th.

Columbia County Annual Meeting

Ponduce Farms Market on October 3rd at 6 pm. Cost \$15/person.
Come meet with other farmers and your County Farm Bureau board.
Find out what's new with Farm Bureau and enjoy delicious food from Ponduce.

Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

PA Farm Bureau Annual Meeting will be held at Hershey Lodge on November 13-15, 2017.
Check you County Focus for details.

Local Discounts for Members

RENCO – 10% off all regular priced items

NESCOPECK AGWAY – 5% off everything

STAUFFER'S GLASS CO – 15% off materials

KNOEBELS LUMBER – 5% off lumber and

10% off hardware retail price only

GENERAL SALES INC – 20% off labor 25% above cost

Ford Motors – check County Focus for details

Hershey Park – check County Focus for details

The Ag Promotion and Education

Pennsylvania Farm Bureau and Columbia County Farm Bureau, (CCFB), Board of Directors are actively promoting agriculture. We are actively taking a multi-pronged approach to expose elementary and middle school students to fact based agriculture.

Congratulations

Logan Bittner is the 2017 Scholarship winner.
Best of luck to you in your future education.

Columbia County Policies Update:

August 2017

The Policy Committee has met and to date the following subject areas are being reviewed for potential policies:

1. MS4-Storm water runoff
2. Pa. balanced budget
3. Prohibition of Executive orders that cause spending beyond a balanced budget
4. Landowner hunting licenses
5. Bio-Security practices by government employees
6. Timber harvest on utility right-of-way's.
7. PennDOT "no spray" registry
8. Certification of grain moisture meters
9. Certification of commercial scales
10. Bonding of grain dealers
11. Wage rate establishment for H2A workers

We welcome any comment or suggestion concerning the above listed policy areas.

Also, any suggestion for improvement regarding laws and/or regulations should be directed to any Policy Committee member listed below. Final policy suggestions will be voted upon by the membership at the Annual Meeting.

Steve Chapin, Rob Davidson, Kirk Lehman, Jim Levan, Clif Miller, Charlie Porter, Boz Robbins, John Zaginaylo

Ag Safety Fair

Delroy Artman

Columbia County FFA teachers, 4-H Leaders and Farm Bureau met this spring and agreed to work together organizing an AG safety event in our county. The group decided to hold the Safety Fair in March, before spring athletic sports season started. The Bloomsburg Fair Grounds was chosen for the location as it has indoor facilities large enough to hold all the different organizations.

Several Agricultural groups and businesses were contacted and agreed to come demonstrate what their organization does and to answer questions on their organization's activities.

Mifflin Township Forest Rangers were present and demonstrated how to rescue an individual entrapped in a grain bin. The Mifflin Township Forest Rangers personnel are trained in grain bin rescue and have the tools needed to extract people caught in grain. Columbia County Farm Bureau helped fund the grain bin rescue training and the equipment.

Pennsylvania State University brought two simulators; a tractor rollover simulator and also demonstrated how quickly a person could be entangled in a tractor PTO with another simulator.

Pennsylvania State Police were present and answered any questions people had about road safety.

Soil Conservation worked with children showing how rain water can cause erosion. They then demonstrated several best management practices such as no-till and planting cover crops reducing erosion. Kids were involved in the demonstration and showed great interest in reducing pollution and protecting the environment.

A representative of the Stihl Chain Saw Company was present with power tools and to answer questions on how to safely use home power equipment.

Columbia County Animal Rescue is an organization which in a time of disaster such as a flood or traffic accidents, will shelter large and small animals until the situation permits animals going home. Members of the organization explained how they care for animals in a difficult time and answered questions. A horse and guide dog were present giving people an opportunity to interact with the animals.

Messick's Farm Equipment presented a demonstration to farmers on the different types of oils and the importance of choosing the correct type oil. Using the wrong oil could damage engines or hydraulic components in farm equipment.

FFA and 4-H members were involved in setting up tables and chairs for the presenters the evening before the safety event. The day of the event, FFA and 4-Hers welcomed the public and handed out information about the safety event. The youth organizations manned a food stand to serve refreshments during the event. The profits went to FFA and 4-H organizations.

This is the first time this type of event was held and 125 people came to check the exhibits out. We feel that the safety event has great potential and will grow in the next few years.

Special thanks to the following sponsors for supporting the safety day event. Their support enabled us to have a successful event.

First Columbia Bank and Trust
Green Armor Seeds
Mifflin Township Forest Rangers
Wise Potato Chips

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Giant Foods
Weis Markets

Farming with Your Kids, Grandchildren and More Rewarding and Challenging

D. Robert Davidson, Esq.

The Challenges today of running a farm that employs multiple generations of a family may seem daunting to the generation that is managing the farm. These challenges are somewhat unique to those prior generations of family farms have struggled with, however, they are similar to those being faced in the overall work force today.

There may be cases where you have as many as 4 generations of a family working on the farm, each with different roles and duties, as well as dreams and expectations. What is important to each generation is shaped by different events, responsibilities and values. Often time these things seem to be at odds with or contradict one another. When this occurs, conflict is inevitable. Failure to manage this conflict has destroyed multigenerational family farms.

In a multigenerational farm, all involved must feel that their interests are being considered. While the younger generation, may have some managerial duties, they are often not fully empowered to make decisions. Often, they have not been given this authority because the senior generation will not give up total control. In an off-farm job, if the younger generation feels their talents are not being appreciated, or they are not receiving appropriate compensation, they can look for a new position. In a family farm, this is often difficult and may lead to not only business difficulty, but also family issues.

To ensure that a multigenerational farm operation stays healthy, there must be a recognition and respect by all of their differences. While one generation may be contemplating retirement, another may be facing repayment of student loans. Their perspectives on what is best for the farm to meet their current needs may be very different.

If you want the family farm to provide for multiple generations of your family you need to develop a plan. This plan should consider all those supported directly and indirectly by the farm. Everyone should have input on the plan which address their personal expectations of farming. While a plan is only a guide, and it may need to be changed, the development and implementation will provide you with the comfort of confidence that the farm will provide for generations to come. Come to the annual meeting in October to learn more about farming with your family.

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