

# Susquehanna County Farm Bureau

September 2019

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## ANNUAL FALL MEETING

Thursday, October 3, 2019

Montrose Bible Conference Lake Avenue Dining Hall

**Social Time 5:30 PM**

**Roast Roast Beef Dinner 6:30 PM**

**\$18 per person**

**Reservation Deadline: September 28th**

**Call 942-6348, 278-2433, or 607-435-0830**

**Policy Recommendations w/ Jim Barbour & Dave DeLeon**

**Chinese Auction to benefit Ag Education**

**Come Join Us ~ Great Food ~ Great Fellowship**

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!** Michael Doney ~ Verna Everett ~ Marlene Rhodes  
Gerald John Rusek ~ Shane Smith ~ Jeremy David Sogle ~ Frank John Whiltbank

### "Get Involved in Your Local Government"

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See page 2 for SCFB recommendations for state and local policy change.

**Women's Leadership - Emma Hinkley** - Harford Fair Booth - Many thanks to all the volunteers for their time and dedication at the booth. Four hundred cups of white milk and eight hundred cups of chocolate milk were consumed by fair attendees. We sold 3 ¼ bushels of Rambo apples which were purchased from Mike Russell of Montrose Produce. Lilli Wells was the winner of our cowtail candy "Guess How Many" contest. Fifty-nine Kiddie Tractor Pull contestant coupons were redeemed for a free cup of milk. Also, the 2020 Farmtastic Book, "It's Milking Time" has been selected. Please call Emma Hinkley at 289-4943 if you would like to order. Cost \$11.00

**Policy - Jim Barbour & Dave DeLeon** - On July 16 a policy development meeting was held at Barb Roszel's. We are reviewing our by-laws. On August 29, Jim & Dave addressed new policy development at the SCFB summer picnic.

SCFB recommendations for state and local policy change:

State

1. The PA Dept. of Transportation separate its winter and summer maintenance budgets so that northern counties do not lose their highway expenditures after costly winter expense.
2. PA aid rural emergency services by providing grants for training and equipment.
3. The Commonwealth be required to cover any expense not already covered by insurance, incurred for treatment of potential rabies exposure once determined by the Dept. of Public Health.
4. The PA Game Commission allow both the application and re-enrollment process for Red Tag and DMAP to be completed online.
5. That landowners have the opportunity to distribute up to 4 tags per hunter per property enrolled in Red Tag and DMAP in areas of heavy crop depredation.
6. The financing for our interstate highway maintenance come out of general statewide funding, not from individual county funds.

Local

7. Susquehanna County be allowed to return to a 5 day per week "wellness check" within the Meals on Wheels program.
8. The Harford Fair/4H minimum weight requirements for animals sold in the 4H sale be adjusted to accommodate smaller breeds that are finished at lighter weights.

**Government Relations - William Shay** - On July 23 William Shay, Mickey Klim, Jim Barbour, David DeLeon, Joe Decker, and Emma Hinkley attended the Legislative Update Meeting in Moosic, PA.

**Local Affairs - Bill Bayne & Thom Helmacy**- On August 15 a Legislative Farm Tour was held. SCFB, state legislators, county commissioners, and township supervisors met at the South Auburn Grange Building. Act 13 natural gas impact fee, state police protection for boroughs and townships were priority discussion topics, among others. A very informative equine presentation was given by Jamie Luce at her horse arena/boarding stable. Wyoming/Lackawana Farm Bureau networked with John Benscoter with planning and coordination. Chicken BBQ lunch was served by the South Auburn Grange members.

On August 22 the Annual Breakfast Meeting was held by the Progress Authority/Susquehanna County Economic Development Board and was attended by many. Jim Barbour received the 2019 Citizen of the Year award presented by the Susquehanna County Commissioners.



**Susquehanna County Farm Bureau** donated to the Mountain View Relay for Life 2019. Over \$53,000 was donated for this most worthy cause. We also donated to the Summer Lunch Box Program. This program provides perishable and non-perishable food during non-school summer months to needy families, with 193 children participating.

**Ag Promotion** - Ag Literacy Week will be March 16-20, 2020 with Book of the Year "On the Farm, At the Market." We have a GOAL to share with all K-2 classrooms in Susquehanna County schools. Volunteers are needed. Call Jim Barbour at 607-435-0830

**Local Discounts for Farm Bureau Members in Susquehanna County**

**Agriculture**

- 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 & Other Professional Services**

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**Health & Wellness**

**Strauss Chiropractic/Northeast Nutrition:** Initial consult, complete exam and X-rays for \$25 (Normally \$175-\$250) - Kingsley

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- 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 & South Gibson
- Susquehanna Home Center:** 5% off - Susquehanna
- J&J Springs:** 10% off all water delivery to homes



**Food**

- Ray's Supermarket in Montrose:** 5% off grocery order
- Blue Stone Pizzeria in Hallstead:** 10% off all menu items
- Maloney's Pub & Restaurant in Hallstead:** 10% off food on Sunday and Monday
- Montrose Produce:** 5% discount
- Summit Restaurant in New Milford:** 10% off any meal (not alcoholic beverages)

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