



NEWSLETTER

FCFB 2026 Calendar

Upcoming Events

August 27-30
September 3-7
September 10-13
Maryland State Fair

September 10
Soil Smart Farm Tour

September 18-26
The Great Frederick Fair

October 16
Annual Meeting
New Midway Fire Hall

November 13
Women's Leadership Bingo
New Midway Fire Hall

December 5-8
Maryland Farm Bureau
Annual Meeting
Cambridge, MD

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

DAVID BURRIER

In agriculture, it seems that every year brings new challenges, and this year has been no exception. Many farms experienced significant losses from the April freeze, and others sustained heavy damage from the July 4 storm. Since then, much-needed rainfall has benefited some operations while creating challenges for others. Agriculture remains one of the few industries so directly impacted by the weather, and we continue to adapt as conditions change. As we look ahead, we remain optimistic for a successful harvest season.

Frederick County Farm Bureau has remained active throughout the summer. We continue to monitor the MPRP transmission line project and advocate before the Public Service Commission. We are also following the proposed powerline route in western Frederick County and engaging in discussions regarding solar development, IW2 legislation, and other land use issues that affect agriculture. As always, we remain committed to protecting farmland and

ensuring agriculture has a strong voice in local and state decision-making.

We appreciate everyone who joined us for our annual picnic in July and extend our sincere thanks to the Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company for once again making its hall available for this event. We congratulate all of this year's award recipients and scholarship winners, with additional details available on pages three and four. We also wish Faith May, our 2026-2027 Frederick County Farm Bureau Ambassador, the very best as she represents Frederick County at the state competition this fall.

Looking ahead, we are excited to host our sixth annual Soil Smart Farm Tour in September, where federal, state, and local officials will have the opportunity to see firsthand the diversity of agriculture in Frederick County and the challenges farmers face every day. We thank our partners, including Catoctin Mountain Orchard, the Frederick County Office of Agriculture, the Frederick County Soil Conservation District, Horizon Farm Credit, the Maryland Soybean Board,

Needwood Farm, and South Mountain Creamery, for their continued support of this important program.

September also brings The Great Frederick Fair, where Farm Bureau members will once again be actively involved throughout the week. We invite everyone to stop by the Dairy Bar and visit us on Farm Bureau Day, September 20, in the Farm and Garden Building.

Please also mark your calendars for our Annual Meeting and Banquet on October 16 at New Midway Fire Hall. Members will have the opportunity to elect directors, discuss policy priorities, and help shape the future of our organization. Farm Bureau is a true grassroots organization, and our strength comes from an engaged membership.

As harvest season approaches, we encourage you to make safety a priority during this busy time. Thank you for your continued support of Frederick County Farm Bureau, and best wishes for a safe, productive, and successful fall.

FARM BUREAU ANNUAL MEETING

LAURA RAMSBURG

The Frederick County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting will be held on **Friday, October 16th** at the New Midway Fire Hall. The social will begin at 6:15 pm with the Turkey and Shrimp Dinner beginning at 6:45 pm. The cost is \$20.00 per person. Reservations deadline is **October 2nd**. For questions regarding reservations, please contact Laura Ramsburg at 301-712-7499 or ldlar@aol.com

If paying by check, fill out the form below:

RESERVATION FOR FREDERICK COUNTY FARM BUREAU ANNUAL MEETING

Friday, October 16, 2026

New Midway Fire Hall

Name: _____

Email address: _____

Number Attending: _____ X \$20.00/person = _____

Send to: **Laura Ramsburg, 9400B Dublin Road, Walkersville, MD 21793**

Deadline: **October 2, 2026**

Please make checks payable to Frederick County Farm Bureau.

Laura Ramsburg

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IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PAY VIA "VENMO"

Please include name and number attending in the comment section on Venmo.

Deadline: **October 2, 2026**

<https://account.venmo.com/u/Laura-Ramsburg-1>



DAIRY BAR

SCOTT MONTGOMERY

The 2026 Great Frederick Fair is quickly approaching, and we are excited to participate once again!

Setup will take place on **Saturday, September 12, at 8 a.m.**, with freezer delivery scheduled for **Monday, September 14, at 9 a.m.** Cleanup is scheduled for **Sunday, September 27, at 8 a.m.** and typically wraps up by noon.

Volunteers are needed. If you are available to assist with setup, scooping ice cream during the fair, or cleanup, please contact **Scott Montgomery** at **240-674-1240**.

Thank you to all of our members who volunteer their time each year to make this effort a success. Any assistance is greatly appreciated and helps us showcase Farm Bureau while supporting one of Frederick County's most beloved traditions.

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WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP REPORT

CONNIE PALMER

Can you believe summer is already winding down? It has been a busy few months for the Frederick County Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee, with plenty of opportunities to get out into the community, promote agriculture, and have a little fun along the way! From fairs and festivals to church events, community picnics, carnivals, Farm Safety Camp, and even dipping ice cream, our members have been busy supporting our community and sharing the Farm Bureau message.

One of the highlights of the summer was Frederick Keys Agricultural Night, held June 30 on a very warm Tuesday evening. Women's Leadership members enjoyed participating in the event by offering games and sharing agricultural information and items with those attending.

On July 9, we held our Ag Ambassador Contest at the Frederick Fairgrounds. We were fortunate to have three impressive contestants — Faith May, Elizabeth Schuebel, and Leah Spurrier — who each did an outstanding job. We are excited to announce that Faith May was selected as the 2026–2027 Frederick County Farm Bureau Ag Ambassador! Faith will represent Frederick County Farm Bureau at the Maryland Farm Bureau Convention at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Resort in Cambridge, Maryland on December 5. We wish Faith the very best as she takes on this exciting opportunity. Following the contest, one of the judges commented on the quality of this year's contestants, noting that "Frederick County agriculture is in good hands." We couldn't agree more!

The Little Farmer and Little Farmerette Contest was held July 15 in conjunction with the Farm Bureau Annual Picnic in Rocky Ridge. Nine young contestants participated, including six boys and three girls. Congratulations to Little Farmer Jace Savage, son of Ryan and Ashley Savage, and Little Farmerette Atley Nusbaum, daughter of Marty and Whitney Nusbaum. We are proud to recognize these young participants and their families for their involvement in agriculture.

As summer comes to a close, our committee is already looking ahead to a busy fall. At our August 5 meeting, plans were finalized for several upcoming events and activities. Women's Leadership will provide desserts for the upcoming Farm Bureau Candidates Night in the Null Building at the Frederick Fairgrounds. We will also have our Women's Leadership booth in the Farm & Garden Building during the Great Frederick Fair, September 18–26, where we look forward to visiting with fairgoers and sharing more about Farm Bureau.

Our annual Bingo fundraiser is coming up on November 13, 2026, and we're already getting ready for a fun evening! Tickets are on sale now, and we are currently seeking sponsors to help make this year's event a success. Businesses, organizations, and individuals are all welcome to become sponsors. Your support helps make this fundraiser a success and allows us to continue our work in the community.

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Following Bingo, we will host our Annual Volunteer Luncheon on November 30 at Mountain Gate Family Restaurant. In December, members of the Women's Leadership Board will attend the Maryland Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Convention on December 6.

We are also looking ahead to 2027, with plans already underway for our Annual Women's Leadership Spring Luncheon. The theme has been selected, and we are excited to share more details in the coming months.

It has certainly been a busy summer, and we are grateful for all of our members and volunteers who continue to give their time, energy, and enthusiasm to Frederick County Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee. We look forward to an equally busy and exciting fall!

FREDERICK COUNTY FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

DENNY OGG

Congratulations to our 2026 scholarship recipients: **Olivia Baltrotsky, Ella Burrier, Meagan Downing, Emerson Maland, Natalie Miller, Tate Orndrik, and Hailey Pleasants**. Congratulations as well to **Ella Fell and Destiny Hurt**, recipients of the Frances Black Memorial Scholarship. These exceptional students have demonstrated dedication to their education and agricultural roots. We're proud to support their academic journeys and wish them continued success in the year ahead!

MARYLAND STATE FARM BUREAU CONVENTION

The Maryland Farm Bureau Annual Convention and Meeting of Delegates will be held **December 5-8, 2026**, at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Golf Resort, Spa and Marina in Cambridge, Maryland. The four-day event brings together Farm Bureau members from across the state for educational sessions, guest speakers, policy discussions, elections, caucuses, and networking opportunities. Registration is available through the [Maryland Farm Bureau website](#), and hotel accommodations should be reserved directly through the resort. This is a great opportunity to help shape Farm Bureau policy and connect with agricultural leaders from across Maryland.

FREDERICK COUNTY FARM BUREAU PICK 3 RAFFLE

ERIC AELLEN

Try your luck this October with the **Frederick County Farm Bureau Daily Pick 3 Raffle!** For just **\$10 per ticket**, you'll have a chance to win **\$100 every day in October** based on the **Maryland Lottery Pick 3 evening drawing**. Only **1,000 tickets will be sold**, so don't wait to secure your number.

Proceeds benefit Frederick County Farm Bureau and support our ongoing advocacy, education, and community outreach efforts on behalf of agriculture.

To purchase tickets, **Venmo Eric Aellen at 240-793-8059**. Once payment is received, your Pick 3 number will be assigned. Thank you for supporting Frederick County Farm Bureau, and good luck!

Participants must be 18 years of age or older. Void where prohibited by law. Raffle Permit No. G273557.



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**FREDERICK COUNTY FARM BUREAU
WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE**

CASH

BINGO!

**\$25 PER PERSON
(IN ADVANCE)**



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Tickets - \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door

Doors open at 5 PM - Bingo starts at 7 PM

Proceeds will benefit scholarships and educational programs

★ *Door Prizes, 50/50, Tip Jars, Raffle* ★

**20 Games
3 Specials
2 Quickies**

7 pm

**Friday
November 13
2026**

NEW MIDWAY FIRE HALL, 12019 Woodsboro Pike, New Midway, MD 21776

For tickets call 240-469-5880 or purchase online by scanning the QR Code



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