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Message to Members

By: *Leslie Bauer, President, Howard County Farm Bureau*

Another Howard County Fair is in the books, and it was great to see so many Howard County Farm Bureau members involved in various events and activities.

Rhonda Winkler oversaw another successful Junior Showmanship event, where future 4-Hers (and farmers) were able to get in the showing and demonstrate the livestock handling skills they learned over the summer. The show pavilion was a sea of red, as parents and junior showman alike came out in their red shirts to cheer on and support each other. I always like to take a moment to recognize Rhonda for the passion and hard work she puts into this event. 2024 was the 10th year for the Howard County Farm Bureau Junior Showmanship program. It has been amazing to watch this event grow in popularity each year, and what it has done for the youth participants, capturing their interest at an early age and keeping them involved for years to come.

Members of the Women's Leadership Committee, under the direction of Jennifer Poston and Amy Brown, put together a fun and outstanding Ag

Ambassador Contest. This year saw a different format with the Ag Ambassador and Junior Ag Ambassador contestants seated around a table for a discussion meet, in a format similar to the state Ag Ambassador Contest. It was wonderful to hear thoughts and perspective of the next generation as they had a lively discussion focused on the following question: "Enforcement of "Right to Farm" is a top policy priority for both Maryland and Howard County Farm Bureaus. Now, more than ever, farmers must deal with Howard County citizens who complain about sounds, smells, practices, equipment, and more, that are normal for a successful farm. How can we work together so that our neighbors to our farms respect our farming operations and appreciate that farming is essential to Howard County?"

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All the contestants did a wonderful job, and I would like to congratulate our winners, Future Farmer Greyson Velisek, Little Miss Ruby Church, Junior Ag Ambassadors Charlie Brendel and Aubrey Metz and Ag Ambassadors Natalie Davis and Kaitlyn Spicer. Natalie and Kaitlyn will both have the opportunity to compete at the State Ag Ambassador program during the MD Farm Bureau Convention in December. Together, all these youth will represent Howard County Farm Bureau and promote agriculture throughout the county for the next year.

As we turn the calendar to September, the Howard County Farm Bureau policy committee will be meeting to discuss policy priorities for 2025. The board of directors will then meet on October 3 to review those priorities. If you have issues of concern, or something you would like to have discussed and potentially included in the policy priorities we will be establishing, both at the county level, as well as policy that will be sent forward to the state, please do not hesitate to reach out to one of the Howard County Farm Bureau members to share your thoughts. As a grassroots organization, we need input from all members to ensure we are addressing your priorities and concerns.

The weather this past spring and summer has been a challenging one for farming, but that seems to be nothing new these days. Climatologists have reported that the month of June was the third hottest June on record for Howard County, and maximum temperatures in July reached the fifth warmest levels in Howard County history. Similarly, precipitation in Howard County has been drier than normal, totaling about half the level of normal precipitation for the months of June and July. With these statistics in mind, some crops have been greatly affected. In speaking with different farmers around the county, the summer weather has caused damage to some crops and could lead to decreased crop yields, some projecting yields will be 20% less than a typical year. Coupling the projected decrease in harvest yields with rising input costs will have a serious impact on the bottom line for many.

With this in mind, and at the request of the County Executive, legislation will be introduced during the September 3 County Council Legislative Session to provide for some financial relief for farmers (CB49-2024). While the bill is still in development and subject to change (and of course county council approval), the legislation would allow for grants to be awarded to active Howard County farmers. Additional financial support may also be available thru the program as identified and reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

On a happier note, and showing that the farmer always finds a way to persevere, can you believe Howard County Farm Bureau is 100 years old? What an incredible milestone for agriculture in Howard County that certainly calls for a reason to celebrate! If you have not done so already, please purchase your tickets and mark your calendar to attend the Howard County Farm Bureau 100th Anniversary Dinner. Invite your friends too! There will be plenty of fun in store, as we take a walk down memory lane and look at how agriculture has changed in the past 100 years. Farm Bureau members have been working hard to make this a memorable evening. Barb Glenn and Jeb Burchick have spent some time this summer visiting with some of our more senior farm bureau members and have put together a video that shares some of their thoughts and reflections. I am looking forward to the video reveal and all the other activities planned for the evening.

Howard County Farm Bureau Agricultural Ambassador Contests Winners!



Congratulations to the winners of our 2024 Agricultural Ambassador contests, held at the Howard County Fair!

Little Miss Howard County Farm Bureau:
Ruby Church

Howard County Farm Bureau Future Farmer:
Greyson Velisek

Howard County Farm Bureau Junior Agricultural Ambassador:
Charlie Brendel and Aubrey Metz

Howard County Farm Bureau Agricultural Ambassador:
Natalie Davis and Kaitlyn Spicer



Natalie Davis and Kaitlyn Spicer will both go on to represent the county and compete at the Maryland Farm Bureau Agricultural Ambassador contest in December. Good Luck Natalie and Kaitlyn!

Thank you to our volunteers, judges, and sponsors for making this year's event a success!



JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP WITH HOWARD COUNTY FARM BUREAU

By: Rhonda Patrick Winkler



Young children from Maryland Farm Bureau families had a blast at the Junior Showmanship event during the Howard County Fair!

Hosted by the Howard County Farm Bureau, this popular program is a fantastic way to introduce

kids to agriculture and give them their first experience in the show ring. Whoop whoop!



Agriculture is about family!
Family is about being together!
Together is always your happy place with family
and agricultural!



Check out more photos and posts on the Facebook page: **Junior Showmanship with Howard County Farm Bureau**



Celebrating 100 Years to Honor County Agriculture

By: *Barb Glenn*

Howard County Farm Bureau Taking Agriculture to the Next Horizon

*“Celebrating 100 Years of Howard County
Agriculture”*

Time to mark your calendars!

Join us on **September 28 at the Fairgrounds** to celebrate 100 years of Howard County Farm Bureau’s impact on agriculture!

For tickets, please see the QR code below, the flyer on **page #9** in this newsletter, or call Howie Feaga, at 443-472-6264- leave a message!

100 Years!.....Really?

In January 1923, the first meeting of the Howard County Farm Bureau was held. Edwin Warfield of Woodbine was elected president and committees were appointed. Those present had an earnest desire to cooperate and work together on problems, and they appreciated that Farm Bureau could bring solutions.

What’s Happening on September 28, 2024

Plenty of Agriculture’s Bounty

- Dinner will start at 7! choices will be abundant and delicious, including prime rib and chicken plus, all the vegetable sides and fixings. There will be plenty to drink including beer, wine, soda and water. We thank Tony Locos and Boarman’s Meat Market for their support.

Recognitions

- Who will be presented the first-ever **Howard County Farm Bureau Living Legend Award?**

Remember When?

- Don't miss the launch of "Next Horizon", our 100th anniversary video featuring legacy farming families in Howard County!

Be a Part of the Growing Agriculture Momentum in Howard County

- You will have the opportunity to join the HCFB! See the "BE A MEMBER of Howard County Farm Bureau" display with some history sprinkled in too.

Toe Tapping

- Music Through the Decades will provide the energy and spirit of the agricultural community from years ago to today. Put on your dancing boots!

We are going to celebrate at:

**Howard County Fairgrounds
The ANNEX Building!**

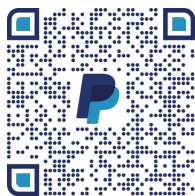
Doors open at 6 pm.

Serving Beer, Wine & Friendship!

GET YOUR TICKETS! You won't want to miss the fellowship of the agricultural community as we celebrate 100 Years of Howard County Farm Bureau! See you there!!

Purchase Tickets Here!

<https://form.jotform.com/241168571743157>



After all, 100 years is a big deal!!!!

2024 McKown Master Breeder Award presented to Maple-Dell Farm

Source: World Dairy Expo



News Release: Tuesday, August 27, 2024

Family, tradition, and love for the Ayrshire breed are pillars of Maple-Dell Farm of Woodbine, Md. The generational farm owned and operated by David Patrick and his wife Ann, along with their two sons Mike and Denny, and a grandson, Derek was selected by the Klussendorf Association as this year's recipient of the Robert "Whitey" McKown Master Breeder Award. Exceptional dairy cattle breeders are awarded the title, and embody attributes associated with the Klussendorf award including character, ability, endeavor, and sportsmanship. The Patrick family is distinguished for their success in breeding excellent Ayrshires and the positive image they've established for their family farm.

The dairy farm's beginnings date back to 1928. However, it wasn't until 1941 that David Patrick's father bought him two Ayrshire calves which sparked a passion and love for the breed. Just 14 years later, the two calves had developed into a herd of 45 registered Ayrshires. The family now farms 1,200 acres, milks 165 cows, and raises over 160 heifers in the same location where it all began. The herd has been production testing for over 60 years and classified for 40, with the ultimate goal of getting productive cows with solid feet and legs and high scoring udder traits.

Maple-Dell Farm earned the title of the Ayrshire Association's Master Breeder in 2010 and 14 constructive breeder awards for the herd's outstanding production and type. It's undeniable their breeding program is an indisputable success, with their pre-fix Md-Maple-Dell.

The Maple-Dell herd has proven instrumental to the Ayrshire breed, setting a high bar for quality cattle. Over 100 cows in their herd have been classified as Excellent, with one cow scored at 95 points. Several cows with the Maple-Dell prefix have been awarded prestigious titles, with 17 All-American, 18 Reserve All-Americans, and multiple cows ranking on the Cow Performance Index (CPI) with high lifetime milk production.

Maple-Dell farm is widely recognized for producing high-profile cattle, the most recent family line being the "D's", leading with Maple-Dell Zorro Dafourth. The iconic cow was selected as Grand Champion at the 2006 All-American Dairy show and World Dairy Expo (WDE) Reserve Grand Champion. Following four generations, cows produced from the family line have ranked at high levels on the CPI cow list. The breeding line has also produced accomplished bulls seeing that three bulls from the family, Maple-Dell Modem Drew, Maple-Dell Modem Diego, and Maple-Dell O Dixon, have all had active A.I. usage.

Other infamous cows of the Maple-Dell herd include Maple-Dell Hi-Kick Sweet Pea, which represented the Ayrshire breed on the Purina Mills "Dairy Breeds of North America" painting by Bonnie Mohr. The cow continued on as Grand Champion at the Eastern National show in 1988 and is the dam of popular A.I. sire, Maple-Dell Soldier.

Success for the Patrick family goes far beyond the breeding pen. Showing Ayrshire cattle for over 75 years, their pre-fix has traveled as far as international shows, demonstrating the quality and excellence of the family's herd. Maple-Dell Farm has championed many winning cows at various shows, including the All-American Dairy show for over 50 consecutive years, and winning the

show's Obie Snider award in 2006. The accolades continued onto the Maryland State Fair with 12 grand champions, and WDE with back-to-back Grand Champions, Maple-Dell Luby in 1981 and Ardrossan Kellogg Soft Eye in 1982. The awards at WDE continued with two Junior Champions, Maple-Dell BBK Shea in 2006 and Maple-Dell Diligent Gift in 2007. One of Maple-Dell's cows made Ayrshire breed history, with Maple-Dell I.R.S. Sweetnine who won at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Canada. This same cow was a junior champion Ayrshire at WDE.

The Patrick family is familiar with service and leadership, being active members of the U.S. Ayrshire Breeders' Association for several decades. The Patrick family has supported a multitude of associations, including the Maryland Purebred Dairy Cattle Association, Wills Fair Association, Maryland/Delaware Ayrshire Association, and All-American Dairy Show Board. Being recognized for this leadership in 2007, Maple-Dell farm was inducted to and now holds a place in the Maryland Governor's Agricultural Hall of Fame. In 2020, National Dairy Shrine awarded Maple-Dell its highest honor for a cattle breeder with its Distinguished Cattle Breeder Award.

Beyond their farmland, the Patrick family is actively involved in their surrounding community by providing opportunities for youth in agriculture. Whether hosting fitting and judging workshops or leasing over 20 head of dairy cattle each year to 4-H members for show, the Patrick's have inspired positive agricultural experiences among the younger generations.

Maple-Dell farm has driven success in the Ayrshire breed, having proven influential to the dairy community around them. Their motivation for producing quality Ayrshire cattle has resulted in astounding achievements for their herd and their combined love for dairy and family has undoubtedly earned Maple-Dell Farms the title of the 2024 McKown Master Breeder Award.

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Past winners of the Robert “Whitey” McKown Master Breeder Award include: Spring Valley and Heath Jerseys, Westminster, Md., 2023; Palmyra Farm, Hagerstown, Md., 2022; Cutting Edge Brown Swiss, Copake, N.Y., 2021; (no winner named in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic) Woodmansee Holsteins, Preston, Conn., 2019; Ovaltop Holsteins, Richfield Springs, N.Y., 2018; Wendon Holsteins, Innisfail, Alberta, 2017; Ferme Jacobs Inc., Cap-Santé, Quebec, 2016; Walk-Era, Wisconsin Dells, Wis., 2015; Pond View Farm, Danville, Vt., 2014; Quality Holsteins, Vaughan, Ontario, 2013; Windsor Manor Farms, New Windsor, Md., 2012; Moondale, Monona, Iowa, 2011; Snider Homestead, New Enterprise, Pa., 2010; and Windy Knoll View, Mercersburg, Pa., 2009. No award was given in the pandemic year of 2020.

The Robert “Whitey” McKown Breeder Award was made possible by the family and friends of the 1997 Honorary Klussendorf honoree after his passing in 2009. McKown joined the Holstein World staff in 1956 and became widely respected as he traveled nationally and internationally, reporting on shows, sales, meetings, and other Holstein events. The 1987 National Dairy Shrine president also developed McKown Holsteins at Belleville, N.Y. He had great admiration for the farmer breeder.

The Klussendorf Memorial Association, considered by many as the Hall of Fame for dairy cattle exhibitors, began in 1937 in memory of Arthur B. Klussendorf, considered the outstanding dairy cattle showman of his time. Each year, the Klussendorf Association votes to add a new dairy cattle exhibitor to its rolls with lifetime membership for their cumulative works.

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To see the original article, visit: [World Dairy Expo](https://www.worlddairyexpo.com)

Announcements




❖ Howard Soil Conservation District's Cooperator Dinner

The Howard Soil Conservation District invites you and your family to join us at Fine Idea Farm, Mt. Airy, Maryland to honor the Howard SCD's Cooperator of the Year. The event will be held **September 12th, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.**

Please join us for a tour of conservation practices, a Dressage demonstration, an opportunity to catch up with friends from the agricultural community and enjoy a delicious meal! Help us celebrate the agricultural community and the conservation efforts of Howard County farmers!

Please see the attached **reservation form** on **Page #10** of this Newsletter!

Below is a picture of the invite brochure:

 <p>Since 1945 the Howard Soil Conservation District has helped citizens of Howard County with soil conservation and water quality protection through a variety of programs that provide technical guidance, education, outreach, and financial assistance. The Howard SCD is a political subdivision of state government, but provides technical support and resources from local, state, and federal agencies. By consolidating resources from these three levels of government, Howard SCD is able to provide our clients with comprehensive assistance and access to a variety of conservation funding opportunities.</p>	<p>COOPERATOR OF THE YEAR EVENT</p> <p>The Howard Soil Conservation District invites you and your family to join us at Fine Idea Farm, Mt. Airy, Maryland to honor the Howard SCD's Cooperator of the Year. The event will be held September 12th, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. Please join us for a tour of conservation practices, a Dressage demonstration, an opportunity to catch up with friends from the agricultural community and enjoy a delicious meal! Help us celebrate the agricultural community and the conservation efforts of Howard County farmers!</p>	<p>Reservation Form - Please mail to Howard SCD address at bottom</p> <p>September 12, 2024 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Menu: Beef Brisket, Pulled Pork, Chicken Mashed, Baked Beans, Macaroni and Cheese, Green Bean Almondine, dessert, etc.</p> <p>Enclosed find payment for _____ tickets @ \$20.00 ea. (Children 10 & under free)</p> <p>Names of Attendees: _____</p> <p>How many children under 10: _____</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Telephone #: _____</p> <p>Amt. Enclosed: _____</p> <p>Make Checks Payable to: Howard SCD</p> <p>Mail to: 14735 Frederick Road, Cookville, MD 21723 410-313-0689</p> <p>*Space is Limited* **R.S.V.P. by: 9/5/24**</p>
		

Check our website, www.howardscd.org



❖ The Great Lisbon FARMERS FEED THE HUNGRY Christmas Parade



**We invite YOU to enjoy the Lisbon Christmas
Parade in the historic Town of Lisbon,
Maryland...
featuring tractors, saddle/carriage horses
kicks off Saturday December 14, 2024
at 12 noon sharp!
Learn more at LisbonChristmasParade.org**

Calendar of Events

*** 2024 ***

AUG 29-SEP 2 MARYLAND STATE FAIR

SEP 5-8 MARYLAND STATE FAIR

Place Maryland State Fairgrounds, Timonium,
MD

**SEP 12 HOWARD SOIL CONSERVATION
DISTRICT'S COOPERATORS DINNER**

Place Fine Idea Farm
1615 Long Corner Road
Mt. Airy, MD 21771

Time 5:30 p.m.

**SEP 28 HOWARD COUNTY FARM BUREAU 100TH
ANNIVERSARY**

Place Howard County Fairgrounds, Annex Bld
Time 6:00 p.m.

NOV HCFB ANNUAL BANQUET DINNER

*DATE & DETAILS TBD

**DEC 7-10 MARYLAND FARM BUREAU ANNUAL
CONVENTION & MEETING OF
DELEGATES**

Place Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Golf
Resort, Spa and Marina
Cambridge, MD

**DEC 14 THE GREAT LISBON FARMERS FEED
THE HUNGRY CHRISTMAS PARADE**

Place Lisbon, MD

TIME 12:00 P.M.

[HTTP://WWW.LISBONCHRISTMASPARADE.ORG/](http://WWW.LISBONCHRISTMASPARADE.ORG/)



Join us

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

DINNER

at 7pm

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM

FOLLOWED BY MUSIC + DANCING

TICKETS: \$75.00

SERVING BEER, WINE + FRIENDSHIP!

Purchase tickets here...

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**CONTACT HOWIE (443-472-6264)
WITH ANY QUESTIONS!**

CELEBRATING AT THE
Howard County Fair

NEW ANNEX BUILDING

**2210 FAIRGROUNDS RD
WEST FRIENDSHIP, MD**

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Names of Attendees: _____

How many children under 10? _____

Name _____ Telephone # _____

Amt. Enclosed _____

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410-313-0680

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