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**TALBOT COUNTY FARM BUREAU
NEWSLETTER—MARCH 2012**



GREETINGS FROM YOUR TALBOT COUNTY FARM BUREAU PRESIDENT

Hello to all. Hope everyone had a Happy New Year and that the 2012 year will be a healthy and prosperous one for all.

Please mark your calendars for **Talbot County Farm Bureau's Annual Social** (Banquet) which is **March 29th at 6:00 pm** at the Easton High School Cafeteria. Linda Brown's Culinary Arts Program will be preparing and serving the food; we will also have oysters Rockefeller and oysters on the half shell.

At the Maryland Farm Bureau State Convention in Ocean City in December, 2011, the Delegate Body passed a By-law change to restructure the Board of Directors. The new Board will be the President, 1st Vice-President, Vice-President, two Delegates from each of the six Districts, one Young Farmer Representative and one Women's Leadership and Education Committee Representative. The new Executive Committee will be the three Officers and one Delegate from each of the six Districts. The new board will start meeting effective January 2013.

This year there is concern about the many issues facing the farm community at all levels of government. Environmental issues are at the forefront of these concerns and decisions made about these will impact agriculture.

We will need your help in contacting the appropriate Legislative Officials concerning these matters which will affect each one of us in agriculture.

It would be most beneficial for everyone to subscribe to the **MARYLAND FARM BUREAU HOTLINE**. This will keep you informed about the Bills and Policies that are being presented to the Maryland Legislature concerning agriculture. It is very important for the Farm Community to work together and present a united front on these proposed legislative actions. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions, contact any of the Talbot County Farm Bureau Board members.

Please talk to your neighbors about becoming Farm Bureau members. Hope to see you at the Social.

Eddie Boyle
Talbot County Farm Bureau President

**Talbot County Farm
Bureau Annual Social**
on Thursday,
March 29, 2011
at **6:00 PM** at the
Easton High School
Cafeteria

Our Guest Speaker:
Rick Kollinger



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If so, please contact info@talbotcountymfarmbureau.com

BENEFITS OF FARM BUREAU MEMBERSHIP

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Fruit Orders, and more.

Scholarships for FB family members:

Talbot County Farm Bureau Scholarship

applications are due by

May 1, 2012

MFB has received their

applications for 2012

DELL, great savings on computers, print-

ers, TV's; monthly specials at

www.mdfarmbureau.com

Dish Network, satellite industry offers a

variety of specials & savings at

www.mdfarmbureau.com

These are a few of the benefits that Farm Bureau membership offers its members.

For additional benefits and further information, contact Maryland

Farm Bureau at

www.mdfarmbureau.com

TALBOT COUNTY FARM BUREAU WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

We hope everyone had a Healthy and Happy Holiday season and that it is extending into the 2012 year. Time is rolling along and already tax season is upon us. Ugh!! This sure keeps us busy inside with the book-keeping, but soon we'll get geared up.

Maryland Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee met at the Ronald McDonald House on Monday, February 21, 2012 where two of our Talbot County ladies attended and carried some needed items for the Ronald McDonald House. It is such a wonderful place. Our Talbot ladies have some ideas on what we may do to help out with some of RMH needs. But for right now we are keeping that under wrap.

The Vespers Service is scheduled for Sunday, May 6, 2012 at 7:00 pm at the Ag Center. Windows will be cleaned the week prior to the service. Refreshments will be served after the Vespers Service.

Special Note. We are looking for young ladies that are interested in agriculture and would like to try out for Miss Talbot County Farm Bureau. These young ladies always enjoy themselves and meet many new friends. It is a wonderful learning experience and wonderful memories will be made. Ask Catherine Pearson how much fun she has had as Miss Talbot County Farm Bureau. So if anyone is interested please call one of the women on the Women's Leadership Committee and they will be happy to help you get prepared for a rewarding and wonderful experience. A meeting for the young ladies will be announced in the next few weeks to help familiarize them with the position of Miss Talbot County Farm Bureau.

Our county contest will be at the Talbot County Farm Bureau Annual Picnic in July. Orientation for the Maryland State Fair state contest is in the middle of August. To enter your parent(s) need to be a county farm bureau member, and you must be at least 16 years old and not more than 20 years old by the time of the state contest.

The Talbot County Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee members are Beverly Altvater, Susan Behrens, Amanda B. Clougherty, Debbie Dudrow, Sandy Foster, Tresa Hutchison, Kristen Morgan, Debbie Pahlman, Renee Pearson, and Terri Snow. As always, all are welcome to come and join in the activities of your county Farm Bureau. The ladies do great work supporting the Committee's work and supporting the entire farm community of Talbot County.

Beverly Altvater

TCFB Women's Committee Chairperson

TALBOT COUNTY YOUNG FARMERS REPORT

The Talbot County Young Farmers are made up of 18 thru 35 year old Talbot County Farm Bureau members and Caroline County Farm Bureau members. We meet the third Sunday of each month at 7:00 PM. If you would like more information about joining us, please contact Darcy Hutchison at 410-829-2646.

The Young Farmers will conduct a Sportsman Raffle in April 2012. The proceeds will benefit the programs and activities of the Talbot County Young Farmers group. Raffle tickets cost \$20.00. The tickets are drawn by the Maryland Pick 3 Lottery (evening) numbers every day during the month of April. The winner will receive the item that is shown for that night or the cash consolation prize of \$100.00. Anyone who is interested can contact a Young Farmer member for information or tickets.

SPORTSMAN RAFFLE LIST FOR APRIL 2012

1st	Weatherby Vanguard 22-250	\$519	16th	Savage .17 Thumbhole	\$399
2nd	Horton Recon X-Bow	\$1,300	17th	CVA Optima Elite	\$399
3rd	H & R 17 HMR	\$219	18th	Matthews Z7 Extreme	\$899
4th	TC Omega .45 cal	\$519	19th	Remington 887 12 ga. Camo	\$549
5th	H & R 20 ga.	\$279	20th	Stoeger 2000 Camo	\$549
6th	Remington 597 w/ scope 22 LR	\$279	21st	Benelli Nova Black	\$439
7th	CVA Electra	\$479	22nd	H & R 12 ga. Laminate	\$329
8th	Savage 22 LR	\$199	23rd	Weatherby 20 ga. Auto Youth	\$589
9th	Stoeger Coach 20 ga.	\$399	24th	Savage 220 20 ga. Slug	\$569
10th	Weatherby Vanguard 7 mm Rem	\$519	25th	TC Encore .50 cal SS/Black	\$599
11th	Stoeger Air Gun w/ scope	\$199	26th	Remington 700 VTR .308	\$749
12th	TC Triumph .50 cal Black & Blue	\$479	27th	H & R 20 ga.	\$279
13th	Horton Scout X-Bow	\$349	28th	Stoeger Condor .410	\$399
14th	H & R 20 ga. Thumbhole	\$379	29th	H & R 17 HMR	\$219
15th	Benelli SBE II Camo	\$1,399	30th	Benelli Vinci 12 ga. 3" Camo	\$1,479

THE MARYLAND FARM BUREAU'S WASHINGTON DRIVE-IN WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2012

This day-long trip to our Nation's Capital is important this year as Congress is pursuing a more balanced budget in the midst of the Presidential election year. The Drive-In will include a briefing on national issues at AFB headquarters, Capitol Hill office visits and dinner at a restaurant in Washington.

Participants in the Drive-In lobby are on behalf of the more than 37,000 members of the MFB organization. Maryland Farm Bureau contributes to the cost of this event. For more information and Registration Forms, please call Val Connelly at 443-690-2411 at the Maryland Farm Bureau, 8930 Liberty Rd., Randallstown, MD 21133 office.

NEWS FROM THE TALBOT AG CENTER



The Talbot Agriculture & Education Center wants to remind all of us of the many programs and activities that occur at the 'Ag Center.' Talbot County Farm Bureau is a member of the Ag Center. The farming community and all Talbot county citizens are fortunate to have this facility in our county.

The Ag Center helps to make the community more aware of agriculture in our county. The Talbot Ag Center Board thanks you for your interest in the future of the Talbot Agriculture and Education Center. We have a great place for meetings and many other kinds of activities.

TALBOT COUNTY EXTENSION

America's Farmers Grow Rural Education Program PLEASE CONSIDER NOMINATION – Talbot County Public Schools
America's Farmers Grow Rural Education SM (AFGRE), a Monsanto Fund program, gives farmers in 1,245 counties across 39 states the opportunity to nominate their public school district to compete for a grant of up to \$25,000. The nomination period takes place January 6 – April 15, 2012.

IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL WEBSITES

Talbot County Farm Bureau — www.talbotcountyfarmbureau.com

Maryland Farm Bureau — www.mdfarmbureau.com

American Farm Bureau — www.fb.org (and) www.fbacres.com

Talbot, Caroline & Dorchester Ag Info — www.eastershoreagriculture.com

Talbot Agriculture & Education Center — www.talbotcountyfair.org/agcenter

Talbot Soil Conservation District — www.talbotscd.com



This is a scan code for your iPhone that will link directly to our website.

**TALBOT COUNTY FARM BUREAU ANNUAL SPRING SOCIAL
EASTON HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA
THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2012 AT 6:00 PM**

Talbot County Farm Bureau cordially invites you to attend our **Annual Spring Social**. It will be held on Thursday March 29, 2012 at Easton High School. The Culinary Arts Program at Easton High School will offer an extensive selection of hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Oysters Rockefeller and Oysters on the Half Shell will also be served.

The doors will open at 5:30 PM and the Social will begin at 6:00 PM. There will be displays to explain Member Benefits. David Willoughby will be the Master of Ceremonies and our Guest Speaker(s) will be **Mr. John Rhoderick** from the Maryland Department of Agriculture, Office of Resource Conservation Program Manager and **Mr. Rick Kollinger**, who is a local cartoonist with a focus on current events and topics.

Make your reservations early! Please call or complete and return the Reservation Form with your payment to Talbot County Farm Bureau. The address is listed on the form which is on the last page of the Newsletter.

The evening is sure to be educational and entertaining. Come join in the fun, food, fellowship, and be educated about what's going on with agriculture in our county, state, and country.

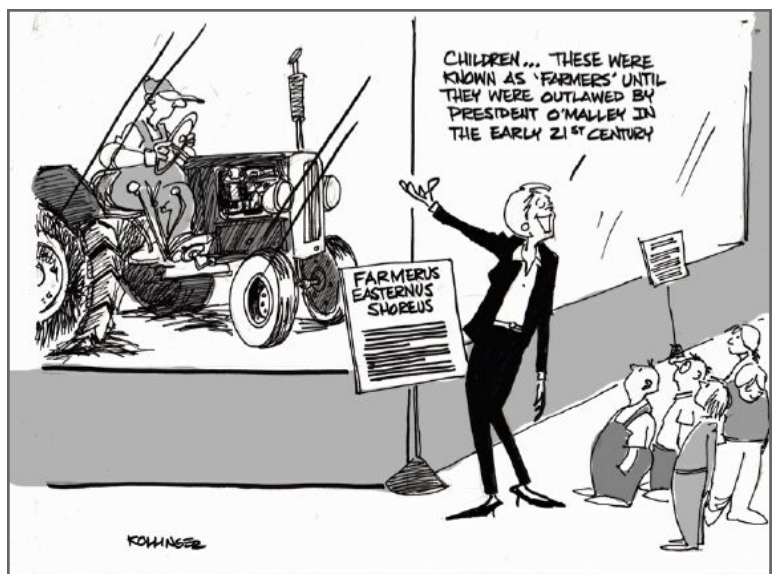
ABOUT RICK KOLLINGER...

*Biography taken from
www.kollinger.com*

Rick Kollinger is a native and life-long resident of Maryland's Eastern Shore. His cartoons appear in most dailies on the Shore, and other newspapers around the country. His cartoons have won numerous local, state and national awards.

He was once called "mean-spirited" by former Governor William Donald Schaefer.

He lives in Easton, Maryland with his dog Tater and is not currently under indictment.



CONTACT INFORMATION FOR OUR U.S. REPRESENTATIVE AND SENATORS



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HELP WANTED - NEEDED

FARM BUREAU MEMBERS, VOLUNTEERS FOR COMMITTEES, PROJECTS, FESTIVALS, WOMEN'S COMMITTEE AND ALL THEIR PROJECTS, YOUNG FARMERS, FARM BUREAU ANNUAL SOCIAL, ANNUAL PICNIC, APPLICANTS FOR MISS TALBOT COUNTY AGRICULTURE, APPLICANTS FOR FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIPS (COUNTY AND STATE) AND HELP WITH OTHER COMMITTEES AND PROJECTS, ETC.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, MAR 21	Response Form due for TCFB Annual Social
Wednesday, MAR 28	MFB Washington Drive-In (see pg 3 for details)
Thursday MAR 29	TCFB Annual Social, Easton High School at 6 pm
JAN 6 – APR 15	Nomination Period for Public Schools for America's Farmers Grow Rural Education Program through Talbot County Extension (see pg 4 for details)
APR 1 – 30	TCFB Young Farmers Sportsman Raffle (see pg 3 for details)
Thursday, MAY 1	TCFB Scholarship Application deadline
Sunday, MAY 6	TCFB Vespers Service, Ag Center at 7 pm
JULY	Talbot County Fair (check with Ag Center for dates)
JULY	TCFB Annual Picnic and Miss Talbot County Agriculture Contest (see June Newsletter to confirm date)
AUG 24 – SEP 3	Maryland State Fair

TALBOT COUNTY FARM BUREAU OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

President: Eddie Boyle

Vice President: Gerald O'Mara

Secretary/Treasurer: Lori Anders, secretary@talbotcountymfarmbureau.com

Miss Talbot County Farm Bureau: Catherine Pearson

Board of Directors:

David Altvater	Phillip Councill Jr.
Greg Gannon	Ed Heikes
Travis Hutchison	Jeff Rathell
John Sewell	Lewis Smith
Shawn Smith	Paul Spies

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

Beverly Altvater, Chairperson
Vice-Chairperson—Vacant
Sandy Foster, Secretary
Terri Snow, Treasurer

YOUNG FARMER OFFICERS

Darcy Hutchison, Chairman
Brian Altvater, Vice Chairman
Lori Anders, Secretary
Amanda Clougherty, Treasurer

Susan Behrens, Amanda Clougherty, Debbie Dud-
row, Tresa Hutchison, Kristen Morgan, Debbie
Pahlman and Renee Pearson

TALBOT COUNTY FARM BUREAU ON THE INTERNET

Check out our website and our launched Facebook page for fans of TCFB. TCFB welcomes all comments about our sites and how they are serving you.

E-mail comments to

info@talbotcountymfarmbureau.com or call Amy @
410-924-8253

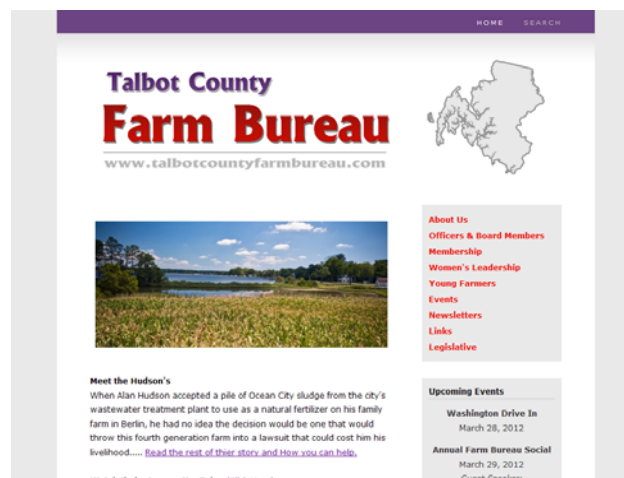
Website: www.talbotcountymfarmbureau.com



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Talbot County Farm Bureau

(MD) in your search box or follow the link found on our website.





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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**TALBOT COUNTY FARM BUREAU ANNUAL SPRING SOCIAL
EASTON HIGH SCHOOL – CAFETERIA – RESPONSE FORM
THURSDAY MARCH 29, 2012 AT 6:00 PM
PLEASE FILL OUT AND SEND WITH PAYMENT**

Please respond by March 21, 2012 so that we may accurately order the food!

Business/Organization: _____

Name: _____ Address: _____

City / State: _____ Email: _____

Cost per person: **\$10.00** X _____ = \$ _____

Reservations received no later than March 20th

Cost per person: **\$15.00** X _____ = \$ _____

Reservations received after March 20th and at the door

Mail this form with your payment to:
Talbot County Farm Bureau
32535 Matthews Road
Easton, MD 21601

Phone: (410) 822-1395 (leave message)
E-mail: secretary@talbotcountymfb.org