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PRESERVATION QUARTERLY



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CELEBRATING WORK ANNIVERSARIES



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The winding down of summer brings along hire date anniversaries for both of FNLТ's employees. These days in the non-profit world, it's hard to find good people, even harder to get good people to stay! We are lucky at FNLТ to have dedicated employees, supporting our mission of preservation of critical agricultural and environmental landscapes for future generations in York County to enjoy.

Rochelle Black is celebrating 25 years with FNLТ – you read that right, twenty-five years! “I most enjoy meeting wonderful folks and having experiences that would never happen anywhere else.”



Through the years, Rochelle has met a few celebs at fundraisers, learned to drive draft horses, and the most interesting, the landowners she's met! “Visiting preserved properties allows me to connect with some interesting York County folks. Having a spot of tea (or a cup of joe) on a cold winter day to engage in conversation is always a highlight. Plus seeing some unusual wonders of York County in a way most don't get a chance to see, and knowing it is all preserved, provides a unique sense of accomplishment in having a small part in that process. Simple things matter and are often the treasures of a life time. It is truly the connection to the land and the folks who love it that keep me coming to work every day since 1993.”

Meanwhile, **Sean Kenny** is honored to arrive at his 10-year anniversary with the organization. Next to 25 years, that sure sounds paltry, but we still think it's a nice round number. Sean adds, “It's hard to me to believe the amount of changes in my life in the last ten years, getting married, having children and moving to a FNLТ preserved farm. All of this coupled with the work Rochelle and I have done with the guidance of our volunteers and supporters – it's been extremely rewarding and I'm grateful for everyone we work alongside at FNLТ.”



SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP FARMERS & SPORTSMEN ASSOCIATION LAND PRESERVED

The STF&SA organization located just outside of Jacobus Borough in Springfield Township was established in January 1962, encouraging members to participate in wildlife and state forest conservation, hunting, fishing and safe firearm handling. So when FNLT was able to work with their leadership with many similar goals, preserving this 165 acre property was a winning partnership.

Shawn Strausbaugh, STF&SA President states, “The conservation of this tract preserves this piece of ground as development surrounding it continues. The founding fathers of STF&SA would be proud to know that this hallowed ground will remain for years to come as a place of conservation.”

The now preserved landscape is in very close proximity to Richard M. Nixon County Park and William H. Kain County Park – plus thousands of acres of preserved land with FNLT and the York County Agricultural Land Preservation Board.

The public has some access via the Springfield Township Hollow Creek Greenway, a recreational walking/hiking/biking path, bisecting an area of the property. Plans are to connect Jacobus Borough to Nixon County Park via the Greenway, giving locals access to rural scenic landscape a short distance from their doorstep.

Two tributaries to the East Branch Codorus Creek join on the property, with nearly 4,000 feet of flowing water. There is a spring fed pond, wetland area, and two springs throughout the woodlands, hedgerows and successional areas, which are important feeding, breeding, and nesting areas for birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians and insects in addition to being habitats in which a wide variety of plants thrive.





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GIVE LOCAL YORK'S BIG GIVE DAY – FNLIT GIVES THANKS!

FNLIT was pleased to participate in the inaugural Give Local York and finished in the top 30 of 200 non-profits participating. We reached a LOT of new supporters and totaled over \$12,000 in funds raised.

We kicked off the fun for the 24-hour Big Give Day through our 28th Annual Meeting at the historic Sinking Springs Manor at the preserved Sinking Springs Farm in Emigsville. Thanks to our host Mr. Grassley, who is doing extensive renovation to the Manor, plus Brewery Products and Flinchbaugh Orchard & Farm Market for their donations.

Save the dates in 2019 for our 29th Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 2nd followed by the Give Local York Big Give Day on Friday, May 3rd.



LAUCKS FARM PRESERVED IN WINDSOR TOWNSHIP

The Laucks property is tucked in behind a few street-lined residential lots, so not much of the small-quiet farmstead is visible from Freysville Road. What is back there is quite unique!

Over the course of their ownership, Stanley and Danette Laucks have raised many sheep, pasturing them on about 9-acres of pasture land, bordered by approximately 15-acres under canopy.

Within the wooded area is Cabin Creek (a secondary stream) flowing through the site into the Red Lion water reservoir. There are wetlands on the newly preserved lands as well. While the property may be on the smaller side at 27 acres, there are many environmental resources within, the biggest asset to the community being the water resource flowing into the community water supply.

Many thanks to Stanley and Danette for making land preservation a priority for their beautiful farm homestead.



*Photos by
Rochelle Black*

SASQUATCH TURNS EIGHT, HEADS SOUTH TO SEVEN VALLEYS



Photo by
Sean Kenny

Our previous Sasquatch 5K and Thoroughbred 10K have combined for the Sasquatch Preservation Trail Run 5 & 10 K on Saturday, September 8 at 9:00 AM. Both runs will occur at the same time at the FNLTL preserved South Branch Farms in Seven Valleys (new for the 5K – previous location of our 10K). The 5 and 10 K have a slightly staggered start, meaning everyone finishes at the same finish line, around the same time, making for a grand finale.

The Sasquatch was featured in Runner's World's America's Top Trail Races. On the run, enjoy woods, crops, meadows and streams – native songbirds, deer, turkeys, owls, foxes, coyotes, snakes and Sasquatches all populate this beautiful landscape. The 10K is challenging, with steeper inclines including OVER the historic Howard Tunnel / Rail Trail. Both runs cross the Codorus Creek in the home stretch. As our host and course designer Rob Kinsley states, "If you finish and you're not wet and dirty, you're disqualified!"

Post-race features early lunch from White Rose Bar & Grill, fruits from Flinchbaugh's Orchard & Farm Market, beer sampling from Brewery Products (21+ with ID), music and celebration with your fellow runners. Bonus - smoothie samples plus discount coupons from Smoothie King. Big thanks to our lead sponsors: KBG Law and Flying Feet Sport Shoes. **Thanks and happy running – see you in September at the Sasquatch!**

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DOWNTOWN HOEDOWN – 10 YEARS OF FUNDRAISING

When Sean Kenny arrived at FNLT in 2008, a big task was finding a new signature fundraiser. The days of our annual concert were getting harder as artists and entertainers had more options. Sean and the FNLT Special Events Committee came up with the idea of an annual dinner with local food, musicians, drinks and auction items that you don't typically find.

Many events seem to fade with time, but the Hoedown keeps growing with last year's event being the biggest yet! We owe a big thanks to attendees, auction donors, and sponsors, including Glatfelter Insurance Group who has been our presenting sponsor all ten years!

Unique items up for bid include fly fishing trips and instruction, original local art, vintage record collections, handmade items, private dinners and tasting – over 100 items!

Join us for the 10th anniversary of the Downtown Hoedown on Thursday, November 15th from 6:00 to 9:00 PM at Warehouse in Downtown York. The event sells out, so watch www.farmtrust.org for more information or to purchase tickets. If you'd like to donate an item or have any questions, reach out to Sean at skenny@farmtrust.org.



TENTH ANNUAL SPORTING CLAY SHOOT

FRIDAY NOV. 2

12 P.M. – 5 P.M.

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