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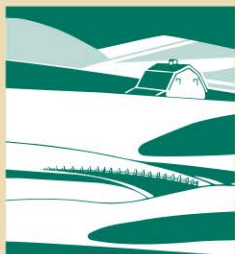
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Pictured: Board member Brian Strong heads into the sunset



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NINE YEARS IN A FLASH

My initial awareness of the important work of FNLТ was indirect. I grew up in York and, thanks to my Dad, acquired a love of hiking, camping, canoeing and all things outdoors. I left York for college and law school in the mid 80s and came back about 10 years later. I was struck by how much development occurred in such a relatively short time. I am not anti-development, but wanted to be part of something that helps preserve the important remaining landscapes. I don't recall exactly how I became aware of FNLТ, but I had met Sean Kenny and Dave Davidson somewhere along the way and offered to volunteer. I started by serving on the Special Events Committee and here we are now.

I eventually became a Board member and have truly enjoyed serving on and then chairing our Special Events Committee. This great group works to put on events to increase awareness of FNLТ and preserving land, while having a lot of laughs and raising funds. Highlights include many Downtown Hoedowns, which continue to surpass our goals. The Sasquatch Preservation Trail Runs are always exciting, seeing hundreds venture on grounds with no idea of what's ahead – tough races but spectacular preserved viewsheds.

It's hard to believe my three, three-year terms are coming to a close with the Board. Nine years have really flown by! I can honestly say this has been the most enjoyable volunteer service I've done with any organization. I plan to continue my volunteer involvement and supporting the great work of FNLТ in any way I can. I have a big year ahead as I serve as Chair of the York County Bar Association, so while I enjoyed every FNLТ Board meeting – one less meeting will be appreciated!

On behalf of all like me, thank you for your continued involvement and support of FNLТ – what we do now will be appreciated more and more as time moves on.

Signing off, Brian Strong



10TH ANNUAL FNLT CLAY SHOOT PRESENTED BY PEOPLES BANK

After needing to postpone the FNLT Clay Shoot in the Spring due to rain, the forecast in early November didn't look much better. Luckily a window of clear weather allowed close to 100 shooters and volunteers to enjoy a great day of clay shooting! Everyone was so enthusiastic, we plan to continue the shoot in the Fall moving forward. Special thanks to White Rose Bar & Grill for donating food to everyone, as well as Brewery Products for providing post shoot beverages. Thank you to the shooters, volunteers and our sponsors.



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LEHMAN FAMILY FARM PRESERVED IN DILLSBURG

Rolla and Esther Lehman raised their family on this stunning 93.5 acre farm in Dillsburg, Monaghan Township, and were well known dairy farmers in the region. The rolling pastures provided excellent grazing for cows, and present scenic backdrops for the family and community.

As the years went on, it was always their mindset to preserve the farm for generations to be able to reap the many joys of country life. In the Spring of 2018, the family called a meeting with FNLT to move forward.

Sadly, Rolla Lehman II passed in the summer at home with his family, at age 92. He's survived by Esther, five children, four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. The wishes to preserve the land were kept in place, and the property was placed under conservation easement in the fall.

Thank you to the Lehman family for preservation of this amazing landscape, a stunning example of farmlife, and FNLT's first preserved land in Monaghan Township. We certainly hope others will take note, and follow your lead.



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SPRING GROVE'S LAKE CLUB PROPERTY PRESERVED

Larry & Loretta 'Peach' Redding are very familiar with the work of FNLTL, having purchased the FNLTL owned/preserved Beefeater Farm in 2013, and then purchasing a neighboring parcel from the Glatfelter paper company and preserving that in 2015.

It was only fitting then when the Reddings heard rumblings of the sale of the former Lake Club property, that they explore its purchase. After all, over 40 years ago that's where Larry and Peach had their first date! The physical lake may be gone, as Glatfelter decommissioned the dam in 2017, however, many great memories of the Lake Club remain for them and many in the community.

The lake area now contains Tributary 08209 to Codorus Creek and many tree plantings. Similar to their other preserved land holdings in the area, the Reddings are planning many more plantings to help stabilize the stream, create beautiful scenery and increase wildlife habitat.

The Lake Club clubhouse is not included with the preserved land portion, however, the Reddings have been working to restore the building and make updates to provide a great venue for the community to hold special events, overlooking an area that now contains more than 250 acres preserved with FNLTL.

Join us as we hold the *29th FNLTL Annual Meeting at the Lake Club on Thursday, May 2nd from 5:30 to 7:00 pm!* You'll get to see the renovations to the clubhouse, hear some history, learn what FNLTL is up to, mingle with supporters and take a short walking tour. Watch your mailbox for more information, and thank you to the Reddings for their efforts preserving this unique part of York County.



Photos by Rochelle Black

98 ACRES ADDED TO LARGE FARMLAND PRESERVE

There's nothing nicer for a land preservation organization than to finish strong, ending the year with new conservation easements. Equally rewarding is starting the new year off with new conservation easements! In January we kicked off 2019 right with long time FNLTL supporters Dave and Linda Davidson preserving this 98 acre farm in Springfield Township.

The Davidsons became aware that this farm was going to be for sale and, fearing potential development pressure, purchased this property with the intent to preserve and add to their adjacent existing lands already under easement. In total the Davidsons have now preserved over 310 acres of contiguous rolling mixed landscapes.

In addition to breathtaking country viewsheds from various roads in the area, much of the Davidson's preserved ground is visible from Interstate 83, giving the community and passing visitors a true snapshot of rural York County life.

With a classic Pennsylvania barn, a stream, some wetlands, woodland and mixed crop fields – this property has it all. Thank you to the Davidsons for your years of support to FNLTL, championing our mission and preservation of this beautiful valley.



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