



Save the Date

Gardner's Craft Show

September 30th

Fall Meeting

October 12, 2023

Linda Halstead, Editor

Sept. 2023

Board of Directors:

President, James Thiele, Vice President, Evelyn Minter, Outgoing Treasurer, Bob Niggel, Incoming Treasurer Tom Goldscheitter, Co-Secretaries, James and Linda Halstead, Directors, Jim Boldy, Bill Duncan, Guy Daubenspeck, Sydney Merten, Zach Speer, James Thiele, YAP Chair, Brittany Speer – ROD, Tyler Anderson

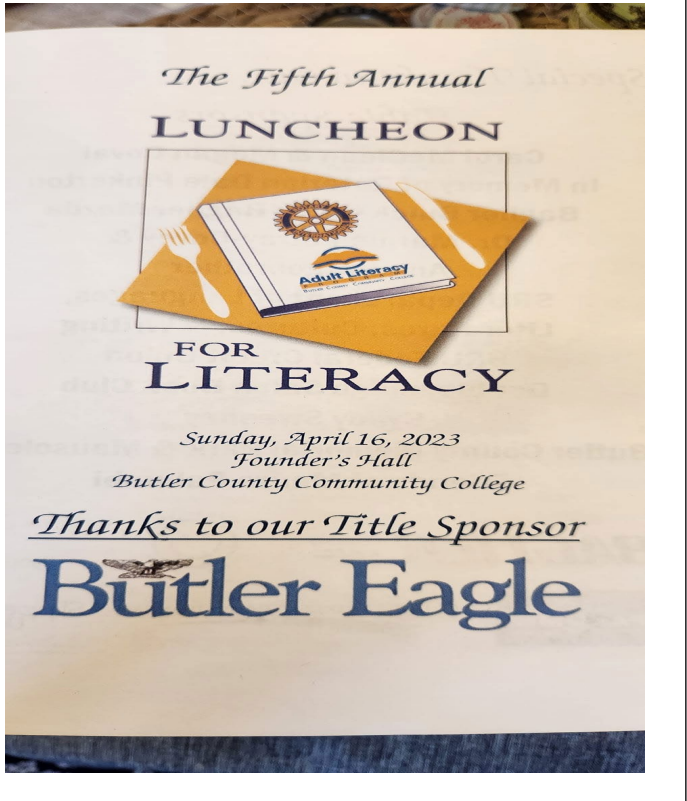
We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Bob Niggel for his service as Treasurer to Butler County Farm Bureau

We would also like to welcome to our board, Tom Goldscheitter and thank him for accepting the position of Treasurer



Members of your Board of Directors and Committees have been actively promoting and representing Butler County Farmers.

Have you seen us?





**Did you attend Rep. Marci Mustello's Family Fun Night?
We certainly did, and we would like to thank Rep Mustello for
including us.**

**REP. MARCI MUSTELLO
INVITES YOU TO HER**

**FAMILY
FUN NIGHT**

CO-HOSTED WITH



**THURSDAY, AUG. 24, FROM 5-8 P.M.
BUTLER FARM SHOW, 625 EVANS CITY ROAD, BUTLER**

**THIS EVENT IS FREE TO THE COMMUNITY. THERE WILL
BE FOOD, MUSIC, VENDORS AND ENTERTAINMENT. LOCAL
ORGANIZATIONS WILL PROVIDE IMPORTANT INFORMATION
THAT MAY BENEFIT YOU.**

**RESIDENTS ARE ASKED TO BRING NONPERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS
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Additional Benefits

Save even more with County Farm Bureau Local Discounts!
For a complete list of discounts offered by +375 locally-owned businesses in nearly 50 counties visit pfb.com/localdiscounts. Local discounts not offered in all counties.
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PFB adds value to membership and keeps members informed through a variety of print and digital publications. Members receive 5% off advertising rates in our print publications. Contact advertising coordinator for details.

A total \$6 portion of annual member dues covers subscriptions to these publications, \$3 for *Positively Pennsylvania* and \$3 for *Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Consumer Advocate* (formerly *County Focus*). Members receive 4 issues of each publication per year on a quarterly basis. Publication frequency and details are subject to change.



Are You Turning 65 This Year and Going on Medicare?



Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Health Services

Choosing your Medicare plan can be overwhelming. It can be hard to figure out what you want, or more important, what you need.

Farm Bureau's experienced and trained staff are ready to help. At no cost to you, we can:

- Answer your questions
- Explain and compare options
- Work within your budget
- Help with informed Medicare coverage decisions

Knowledgeable. Helpful. Dedicated.

To check availability in your county call **800.522.2375**.

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Agricultural Education

Agricultural Literacy Needs Your Help!

Schools in Butler County and the surrounding area are beginning to understand the importance of educating our youth about agriculture and environmental health. Many amazing programs are being created and teachers are using agriculture to teach their regular curriculum. The Butler County Farm Bureau is planning to create an Agricultural Literacy Database to help our local educators. If an educator is looking for guest speakers or supplemental information to help solidify an agricultural concept, they can find contact information for those willing to help. For example, maybe a class is learning about embryology by hatching chicken or duck eggs, and you could help answer questions that arise during the process. Maybe an after-school "Little Sprouts" garden club needs some help with which vegetables to plant together for a better harvest. The sky's the limit, especially if you use a drone to help farming and share this with an entire elementary school! Please consider signing up for this worthwhile cause. If we all work together, amazing opportunities can be created! Thank you in advance for considering this valuable and rewarding project.

Please send your name, email address, cell phone number, and agricultural topics you would be willing to share to: Bcfb.secretary@gmail.com

Meat Raffle Tickets - Proceeds to Support Ag Education and Young Ag Professionals

Tickets will be available at Gardner's Craft Show on Sept 30th

At the Annual Meeting on October 12

Or Contact Linda Halstead at 724-272-5595



If You Eat You are Involved in Agriculture

Membership Brochure can be found at this link: <https://pfb.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/MemPromoBrochure2022-web-8.5x14.pdf>

Or you can contact Evelyn Minter at 724-679-8169

Bring a guest to our picnic on July 9th, membership brochures will be available if your guest joins they will get a \$5 discount on membership and you will be entered into a drawing.

Why Farmers Should Become Members

Farm Bureau members are **leading together**.

When farmers notice a problem, they want to fix it. Sometimes, the problems are too big for one farmer to fix. The members of Farm Bureau are working together to make real change to advance agriculture in Pennsylvania. Whether it's easing regulations on high tunnels, changing a law to allow wider equipment on the roads, or making it easier to expand agritourism, we're leading the way forward together. When one member has an idea, thousands of members make it a reality. Join us by becoming a member of Farm Bureau today and take advantage of benefits such as:

- The united voice of Pennsylvania's largest general farm organization advocating for you.
- The opportunity to shape the future of Pennsylvania agriculture through Farm Bureau's grassroots advocacy and policy development. Your membership gives you a voice in shaping Farm Bureau's advocacy
- A chance to network with farmers across the nation and build relationships with elected officials at every level of government.
 - Access to important information to help you manage and improve your operation.
- Your share of \$2.5 million in annual savings available through dozens of member benefits as well as local discounts.
- Opportunities to educate consumers about agriculture through initiatives like Ag Literacy Week, the Mobile Ag Lab program, and more than 160 county outreach events.

Why Everyone Should Become Members

You don't have to be a farmer to be a Farm Bureau member.

Farm Bureau members care about the stories behind their food and drink and are dedicated to supporting the farmers who make it all happen. Their membership supports our efforts to preserve the state's agricultural heritage and ensure that family farms can continue to produce local food, grow their communities and promote responsible stewardship of the land and natural resources. At the same time—through *Positively Pennsylvania* magazine—our non-farming members get the inside scoop on farm-to-table cuisine, craft beverages and farm-fresh food right from the people with the most intimate knowledge of Pennsylvania food culture: our state's farmers.

That's in addition to the wide range of benefits that come with Farm Bureau membership—from a major discounts on amusement park tickets to savings on vehicles, utilities, prescription drugs, hotels, car rentals, household supplies and more many more everyday purchases.

Pennsylvania Farm Bureau's mission is simple: Growing Communities. Many Voices. United Vision. We believe that's a cause that everyone—not just farmers—can get behind. Farm Bureau members play an important role in our efforts that extend far beyond agriculture, from our annual charitable campaign to benefit Ronald McDonald House charities to our advocacy to get farm-fresh products into food banks and for rural communities to have access to quality health care, infrastructure and internet access.

Looking to get involved more in supporting agriculture?

Give us a call, we welcome your thoughts and ideas.

Participation at all levels is welcomed and appreciated.

Please call Evelyn Minter 724-679-8169



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Looking for a way to network and get hands-on leadership training?

Contact Evelyn Minter

724-679-8169



Looking to have some fun, get more involved?

We would love to have you join us!



Farmers Care is a program that recognizes the commitment of farm families to raising healthy food for our communities. At the same time, it shows the way farmers volunteer to help those in need. Pennsylvania Farm Bureau supports this program by collecting food, and monetary donations, for Ronald McDonald House Charities, or other local charities in your district.

Each year, the Women's Leadership Committee invites all counties to consider participating in the Farmers Care Program. Each county/district marks a time (between January 1st and April 20th) when farmers give back to the less fortunate in their communities. However your county sees fit to participate is up to you, but we ask that you please notify PFB of all donations so we can keep track of the difference you're making in our state! For more information contact **Larry Voll – 412-906-4495**

Pennsylvania Farm Bureau



Pennsylvania Farm Bureau members are leading together to make real change to advance agriculture in Pennsylvania. Consider joining Farm Bureau TODAY!

\$95 Family Membership per year!

Learn more about opportunities to save with PFB membership by visiting www.pfb.com/benefits

Support Agriculture in Butler Co.

BUY LOCAL EAT LOCAL

Check out our Butler Co. Buy Local Flyer that supports our local farmers and supporters! Scan the QR code for the flyer



2023 Buy Local Flyer



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Follow us to see the local events and happenings here in Butler County!

Policy Development

Policy development is the most important activity of the county Farm Bureau.

Contact Evelyn Minter at 724-679-8169 or submit your policies at the September 27, 2023, Policy Development Meeting at 7:00pm at the Extension Office or Bring them to the Annual Meeting on October 12, 2023

It is an organized and on-going program of gathering ideas and opinions from the members. The county Policy Development Committee is responsible for editing, compiling, clarifying and submitting these ideas for discussion and action at the county annual meeting.

Resolutions on state and national issues that are suggested by the majority of voting members at the county annual meeting are submitted to the state Policy Development Committee, and resolutions passed concerning local issues become county policy. The State Policy Development Committee then decides, by majority vote, which ideas are to be submitted as resolutions to the voting delegates at the PFB annual meeting. The voting delegates then decide, by majority vote, which resolutions are to be adopted as PFB policy.

These resolutions are published in an official policy book for the year and policies that are of national interest are then submitted to the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) Resolution Committee and voted on by voting delegates at the AFBF annual meeting. Adopted resolutions are then published after the annual meeting in the AFBF policy book.

Welcome New Business Members

Watch for these new businesses in our 2024 Member Directory and our Buy Local Flyer

If you're a new member with a business that is not listed here, please contact Evelyn Minter 724-679-8169.

Please note: Free Business Card with Membership, additional businesses cards can be added for a \$5.00 Fee and Ads can be purchased for our Member Directory.

Kris's Designs
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Butler, PA 16002

Bowser Blueberries
143 McCalmont Road
Renfrew, PA 16053

Phil Crouse Insurance
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Beaver, PA 15009

Hein Starters & Hollow Batteries
463 S Benbrook Road
Butler, PA 16001

Nemcheck Heating & Cooling
3872 William Flynn Hwy
Slippery Rock, PA 16057

Health Management
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Butler, PA 16001

Capricious LLC
Guided Goat Grazing
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Pittsburgh, PA 15237

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Butler, PA 16002

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Butler, PA 16001

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Please Join Us

Butler County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

Guest Speaker Kris Augustine

Date: Thursday October 12, 2023

Please bring Pop tabs to benefit Ronald McDonald House

Fellowship begins at 6:00PM Dinner at 7:00PM

Dinner Catered by Fairground Markets

Dinner \$18/person

RSVP by October 5, 2023 to Evelyn Minter 724-679-8169

Please bring Policy ideas

Ag Education Basket Raffles and Meat Raffle tickets will be available.

Memberships Paid to PA Farm Bureau by October 1 for a chance win a \$100 Gas Card

Join us at the Meeting and be entered into a chance to win a free 2024 membership!