



## Save the Date

### Member Picnic

July 9, 2023

### Fall Meeting

October 12, 2023

### Women's Leadership

### Growing Leaders Conference

July 29, 2023

### Butler Farm Show

August 7 – 12, 2023

### Family Fun Day –Rep. Marci Mustello

August 24, 2023

Linda Halstead, Editor

June 2023

#### Board of Directors:

President, James Thiele, Vice President, Evelyn Minter, Treasurer, Bob Niggel, 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



On Monday, June 5, 2023, the Harmony Fire District was given a grain silo rescue tube from the Butler County Farm Bureau

Farm bureau representatives James Thiele, President, Evelyn Minter, Vice President and James Boldy, Director and Jim and Linda Halstead Co-Secretaries presented the rescue tube and a \$1,000 check for training in it's use, with money raised by the Women's Leadership Committee.

The rescue tube is the fourth that the bureau has purchased for volunteer fire departments in the county. The others have been given to the Prospect, North Washington and Saxonburg volunteer fire departments.



On Thursday, May 25, Summit Elementary School was presented with the 2023 Partnership in Agricultural Literacy Award. The National Agriculture in the Classroom Organization honored the Community Agricultural Partnership at Summit (CAPS) in front of excited students, parents, teachers and faculty in the outdoor classroom.

Speaking at the award ceremony was Chris Hoffman, president of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau and chairman of the Pennsylvania Friends of Agriculture Foundation.

“These dedicated individuals have built a program that, with the right leadership and commitment, could be replicated at other schools,” Shupp Espenshade said.

And while this national recognized award does bring a level of prestige to Summit Elementary, the goal is clear – teaching students important skills for the future.

“To see a group of teachers and administrators looking at agriculture, the food that we eat and learning how we can get our children to engage them in the learning process,” Hoffman said. “These are skills that people need to know.”



# Western PA Growing Stronger Leaders Event

## Old N' New, Hand N' Hand



**Join Us**

**Date: July 29, 2023**

**Time: 9:30 AM**

**Location: Rometown Community  
Church**

**Corner of Rte. 89 and Harrison Rd.  
Spartansburg, PA 16434**

**Hosted by Region 6, Crawford County**

**Please RSVP to Jessica Bryan,**

**District 14 Women's Leadership Committee**

**312 North Washington Street, Titusville, PA 16354**

**Phone: (814)758-9970 by **July 15,**  
**2023****

**Please make checks payable to Crawford County Farm Bureau(CCFB).**

**Each county is responsible for 1 centerpiece and 2 raffle baskets.**

**There will be therapy dogs, drones, and a community service project.**

**Will also have vendors.**

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**\*Men are also welcome to attend\***

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **County:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost: \$25.00** **Number Attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

**If you have any questions email Jessica Bryan at [jessijersey@aol.com](mailto:jessijersey@aol.com)**



## **New Region 5 Regional Organization Director**

### **Tyler Anderson**

Please help us in welcoming our new Regional Organization Director (ROD) for Region 5, Beaver/Lawrence, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Mercer, Washington and Westmoreland Counties.

Tyler Anderson, Tyler raises beef on his farm in Fayette County and we look forward to working with him.

## **Butler County Safety Poster Contest Winners**

### **Contest Theme “No Seat No Ride”**

#### **Coloring Page Contest Ages 4 – 6 years old**

**First Place: BRYSON KENNEDY, BUTLER PA**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: AMELIA O’DONNELL, MOON TWP, PA**

#### **Poster Contest Ages 7 – 9 years old**

**First Place: NAOMI ECKERT, BUTLER PA**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: NOAH ECKERT, BUTLER PA**

#### **Poster Contest Ages 10-12 years old**

**First Place: CALEB ECKERT, BUTLER PA**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: ADDIE O’DONNELL, MOON TWP**

#### **Video Contest Ages 13 – 15 years old**

**First Place: RYAN ECKERT, BUTLER PA**

**2<sup>ND</sup> Place: JULIE ECKERT, BUTLER PA**

#### **Video Contest Ages 16 - 18 years old**

**NO ENTRIES**

# If You Eat You are Involved in Agriculture

**NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED, NOT SURE WHAT WE'RE ALL ABOUT JOIN US AT OUR MEMBER PICNIC ON JULY 9<sup>TH</sup> AT THE BUTLER FARM SHOW GROUNDS**

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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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**



[www.fb.org](http://www.fb.org)

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

Contact Evelyn Minter

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**Would you like to have some fun,  
make a difference and meet some  
great people?**

**We would love to have you.**

### **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

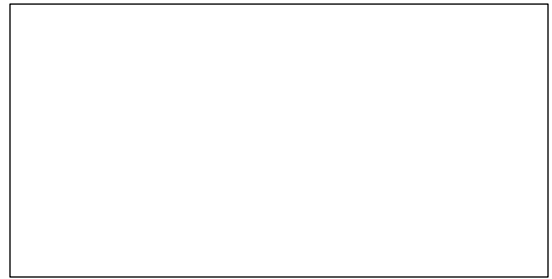
It is an organized and on-going program of gathering ideas and opinions from the members. The county Policy Development Committee is responsible for editing, compiling, clarifying and submitting these ideas for discussion and action at the county annual meeting.

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.



Linda Halstead  
134 Glade Mill Road  
Saxonburg, PA 16056



## **Please Join Us**



### **Butler County Farm Bureau Member Picnic**

#### **ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED**

compliments of Penn Energy

**Date:** Sunday July 9, 2023

**Fellowship begins at 12:00pm, Lunch at 1:00pm**

**Place:** Butler Farm Show Grounds

**Please Bring a Side Dish or Desert and Chairs**

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

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