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## Kids Safety Contests

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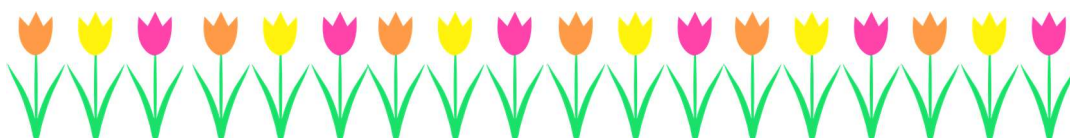
Coloring Contest

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Video Contest

## Rural Road Safety

Juniata County Farm Bureau will hold a Rural Road Safety event on April 14 at the farm of Ray & Linda Geissinger. This event is open to any high school student in grades 9 through 12. During this event we will be reminding these young drivers to be careful on the road, especially as Spring approaches and more farmers are busy moving from field to field and may be on rural roads more than usual. Drivers should reduce their speed when driving on roads where they might encounter large farm machinery. Also, everyone is to slow down immediately when they see the Slow-Moving Vehicle emblem attached to farm vehicles. The local state police and local businesses will be assisting us in presenting these reminders to young drivers.



# Juniata County Farm Bureau

## Jackie's Jottings.....

by Jackie Matter



Happy Spring, y'all!

The winter season is ending and, with that, there have been several meetings, activities, and conferences over the past few months. These have been opportunities for farmers to learn more about the Farm Bureau and current agricultural issues and have also been an opportunity to network and be involved in the community. Here's a little recap. Just a few weeks ago was the Young Ag Professionals Conference (YAP), open to Farm Bureau members ages 18 to 35. A few weeks after that included Farm Bureau Day for our area, Farmers Care at the Hershey Ronald McDonald House, and the Ag Promotion Committee's T.A.S.K. Conference. The Juniata County Farm Bureau was happy to participate in Farmers Care, recognizing how farmers care about their communities, by making a donation to the Ronald McDonald House. The following week was Ag Literacy Week where volunteers donated and read "My Family's Soybean Farm" by Katie Olthoff to elementary classrooms throughout the county. There was also an online Legislative Update discussing legislative issues affecting agriculture. In addition, legislators have been holding meetings to discuss agricultural issues with their constituents and various ag organizations also have plans for upcoming meetings to discuss relevant topics to the ag community. Whew! We've been busy! Add to that the list of regular daily farm chores plus any winter "to-do" lists on the farm such as maintaining and repairing equipment and just getting ready for Spring in general and a person's schedule fills up quickly!

Thanks for reading and, until next time, remember to thank a farmer.



### Italian Grilled Cheese

4 slices Italian bread, 1" thick

4 slices Mozzarella or Provolone Cheese

3 eggs

½ c. milk

¾ tsp. Italian seasoning

½ tsp. garlic salt

2/3 c. seasoned bread crumbs

Cut a 3" pocket in each slice of bread and place a slice of cheese in each pocket. In a bowl, beat eggs, Milk, Italian seasoning and garlic salt. Soak bread for 2 minutes on each side. Coat with bread crumbs. Cook on a greased, hot griddle until golden brown on both sides. Serves 4. Great with soup and salad!

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# Juniata County Farm Bureau

## Hello.....from our President



Hello Members,

Hoping this finds you all well, & happy spring!! I'm sure this warm weather has everyone itching, as myself, for field work. But as we all well know, we must wait just a little bit longer. Then it will be all hands on deck and full tilt ahead! I know all too well the added challenges for the growing season. As I talked to an older gentleman the other day, he said to me, "Better just stick to the plans as best as the budget allows and it should come mostly up in the end." I found his words wise and had me wondering if we should just go forward with the uncertainty. There is something to feel blessed at the end though even with the uncertainty . This year reminds me of something I saw on utube awhile ago, it is a tribute to the Juniata County Farming Community. If you have time to watch it please do! God Bless and thank you for being a member.

"On the eighth day God created a farmer."

Ben Zook

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### Ag Literacy Events



Juniata County Farm Bureau connected with approximately 530 children in 3 different schools during Ag Literacy Month by reading the book "My Family's Soybean Farm" by Katie Olthoff. . March 10 Jordan Basler and Jackie Matter read to about 80 kids at the Juniata Christian School, K – 3<sup>rd</sup> grades. March 15 and 22 Dave Graybill and Jordan Bassler read to about 300 kids at Juniata Elementary School, K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grades and on March 24 Chris Hoffman read to about 150 kids at EJ Elementary School.

The children heard about Alexander and Charlie - the farm boy and his helpful dog who narrate the busy life of a modern, working soybean farm in this fun and informative picture book about a family growing one of the top crops of

American agriculture. The busy days and many jobs of a farm family, the life cycle of a soybean plant, and its life as a crop getting to market are all detailed in *My Family's Soybean Farm*, a picture book on what it takes to grow soybeans, and how the crop becomes the many products we use every day. The family's working together is highlighted throughout, across traditional roles and with modern-day tech: Alexander watches as Mom drives the tractor in a modern cab complete with GPS technology, and later, he and Dad check the crop both with age-old techniques like walking the fields ("crop scouting") and by using the latest drone technology, too. Illustrations and information about literally every farm vehicle and other vehicles involved in growing soybeans and getting them to market are also here – including tractor and planter, sprayer, wagons and grain bins, processors, and finally, even barges and trains to get the crops to markets both domestic and around the world. Pages also show how soybeans are used in a range of products, from Charlie's bowl of dog food, to foods like soy sauce, feed for farm animals, and more.





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## YAP CORNER

### Report on the YAP Conference by Cheyenne Hepner

In February my husband and I attended the Young Ag Professionals (YAP) Conference in Boalsburg, PA. We enjoyed different breakout sessions on leadership, Policy development, and animal hoof care amongst some other sessions that were really helpful to aid in everyday life and in the agriculture world. We ended the trip with a tour of the Penn State Dairy barns which was really neat. It was my husband's first time seeing them and my first time back since high school. We enjoyed talking to the many different agriculturalist from fruit farmers to meat growers and many more.



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The YAP has a summer picnic coming up in July and they welcome everyone but the group is more geared to ages 18-35. The picnic is held at Knoebels Grove in Elysburg on July 10, 2022 at 11 am with free admission, parking, and lunch! Please RSVP by June 26 to Zach Speer at (724)856-5346.



The PA Friends of Ag Foundation Educator's Ag Institute provides a unique learning experience for PreK-12<sup>th</sup> grade formal educators, pre-service teachers and informal community educators. The Institute provides educational tours at Penn State University as well as local family-run farms where you will learn valuable information from those involved in agriculture including farmers, university professors and agricultural leaders. The learning experience also includes hands-on classroom sessions that cover topics such as plant and animal production, agricultural research, PA state education standards, ag history, and current/future farming trends in the agricultural industry.

June 26 – June 30, 2022

Pennsylvania Friends of Ag Foundation  
717-761-2740, friendssofar@pfb.com

## Upcoming Events

**Rural Road safety** event will take place April 14, 2022.

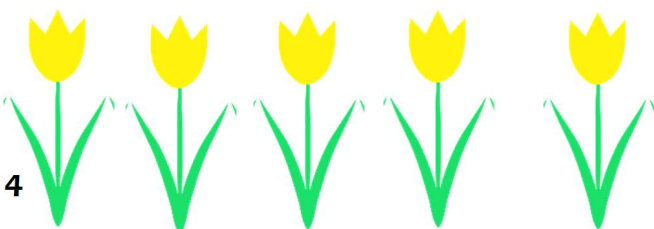
**YAP summer picnic** – Knoebel's – July 10, 2022

Juniata County Farm Bureau **Annual Dinner and Meeting**, September 16, 2022, 6:30 PM, Walker Grange, Mexico

### *Meet our Board Members.....*

I'm Matt Matter and serve as co-Vice President and have served as county President in the past. My wife, who serves as county Secretary, daughters (Bethany and Rachel), and I live and farm in Region 1 (Susquehanna Township) where we raise crops and replacement dairy heifers. We also sawmill part-time. The 2022 growing season will be my 30th year of farming on my own and I have served on the county Farm Bureau Board since 2006.

In addition, I've served on the county Cooperative Extension Board and served a term as President while on that. Also, I was part of the Plant Team for New Harvest Community Church in Millerstown in 2001 and currently serve on New Harvest's Leadership Team.



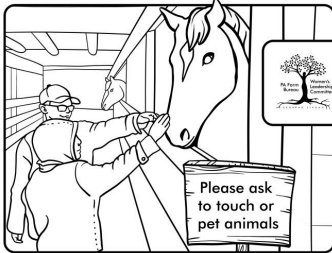
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## 2022 Kids Safety Contests

Theme "Please ask to touch or pet animals"

Contests are open to ALL children in Juniata County, not just Farm Bureau members. It's a great way to have fun and learn about farm facts at the same time...AND....we will be offering cash prizes. A first place winner in each category will be awarded \$20 from Juniata County FB. Second place in each category will receive \$15. All first place winners will be entered in the state PA Farm Bureau contest. Each first place and second place in the state level will receive gift cards and an invitation to the PFB Annual Meeting on Monday, November 14, 2022



All entries MUST include the following information to be considered eligible: Child's name, address and phone number, Juniata county, age category and parent's name(s)

### Did you Know???

For the past several years, Juniata County has consistently had a county winner of the Safety Contests advance to the State level and place there as well. Congratulations to those winners and I'm excited to see who it might be this year!

### Coloring Page Guidelines.

Open to any youth ages 4 to 6 years old. Only the provided coloring page will be accepted. (download at: [www.pfb.com/safetycontests](http://www.pfb.com/safetycontests))

Entries will be judged on the following:

- Neatness
- Appropriateness of coloring
- Appearance
- Coloring within the lines

### Safety 3-D Guidelines.

Open to any youth ages 7 to 12 years old  
Winners will be selected from EACH of the following age categories. 7 – 9 years old and 10 – 12 years old

Entries will be judged on the following:

- Dimensions: 12 in x 12 in x 12 in.
- Materials: Anything you choose
- Slogan: Ten words, or less, about the theme.
- Portability: Ability to display.
- Photos: 3 photos (from each angle) nonreturnable.
- 3x5 card with name, address, phone, age, etc.

### Safety Video Guidelines

Open to any youth 13 to 18 years old.

A first and second place winner will be selected from each of the following age categories  
13 – 15 years old and 16 – 18 years old

### Contest Rules:

- o Length: 30 – 60 seconds long
- o Content: Educational information based on the theme
- o Date: Must be taken within the last twelve months
- o Quality: Composition, clarity.
- o Entrants may only win one time in each age category.
- o The following must be included on a 3x5 card: Child's name, address and phone number, Juniata county, age category, parent's name,
- o a signed video release form must be included
- o Video must be saved on a nonreturnable flash drive and submitted as mentioned below

All entries must be submitted to the Juniata County Women's Committee by June 1, 2022.

Mail all entries to Linda Geissinger, 9193 William Penn Hwy, Mifflintown, PA 17059



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## 2021 Safety Video Contest Release form

I hereby grant employees or agents of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau (PFB), permission to use my likeness, name or images I have videoed, and submitted for this video contest, in print and/or electronically, without payment or any other consideration in perpetuity.

*please ask to  
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I agree that Pennsylvania Farm Bureau (PFB) may use the submitted video of my likeness, name or images, with or without my name, and for any lawful purpose, including, for example, such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, and web content that the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau (PFB) may determine to be appropriate and lawful. My video may also be used for my personal or professional use.

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I am 18 years of age or older, and am competent to contract in my own name. I have read this release before signing below, and I fully understand the contents, meaning, and impact of this release. If under the age of 18, I will have consent signed by my parent or guardian.

Signature of Photographer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name of parent/legal guardian \_\_\_\_\_

*Signature of parent/legal guardian is required if a photographer is under the age of 18.*



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