Summer 2023

### Mifflin County Farm Bureau

# NEWSLETTER

### Mifflin County Farm Bureau Directors

PFB and State Agencies Come Together to Remind Motorists to Drive Carefully on Rural Roads

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Pennsylvania farmers are returning to their fields for spring planting, which means that drivers should be alert for large farm equipment on rural roadways.Please be diligent, patient, and on the look out for equipment traveling our rural roads.

Kids Safety Contest Coloring Contest Poster Contest Video Contest

See page 5 & 6



# Summer Picnic



June 25, 2023 Malta Park, Granville 1:00 PM Chicken and Drinks provided Bring a covered dish (side, dessert) Bring plate setting RSVP by June 15, 2023 to Dylan Dietz dietzag6@gmail.com or 717-437-5798 Megan Keller- mmk5337@gmail..com

### Meet your Mifflin County Committee Chairs

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## Ag Literacy Week and Farmtastic







Farm Bureau members Tina Goss and Sonieta Harrop tackled Ag Literacy Week. Tina read to East Derry Elementary and Sonieta, BMS. They covered kindergarten through second grade reaching over 200 students. Tina Goss, Taylor White, and Jean Savitts read this years Farmtastic book, From Seed to Plant, to students at East Derry, Strodes Mill, and Lewistown Elementary reaching over 250 students. A book was also doanted to the Mifflin County and Belleville Libraries.



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Ag P&E Committe Chair: Dave and Jami Glick dglickfarm@msn.com District 10 Chair: Rebecca Harrop 717-513-2158

## AG DAY BABY



Did you know that Mifflin County Farm Bureau celebrates National Ag Day in a unique way??? This year our Ag Day Baby Recipient is Berkley Grace 8lbs 4oz Each year we put together a basket for the first baby born at the Lewistown Hospital on National Ag Day. Congratulations to the Martin Family on your

to the Martin Family on your precious addition to the family!







### YAP Chair: Dylan Dietz 717-437-5798 District Chair: Megan Keller 717-372-7713

YAP State Conference: Four members attended the YAP State Conference early February in State College.

Watch for more info to come out on industry tours and speakers as they get scheduled.



County YAP members attended the District 10 YAP Bowling Social Night held at the Lewistown Moose



For more info on YAP summer picnic contact Megan Keller



June 25- Summer Picnic July 7- Farmers Night Out July 8- Region 3 Appreciation Meal July 9- State YAP Summer Picnic August 5-12- Youth Fair September 18- 3rd Grade Ag Tour set up September 19- 3rd Grade Ag Tour September 27- Fall Annual Meeting



### Silas Neer Region 3 Board Director



Growing up on his families dairy farm in Belleville, Silas's passion for agriculture grew at a young age. He enjoys custom harvesting for his brother and friends

from time to time. He is currently employed at Peachey Foods. He has been a farm bureau member since 2015 and has served on the board since 2018. Recently he married Leah and is passing his love of ag into her.

# Mifflin Gounty Farm Bureau Hello..... from our President

Thank you for paying your membership dues, watch for the renewals to come out in July-September As you can see from this newsletter our local Farm Bureau members have been busy. We would welcome seeing more of you at our summer picnic.

A special thank you to Dave Mitchell, Darv Yoder, and Ken Sechrist for all of their membership work!



### Farm Bureau Day

Dave Mitchell accepts award from ROD Ken Sechrist for Mifflin County being the closest County in the region for membership goal

#### Best regards, Tim Goss



Pennsylvania Farm Bureau State Board Director John Painter provided testimony to the Pennsylvania Senate Committee on Agricultural and Rural Affairs on behalf of PFB today on potential alternatives or revisions to the state's Class I over-order premium (OOP).

Painter shared PFB's position on OOP reform.

PFB believes any changes to the OOP must be aimed at three primary goals including (1) uniform distribution among all Pennsylvania dairy farmers; (2) the amount charged to Pennsylvania consumers is not substantially more than what is distributed back to Pennsylvania dairy farmers; and (3) the distribution system must not provide incentives by which payment of the premium can be avoided by moving milk across state lines.

Painter also expressed the importance of knowing how much milk is actually sold in Pennsylvania to aide in crafting specific proposals.

PFB supports last session's Senate Bills 840 and 841 and believes that they can assist in providing better data for all interested parties.

PFB supports the mentioned elements to enact a fairer premium structure for all stakeholders.

While we commend the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, and related parties for their efforts over the past year to bring a much needed and overdue spotlight to these issues, the General Assembly ultimately has the greatest ability to enact material changes to the over-order premium. As this Committee contemplates whether and how to enact such changes in the coming months, Pennsylvania Farm Bureau stands ready and willing to be a constructive partner in such efforts.

Painter is a Tioga County dairy farmer and serves as the chair of PFB's dairy committee.

Women's Leadership Committee Chair: Tina Goss 717-250-5562 District 10 Chair: Cheyenne Hepner cheyennemaben@gmail.com

### 2023 Kids Safety Contest

Theme- "No Seat, No Rider"



Contests are open to ALL children in Mifflin County, not just Farm Bureau Members.

All first place winners will be entered in the state PA Farm Bureau contest. Each first place and second place winners in the state level will recieve gift cards and first place winners will recieve an invite to the PFB Annual Meeting Award Banquet-November 13.



All entries MUST include the following information to be considered eligible: Child's name, address and phone number, Mifflin County, age category and parent name(s) Saturday, September 16, 2023 near State College/ Boalsburg

#### Safety Video Contest

Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee proudly introduces:

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Open to any youth 13-18 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 For more info anf application visit www.pfb.com/safetycontests

All entries must be submitted to the Mifflin County Women's Committee by June 1, 2023 Mail all entries to Megan Keller, 20 Woods Lane Lewistown PA 17044

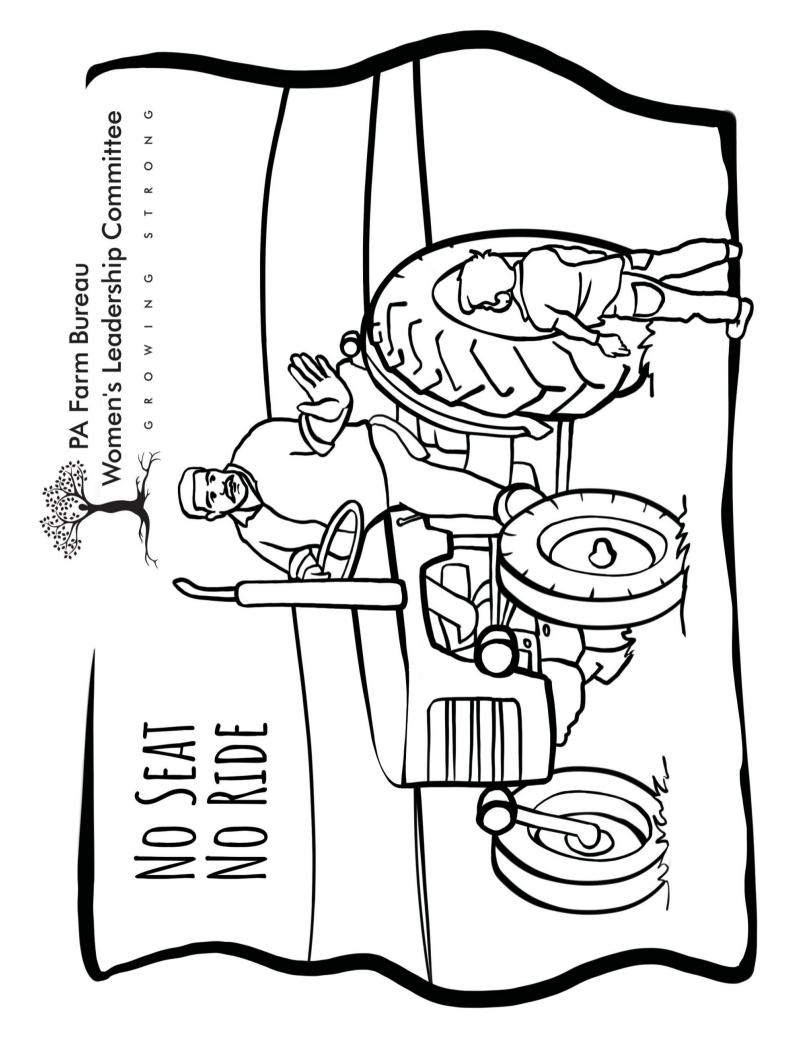
#### Poster Contest

Open to any youth ages 7-12 years old Two age categories, 7-9 and 10-12 Entries will be judges onthe following: -Dimensions: 8.5 x 11 inches -Color: Must be in color -Slogan: Ten Words, or less, which address the theme -Originiality: Be creative, no tracing, collages, or 3-D Download application at www.pfb.com/safetycontests

#### Coloring Page Guidelines

Open to any youth ages 4-6 years old Only the provided coloring page will be accepted (dpwnload at: www.pfb.com/safetycontests) Entries will be judged on the following: -Neatness -Appropriateness of coloring -Apperance

-Coloring within the lines



### **State Legislative Conference**





### **FARMER DINNER**



District 10 Representative Megan Keller spoke at the FARMER DINNER interacting with legislators

County Members attended the State Legislative Conference held on April 4, 2023 at the Harrisburg Hilton/Capital. Members had meeting with legislators. Pennsylvania Farm Bureau would like to thank Governor Josh Shapiro for taking the time to speak to our members at this year's PFB State Legislative Conference in Harrisburg! Shapiro outlined his administration's plans to advance agriculture in the Commonwealth and reflected on the importance of farming on the state's economy.

Farmers Night Out

Juniata Valley Winery 19175 Route 35 S. Mifflin

Friday July 7, 2023 5pm-10pm Live Music 7pm Food Truck on site

Farmers recieve FREE wine slushie

Bring a chair and enjoy good music with farmers

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