

## Mifflin County Farm Bureau Directors

## Mifflin County 3rd Grade Ag Tour

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“It’s become soemthing that really everyone in the community is very much aware of.” Glick Said. MCSD has given its full support because they initially took students to the event. In later years, private schools such as Sacred Heart of Jesus and Belleville Mennonite were added. Homeschoolers then came on board for the tour. Stone Valley Charter School was added this year.

“We’re amazed at how many kids do not know anything about a farm, and they live here in rural Mifflin County’. Glick Said. This year, 475 third-graders walked thugh the property. A tour guide representing the Farm Bureau and a teacher is assigned to each group of 25-30 children. More than 100 individuals volunteer to help make this event a success.

This year stations included lessons on calf raising, farm equipment, poultry and birds, beekeeping, animals, personal and pesticide safety, waste management and more.

“Dr. Chad from Centre Herd Health made a replica of a cows rectum, so the kids could feel what it is like to reach into a cow without the risk of actually having to with a real cow.” Glick said. “Very unique opportunity.” Cassie Yost, of Penn State Extension. also brought a real cow stomach for the kids to see all the compartments.

Students all received a take home bag with items from the day.

Thank you to all wjho help with this event to make it such a success!!!



# Mifflin County Farm Bureau

## Meet your Mifflin County Committee Chairs

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Megan Keller



## Farm To Table Gala

Mifflin County Farm Bureau's Women's Leadership Committee and the Young Agriculture Professional partnered to hold our second annual Farm to Table Gala.

The goal of our event is to bridge the gap between local producers/farmers and consumers by providing a healthy, nutritious meal almost entirely sourced from our local producers and farmers.

Brookmere Winery; Vineyard co-hosted the Farm to Table Gala September 7th. Chef K from Solid Gold Concessions planned and prepared the meal using locally sourced ingredients.

Let-Us Grow in Belleville,

Reedsville Creamery in Reedsville, Byler Goat Dairy in Belleville, Horningford Dairy in McVeytown, Yoderway Farm in McVeytown, Peachey Foods in Belleville, Peachey Produce in Belleville, Streamside Produce in Belleville, Mountainside Orchard in Belleville, Zook's Orchard in Belleville, Adam and Taylor White in Ferguson Valley. Hostetler's Country Market baked the Fruit Tarts,

Chris Hoffman, a Juniata County farmer and Pennsylvania Farm Bureau President, spoke about the importance of knowing your local farmers and producers. He also spoke about the importance of Farm Bureau membership.

This year we invited our vendors to set up a booth at the Gala. Pine Ridge Coffee, Yoderway Farm and Whispering Woods Farm all came and had the opportunity to sell items and meet consumers.

Special thanks to our sponsors and those who contributed: Gromark FS, Union Mill, Roy E Berrier Sons, DJ Kota, Back Mountain Flower Farm, and Tractor Supply.

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## YOUNG AG PROFFESIONAL

YAP Chair: Dylan Dietz 717-437-5798

District Chair: Megan Keller 717-372-7713

### YAP Leadership Conference

February 16-18, 2024

Harrisburg Hilton

Watch for the registration link to go live

**District 10 Industry Tour**  
**Back Mountain Flower Farm**  
**Milroy, Pa**  
**Cut Flower Farm**



If you have any ideas of workshops or trainings you want YAP to try to offer please send those to Megan

## UPCOMING EVENTS

November 3-4: Read with Farmer  
(Winter Wonderland)

December: Membership Kickoff

January: AFBF

February 10-11: Task Conference

February 16-18: YAP Leadership Conference

March: Farmers Care/Ag Literacy Week

## MEET YOUR BOARD MEMBER!

**Stan Dunk Jr**  
**Region 1 Board Director**



Stan is a third generation farmer operating an 800 acre crop and livestock farm alongside his son consisting of corn, soybeans, wheat, and hay. He has some beef cattle and fed cattle. He also raises custom bred heifers.

Stan is married to his wife, Stephanie, and they have four children.



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## Hello..... from our President

*Thank you to everyone who attended our annual meeting in September. I would like to thank all of our committee chairs and those who help with our community outreach activities.*

*Our membership campaign is in full gear. If you haven't renewed yet please do so as soon as possible. If you've already done so - THANK YOU!*

*Best regards, Tim Goss*

### Mifflin County Youth Fair

Young Ag Professional members Megan Keller, Taylor and Adam White, and Silas and Leah Neer designed and set up the fair display this year. The theme was Sunflowers. It included information, a coloring contest, and fun facts. We received best booth/display.



Tina Goss, Megan Keller, and Adam White also participated in kids day at the fair. Adam brought his barrel train and Megan and Tina taught about sunflowers.

### Ag Crates

Mifflin County Farm Bureau will be delivering 19 Ag Crates to local schools for the 2023-2024 school year. The following people sponsored crates to make this possible – Ernie Harrop, Sonieta Harrop, Megan Keller, Pam Stern, Anna Mackneer, Mike Carson, Tyler Mackneer, Randall and Sherry Wright, Tim Goss, Trent Goss, and Tina Goss.

**Women's Leadership  
Committee Chair:  
Tina Goss 717-250-5562**



# Mifflin County Farm Bureau

## Outstanding Woman in Ag Award

Mifflin County's 2023 Outstanding Woman in Ag is Sonieta Harrop. Sonieta is an active member of Mifflin County Farm Bureau, having served as Womens Committee chairperson in the past. She also served as the District 10 representative on the State Women's Leadership Committee. Sonieta serves on the Mifflin County Youth Fair Committee and the Open Show committee, having been a former chair of the Open Show Committee. She has previously served on the Mifflin County Extension Board and the Dairy Promotion committee, where she was the chairperson for 2 years. Sonieta is a member of the Milroy Presbyterian Church and serves as a deacon. She has been married to Ernie Harrop for 43 years and they have 4 children and 2 grandchildren.

Congratulations Sonieta.





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