



Save the Date

Spring Meeting

April 20, 2023

Farmer Care

April 20, 2023

Member Picnic

July 9, 2023

Fall Meeting

October 12, 2023

Women's Leadership

Growing Leaders Conference

July 29, 2023

Please Join Us

Butler County Farm Bureau

Spring Meeting

Date: Thursday, April 20, 2023

Fellowship begins at 6:00pm Dinner at 6:30pm

Place: Prospect Fire Hall, 373 Main St, Prospect, PA 16052

Buffet Dinner: Cost \$18.00 per person

Agenda: Game Commission Red Tag Changes – Spotted Lantern Fly Report - Committees and Service Reports

Butler County Young Ag Professionals report and more.

A special drawing of those in attendance for a 2024 paid membership to Butler County Farm Bureau

Door Prizes

RSVP by April 15, 2023

Mail checks payable to Butler County Farm Bureau to Evelyn Minter

362 North Road, Butler, PA 16001

Or Call 724-679-8169 for more information.



Farmers Care – Ronald McDonald House
Donations Appreciated
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Please contact Larry Voll – 724-789-9219
Before April 20, 2023

The Butler County Farm Bureau will be celebrating, as a means of recognizing that growing and raising wholesome food is a farmer's top goal. Pennsylvania farmers are committed to producing safe, abundant and healthy food and the Farm Bureau is helping consumers find solutions to eating healthy on a stretched budget. Farmer Care – Ronald McDonald House Promotion will be observed through a charitable donation of non-perishable food, paper products, and monetary to the region's Ronald McDonald House located in Pittsburgh. "The Ronald McDonald House is a great home away from home for parents and children waiting for a loved one having treatment at the hospital. It's a perfect way for us to recognize the bounty from our farms. A contribution of non-perishable food, paper products, or Monetary donations can be mailed to Larry Voll, 358 Woodlands Road, Evans City, PA 16033. The donated items will be presented to Ronald McDonald House during a Farmer Care event at The Ronald McDonald House in Pittsburgh on April 20, 2023. The statewide event sponsored by the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau will benefit all six Ronald McDonald Houses in the Commonwealth.

Butler County Farm Bureau
c/o James and Linda Halstead
134 Glade Mill Road
Saxonburg, PA 16056

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If You Eat You are Involved in Agriculture

Save the Date

Member Picnic July 9, 2023

Rural Roads Safety Week April 15 – 22, 2023

Pennsylvania has more rural roads than any other state in the country. Especially during springtime, more farmers are driving large equipment on rural roads which, in turn, increases farm machinery accidents. The Rural Roads Safety program was created in 2000 by the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau. Rural Roads Safety Week, a joint campaign between the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, State Police, and the state departments of Agriculture and Transportation, is designed to educate the general public and farmers about safety concerns on rural roads, particularly in relation to slow-moving vehicles. Additionally, it alerts motorists across Pennsylvania to drive cautiously on rural roads and to slow down when approaching large farm equipment on back roads. The goal of the campaign is to reduce the number of accidents on rural roads and to save lives.

Scholarships

Farm Bureau Members and their direct descendants seeking further education in an agricultural related field are eligible to apply to receive a scholarship. Please contact Linda Halstead 724-272-5595

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

Contact Evelyn Minter
724-679-8169



Farmers Breakfast

Hosted by Rep. Marci Mustello

Guest Speaker

Secretary of Agriculture Russell Redding

Friday, April 28,
from 9:30–11:30 a.m.

American Legion Post 778
150 Legion Memorial Lane, Butler
There is NO cost to attend

RSVP is required at RepMustello.com/events
or by calling 724-283-5852.

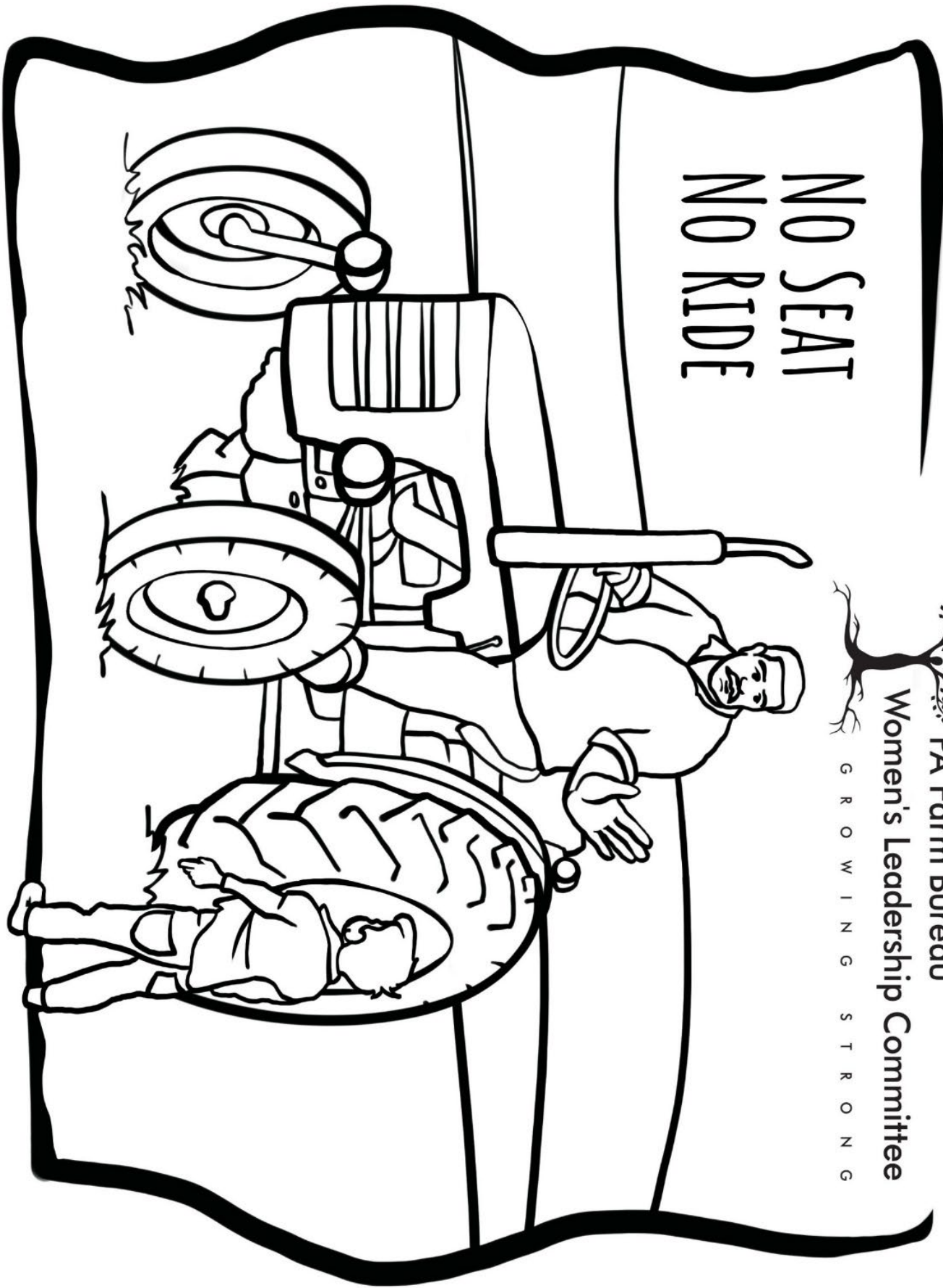
Deadline for registration is
Thursday, April 20.

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PA Farm Bureau

Women's Leadership Committee

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Contest Guidelines Available at:

<https://pfb.com/be-involved/womens-leadership-committee/safety-contests/>

Mail Butler County to Evelyn Minter, 362 North Road, Butler, PA 16001 – 724-679-8169



The PA Friends of Ag Foundation Educator's Ag Institute provides a unique learning experience for PreK-12th 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.

For more information attend our Spring Meeting on April 20, 2023

Or call Donna Vogel at 724-538-8413



Educational experience for elementary and middle school students.

The Mobile Agriculture Education Science Lab is a **40-foot mobile classroom that travels** across the state of Pennsylvania bringing an interactive field trip style experience directly to schools and students in grades K-8. The Mobile Ag Lab is equipped with **over 30 STEM-based science experiments and lessons**, a certified teacher, and all the supplies needed for a hands-on learning experience. Each science experiment is designed to emphasize a different aspect of agriculture, including Pennsylvania's commodities, the environment, biotechnology, food and fiber. While on our lab, students work cooperatively to solve a problem as they form a hypothesis, collect data and draw conclusions while focusing on the scientific method. Each lesson on the Mobile Ag Lab focuses on increasing student knowledge on the importance of agriculture and its impact on their daily lives.

PA Farms to Families
IMMERSION LAB
Powered by **GIANT**



Ever wonder where your food comes from? Have you ever stopped to think about the science and knowledge that goes into growing and raising the peppers in your salad or the beef in your burger? Find out the answers to these questions and more in the Foundation Agriculture Immersion Lab!

The PA Farms to Families Immersion Lab powered by **GIANT**, supported by the Pennsylvania Friends of Agriculture Foundation and **Pennsylvania Farm Bureau**, allows guests to learn about PA farms, discover environmental considerations to impact food production, experience riding on a tractor through a VR corn field, quiz yourself to see how well you know common fruits and vegetables, practice building a balanced meal with Pennsylvania-grown foods and learn about the community it takes to bring food from the field to the plate for PA families.

All these activities and more are waiting for you inside the Pennsylvania Friends of Agriculture's new exhibit trailer! You can explore Pennsylvania's agriculture through hands-on activities, creative exhibits, and fun games. It's our latest tool to help Connect Families for a Better Future through agriculture and education.

PA farms highlighted within immersion lab:

- **BrightFarms**– Aquaponics
- **Painterland Farms**– Organic, Regenerative Dairy Farm
- **Lazy Hog Farm** – Hoffman Farms
- Buono Farms- Mushroom Farming

Schools can book the immersion lab through the PA Friends of Agriculture Foundation website (see link below). Families will also be able to engage with the immersion lab at various PA events as well as at select GIANT locations and GIANT sponsored events.

Butler County Farm Bureau at Work

AFBF FUSION 2023 – Jacksonville, FL

Farm Bureau Days – Soergel Orchards

TASK – Penn State

Thiele's Dairy Farm – Rep. Steph Sciallabo

YAP Bowling

Ag Literacy Week – Thank you Amy Metrick for arranging 60 books read to 60 classrooms

Upcoming:

Harrisburg, PA Legislative Conference

Spring Meeting

Ronald McDonald House – Farmers Care Visit

Penn State Trustee Elections – Penn State

Butler Farm Show

Rural Road Safety Week

Member Picnic

Women's Leadership Growing Leaders Conference

Legislative Update

Fall Meeting

Annual Meeting – Hershey, PA

And more!

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.



Young Ag Professionals – District 15 Bowling Night



Butler County at Farm Bureau Days – Soergel Orchards



Rep. Stephenie Scialabba visited with Butler County Farm Bureau Members at the Thiele Farm