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bring your Family
to the
CVF Fall Annual
Meeting

Tuesday, August 12, 2025
Fryburg Sportsman's
Club Farm
3100 Marble Strobbleton
Road, Tionesta, PA



Guest Speaker TBA

Doors open at 6:00. Dinner at 6:30 PM
Meat, beverages and tableware
will be provided.
Please bring a large covered dish
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CVF Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser



Saturday, June 7

7:30 –11 AM

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Buttermilk pancakes, sausage
links, maple syrup, OJ, milk and
coffee served
\$10 adults \$5 Kids



Have a hearty
breakfast and
then enjoy the
**Big Foot
Festival
In Marienville**

We need your help, please contact Jordan Siegel
to volunteer.

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We need more directors on the CVF Board since the resignation of three key people. Please, consider helping out with your time and talent.



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Having the safety talk with your kids isn't just important—it's essential.

In 2023, 19% of deaths in off-highway vehicle (OHV) accidents were children under 16, with only 2% wearing helmets. The **Let's Champion Rider Safety®** campaign, provides tips and resources for effective safety discussions and protection for young riders.



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Board Meetings

The regular meeting of the CVF Board is the **first Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM**. The Board will be meeting at the Clarion Co. Cooperative Extension Office. Changes in the meeting locations will be posted on the CVF Facebook page and the website: www.cvffarmbureau.com. **All CVF members are welcome to attend the meetings to express their ideas and to become involved in the county work.**

Bud Wills Honored At Legislative Breakfast



Bud Wills, a longtime member of the CVF Board and Government Relations Director, was recognized for his many years of service at the

Legislative Breakfast held on February 21. The breakfast was his last official GRD event. Bud has organized many legislative farm tours, legislative breakfasts and made many trips to Harrisburg to meet with legislators over the last 15 + years.

The breakfast was well attended by our state and local lawmakers. Senator Scott Hutchinson and Representative Josh Bashline gave updates on what is happening in Harrisburg. Sen. Hutchinson focused on the

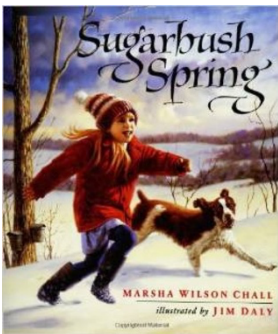


state budget proposal that he felt was way out of line with the revenue coming in. Rep. Bashline addressed the issue of legalizing marijuana, emphasizing that the legislature needs to examine the criminal impact of



legalizing it.

Other issues discussed included the impact of large deer herds on agriculture and problems on township roads.



2026 Farm-tastic Book-Sugarbush Spring

This book is an engaging story about a family's annual sugaring season. It is informative on how maple syrup is made, but please note that the book

does not depict modern agricultural practices.

CVF will be buying this book for the elementary schools. If you would like a copy, orders are being taken beginning in April and ending in August. The price is \$11 each.

Contact Linda Stahlman or Michele McMinn to order.

Harrisburg Legislative Day April 8

Jordan Siegel and Paul Stahlman joined hundreds of Pennsylvania Farm Bureau members who traveled to Harrisburg to discuss Pennsylvania Farm Bureau's priorities for 2025 with state lawmakers as part of PFB's annual State Legislative Conference.

PFB members, legislators and their staff attended a luncheon where they heard from key state officials, including Governor Josh Shapiro, Secretary of Agriculture Russell Redding, House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Chair Rep. Eddie Day Pashinski, House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Minority Chair Rep. Dan Moul and Senator Judy Schwank, the Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Minority Chair.

Gov. Shapiro reinforced his commitment to Pennsylvania's agricultural industry at the conference. Shapiro also emphasized the partnership between the legislature, Farm Bureau and his administration which has been working hard to continue to keep agriculture a top priority in the 2025-26 state budget.

"I made a commitment that we would put agriculture at the center of our work to grow our economy here in Pennsylvania and create opportunities for farmers across our commonwealth to help our ag industry grow," Shapiro said. "I told you that agriculture would be a top priority for my administration and I'm back here today to say that we delivered. That is because of the extraordinary partnership that we have with the folks in this room and the Farm Bureau here in Pennsylvania, who do incredible work representing you every single day in the halls of power."



During a news conference at the Capitol, PFB President Chris Hoffman shared PFB's 2025 state priorities, including the challenges that wildlife damage presents to farmers' bottom lines. Hoffman noted that PFB has been working with legislators in both the House and Senate to help mitigate this. Other topics discussed included energy, environmental issues, dairy and the state budget.



"Today could not be possible without the support and dedication of our Farm Bureau members," Hoffman said. "The members you see here today have either taken time away from their operation, taken off work or missed out on precious family time to spread the word of agriculture. I cannot express my gratitude to them enough for what they do day in and day out."

Rodeo Cancelled

In March, the CVF Board realized that we were very short on sponsorship funds to host the Bull Mania Rodeo. We tried our best making contacts with numerous businesses in Clarion, Venango and Forest Counties but the money did not come in. Rather than jeopardize the funds we do have in our Ag Education Fund, we felt it in our best interest to not go forward with the rodeo.

We are grateful to have the sponsors who did send us money. We sent them letters offering to refund their money or offering to redirect it to various Ag education projects.

Those sponsors include Cook Forest Scenic Trail Ride, Rustler Sales & Service, LLC, Lutz Concrete Construction, Pivot Bio, Allegheny Mineral Corporation, M&S Meats LLC, Hetrick Farm Supply and the Charles Leach Agency. Please support these businesses in return.

Thinking of Running for A Community Office?

Here's an opportunity to learn what it takes to be a good leader.

Save the Date

AFBF Campaign School

September 25 & 26, 2025

Interested in running for office at any level? Come learn how to be a successful community leader

Hosted by:



Questions:

Bailey Fisher
bmfisher@pfb.com

State Mandated Reporting for Businesses in 2025



The Pennsylvania Department of State is now requiring **Annual Reports** for nearly all registered businesses, beginning in **2025**. This replaces the older **decennial report** system.

Who Must File?

- **For-Profit Corporations** (domestic & foreign)
- **Limited Liability Companies (LLCs)** (domestic & foreign)
- **Nonprofits, Limited Partnerships, and LLPs**

Each entity type has a different due date:

Entity Type Annual Due Date (starting 2025)

Domestic & Foreign Corporations - **June 30**

Domestic & Foreign LLCs - **September 30**

Nonprofits - **December 31**

What's Included in the Report?

- Business name
- Jurisdiction of formation
- Registered office address
- Principal office address
- Name of at least one governor (director, member, partner, etc., depending on type of association)
- Names and titles of the principal officers, if any
- Entity number issued by the Pennsylvania Department of State

How to File:

You can file online through the Pennsylvania Department of State's Business Filing

System: <https://file.dos.pa.gov>

Annual Reports submitted online will be automatically approved

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Important Notes:

- There is a **\$7 filing fee**, except for nonprofits which are **exempt from the fee**.
- This is a **yearly requirement** — not a one-time filing.
- **Missing the deadline may result in administrative dissolution or loss of registration**, which can prevent your business from legally operating in Pennsylvania.

Why This Matters for Farm and Ag Businesses:

Even if you're not a large operation, if your farm is registered as an LLC or corporation, **this applies to you**. It's a quick filing but **critical to keep your registration active**.

Relevant links with FAQs - [Annual Reports | Department of State | Commonwealth of Pennsylvania](#)
[How to File an Annual Report in Business Filing Services](#)

Please email State and Local Affairs Specialist Mitchell Kurek at mtkurek@pfb.com with any questions.

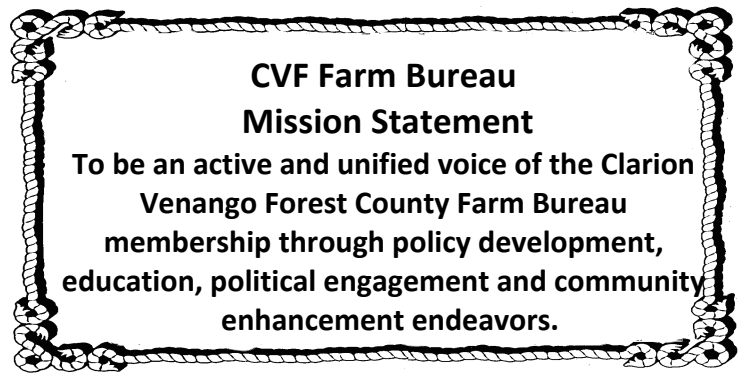
YAP News

Contact John Mark Miller (YAP Rep. 724-599-5967) if you are interested in participating in the YAP events being planned.

August 3—Western Region Summer Picnic being held at Dalewood Farms in Loretto.

Blast Away Hunger-- date TBA
For early September

We still have 2 free YAP Memberships to give away.



**We Welcome
our Newest
Members**

Clarion County

Elizabeth Daugherty
Christian Delagrange
Matthew Delagrange
Darl George

Dealing with Inheritance Tax?

Bailey Fisher, PFB Federal Affairs Specialist, is looking for input from the PFB membership about how inheritance tax has affected them. You can contact her at bmfisher@pfb.com to give her your thoughts.

Urgent Need

CVF Needs three-four Board Members and a new Government Affairs Director (GRD). Paul is filling in until we find someone who has a great interest in legislation. You might be the perfect person to get involved.

Congressman Glenn "GT" Thompson Honored with Golden Plow Award

The American Farm Bureau Federation and Pennsylvania Farm Bureau on Tuesday, April 22, presented



House Agriculture Committee Chairman Glenn 'GT' Thompson with AFBF's Golden Plow award at Wasson's Farm Market in State College.

The Golden Plow is the highest honor the organization gives to sitting members of Congress. This is the second Golden Plow award for Chairman Thompson. He was previously honored in 2014.

"From the moment he took office, Chairman Thompson has worked tirelessly on issues impacting farmers, ranchers and rural communities," said AFBF President Zippy Duvall. "His unwavering support for hardworking farm families has earned him the Friend of Farm Bureau award for eight consecutive sessions, so presenting him with the Golden Plow award seems only natural. Chairman Thompson's dedication to rural America is needed now more than ever, and his character is the epitome of what a Golden Plow recipient should be."

"Agriculture is the backbone of the American economy, providing the country with food security, which translates to national security," Rep. Thompson said. "As Chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, it remains a true privilege to serve the hardworking men, women, and farm families who feed, fuel, and clothe the world. I am honored to receive the Golden Plow Award once again and thank Pennsylvania Farm Bureau for their continued advocacy on behalf of the Commonwealth's number one industry."



Pennsylvania Farm Bureau nominated Thompson for the award in honor of his work in advancing a new and modernized farm bill, making disaster and economic

assistance available to farmers, support of the dairy industry, and his work to solve the agricultural labor crisis.

"It has been an honor to have Congressman Thompson as the Chair of the U.S. House Agriculture Committee and in turn have Pennsylvania's agriculture represented nationally," Pennsylvania Farm Bureau President Chris Hoffman said. "Congressman Thompson has dedicated countless days and nights to the betterment of farmers everywhere. His bipartisan leadership has strengthened the support for agriculture across both sides of the aisle."

Nationwide Presents at Annual Spring Meeting

Todd Givler, Nationwide PFB Rep, Sean Link and Mark Rosen, Nationwide agents, gave the presentation, "A Will Does Not Make a Transition Plan", to members attending the spring annual meeting held on April 22 at Trinity Point.

They emphasized that farm transition planning involves more than just drafting a will. Families need honest communication about how the farm is to be transitioned. They need to consider the questions of who, what, when and how as they make their plans. Nationwide has a program called Land as Your Legacy to help families in this process. If you would like to start planning now, Mark would be happy to help you get started.

His contact information is Mark D Rosen, CLU®

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President Jordan Siegel reported on various events that CVF was involved with over the winter. He was most impressed with the Harrisburg Legislative Day, which he attended for the first time. It helped him realize how influential PFB is with our state legislators and thus PFB is an important organization to be part of for people in the agriculture community.

The new CVF By-laws were presented and passed with the vote of the members in attendance. State Board member Ray McMinn made the point that the legislators do listen to the concerns of our grassroots organization. ROD Michele McMinn urged those present to talk up membership in their communities. Our membership is now at 335 and we have two free YAP memberships to give away. The meeting concluded with an auction of the items brought to the meeting that raised \$530 for the Raise the Barn Campaign.

Are You Turning 65 This Year and Going on Medicare?



Choosing your Medicare plan can be overwhelming. It can be hard to figure out what you want, or more important, what you need.

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Notable Events in 2025

All CVF members are welcome to attend the CVF Board Meetings.

June 5-- CVF Board Meeting, 7 PM, Clarion County Extension Office

June 7—Big Foot Pancake Breakfast, Marienville

July 3-- CVF Board Meeting, 7 PM, Clarion County Extension Office

August 7-- CVF Board Meeting, 7 PM, Clarion County Extension Office

August 3—Western Region YAP Summer Picnic, Valewood Farms, Loretto

August 12—Fall Annual Meeting, Fryburg Sportsman's Club Farm

September 4-- CVF Board Meeting, 7 PM, Clarion County Extension Office



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