

Bring your Family to the CVF Annual Spring Meeting &

Ice Cream Social

Tuesday, March 22, 2022

Trinity Point Church of God Social Hall

6 PM (Doors open at 5:30)



Serving apple dumplings and ice cream
at the beginning of the meeting.

Donation Jar available
Please bring items for the Chinese auction

Agenda
Wrap-up of the CVF year
Scholarship winners drawn
Policy development suggestions welcomed

Please RSVP to Jordan Siegel at jordansiegel007@gmail.com or
814-221-5301 by March 15.

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Scholarships Available

CVF Farm Bureau is offering three scholarships for post-secondary students coming from member households. The application is included in this newsletter. See the application for the requirements and have it sent in by March 15, 2022. The winners' names will be randomly drawn and announced at the Annual Spring Meeting held on March 22, 2022.

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Clarion Venango Forest County Farm Bureau \$500 Scholarship Application

Submission Deadline March 15, 2022-Please Read the Application Carefully!

Previous winners are eligible and encouraged to apply.

Applicants Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone (Area Code): _____ email: _____

College, Technical, or Trade School Name: _____

College Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Major: _____ School Student ID#: _____

Anticipated Dates of Attendance: _____ CVF Membership number: _____

CVF Membership Name: _____ CVF Membership Township: _____

Eligibility Requirements:

Applicant must:

Be a member or from a member household of the Clarion Venango Forest County Farm Bureau.

Be enrolled to attend one of a variety of post-secondary institutions for the next school year. These include, but are not limited to: four year colleges, business colleges, graduate schools, technical schools, trade schools, and community colleges.

Applicant must have maintained a 2.0 or higher QPA, "C" grade average, or 80% grade average.
(current high school or college)

Application Requirements:

Submit a **completed** Scholarship Application Form.

Provide a **current grade transcript**, *need not be an *official* transcript.

Question should be directed to your school guidance counselor or CVF Farm Bureau at (814) 221-5301

Return completed application requirements to:

Clarion Venango Forest County Farm Bureau, 386 Shoup Rd, Knox, PA 16232



Pennsylvania Farm Bureau

Pulling Together for the Future of Agriculture

SAVE THE DATE!

Join us in Greene County

Regional Women's Leadership Conference

*"Embracing the Past—
Focusing on the Future"*

Wednesday, July 13, 2022

9:00am to 3:00pm \$16 per person

Valley View Farm

108 Orndorf Road

Waynesburg, PA

15370

Take a look at several of our local farms who have re-invented themselves to continue family involvement in farming. Speakers from Valley View Farm, Orndorff's Belgians, Thistlethwaite Vineyards and Lippencott Alpacas will be sharing their stories. Our key-note speaker will remind us all that we are women who have a role in the future of agriculture. Visit vendors and displays that showcase the best that we have to offer and go home with special items that represent Greene County! We have a lovely day planned and hope to see you there!

For those who are traveling a distance and wish to spend the night, a block of rooms has been reserved at the Hampton Inn just off of the Waynesburg exit off I-79 and a Meet and Greet is planned there at 7pm the evening before. To reserve a room, call 724-802-1010 before June 12 and use the code "Farm Bureau Convention" to receive the discounted rate.

We will host a basket raffle with all proceeds going to the Ag Lab. Each county is to bring one raffle item and a centerpiece.

Look for complete event flyer and registration information coming soon.



Women's Leadership Committee

2002 Safety Contest

The Annual Safety Contest will include a coloring page for children 4-6 Years old, a 3-D contest for those 7-12 years old and a video contest for those ages 13-18. All the rules and the coloring page for the contests can be found online on the PFB website under the *Be Involved* tab on the Women's Leadership Committee page (<https://pfb.com/be-involved/womens-leadership-committee/>). All entries must be submitted to county president Jordan Siegel by June 1, 2022.

The theme is "Animal Safety—Please Ask to Touch or Pet Animals" for all the contests.



Coloring Page

1st Place--\$25 Visa gift card

2nd Place--\$15 cash

3-D

1st Place--\$50 Visa gift card

2nd Place--\$25 cash

Video

1st Place--\$100 Visa gift card

2nd Place--\$50 cash

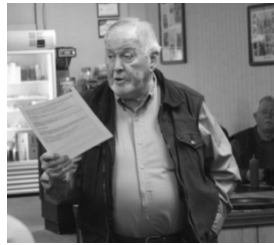
All first-place winners will receive a ticket and one for a parent to attend the PFB Annual Meeting on Monday, November 15, 2022. Their entry will be announced in the *Grassroots Advocate* and displayed at Ag Progress Days and the PBF Annual Meeting.

Note: Coloring pages will be available at our Spring Annual Meeting on March 22, 2022.

Legislative Breakfast Draws Attention to Key Issues

Several members of the CVF Board met with county, state and federal legislators on February 11 over breakfast.

Governmental Relations Director, Bud Wills welcomed the participants and handed out papers outlining the public policy directives



that are the priority focus in 2022. The state issues include meat processing, storm and clean water solutions, dairy, transportation, minimum royalty and Lyme disease. Federal issues include water/WOTUS and labor/immigration. Detailed information on each of these subjects can be obtained from Bud.

Legislators present included 21st District State Senator, Scott Hutchinson, 63rd District State Representative Donna Oberlander, Brad Moore, District Director for Senator Glenn “GT” Thompson, Clarion County Commissioners, Ed Heasley, Ted Tharan and Wayne Brosius, Venango County Commissioners Chip Abramovic and Mike Dulaney, and Forest County Commissioner Mark Kingston.

Senator Hutchinson spoke about the current



budget being proposed by the governor as being a “recipe for disaster” because they would use one-time federal funds for things that could not be supported in the future without those funds. He also said that people in Ag need tax changes in depreciation expenses and in lifetime farm exchanges.

Representative Oberlander addressed, among other things, the importance of getting more meat processing plants in our region and the bridge tolling issues. She is also working to introduce transportation legislation to increase weight limits and reduce permitting on wider loads.

Clarion County Commissioner Ted Tharan talked about the new Solar & Wind Ordinance in Clarion County that requires bonds to be in place to create

solar and wind fields. He also talked about the need for property reassessment in Clarion County. It has been 75 years since properties were assessed and that there are many inequities that need to be addressed.

Forest County Commissioner Mark Kingston talked about the improvements in broadband services and in EMS services in the county. They are getting two new ambulances and will be training approximately 20 new EMTs.



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CVF Farm Bureau Mission Statement

To be an active and unified voice of the Clarion Venango Forest County Farm Bureau membership through policy development, education, political engagement and community enhancement endeavors.



The 2022 WLC Farm-tastic book is **Barn at Night** by Michelle Houts with Illustrations by Jen Betton.

CVF donated a copy to each elementary school in our three counties. We have several extra copies available for \$10 each. You can have one by contacting Linda Stahlman. They will also be for sale at our Spring Annual Meeting.



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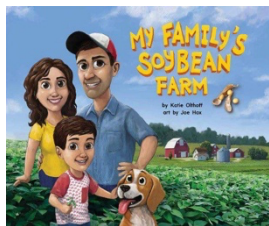
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Remember to call Jordan to RSVP for our Annual Spring Meeting and ice Cream Social!

CVF will Celebrate AG Literacy Week March 14-18



Paul and Linda Stahlman will be reading *My Family's Soybean Farm* by Katie Olthoff, and illustrated by Joe Hox to the kindergarten

classes at Redbank Valley Primary. The story details the day to day activities of a farming family through the eyes of young Alexander who lives on his family's farm. Throughout the book, readers will learn about how plants grow, the nutrients they need to grow and how they are harvested. The book highlights how farmers care for their land and how farming practices have changed over the years using modern technology.

Region 6 Farm Bureau Day—March 7

The Region 6 Farm Bureau will be held at the Wolf's Den, Knox, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 7, 2022. State and Federal legislative updates will be given by Darrin Youker, State Government Affairs Director, and Kristina Watson, Federal Government Affairs Director. They will also instruct the audience on how to utilize legislative information. WLC State Chairwoman Michele McMinn will present a mental health session on dealing with the stresses affecting farmers. William Thiele, Butler County, will show the uses of drones in Ag. There will also be presentations by the PA No-Till Alliance and MSC. Please RSVP to ROD Isaac Harrington by February 25. 717-982-3280 or irharrington@pfb.com.

7' Great Plains No-till Planter available for rent to producers in Clarion County



Great Plains 706NT

The Great Plains 7' End Wheel No-Till Drill offers the perfect balance between smaller drill versatility and larger drill productivity. Designed for excellent ground gauging in rugged terrain, the drill's inline end wheels minimize sideloading on contours and side-hills, dramatically extending the life of the no-till openers. This drill comes with a standard 17-bushel main seed box, a small seed box, and a native grass box. Other features include 4-speed gearbox, mechanical clutch for end-row turns, a calibration crank, central grease bank, and rain-tight lids for seed protection.

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- Small Seed Box.
- Native Seed Box.
- 10 openers
- 3,800 towing weight
- 75 HP Recommended
- Rent for \$12/acre
- PBF Members get \$1/acre discount

Contact Tricia Mazik at the Clarion Conservation District to reserve
249 S. 2nd Ave., Clarion, PA 16214
Tel. 814-227-5530
Email: mazikccd@gmail.com



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Ag Promo Committee to Hold T.A.S.K. Conference in March

The T.A.S.K. (Together Advocacy Stimulates Knowledge) Conference workshop sessions will begin at **9 a.m. on March 12** at the Penn Stater Hotel, State College. Gian Paul Gonzalez will kick off this year's conference with an inspiring story on how his chapel talk inspired the New York Giants to a Super Bowl run.

This year's retooled conference offers an exciting lineup of speakers that will provide Farm Bureau members and guests with new ideas on how to engage with their communities on topics such as podcasting, writing an ag children's book, social media and Gen Z and educational resources for county ag promotion committees. Attendees will also have the opportunity to experience one of the Mobile Ag Ed Science Lab lessons.

Each county Farm Bureau receives three complimentary spots. Registration is \$65 and includes lunch. Contact Jordan if you are interested in going.

For additional information, go to www.pfb.com/AgPromoConference to register and for additional details.

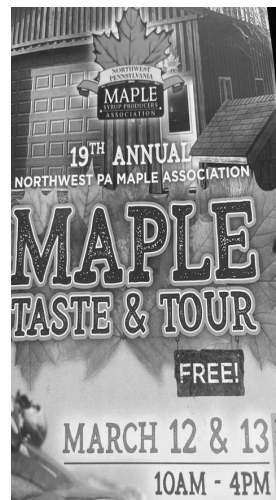
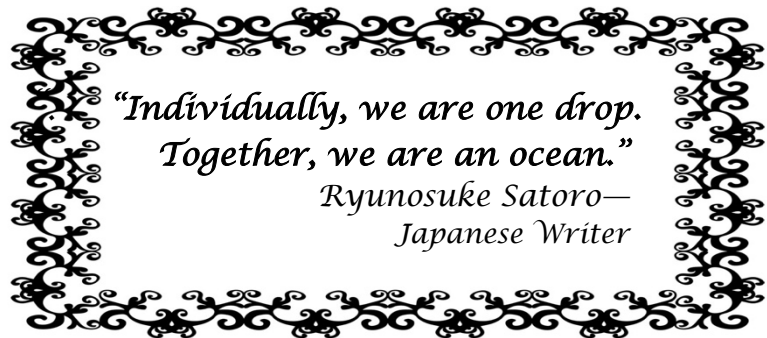


We Welcome These New Members to CVF

Mike & Sandra Beary, Shippenville
Kord & Kaci Rankin, Rimersburg
Evan & Kimberly Rowe, Fairmount City
Eric & Katherine Ewing, Franklin

State Legislative Conference March 30, 2022

Governmental Relations Director, Bud Wills and Director Paul Stahlman will be in Harrisburg on March 30 to meet with 21st District State Senator Scott Hutchinson and 63rd District State Representative Donna Oberlander in their offices. If you have policy issues that you want addressed, please let Bud know ahead of that time.



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Fairmount City, PA 16224

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Mailing Address
Street Number and Name
City, PA 98765-4321



Notable Events in 2022

March 1 - CVF Board Meeting, 7:00 PM, Home of Paul Stahlman, 175 Marks Lane, Fairmount City
March 7 – Farm Bureau Day, 9 AM -3 PM, Wolf's Den
March 11-12 - TASK Conference, Penn Stater Hotel & Conference Center
March 14-18 - Ag Literacy Week
March 15 - Deadline to submit CVF Scholarship Applications
March 15 - Deadline for RVSP to Annual Meeting & Ice Cream Social
March 17- Western PA Grazing Conference RVSP by March 10
March 22 - Annual Spring Meeting, Trinity Point, 6 PM. Please RSVP to Jordan
March 30 - State Legislative Conference, Capitol Building, Harrisburg
April 5 - CVF Board Meeting, 7:00 PM. Place TBA
April 17-23 - Rural Roads Safety Week
May 3 - CVF Board Meeting, 7:00 PM. Place TBA
May 5 - PSU Trustee Election
June 1 – Deadline to submit Safety Contest entries to President Jordan Siegel

NOTE: Any last-minute changes in meeting locations will be posted on the CVFacebook page and website: www.cvffarmbureau.com