

Washington County Farm Bureau

Spring 2023 Newsletter

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Spring Meeting

Thursday, March 16, 2023

Mt. Pleasant Fire Hall, Hickory

Registration 6 PM and Dinner 7 PM

Cost \$16 per person Pay at Door

RSVP to Gary Woodruff by 3/10/23

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Washington County Farm Bureau (PA)

Why!

This is a quick way to get information to you about meetings that maybe of interest to you in a timely matter.

* PFB & Nationwide Insurance are holding virtually meetings to update your pesticide applicators license.

* Washington Co. Conservation District is holding a Forage Meeting in the county on March 23. 5:30 Registration & Dinner. 6:15 How to Produce Quality Baleage. 7:00 Mower Setup. 7:45 Alternative Forages. RVSP by 3/15/23 to 724-705-7098 ext. 206 Tom Ulrich

* Other Important articles!

The Washington County Farm Bureau board of directors meet monthly at the Washington County Conservation District Office on the second Monday of every month. (Can change due to National Holidays or State Annual meeting). Any WCFB member is welcome to attend, so contact a director if there is an issue that we might be able to help with.

- Your County Board will meet with the County Commissioners at least twice this year to discuss issues that effect the agricultural community.
- On April 4 we will be in Harrisburg to meet with the local Legislators to talk about issues that members are facing daily.
- The County also does a Farm Tour in August, to give the legislators a first hand look at the agricultural industry. (Farm Markets, Wineries, Sheep, Dairy, Beef, etc.)
- "AG Days at the Fair" in April 21-22, 2023. We are having a photo contest, theme "Farming in Action". All photos must be 5" x 7" MATTED. Two age groups: 15 & under and 16 & older. Drop of at Agway by April 19, 2023.
- April 22, 2023, 7AM to 10AM, Food Drive Collection will happen in the Junior building for any 4-H Club to collect food for the Washington County Food Bank. Monetary gifts to be awarded to the clubs on the amount of food collected.
- We also support our local FFA Chapters by donating them money to purchase a FFA jacket for one of their students.
- The Annual County Picnic is August 6, 2023 at 1 PM at the Cross Creek Park on the West Middletown side. The Board also has been giving out a scholarship to a student of a WCFB member attending higher education, we have given out 13 scholarships since we started in 2016.
- We also hold a twine, net wrap and silage wrap sale for our members to purchase these products at discount in December. In the last three years it was been a struggle to get any of these products. The small profit that we get from the sale, goes to the scholarship fund, so that we can continue to give them out each year.
- Any member can bring a resolution to the county annual meeting in October that can be discussed and voted on, to become County, State or National policy. This organization is a grassroots organization, meaning that policy comes from the local county to the higher up.

Our membership has dwindled over the pass several years, but we remain strong. We need to grow our membership with new members to continue to make this organization strong for the future of agriculture. If this organization would fail to exist, then the future will be beak for our future families to continue to farm with more regulations on them. The board is always going for volunteers to give a little help to help with activities of the organization. If you can lend a hand, please contact any director to give your support. Thanks

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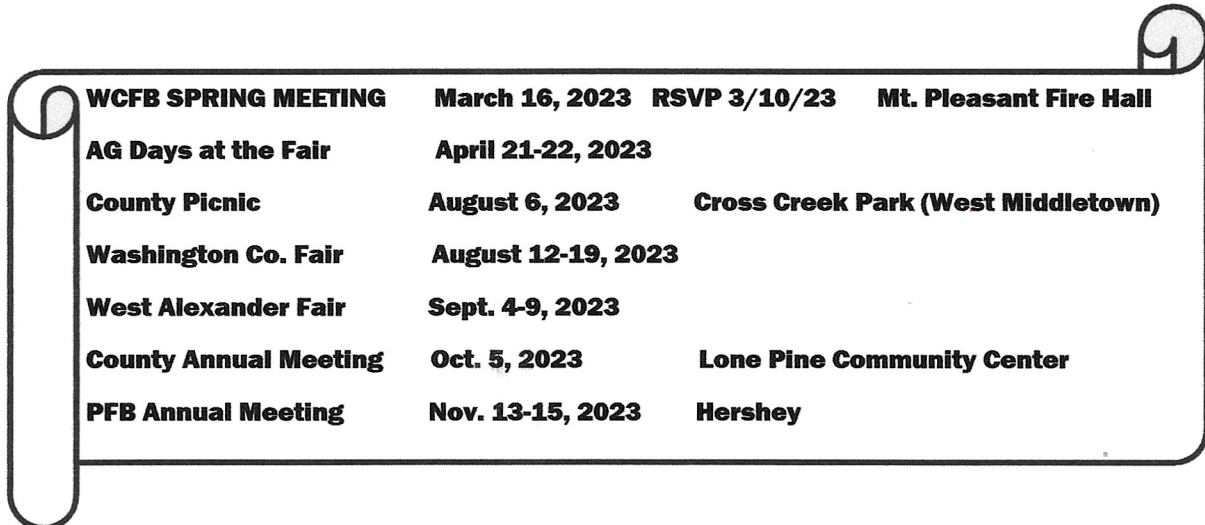
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WCFB SPRING MEETING	March 16, 2023	RSVP 3/10/23	Mt. Pleasant Fire Hall
AG Days at the Fair	April 21-22, 2023		
County Picnic	August 6, 2023		Cross Creek Park (West Middletown)
Washington Co. Fair	August 12-19, 2023		
West Alexander Fair	Sept. 4-9, 2023		
County Annual Meeting	Oct. 5, 2023		Lone Pine Community Center
PFB Annual Meeting	Nov. 13-15, 2023		Hershey

WCFB Scholarship Application

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name of WCFB Member: _____ # _____

Relationship to Applicant _____

Name of Institution You Attend: _____

Address: _____

Major: _____ Fr So Jr Sr

Please attach to application

*Transcript reflecting current GPA

*List of extracurricular and community activities

*Explain in no more than 250 words how Agriculture has impacted your life and why you will pursue a career in your major

Signature: _____

Return completed application to: **William W. Black**

441 Ridge Road, Avella, PA 15312-2122

Deadline to submit application is June 1, 2023.

Scholarship will be awarded in August 2023.

WCFB Scholarship Rules

The purpose of this scholarship is to offer a scholarship to qualifying students who are related to members of the Washington County Farm Bureau.

Following are the details governing the application, judging and awarding of said scholarship.

1. Applicant must be directly related to WCFB member.
2. Applicant must be enrolled in an accredited College, Community College, University or Trade School.
3. There will be no restrictions on choice of major by the applicant.
4. Juniors and Seniors are encouraged to apply.
5. Selection of the Recipient will be made by the current WCFB Board of Directors. ****NO** Board member will vote on any relative's applications.
6. Ties will be decided by the flip of a coin.
7. Recipient may not receive consecutive scholarships.
8. The amount of the scholarship will be \$1000.

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President's message:

Hello everyone and thank you all for continuing your membership with Farm Bureau, I am thankful for all our members that have agreed to serve as your board of directors and would like to welcome Andrew Vore as our newest director. Please take time to read this newsletter as you will see we are letting you know what we are doing as a board and giving you all the dates to remember that you can put on the fridge or in your phones, so you don't miss out on these great events.

Wow can't believe by the time you get this we will be into the lent season and there will be lots of fish fry's going on in your communities, which means spring is right around the corner. I know that we are all dealing with lots of mud which makes our jobs a little changeling at times but it's better than snow.

I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our spring Annual meeting which will be held at Mt. Pleasant Fire Hall at 6pm. Please RSVP by the deadline so that we can let the caterer know how many to prepare for. I know that we are all busy, but this is very important. Please be safe out there farming and don't hesitate to call or email any of the board of directors if you have an issue that we can get you help with or pointed in the right direction we are here for you.

God Bless,

Lisa



Attention !!!!!

Can you help !

April 20, 2023 at 10 AM

WCFB is again taking donations to the Ronald McDonald House in Pittsburgh. They are needing paper products, individually wrapped cereals, snacks or even gift cards. You can make a monetary donation at

<https://e.givesmart.com/events/vxz/c:gHCGgHt2FUa>

If you can bring items to the Spring Meeting or drop off items at our Board Meeting on April 10 at 7 PM in the Conservation District Office.

Lisa will deliver the items to the House. That's why we call it "Farmers Care" because of what you all do and they THANK YOU!