

## Spring Annual Meeting

April 22, 2025

Trinity Point Church of God

Dinner at 5:30 PM. Doors open at 5



## Potluck Dinner

Please bring a casserole, salad  
or dessert.

We never fail to have a good meal with  
good cooks in our membership.



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Guest Speaker from Nationwide

Topic: *A Will is Not a Transition Plan*

Hear about what the CVF Board has been doing.

We need your ideas for policy development.

Chinese Auction

Please bring an item for our Chinese Auction.



Kindly RSVP by April 18 to Linda Stahlman phone 814-365-5161,  
Text 814-319-4318, or email to [plstahlman@gmail.com](mailto:plstahlman@gmail.com)

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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.<sup>1</sup> The **Let's Champion Rider Safety**® campaign, provides tips and resources for effective safety discussions and protection for young riders.



Learn more at  
[Nationwide.com/ATVsafety](https://Nationwide.com/ATVsafety)



Scan code to get  
safety tips for your  
young riders.

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## Contact these Farm Certified Nationwide Agents:

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**Leach Agency, 342 Broad St.,  
New Bethlehem 814-275-3224**

**Burns & Burns Assoc. Inc. 859 E.  
Main St., Clarion 814-226-8041**

## 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](http://www.cvffarmbureau.com). **All CVF members are welcome to attend the meetings to express their ideas and to become involved in the county work.**

## Apply for CVF Scholarship Now!

The CVF Scholarship is now in the hands of the Bridge Builders Community Foundation. Students can apply online from the last week of January to the **first week of March**. The website is [bbcf.org/scholarships/](http://bbcf.org/scholarships/). We will be awarding two \$750 scholarships in 2025.



The foundation covers Venango, Clarion and Forest counties. Our criteria include: 1. Be a member or from a member household of the CVF Farm Bureau; 2. GPA of 2.0 or above; 3. Be enrolled to attend one of a variety of post-secondary institutions for the next year school year. These include four-year colleges, business colleges, graduate schools, technical schools, trade schools, and community colleges; 4. Plans to major in Agriculture or an Agriculture-related field.

We hope students will apply and can expect a fair judgement of their academic records.

## AG Literacy Week. March 17-21

This year, CVF will be present in ten schoolrooms to read *The Soil in Jackie's Garden* by Peggy Thomas.



Anna Burke will be reading to two first grade classes at A-C Valley Elementary and Kristina Stewart will be reading to two kindergarten classes at West Forest Elementary. Paul and Linda Stahlman will read to five kindergarten classes at Redbank Primary and a class at the Leatherwood Academy in New Bethlehem.

This book will teach young readers to become environmental stewards, how to care for a garden, understand a plant life cycle, discover the power of pollinators and the importance of composting.

Across the state, volunteers from the agricultural community will go to classrooms to share the story of agriculture and talk about their experiences in farming.

27th Annual  
WESTERN PA  
GRAZING  
CONFERENCE  
Thursday, March 13, 2025



Featuring  
Dr. Matt Poore & Eli Mack

At the Trinity Point Church of God  
180 W. Trinity Drive Clarion, PA 16214

Presented by the Western PA  
Grazing Conference Committee

### 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.



## Big Foot Pancake Breakfast



### June 7 in Marienville Help Needed

As a fund raiser for our projects, CVF will hold it's annual pancake breakfast in the side yard at Yeany's Maple from 7:30 to 11 AM during the Big Foot Weekend. We'll be serving buttermilk pancakes with butter and syrup, link sausages, orange juice, and coffee.

We'll need help setting up the day before and at the breakfast. If you can donate some time, please contact President Jordan Siegel @ 814-221-5301. Anything that you can do, would be greatly appreciated.

## Flower Power Event May 17



The Wildflower Garden Club of Leeper is teaming up with the Clarion Limestone High School greenhouse for a community flower planting event on Saturday, May 17 from 9 AM to 3 PM at the school's new greenhouse.

Tickets will be sold to the community which will include planting a hanging basket and a light lunch. There will be several speakers and a raffle for gift baskets and a larger door prize. Proceeds from the event will benefit both the greenhouse and the garden club.

Local businesses and organizations will have tables set up for sales and information. CVF will have a table to promote Farm Bureau.

For more information, you can contact Nancy Womeldorf at 814-227-7646 or [nwomeldorf@gmail.com](mailto:nwomeldorf@gmail.com).

## 2025 Priority Issues for PFB

PFB has set the 2025 priority legislative issues. They are Animal Health/Biosecurity, Dairy, Energy, Environment/Regulatory Reform, Farm Bill/ State budget, Labor, Transportation, Wildlife Management/Crop Damage. These priorities were set from the input of the grassroots chapters of PFB of which **YOU** are a part of.

## Region 6 Farm Bureau Day

Farm Bureau Day for Region 6 will be held on March 13 at the Wolf's Den at 308 Timberwolf Run, Knox from 8:45 Am to 3 PM.

The main focus of the day will be legislative updates from PFB specialists who will outline PFB 's state and national legislative agendas. Mitchell Kurek will handle the updates for state and local government affairs. Bailey Fisher will review the federal government agendas.

In addition to the legislation updates, there will be speakers on biosecurity and thermal Imagery. Contact Michele McMinn to RSVP.

## Biosecurity is a BIG Issue Now

### Avian Flu Resources to help You

Sick or dead wild birds? Contact Game Commission

1-833-PGC-WILD (742-9453)

Sick or dead domestic birds? PADLS 24/7

Hotline 717-772-2852

HPAI Landing Page:

<https://extension/psu.edu/avian-influenza>

PDA:

[https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Animals/AHDServices/diseases/avian\\_influenza/Pages/defa](https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Animals/AHDServices/diseases/avian_influenza/Pages/defa)

With heightened awareness and attention of Avian Flu in our region, you may find this interview with Extension Poultry Educator Dr. Gregory Martin on WHP580.

<https://whp580.iheart.com/featured/rj-harris/content/2025-01-30-459-rj-harris-rj-harris-on-with-dr-gregory-martin-to-discuss-avian-flu/>.

## 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.

**Farm Bureau's experienced and trained staff are ready to help. At no cost to you, we can:**

- Answer your questions
- Explain and compare options
- Work within your budget
- Help with informed Medicare coverage decisions

Knowledgeable. Helpful. Dedicated.

To check availability in your county call **800.522.2375**.





# Clarion Venango Forest County Farm Bureau 2025



The CVF Rodeo Committee has been working hard to make plans and get sponsors for the Bull Mania Rodeo to be held at 7 PM on Saturday, May 31 at the Venango County Fairgrounds.

We haven't had any substantial fundraisers in the last several years. Funds are needed to support our Ag educational opportunities including the Mobile AG Lab, Ag Safety Days, Scholarships, Legislative Farm Events, Ag Literacy, Ag in the Classroom, Farm Tours and FFA Events.

If you or somebody you know could help sponsor this event, it would be greatly appreciated. If nothing else, plan to come for a great evening of entertainment. There will be a variety of rodeo classes, including some kids' activities. Below is our sponsorship levels and what kind of advertising you would receive.

We are also going to need many volunteers to help at the fairgrounds on the day of the event. Please contact Jordan, Tyler or Paul if you can help out.

The sponsorship application is on page 7 of this newsletter.

	<b><u>Platinum</u></b> \$1500	<b><u>Gold</u></b> \$1000	<b><u>Silver</u></b> \$500	<b><u>Bronze</u></b> \$100
Radio Advertising	X	-	-	-
Print Advertising	X	X	-	-
Social Media Advertising	X	X	X	X
Chute Sponsor Banner	-	X	-	-
Arena Panel Sponsor Banner	-	-	X	-
Group Marketing Banner -	X	X	X	X
T-Shirt Advertising	X	X	X	-

**Clarion Venango Forest County  
Farm Bureau  
2025 Rodeo**



LAST NAME	FIRST NAME				
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PHONE    EMAIL					
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<p>*Sponsorship forms and payment should be Mailed to  <b>CVF Farm Bureau</b>  <b>386 Shoup Rd</b>  <b>Knox, PA 16232</b></p>					





CVF County Farm Bureau  
175 Marks Lane  
Fairmount City, PA 16224

Address Correction Requested

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

## Notable Events in 2025

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

**March 6-- CVF Board Meeting, 7 PM, Clarion County Extension Office**

**March 13—Farm Bureau Day, Wolf's Den, Knox**

**March 17-21—Ag Literacy Week**

**March 28-29--I.C.E. Summit, Williamsport**

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

**April 7—FARMER Dinner, Harrisburg**

**April 8—Legislative Day, Harrisburg**

**April 22—Annual Spring Meeting, Trinity Point, 5:30 PM**

**May 1-- CVF Board Meeting, 7 PM, Clarion County Extension Office**

**May 17—Flower Power Event, C-L School Greenhouse, 9AM-3 PM**

**May 31, 2025—Bull Mania Rodeo at Venango County Fairgrounds, 7 PM**

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

**June 7—Big Foot Pancake Breakfast, Marienville**

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



**NOTE: Any last-minute changes in meeting locations and times will be posted on the CVF Facebook page and website: [www.cvffarmbureau.com](http://www.cvffarmbureau.com)**