

Newsletter of the Mercer County Farm Bureau

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September 2022

DATES TO REMEMBER

MCFB Board Meeting

County Board meets at 730 pm the first Monday of the month at the Pig Barn, Munnell Run Farm

FALL ANNUAL
DINNER MEETING
September 30 6:30 PM
Mercer County
Extension Office
Reservations due
September 17

RENEW MEMBERSHPSept 30 for tractor entry

ZOOM Meeting for Hayride Attraction deadline Oct. 3

Annual Fall Meeting

The Mercer County Extension Office will be the site of the Mercer County Farm Bureau annual fall meeting on Friday, September 30 at 6:30 p.m. There will be an election of officers and Pennsylvania State Representative Tim Bonner will be the featured speaker. The evening will begin with a catered meal which includes, ham, potatoes, vegetable, bread, salad, milk, and ice cream for \$20 per ticket. Reservations need to be submitted by September 17 to Sandy Craft at 814-715-4244 The deadline is approaching rapidly.

FARMER PAC ANNOUNCES PA ELECTION ENDORSEMENTS

FARMER PAC, or Farmers Allied for Responsive More Effective Representation Political Action Committee, has reviewed the politicians' voting record, special legislation efforts, accessibility to farmers, attending ag meetings, and similar records on agriculture needs to determine who best represents the voice of the agricultural industry. Receiving endorsements from the FARMER PAC



are Representatives Tim Bonner and Parke Wentling as well as Senator Michele Brooks. Pictured above is Parke Wentling receiving the endorsement from Crawford County Farm Bureau President Deborah Muir and George Greig. Representative Wentling had served in Crawford County, but due to re-districting will no longer represent that area. From left to right – Lance Medich, Director or Region 5, Greig, Muir, Wentling, and Mercer County Farm Bureau Director, Bill Canon.

WHAT'S YOUR SIGN?

Did you know that Farm Bureau, has a member sign shop? Yard signs (that can be personalized with your farm name) and license plates are available for purchase at the online store. Visit pfbmembersignshop.itemorder.com/shop/home/ Great Christmas idea!

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP BY SEPTEMBER 30
TO BE ENTERED IN THE DRAWING FOR THE GREAT
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SUCCESSFUL LEGISLATIVE TOUR HOSTED BY TODD SHEARER

Local politicians were invited to T.R Shearer's Ag Commodities north of Sandy Lake for a tour and a time for farmers to present information from a farmer's perspective on current legislation that is being debated. Politicians attending were Anna McCleaf a staff member of Congressman Mike Kelly, Senator Michele Brooks, and Representative



Mark Longietti, Representative Tim Bonner, Representative Parke Wentling, Commissioner Mat McConnell, Commissioner Scott Boyd. The politicians received information from the farmers that they had not received from other sources. After the tour and meeting, everyone was treated to a luncheon at the TR Shearer building in Sandy Lake.





AG AWARENESS CRATES 2022-2023

The Pennsylvania Friends of Agriculture and Ag Promotion Committee have created crates with topics that relate to agriculture that can be used in classrooms. The lessons meet PA standards and include whole group, mini lessons, worksheets, and experiment supplies as well as a recipe to share. Crates have been developed for kindergarten to grade 2 with the theme of beef cattle and a second crate is based on sheep. Third through fifth graders can learn from a crate on maple sugaring. Each box can be ordered for \$30. Beef crates are scheduled for a September launch with maple sugaring to follow in December and a sheep crate in March. Contact friendsofag@pfb.com or 717-761-2740

CALLING ALL 18-35 YEAR OLD YOUNG AG PROFESSIONALS

It's time to get away from the farm for a break and meet other YAP. A mini-conference will be held at the Apple Castle. Contact Sam Huff for more information.

Hayride Attractions and Amusement Rides Webinar

October 5, 2022 via Zoom Webinars – 12:00 pm

On March 5, 2022, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Ride and Measurements Standards division established a variance from the requirement that an owner of a "hayride attraction" must comply with specific provisions of the Amusement Ride Inspection Act and its attendant regulations.

The Department of Ag. Has had the authority to regulate hayrides as an amusement ride under the Amusement Ride Inspection Act that was enacted in 1986. Because there were no standards for hayrides until 2019, they have never been regulated. The Department recognizes that the standards are somewhat burdensome and are looking for input from businesses and individuals whose operations these regulations might affect, and answer your questions surrounding hayride attractions on your farm.

Joining the webinar will be PDA Secretary of Ag, Russell Redding; Director of Bureau of Ride and Measurements, Walt Remmert; and Deputy Secretary for Plant Industry and Consumer Protection Fred Stratmeyer, Jr.

You must pre-register by October 3 with Lance Medich, lamedich@pfb.com or Kyle Kotzmoyer, kfkotzmoyer@pfb.com. A link will be sent after your registration is received.

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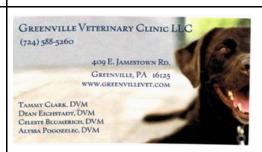
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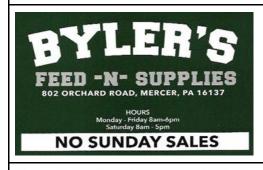






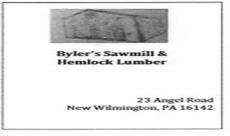
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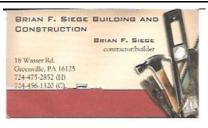


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