



# ELK COUNTY FARM BUREAU



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## PFB Win!!

### News from the Companion

**Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act Signed into Law:** On January 14, President Trump signed the *Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act* into law. Butler County Farm Bureau Member and State Board Director, William Thiele, was offered the opportunity to attend the bill signing. William would not have had this unforgettable opportunity without Farm Bureau. The *Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act* allows schools in the National School Lunch Program to immediately begin offering whole and reduced-fat (2%) milk – both flavored and unflavored – alongside existing options. After 15 years of advocacy, the Farm Bureau is proud to see this common-sense legislation finally take effect.

## 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**.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Event

Meetings at the Gahr home at 7:00pm- Future dates March 25th and April 22nd-Join Us!

**Good Friday**-April 3rd, 2026 Camp Hill office closed

**Easter**- April 5th, 2026- Have a Blessed Easter

**District 13 Women's Leadership Event**-Saturday April 11th, 2026 held at Pinecrest Country Club from 9am -3pm

**Elk County Spring meeting** -Thursday April 16th at 6:30pm. At the Brew Bank in Ridgway.

### Interested in an event

**Go to PFB website or get a hold of a board member. We would love to have you join us!**



## Save the Date Ag Safety Days Saturday September 19th

Ag Safety Days will take place at the Elk County Fair Grounds

on Saturday Sept 19th from 10am to 2 pm. There will be 2 tracks one for adults and one for the youth. A lunch will be served. Ag Safety days developed from the Farm Talk group, the Elk County Farm Bureau and Penn State Extension. There will be several topics covered including Stop the Bleed, equipment and chainsaw safety and more. Plan now to join in the activities. Lunch will be provided.



### 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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## 2026 Women in Ag District 13 Event

Event: **"Getting through the Manure—while taking care of ourselves" Day.**

When: Saturday, April 11, 9:00 AM–3:00 PM.

Where: Pinecrest Country Club, Brookville, PA.

Mark your calendars—join us for a great event!

Speakers will include : Chi Catalone Penn State Extension– Mental Health

Andy Bater-Yoga Instructor

Wallbloomers Holistic Health from Dubois-Oils



Cost - \$30 includes craft and lunch

Make your reservations now to Lori Park at 814-715-4249 or

[parkacres@yahoo.com](mailto:parkacres@yahoo.com)

Call Michele McMinn ROD for more information

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**Thank you to all the Volunteers for reading for Ag Literacy Week we could not do it without you!!!**

Thank you volunteers ! Because of the help of over 26 volunteers including the FFA class Ag Literacy week reached 43 classrooms and over 860 students in Elk County!!!!

Awesome!!!

## Great Things Happening in Elk County

The monthly Farm Talk Meetings have been well received. The group has learned about Vector –Borne illness from PSU Extension Emily and help for mental health from Pa Game Commissioner Jack Lucas. The April Meeting will feature Dr. Tara Felix who specializes in Beef production. In May we will meet with the Penn State Ag Law Center and learning more about Ag Securities. Future plans are happening for Ag Safety Days that will be held on Sept 19th at the Elk County Fair grounds. These meetings take place the first Tuesday of every month at 6pm at the outdoor classroom of the St. Marys High School. St. Mary's Pa. Snacks are always provided :)

Join Us !!!



**Spring has Sprung !!!**

**Time for the Elk County Spring Meeting!**

Join us on Thursday April 16th ,2026 at 6:30pm at the Brew Bank in Ridgway, PA. We will enjoy

Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. We will hear updates on Farm Talk and events happening in Elk County. Macy Grove from the Ag Foundation will be joining us and sharing the incredible impact to students from the Foundation. This includes the Ag Lab, Ag Literacy and much more. She will also touch on how we can help with the "Raise the Barn" Fundraiser . Make reservations now to Ernie Mattiuz at 814-885-8296 or mattiuzern176@gmail.com.



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Address correction requested

## **Add to your Calendar**

### **Important Reminders:**

**Monthly meeting 4th Wednesday of the month at the Gahr Farm House in Kersey 7 pm-Changes will be posted on Facebook page**

**Farm Talk –1st Tuesday of the month at the St. Marys Outdoor classroom at 6pm June and July and Aug we will take a summer break**

**Elk County Spring Meeting –April 16th at the Ridgway Brew Bank –Join us at 6:30pm**

**Elk County Fair week Aug 11th-Aug 15th**

**Elk County Safety Days-Sat. Sept 19th**