



## Annual Meeting April 9, 2026 Trinity Point Church of God 7 PM



Everyone is asked to bring a dessert to share.  
Ice cream and beverages provided.

Guest Speaker *Jack Lucas*  
Topic: Mental health and the stress of farming

Hear about what the CVF Board has been doing.  
We need your ideas for policy development.



Live Auction  
Please bring an item for our Live Auction.

Kindly RSVP by April 6 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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**We added two new board members  
but still need one more to complete  
our board. Please, consider helping  
out with your time and talent.**



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### Board Meetings

The regular meeting of the CVF Board is the **second 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.**

## Legislative Breakfast Brought Legislators and Farming Community Together to Discuss Issues

CVF was pleased with the good turnout of legislators at the Legislative Breakfast on February 13 in Knox.

At the federal level, Brad Moore represented US Representative Glenn 'GT' Thompson and Sheila Sterrett came to represent Senator Dave McCormick.

Pennsylvania legislators attending included Senator Scott Hutchinson (21<sup>st</sup> District), Rep. Kathy Rapp (65<sup>th</sup> District), Rep. Josh Bashline (63<sup>rd</sup> District), Rep. R. Lee James (64<sup>th</sup> District) and Rep. Parke Wentling (7<sup>th</sup> District).

County Commissioners represented all three CVF counties. They included Ted Tharan and Wayne Brosius (Clarion), Ken Bryan and Sam Breene (Venango) and Mark Kingston (Forest).

Paul Stahlman, acting Government Relations Director for CVF led the meeting and called for comments from each of the government representatives.

**Rep. Kathy Rapp** focused her comments on the lack of rural health care in western Pennsylvania. She said that there is an 8-county desert of hospitals that provide maternity services. Rural new mothers have to travel many miles to give birth to their babies.

She is also concerned about oil and gas producers in Pennsylvania. She felt that the electric grid is not stable enough with only solar power to run it.



**Sen. Scott Hutchinson** also addressed energy policies. He said, "Pennsylvania's an energy powerhouse. We should take

advantage of that."

His main comments focused on the new state budget that is currently being debated. He is concerned that the governor wants to use up the state reserve money, leaving little for times when it really is needed. He stated that \$16 billion were in reserves last year and \$5 billion of that was used last year.

**Rep. Josh Bashline** talked about how he is trying to reach out to the community by showcasing the many good things about his district. In his Show Me series, he highlighted ag businesses. He also talked about how the state needs to get the budget under control.



**Brad Moore** spoke about 'GT's victory with the Whole Milk for Schools bill that passed this year. He hopes that it will be a long term good for our state dairy industry. Senators McCormick and Fetterman were good partners in getting the whole milk bill through. He said the Farm Bill 2.0 is up for consideration. When the farm bill moves, they want to address ag labor reforms.

**Sheila Sterrett** reiterated that Senator McCormick is near to farm concerns.

**Rep. R. Lee James** is new to the Labor and Industry Committee and is finding out about the conflicts between the union and non-union groups. With the redistricting, Titusville was added to his 64<sup>th</sup> District.

The **county commissioners** also spoke about many concerns, especially about using the broadband funds that have been allocated. They are also concerned about raising local taxes and friendly permitting policies that help small businesses. The issue of what to do with decommissioned solar panels was also raised.

One final comment, made by **Ken Bryan**, was that he was sorry to see the Oil City Derrick and Clarion News close down. They have provided good service for the area for many years.

CVF President **Jordan Siegel** wrapped it all up with how important it is for the farming community to have this time with our legislators. Farm Bureau is a grassroots organization that takes the concerns of farmers straight to our state government.



# WLC's 2026 GRACE Leadership Conference

Don't miss it!  
Registration open!

# GRACE

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE  
Growing Resilient Agricultural Community leaders Every day

Registration fee: \$65  
Accommodations: \$119

**FEATURING COACH KIAH**  
Recently seen at AFBF Convention 2026, Coach Kiah has been featured on the Kelly Clarkson Show, GMA, and many others.

March 27 & 28, 2026  
at the Holiday Inn, Williamsport  
90 Pine St., Williamsport, PA

hosted by Pennsylvania Farm Bureau  
Women's Leadership Committee

## Sign Up for PFB Text Alerts



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The Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee will be hosting its 2026 GRACE Leadership Conference, Friday, March 27th, and Saturday, March 28th, at the Williamsport Holiday Inn.

The 2026 Women's Leadership Committee conference will feature a tour, a craft event and dinner on Friday. Saturday's program will begin with breakfast, followed by a keynote address from Coach Kiah, a California cattle rancher and motivational speaker.

Registration for the conference is \$65, and the hotel room rate for the event is \$119. The deadline to register is March 17

**Use the QR code above to register.**

# You Don't Want to Miss Hearing Jack Lucas at the Spring Annual Meeting



From the Ridgeway Record, Feb 13, 2026

Written by Douglas Martonik

Jack Lucas is more than a state game warden. He is an educator, counselor, and writer. His life combines help for others with wilderness management. Whether it is assisting new Game Commission officers learn new skills, or helping a grieving fire dept. handle loss, Lucas achieves results.

Lucas worked for the Pa. Game Commission for over two decades. As a regional supervisor, Lucas mixed his interest in wildlife and passion for people in a beautiful outdoor setting. He retired from the job nine years ago, but his love of the job induced him to return. "I think it's one of the greatest jobs Pa. offers," he says. "It's one of the most unique professions you can ever have."

Lucas loves working with elk and bear the most, but he enjoys interacting with all sorts of wildlife. "This time of year, we're tagging turkeys," he explains. "Working in the Pa. Wilds is an incredible opportunity."

Lucas lives and breathes the outdoors. Hunting and fishing since he was a child, Lucas uses his writing to share outdoor experiences with both those who can no longer experience them and those who have never gone hunting or fishing before. Lucas hopes his writing can entertain elderly or sick people who loved the outdoors when they were healthy. He also hopes his writing can expose unfamiliar people to fun outdoor activities they might

be unaware of. In this way, Lucas is a storyteller, letting his writings take readers to the heart of the Pa. Wilds, where they can imagine themselves basking in the songs of the birds, the rustling of the leaves, and the whistling of the wind.

Lucas has written about many subjects. He has published books on Critical Incident Stress (CIS), special needs children, and the farming community. Each topic involves handling surprising, uncomfortable situations. His book on the farming community deals with the stress they endure. His books on special needs children not only address their unique conditions, but also explain to other children why some children appear to be different.

CIS and Post-Traumatic Stress (PTS) counseling comprise a large portion of Lucas's activities. Lucas is board certified in mental health coaching. He helps first responders manage the stress and grief they go through after tragic incidents from loss of life, house fires, and other accidents. His CIS Debriefs help the teams get through the day and handle the tough challenges of emergency services.

Lucas is also a chaplain for the Pa. State Police, the Indiana County Sheriff's Office, and numerous fire depts. By nurturing their mental and spiritual health, Lucas helps these first responders learn to manage the negative feelings associated with the tougher aspects of their jobs.

**Are You Turning  
65 This Year  
and Going  
on Medicare?**

**Health Services**

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.  
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28th Annual



Thursday, March 12, 2026

Free evening showing of the Roots So Deep  
Documentary (1&4) on Wed. March 11, 2026



Featuring  
Steve Kenyon

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

Presented by the Western PA  
Grazing Conference Committee

**Deadline to Register March 5, 2026**

Or Register Online



[www.westernpagrazing.com](http://www.westernpagrazing.com)

Questions? Contact:

Clarion CD at 814-393-6147 or

Jefferson CD at 814-849-7463

Registration fee for 3/12 includes a  
continental breakfast & hot buffet lunch

**Thursday 03/12/26**

**7:30 - 8:30** Registration

**8:30 - 9:00** Welcome, Sponsors

**9:00 - 10:30** Growing Soil - *Steve Kenyon,  
Greener Pastures Ranching Ltd.*

**10:30 - 11:15** Vendors/Sponsors

**11:15 - 12:00 Breakout Sessions**

A. Forages for Beef Cattle - *Dr. Guojie  
Wang, Penn State University*

B. Building Soils and Barns: Developing and  
Furthering a 100% Grass Fed Dairy -  
*Nathan Weaver, NY Dairy Farmer*

C. A New Herd, A New Vision: How We  
Transformed a Dairy Mindset into a  
Grazing-Based Beef Profitability -  
*Amanda & Mike Butterfield, Maple  
Valley Cattle Co.*

**12:00 - 1:00** Lunch

**1:00 - 2:30** What Bugs Me -*Steve Kenyon,  
Greener Pastures Ranching Ltd.*

**2:30 - 3:00** Visit Vendors/Sponsors

**3:00 - 4:00 Breakout Sessions**

A. Managing Katahdin Sheep to Reduce Risk  
of Parasites *Tom Perkins, Big Tom's Con-O-  
Creek Farm*

B. Complementary Incomes: Ideas for Income  
Streams Aside from Milk Sales -*Nathan  
Weaver, NY Dairy Farmer*

C. Farm Planning Succession - *Samantha  
Gehrett & Paula Ledney, Penn State Ext.,  
Chris Leiden, Leiden Land & Cattle Co, Inc.*

D. Drone Capabilities - *Garrett Schick, Long  
Acres Farms*

**4:00 - 4:45** Speaker Panel

**4:45 - 5:00** Closing, Door Prizes, Evaluations

## 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.

Check out these FREE programs offered below by the Clarion Conservation District.

# UPCOMING 2026 PROGRAMS

The following programs are *free*, but you must register to reserve your spot.  
\*All programs, except the Water Workshop, are directed towards *adults*.\*

For more info and/or to register, go to [www.clarionconservation.com/events](http://www.clarionconservation.com/events)



**22**  
January

**Noticing Nature:  
Winter Nature Journaling** 5 - 6:30 PM

📍 CCD Office, Clarion, PA

\*Participants will receive free journaling supplies



**25**  
February

**Noticing Changes:  
Phenology Webinar** 5 - 6:30 PM

📍 Online

\*Participants will receive a free book on Phenology



**28**  
March

**Soil Health &  
Composting Workshop** TBD

📍 Sligo, PA

\*Participants will receive a free Compost Bin, Book, & Soil Test Kit



**31**  
March

**Noticing Changes:  
Invasive Species** TBD

📍 CCD Office, Clarion, PA

\*Participants will receive a free field guide and native plant



**16**  
May

**The Power of Plants:  
Forestry Walk** TBD

📍 Rimersburg Rod & Gun Club, Rimersburg, PA

\*Participants will receive a free native tree, tree tube, stake, and an entry to win invasive species removal tools



**13**  
June

**Water Workshop\*** TBD

📍 Toby Boat Launch, Clarion, PA **\*All ages welcome!**

Free transportation available from Rimersburg to Clarion & back.  
\*Participants will receive discount coupons donated by the Clarion River Brewing Company and an entry to win a rain barrel, an aquatic bug kit, or a freshwater fish identification guide. Free tour of PA American Water Facility- transportation from boat launch to facility & back provided.



**27**  
June

**The Power of Plants:  
Rain Gardens & Riparian Buffers** TBD

📍 CCD Office, Clarion, PA

\*Participants will receive a free native plant

### Questions?

Contact Hannah at  
[hbequeathccd@gmail.com](mailto:hbequeathccd@gmail.com)  
or call 814-393-6147

Financial support for the "Enhancing Climate and Water Education in Clarion County" project has been provided by the Department of Environmental Protection's 2025 Environmental Education Grant Program.



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## Notable Events in 2025-2026

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

- March 10—Farm Bureau Day, Worthington Firehall, Armstrong County
- March 12--CVF Board Meeting, 7 PM, Clarion County Extension Office
- March 16-20—Ag Literacy Week
- March 27-28—WLC GRACE Summit, Williamsport
- March 31—Legislative Day, Harrisburg
- April 9—Spring Annual Meeting, Trinity Point Church of God, Clarion
- April 11—WLC “A Healthier You”, 9 AM-3 PM, Pinecrest Country Club, Roseville
- May 14-- CVF Board Meeting, 7 PM, Clarion County Extension Office
- June 11—CVF Board Meeting, 7 PM, Clarion County Extension Office
- September 19—Joint Fall Safety Day with PFB & PSU Extension, Elk County Fairgrounds



**NOTE: Any last-minute changes in meeting locations and times will be posted on the CVF Facebook page.**