



# AG PROMO COMMITTEE RESOURCE GUIDE

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## AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM

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### Barn Bookshelves (Mifflin County)

Partnering with high school students in the county vocational technology school, Mifflin County Farm Bureau members construct one barn-shaped bookshelf for each private and public elementary school in the county. High school students are introduced to Farm Bureau and elementary students are provided with an agriculture-theme bookshelf.

- Location: Vocational Technology School
- Cost: \$1,200
- Planning Time: Three Months
- Number of Individuals Reached: Varies

For more information, please contact **David and Jami Glick** at **(717) 248-8177** or at [dglickfarm@msn.com](mailto:dglickfarm@msn.com).

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### Charter School Visit to the Bloomsburg Fair (Columbia County)

To promote farm-city relations with members, Columbia County Farm Bureau members hosted an “adopted legislator” and charter school students from Philadelphia at the Bloomsburg Fair. The legislator selected her preferred school and Farm Bureau members arranged the transportation, snacks for the trip, and a tour of the event from a fair board member. Students had the opportunity to interact with 4-H groups and learn about animal husbandry. Local FFA members guided the students through educational buildings and exhibits around the fair for the rest of the time. The Farm Bureau provided half of the costs for the bus (\$500) and the other half was donated. A meal for the students at the fair was donated by the fairgrounds.

- Location: Fairgrounds
- Cost: \$500
- Planning Time: Six Months
- Number of Individuals Reached: About 50 Students

For more information, please contact **Charlie Porter** at **(570) 259-4640** or at [cporter604@aol.com](mailto:cporter604@aol.com).

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### Co-Sponsor Embryology Student Project (Centre County)

Centre County Farm Bureau members provide funding and support for students to conduct embryology research in their university.

- Location: Research University
- Cost: Varies
- Planning Time: One Month
- Number of Individuals Reached: 1-2 Students

For more information, please contact **Shelly Craft** at **(814) 749-7687** or at [craftfarms@atlanticbb.net](mailto:craftfarms@atlanticbb.net).

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## Elementary School Farm Tour (Schuylkill/Carbon County)

Schuylkill/Carbon County Farm Bureau members and dairy farms host elementary school tours on a local farm in May. With students split into four groups, the two-hour tour consists of half hour rotations between four stations: the milking parlor, free stall barn, the garden, and an orchard. After the tour, the students are provided milk and a snack from either the garden or the orchard.

- Location: Local Farm
- Cost: Nothing; Donation-Based
- Planning Time: Three Months
- Number of Individuals Reached: 400 Students/Year

For more information, please contact **Kent Heffner** at **(570) 739-1153** or at [applecritters@aol.com](mailto:applecritters@aol.com).

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## Elementary School Agriculture Week (Westmoreland County)

Westmoreland County Farm Bureau members host an annual Agriculture Week for Kindergarten through fourth grade students in area schools. Farm Bureau volunteers share lessons on agricultural topics that rotate each year.

- Location: Local Schools
- Cost: Approx. \$1.00/student (supplies)
- Planning Time: Two Months
- Number of Individuals Reached: 600 (150/grade level)

For more information, please contact **Gretchen Winklosky** at **(412) 610-4966** or at [gawinklosky@gmail.com](mailto:gawinklosky@gmail.com).

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## Farm Fridays (Tioga/Potter County)

On most Fridays throughout the school year, Tioga/Potter County Farm Bureau members partner with local teachers to teach students about agriculture in Tioga and Potter counties. Farmers involved in a variety of agricultural operations visit second grade students for half an hour on the Fridays to talk about their farm. When farmers were available, teachers presented videos in class on agriculture. Throughout the year, the students had two field trips; one to a pumpkin operation and one to a large dairy farm. In addition to farmers presenting, teachers occasionally hosted FFA and 4-H members to come and share their projects with the class.

- Location: Local School
- Cost: Nothing
- Planning Time: One Month
- Number of Individuals Reached: Varies

For more information, please contact **Wendy Hamilton** at **(814) 848-7563** or at [whamilton@northernpottersd.org](mailto:whamilton@northernpottersd.org).

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## Intermediate School Agriculture Club (Butler County)

Butler County Farm Bureau Members support an after-school agriculture club at the South Butler Intermediate Elementary School for students interested in learning more about agriculture. Elementary school instructors initiated the program after attending the Agriculture Educator’s Institute hosted by Penn State University. The students learn about topics ranging from beekeeping to chickens and take weekly field trips to local farms within the county.

- Location: Elementary School
- Cost: Varies
- Planning Time: One Month
- Number of Individuals Reached: 38 Students

For more information, please contact **Larry Voll** at **(724) 789-9219** or at [ljv2@zoominternet.net](mailto:ljv2@zoominternet.net).

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## National Pollinator Week (Erie County)

An educational event on bees and apiaries, National Pollinator Week is held at the Tom Ridge Environmental Center (TREC) during June. Hosted by the Erie County Farm Bureau and Tom Ridge Center employee Jen Salem, the event boasts educational sessions from experts, demonstrations on pollinator care techniques, a butterfly tent, and children’s pollinator book reading activities. Presenters include PFB member and beekeeping expert Charlie Vorisek and Penn State Senior Extension Associate Maryann Frazier. Members share information about Farm Bureau’s involvement in beekeeping activities and supply catalogues for aspiring beekeepers.

- Location: Environmental Center
- Cost: Nothing; Donation Based
- Planning Time: Three Months
- Number of Individuals Reached: 18 Children

For more information, please contact **Cathy Vorisek** at **(814) 350-0062** or at [vbeefarm@windstream.net](mailto:vbeefarm@windstream.net).

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## Third Grade Agriculture Tour (Mifflin County)

Mifflin County Farm Bureau members host an agriculture tour on a local farm for third grade students from county schools. Throughout the daylong event, students learn about daily life on the farm as well as where their food comes from.

- Location: Local Farm
- Cost: \$2,500
- Planning Time: Three Months
- Number of Individuals Reached: Varies

For more information, please contact **David and Jami Glick** at **(717) 248-8177** or at [dglickfarm@msn.com](mailto:dglickfarm@msn.com).

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## Youth Agriculture Day (Crawford County)

Crawford County Farm Bureau members host elementary school students for an educational day at a local dairy. The event is held at Bortnick Farms in Conneautville, where students can learn about the milking parlor, the calf operation, and a methane digester. Throughout the day, students visit six different stations concerning topics from beekeeping to daily farm life. The Farm Bureau also provides a display for students to learn more about the organization.

- Location: Local Dairy Farm
- Cost: Nothing; Donation Based
- Planning Time: Three Months
- Number of Individuals Reached: 60-90 Students

For more information, please contact **Cathy Vorisek** at **(814) 350-0062** or at [vbeefarm@windstream.net](mailto:vbeefarm@windstream.net).

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## Youth Agri-Fun Day (Erie County)

Erie County Farm Bureau hosts an annual Youth Agri-Fun Day in collaboration with the Northeast Community Fair Association. The event, formatted for Pre-K to fifth grade students, teaches participants about the basics of agriculture and how to grow fruits and vegetables. There are hands-on activities, demonstrations from local agriculture industries and related craft vendors. Local FFA and Farm Bureau members collaborate to advertise then program by sending notes home with students to their parents. The cost per student is two dollars, which also is a discount for their local fair entry fees.

- Location: Fairgrounds
- Cost: \$2/Student
- Planning Time: Two Months
- Number of Individuals Reached: Varies

For more information, please contact **Sally Haggerty** at **(814) 602-6198** or at [negrapes@roadrunner.com](mailto:negrapes@roadrunner.com).

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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### Animal Buy-Back (Columbia County)

To support local 4-H and FFA members and promote the Farm Bureau, Columbia County Farm Bureau members have a buy-back program for students who market livestock at the Bloomsburg Fair.

- Location: Fairgrounds
- Cost: Varies
- Planning Time: One Month
- Number of Individuals Reached: Varies

For more information, please contact **Charlie Porter** at **(570) 259-4640** or at [cporter604@aol.com](mailto:cporter604@aol.com).

## Beef and Veal Farm Radio Spots (Clearfield County)

Clearfield County Farm Bureau member and beef producer Mike Kunsman provided periodical radio spot interviews about his beef and veal operation. The interviewer records information about the producer's day-to-day operations as well as the beef and veal industry as a whole.

- Location: County-Wide
- Cost: Nothing
- Planning Time: One Week
- Number of Individuals Reached: Varies

For more information, please contact **Mike Kunsman** at **(814) 931-5337** or at [calffeeder160@gmail.com](mailto:calffeeder160@gmail.com).

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## Beekeeping Field Day (Crawford County)

Crawford County Farm Bureau members collaborate with Vorisek Bee Farm to host a beekeeping field day for local beekeepers to participate in demonstrations involving swarm retrieval, hand cream and lip balm production, and hive inspection. Sponsored by a Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) grant, the outreach event is intended to propagate mite resistant queen stock. Queens are given away to participants with a \$10 donation to the Pennsylvania Queen program and the Farm Bureau.

- Location: Local Bee Farm
- Cost: \$10/Person
- Planning Time: Three Months
- Number of Individuals Reached: Varies

For more information, please contact **Cathy Vorisek** at **(814) 350-0062** or at [vbeefarm@windstream.net](mailto:vbeefarm@windstream.net)

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## Chamber of Commerce Breakfast (Lebanon County)

The Lebanon Valley Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Committee and Lebanon County Farm Bureau coordinate a breakfast for local farmers and public officials for a networking event. The Chamber of Commerce provided the food and Farm Bureau members volunteered to serve.

- Location: Social Hall
- Cost: Nothing; Food Sponsored
- Planning Time: Three Months
- Number of Individuals Reached: 85-100

For more information, please contact **Curtis Martin** at **(717) 838-4501** or at [clmartin59@gmail.com](mailto:clmartin59@gmail.com).



## Cocktails and Color (Erie County)

A community outreach and fundraising event, Cocktails and Color is hosted by the Erie County Farm Bureau in restaurants, social halls, or paint studios. Open to the public, participants pay \$40 per person for a package that includes professional painting instruction from an artist and an opportunity for individuals to paint their own picture while enjoying cocktails and snacks. Participants can paint agricultural scenes while learning about the mission of Farm Bureau. A total of \$10 per person is kept by the Farm Bureau for fundraising efforts.

- Location: Restaurants, Paint Studios
- Cost: Nothing (\$40/Participant)
- Planning Time: Two Months
- Number of Individuals Reached: 25

For more information, please contact **Sally Haggerty** at **(814) 602-6198** or at [negrapes@roadrunner.com](mailto:negrapes@roadrunner.com).

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## Commodity Based Blood Drive (Susquehanna County)

Susquehanna County Farm Bureau partners with the Pennsylvania Beef Council and Red Cross to host a “Beef up for Blood Drive”. Red Cross facilitates the blood donation portion of the event while the Farm Bureau and Beef Council provide beef sticks along with other food options. Local 4-H members volunteer to serve the food, most of which is donated. In October, the Farm Bureau hosts a second blood drive with a focus on dairy. Cream based soups were served with grilled cheese sandwiches. The donors had the opportunity to select what variety of cheese they wanted while donating blood.

- Location: Social Hall
- Cost: Nothing; Donation Based
- Planning Time: Three Months
- Number of Individuals Reached: Varies

For more information, please contact **Cheryl Matulevich** at **(570) 660-4563** or at [farmhope@hotmail.com](mailto:farmhope@hotmail.com).

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## Clinton County Founding Anniversary Event (Clinton County)

For the 175<sup>th</sup> Clinton County Anniversary, Farm Bureau members planned an event for community members to tour a local farm. Highlights of the event was a demonstration about agricultural advancement throughout the history of Clinton County, including modern production practices.

- Location: Local Farm
- Cost: Minimal
- Planning Time: Two Months
- Number of Individuals Reached: Varies

For more information, please contact **Sue Dotterer** at **(570) 726-6087** or at [gochugmilk@yahoo.com](mailto:gochugmilk@yahoo.com).

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## County Fair Detective (Crawford County)

During the week of the Crawford County Fair, Farm Bureau members host a “fair detective” event for community members. Fair attendees can visit several stations around the fairgrounds to learn about agriculture via posters or agricultural volunteers, where they receive a stamp on a map of the grounds. Upon completion of the map, participants are entered into a drawing for honey, maple syrup and the grand prizes of two bicycles and a Farm Bureau gift basket.

- Location: Fairgrounds
- Cost: Varies
- Planning Time: Three Months
- Number of Individuals Reached: Varies

For more information, please contact **Cathy Vorisek** at **(814) 350-9291** or at [cathyvork@windstream.net](mailto:cathyvork@windstream.net).

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## Downtown on the Farm (Bedford County)

The local community shuts down 2-3 blocks of town for a day in September for an agriculture promotion day. Bedford County Farm Bureau sets up a stand with a peddle tractor pull and provide snacks to visitors, of which are mostly donated. Local producers can promote their products as an extra draw for adults.

- Location: In-Town
- Cost: Minimal to None
- Planning Time: One Month
- Number of Individuals Reached: 200+

For more information, please contact **Bob Detweiler** at **(814) 766-3436** or at [bobdet36@gmail.com](mailto:bobdet36@gmail.com).

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## Fall Farm Fun Fest (Franklin County)

Each year, Franklin County Farm Bureau members host a three-day event for community members to learn about agriculture on a local farm. On Thursday and Friday, the farm hosts fourth grade students from local schools and on Saturday, the public is welcome to visit. Participants rotate among fourteen educational stations facilitated by local agribusiness professionals. Lunch and ice cream are provided.

- Location: Local Farm
- Cost: Varies
- Planning Time: Three Months
- Number of Individuals Reached: Varies

For more information, please contact **Joan Myers** at **(717) 372-1298** or at [harvestdairy@yahoo.com](mailto:harvestdairy@yahoo.com).

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## Farm-City Banquet (Mifflin County)

Mifflin County Farm Bureau partnered with Kiwanis International to recognize a “Farm Family of the Year” and a “City Family of the Year” award at an annual Farm-City Banquet. The Farm Bureau purchased tickets for members and sponsored plaques. The event fosters good relationships between the rural and urban community members that reside in Mifflin County.

- Location: Social Hall
- Cost: \$125
- Planning Time: One Month
- Number of Individuals Reached: 300+

For more information, please contact **David and Jami Glick** at **(717) 248-8177** or at [dglickfarm@msn.com](mailto:dglickfarm@msn.com).

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## Farm Tour Day (York County)

To promote agriculture throughout York county, Farm Bureau members host a Farm Tour Day that includes four different commodity farms: equine, dairy, grain and a winery, all of which are within three miles of one another. At each farm, there are demonstrations that range from a rodeo to visits with dairy royalty. Worksheets are provided for children to complete as they visit each farm. The event is open to all community members and is promoted to local school districts and on social media. Over 500 individuals participate in the event throughout the year, with most costs being covered by donations from the local farms.

- Location: Local Farms
- Cost: Nothing
- Planning Time: Six Months
- Number of Individuals Reached: 500+

For more information, please contact **Cheryl Matulevich** at **(570) 660-4563** or at [farmhope@hotmail.com](mailto:farmhope@hotmail.com).

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## Fourth of July Fest (Centre County)

During the Fourth of July celebration in Beaver Stadium at The Pennsylvania State University, Centre County Farm Bureau members set up a bee and apiary display for the duration of the event. Participants in the Fourth of July Fest can visit the booth before the fireworks display in the evening.

- Location: Penn State’s Football Stadium
- Cost: Nothing
- Planning Time: Two Months
- Number of Individuals Reached: Varies

For more information, please contact **Allen Ishler** at **(814) 280-2180** or at [alleni1@aol.com](mailto:alleni1@aol.com).

## Harvest for All Program (Erie County)

To bring agriculture education to schools in Erie County, Farm Bureau members held Harvest for All food drives at schools throughout the county. The school that brought the most pounds per number of students was awarded a \$500 donation to bring the PFB Ag Lab to their school. Donations were sent to local food pantries in the corresponding school district with the help of local FFA chapters. Flyers were sent home with the students about the event and a description of requested items.

- Location: High Schools
- Cost: \$500
- Planning Time: Two Months
- Number of Individuals Reached: Varies

For more information, please contact **Sally Haggerty** at **(814) 602-6198** or at [negrapes@roadrunner.com](mailto:negrapes@roadrunner.com).

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## National Agriculture Week Placemats (Clinton County)

For National Agriculture Week in March, Clinton County Farm Bureau members create approximately 4,800 placemats promoting agriculture to be provided to seven different restaurants throughout the county. The placemats feature fun facts about agriculture in addition to word searches related to agriculture. Advertisement space is sold for \$25 to promote Agriculture in the Classroom and to support a scholarship for children of Farm Bureau members. Planning and solicitation of advertisement space begins in January so that the final product can be printed in March.

- Location: County-Wide
- Cost: Nothing
- Planning Time: Three Months
- Number of Individuals Reached: Approximately 4,800

For more information, please contact **Bonnie Beck** at **(570) 660-1874**.

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## Pig and People (Bradford/Sullivan County)

Each year, Bradford/Sullivan County Farm Bureau members and local pork producers host a “Pig and People” program to promote the pork industry and share the similarities between humans and pigs. Members present at the Bloomsburg Fair and during day camps for the conservation program. Children are provided packets with pork erasers and recipe books, among other materials.

- Location: County-Wide; Fairs
- Cost: Nothing; NPPC Donates
- Planning Time: Three Month
- Number of Individuals Reached: 1000+

For more information, please contact **Kathy Yoachim** at **(570) 395-3462** or at [possum62@epix.net](mailto:possum62@epix.net).

## Port Farm Fall Activity (Erie County)

Port Farms is a local agritourism business that hosts a fall corn maze with the theme “BEE Amazed”. Erie County Farm Bureau members and professional beekeepers present informational sessions on the weekends with an observation hive and related activities. Farm Bureau members were offered a discounted admission rate for the event. Members also set up a Farm Bureau promotional booth.

- Location: Local Agritourism Business
- Cost: Varies
- Planning Time: Two Months
- Number of Individuals Reached: Varies

For more information, please contact **Sally Haggerty** at **(814) 602-6198** or at [negrapes@roadrunner.com](mailto:negrapes@roadrunner.com).

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## State of Agriculture News Article (Columbia County)

Once a month, Columbia County Farm Bureau members submit an article about the “state of agriculture” to a local newspaper. The state Agriculture Promotion Committee reviews the articles, which are then forwarded to the PFB main office for final edits before being sent to press. Topics range from dairy farming to agricultural education to local farm markets and more.

- Location: County-Wide
- Cost: Varies
- Planning Time: Two Months
- Number of Individuals Reached: Varies

For more information, please contact **Charlie Porter** at **(570) 259-4640** or at [cporter604@aol.com](mailto:cporter604@aol.com).

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## Welcome Center Agriculture Station (Susquehanna County)

During various times throughout the year, Susquehanna County Farm Bureau members provide a taste of agriculture at the Interstate 81 Welcome Center in the Endless Mountains. Members volunteer their time to promote honey and maple syrup, beef, dairy, cheese and even holiday cheer in December. In addition to serving both hot and cold foods, members educate travelers about agriculture and the Farm Bureau. Examples for different months include: Sweets for Sweetie (honey) on Valentine’s Day, ground beef dip in May, seedlings in recycled paper toiletry rolls in the spring, cheese month in October, and information on Christmas trees in December.

- Location: Welcome Center
- Cost: Varies
- Planning Time: On-Going
- Number of Individuals Reached: 1000+

For more information, please contact **Cheryl Matulevich** at **(570) 660-4563** or at [farmhope@hotmail.com](mailto:farmhope@hotmail.com).

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## FARM SAFETY

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### Farm Safety Day (Bedford County)

To engage community members about the importance of farm safety, Bedford County Farm Bureau members organized a farm safety day. Throughout the day, demonstrations included fire extinguisher use from a local fire company, combine safety from a machinery dealership, ATV safety from a motorcycle company, as well as helicopter demonstrations and an ambulance on-site. Five dollars was charged per family to help cover minor costs of bottled water and materials.

- Location: Antique Tractor Facility
- Cost: Less than \$50
- Planning Time: Three Months
- Number of Individuals Reached: 100+

For more information, please contact **Bob Detweiler** at (814) 766-3436 or at [bobdet36@gmail.com](mailto:bobdet36@gmail.com) or **Bruce Nunamaker** at (814) 329-3436 or at [bnacsvc@gmail.com](mailto:bnacsvc@gmail.com).

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### Farm Safety Day (Columbia County)

Columbia County Farm Bureau members hosted a farm safety day at the Bloomsburg Fairgrounds. Participants could visit several safety stations around the fairgrounds in addition to seeing the Geisinger Medical Center's Life Flight Helicopter on-site. Presentations include tractor safety, chainsaw safety, pesticide safety, ATV safety, lawnmower safety, boat safety, grain bin rescue and more.

- Location: Fairgrounds
- Cost: Minimal
- Planning Time: Three Months
- Number of Individuals Reached: Varies

For more information, please contact **Karen Chapin** at (570) 441-3093 or at [karrotlee@yahoo.com](mailto:karrotlee@yahoo.com).

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### Farm Safety Day (Lebanon County)

Lebanon County Farm Bureau members host a Farm Safety Day for students that are between the ages of 8 to 14. Pennsylvania Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Gregory Hostetter helped to organize the event on a local farm to teach children about farm safety. Lessons ranged from grain bin safety to agricultural equipment safety practices.

- Location: Local Farm
- Cost: Nothing; Volunteer Based
- Planning Time: Three Months
- Number of Individuals Reached: 150 Students

For more information, please contact **Curtis Martin** at (717) 838-4501 or at [clmartin59@gmail.com](mailto:clmartin59@gmail.com).

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## Farm Safety Day (Wayne/Pike County)

As hosts for an annual Farm Safety Day, Wayne Pike County Farm Bureau members provide presentations geared towards farmers, first responders and equipment dealers about farm safety. Guest speakers include Penn State Extension representatives Davie Hill and Dave Messersmith. Topics include working in confined spaces, hazardous gases, PTO safety, fire emergency plans and personal safety testimonies. Door prizes and lunch was provided for the participants. In addition, representatives from the Wayne Memorial Hospital were present and Farm Bureau promotional material was on display.

- Location: Local Farm
- Cost: Varies
- Planning Time: Three Months
- Number of Individuals Reached: Varies

For more information, please contact **Bonnie Latourette** at (570) 729-8499 or at [blatourette1@verizon.net](mailto:blatourette1@verizon.net).

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## Grain Bin Safety (Columbia)

Working with Penn State Cooperative Extension, Columbia County Farm Bureau Members host a training event for first responders to grain bin incidents. Penn State Agriculture Safety & Health Extension Associate Davis Hill provided informational sessions about safety precautions for farmers and extraction techniques for first responders. Lunch was provided for the participants.

- Location: Local Farm
- Cost: \$1,500
- Planning Time: Six Months
- Number of Individuals Reached: 78

For more information, please contact **Shawna Lupini** at (570) 204-7412 or at [hilliardfarm@yahoo.com](mailto:hilliardfarm@yahoo.com).

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## Progressive Agriculture Safety Days (Clarion/Venango/Forest County)

Second grade students from several school districts throughout Clarion and Venango counties are bused to Clarion County Park and the Venango County Fairgrounds to learn about agriculture safety. Students visit 30 safety stations throughout the day, learning about topics ranging from bikes, dogs, nutrition, equipment and more. Every student is provided with a t-shirt that is color coordinated for their school district as well as a fitted bicycle helmet.

- Location: Fairgrounds, Park
- Cost: Varies
- Planning Time: Three Months
- Number of Individuals Reached: Varies

or more information, please contact **Jeffrey Shaffer** at (717) 816-6778 or at [jeffrey\\_shaffer@cargill.com](mailto:jeffrey_shaffer@cargill.com)

## Rural Road Safety Event (Clearfield County)

Clearfield County Farm Bureau hosts a rural road safety program to remind motorists to remain cautious around agricultural equipment in the spring. Informational news articles are released to local newspapers.

- Location: County-Wide
- Cost: Minimal
- Planning Time: Two Months
- Number of Individuals Reached: Varies

For more information, please contact **Leon Kriner** at **(814) 583-7451** or at [ldkhdk@comcast.net](mailto:ldkhdk@comcast.net).

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## Rural Road Safety Radio Spots (Blair County)

During Rural Road Safety Week, the Blair County Farm Bureau aired a daily 60 second commercial about the importance of vigilant and cautious driving around farm vehicles. Members received rural road safety tips from the Regional Organization Director and recorded informational radio spots. The advertisement was broadcasted to four different stations throughout the county. Because of Farm Bureau's non-profit status, the radio stations covered half of the advertisement costs.

- Location: County-Wide
- Cost: Varies due to Stations
- Planning Time: One Month
- Number of Individuals Reached: 1000+

For more information, please contact **Jenn Long** at **(814) 684-5894** or at [bcbnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:bcbnewsletter@gmail.com).

## FUNDRAISING EVENTS

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### Annual Golf Outing (Clarion/Venango/Forest County)

Clarion/Venango/Forest County Farm Bureau members host an annual golfing event at the Clarion Oaks Golf Course to raise money for agriculture education. On average, the event raises approximately \$6,000 for the Farm Bureau. The event funds six \$500 scholarships, with the remainder of the proceeds divided into other agricultural education events.

- Location: Golf Course
- Cost: Varies
- Planning Time: Three Months
- Number of Individuals Reached: Varies

For more information, please contact **Rick Griebel** at **(814) 221-3895** or at [rtgriebel@gmail.com](mailto:rtgriebel@gmail.com).



## Insane Inflatable 5K (Erie County)

Erie County Farm Bureau participated in the Insane Inflatable 5K, an inflatable obstacle course run open to community members. Members reached out to the Insane Inflatable company about fundraising opportunities with a copy of the Friends of Ag Foundation's W-9, upon which the company issued the Farm Bureau a code. When 20 or more participants enter the code upon registration to the event, a minimum of \$5 from the registration costs are returned to the county's account at the Pennsylvania Friends of Ag Foundation. Fundraising coordinators do not need to be present at the event; the only responsibility is to promote the 5K run.

- Location: Local Town
- Cost: Nothing
- Planning Time: Three Months
- Number of Individuals Reached: Varies

For more information, please contact **Sally Haggerty** at **(814) 602-6198** or at [negrapes@roadrunner.com](mailto:negrapes@roadrunner.com).

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## Paint with Paula (Crawford County)

A fundraiser for the Crawford County Fair Bureau's Fair Detective event, Paint with Paula is a community-based event for individuals to pay a \$30 to participate in a painting event hosted by a local artist. The artist guides participants through the painting process and a percentage of the \$30 cost is spent on supplies.

- Location: Paint Studio
- Cost: \$30 / Person
- Planning Time: One Month
- Number of Individuals Reached: Varies

For more information, please contact **Cathy Vorisek** at **(814) 350-9291** or at [cathyvork@windstream.net](mailto:cathyvork@windstream.net).

## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

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### Scholarship Program (Cambria County)

Cambria County Farm Bureau members provide two to three \$300 scholarships each year for current undergraduate students. Applicants must have a parent or guardian who is a Farm Bureau member and be enrolled in either a community or four-year college or university. Recipients are selected based on their essays, which are judged by Farm Bureau employees in Camp Hill.

- Location: County-Wide
- Cost: \$600-\$900
- Planning Time: Minimal
- Number of Individuals Reached: Varies

For more information, please contact **Mary Smithmyer** at **(814) 674-3715** or at [msmithmyer14@verizon.net](mailto:msmithmyer14@verizon.net).

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## Scholarship Program (Clarion/Venango/Forest County)

The Clarion/Venango/Forest Farm Bureau awards six \$500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors or current undergraduates and graduate students who are either a Farm Bureau member or are immediately related to one. Students must be pursuing either a two- or four-year degree at a university, community college, or technical/trade school. Applicants must maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA in high school (for secondary graduates) or college (for post-secondary undergraduate and graduate students). The applications are received from January 25 through March 25 and recipients are selected by lottery at the spring meeting.

- Location: County High Schools
- Cost: \$3,000
- Planning Time: Three Months
- Number of Individuals Reached: Varies

For more information, please contact **Jeffrey Shaffer** at **(717) 816-6778** or at [jeffrey\\_shaffer@cargill.com](mailto:jeffrey_shaffer@cargill.com) or **Nancy Kadunce** at **(814) 229-2241** or at [bnkadunce@verizon.net](mailto:bnkadunce@verizon.net).

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## Scholarship Program (Columbia County)

High school graduates who plan to attain post-secondary education in an agriculture-related field are eligible to receive the Columbia County Agricultural Scholarship. The application requires students to share their extracurricular activities and write an essay on what they envision a future career in agriculture to be.

- Location: County High Schools
- Cost: Varies
- Planning Time: Three Months
- Number of Individuals Reached: Varies

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