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FAYETTE FARM BUREAU HOSTING FARM-TO-TABLE DINNER

Uniontown, PA – Fayette County's rich agriculture will soon take center stage during the Fayette County Farm Bureau's third annual Farm-to-Table Dinner.

The event takes place at 5 p.m. Sept. 18 at 10 Valley Farms, 183 Duck Pond Road, Connellsville. Farm Bureau officials say the event is a chance for everyone to celebrate the harvest season and sample Fayette County's best food and beverages.

"Several years ago, one of our former board members hosted a farm-to-table dinner and donated a portion of the proceeds to the Farm Bureau," Farm Bureau Government Relations Director Joe Ambrose said. "It was a great event, and we knew we wanted to keep it going, so now we host it through our board and showcase all of Fayette County agriculture."

Farm Bureau President Darrell Becker said the dinner gives local farmers a chance to not only showcase their products, but make connections between agriculture and county citizens.

"As farmers, we're supposed to be educators, because not everyone understands our industry or our plight. This allows us to expose the general public to what our farmers do, and talk about all the ways farmers make a difference in our communities," Becker said. "I can't tell you how gratifying it is to see everyone coming together. It's what we're called to do as the voices of agriculture."

Dinner will be prepared by local Chef Jeremy Critchfield of HuntChef. The event will also feature door prizes, a gift basket auction and farm products from local vendors.

Ambrose said "everything" at the dinner, including the table centerpieces, will be sourced from Fayette County farmers or Farm Bureau members.

"You won't find a single thing on the menu that doesn't come from a Fayette County farmer," Ambrose said. "This is all about showing people what you can get from our local farms, because I don't think everyone realizes where all their food comes from."

Ambrose said Laurel Highlands Brewery of Uniontown and Christian Klay Winery of Chalk Hill will serve beer and wine, respectively. Ridge Runner Distillery of Chalk Hill will also be on hand, creating specialty cocktails from moonshine.

Tickets are \$75 per person and on sale now, through Sept. 4. Tickets can be purchased through the Fayette County Chamber of Commerce, 65 West Main St., Uniontown; 724-437-4571; or online at www.fayettechamberstore.com.

Farm Bureau members interested in being event vendors must donate an item for the gift basket auction. Call Joe Ambrose at 724-323-4948, or Darrell Becker at 724-984-2882, for more information.

"Our entire board is dedicated to the same mantra, which is basically to sustain our farms through education and connection. We need as many of these events as possible, so farmers can connect with the people buying their wares," Becker said. "Farmers are good people. It's through them that we can bring the farm to the public, and the public to the farm."

To learn more about the Fayette County Farm Bureau, visit www.pfb.com/fayette.

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