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My husband, Tony, and I own the Meepah Ventures, LLC alpaca farm located near Buffalo Mills in Bedford County, PA. We are the sixth generation to own the family farm. We received ownership of the farm in 2012. It had been out of use for 50 years. Its pastures were overgrown and it desperately needed love. We wanted to bring the farm back to life, so we needed animals. We both had experience with cattle, pigs and chickens, but wanted something different and interesting that didn't trigger the grandkids allergies. I found a lovely, soft wrap at the alpaca shop in Bedford. It made me happy. I told Tony that we should get alpacas for the farm. He said, "No." Five years later, in September 2020, we took delivery of our first six alpacas. We now have a herd of 25 alpacas. We appreciate both the animals and their fiber. I make knit and crochet items and Tony does wet felting and needle felting. We enjoy experimenting with new, unique items made from alpaca fiber. As a new alpaca owner, I struggled to learn everything I could. I was elected to the PAOBA Board in the Fall of 2022 and found that serving on the board was an excellent opportunity to meet and learn from experienced alpaca owners as well as other new owners, like me. In joining the board, I wanted to do whatever I could to help. I am currently serving as the PAOBA treasurer.

Before joining the world of alpacas, I spent 40 years working in manufacturing quality in the nuclear, automotive, commercial electronics and aviation industries. I hold a Bachelor's Degree in Quality Engineering and a Master of Business Administration. Although I grew up on a farm in Bedford County, PA, about 5 miles from our current farm, I spent the majority of my working career in Northern Virginia. In October, 2020, I retired from my position of Quality Director with Saffron, an international aviation manufacturer, and moved back to the family farm.

With my technical background, I focus on numbers and data. Having spent the past two years on the PAOBA board, I see so much opportunity. As a new alpaca owner, I still have so much to learn. If re-elected, I will continue to do whatever I can to help.