

FARM BUREAU NEWS

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Farm Bureau Mission Statement

Forging a partnership between farmers and consumers that meets consumers needs, addresses public expectations and ensures agricultural prosperity in a global marketplace.



Nexxus Pipeline Briefing & Kick-Off on January 13

WHEN: Tuesday, January 13, 2015

WHERE: EHOVE new Science & Technology Bldg, 316 W Mason Rd, Milan

TIME: 7:00 PM- Light refreshments will be served.

WHY: Some developers are contacting landowners to conduct surveys and environmental evaluations across farm ground. Other developers are scheduling area meetings and open houses. Depending on the size and scope of individual projects, government agencies are scheduling local hearings and scoping meetings as part of their construction approval and permitting process.

OFBF Director of Energy, Utility and Local Government Policy, Dale Arnold will brief community stakeholders on the work of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) and other regulatory agencies governing pipeline development. Energy market trends, pipeline construction and remediation standards, eminent domain, farmland preservation, legal counsel as well as what landowners should consider in negotiating effective easement agreements with pipeline developers will be discussed.

Financial Seminar on February 12

WHEN: Thursday, February 12, 2015

WHERE: Danny Boys Restaurant, 6207 Milan Rd, Sandusky

TIME: 6:15-6:45 PM Registration. Beverage & snacks provided if you RSVP.

WHY: In a financial time when money is stretched to its limits - strategies for positioning and leveraging money for better results in your later years of life. This seminar will cater primarily to the 50 & over crowd but all ages are welcomed.

Reservations: Seating limited to 40 people. Please RSVP to the Farm Bureau office at 1-888-216-5487 or 440-877-0706.

This financial seminar is being held in cooperation with Erie County Farm Bureau and the Scheeler Nationwide Agency.

Scholarships Available

Erie County Farm Bureau offers scholarships for both high school seniors and continuing education students.

Scholarships that Farm Bureau offer includes: a General up to \$750 Scholarship for graduating high school seniors, an Agricultural up to \$750 Scholarship for graduating high school seniors, and a Continuing Education up to \$1,000 Agricultural Scholarship. Applications are available by calling the Erie County Farm Bureau at 888-216-5487 or *'cont. on page 2*

Member Benefit Minute

Did you know?

Farm Bureau primarily focuses on two goals: Legislative representation for members and promotion of agriculture. We work on issues important to you and strive to keep consumers connected to producers and local farmer's businesses.

ERIE COUNTY FARM BUREAU POLICY

Erie County Farm Bureau annually goes through the policy development process at the county level. They hold several meetings to assess the needs of the county where they determine if the problem is something that affects agriculture.

Erie County Farm Bureau met with numerous elected officials on July 28, 2014. Both elected officials and Farm Bureau members were present for the meeting. Great discussion was had and everyone in attendance left a little more informed. This meeting serves as a vital part to the policy development committee.

The committee then takes the information that was presented and formulates proposed policies. The policies are categorized by county, state, and national policies. These policies are sent to the eligible members of the Erie County Farm Bureau prior to the annual meeting to review.

Ohio Farm Bureau's policy development process is a grassroots process. It starts on the county level in all 88 counties of Ohio and works its way up to Ohio Farm Bureau and then American Farm Bureau.

The policies that are passed at the county Farm Bureau annual meeting then become the 'marching orders' for the county Farm Bureau.

Erie County Farm Bureau members adopted the county policies that were voted on at their county annual meeting in September. They are listed to the right.

1. We support continuance of farmers' markets to support consumption of locally grown foods for county residents.
2. We support Erie Soil & Water Conservation District continuing local research on the 4R program of: right source, right rate of application, right time and right field to improve and maintain county land and water systems.
3. We support the county health department's efforts to establish a local facility for rehabilitation of those with alcohol, drug, and mental health problems.
4. We support continued testing by the Erie County Health Department for e-coli/sewage contamination in tributaries to Lake Erie in relationship to harmful algal blooms.
5. We support an active program to identify and eliminate vacant structures.
6. We support, at least, partial restoration of local government funds; especially for townships.
7. We support increasing the awareness of, and continuation of without further regulations, the current, unused pharmaceutical drop-off programs.
8. We would encourage a local organization to locate grant money to maintain, repair, upgrade and provide education on rural on-site waste systems.



Visit local orchards this year and meet the farmer that grows the food that you enjoy

For a listing of local orchards and other markets, log on to www.ourohio.org and click on the Buying Local Directory

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Or visiting: www.northcoastfarmbureau.org and clicking on 'Scholarships & Grants'. Each guidance counselor and FFA advisor have copies of both of the high school scholarships. Multiple scholarships are awarded each year.

Scholarship applications are due by March 15, 2015. To inquire about the scholarship program, call Erie County Farm Bureau or make a request via email at erie@ofbf.org. We look forward to receiving your application.

Mark Your Calendars!

Mark your calendars for the following events:

January 13 | Nexus Pipeline Briefing & Membership Kick-Off 7:00 p.m. | EHOVE– New Science & Technology Bldg, 316 W Mason Rd, Milan

January 24 | Farm Bureau Fest
8:30 am–1:00 p.m. | Tri Rivers Career Center, Marion
see article to right

February 2 Membership Check-In
7:00 p.m. — Berardi's, 218 Cleveland Rd E, Huron

February 16 | President's Day Legislative Brunch & Membership Check-In
9:00 a.m.— Perkins Restaurant, 4710 Milan Rd, Sandusky

March 9 | Membership Check-In
7:00 p.m. — Berardi's, 1019 W Perkins Ave, Sandusky

March 13 | Family Fun Night with Huron County Farm Bureau 5-10 p.m.—Rain Water Park/Cedar Lanes, 1935 Cleveland Rd, Sandusky

March 16 | Worker's Compensation Safety Meeting
7:00 p.m.—EHOVE– Building A– room 101, 316 W Mason Rd, Milan

March 18-20 | County Presidents' Trip to DC

March 30 | Membership Recognition Dinner
6:30 p.m.—Place TBA– Must sign at least one member to qualify for dinner.

Farm Bureau Fest: A Member Benefit Expo & Personal Development Opportunity

January 24 | Register by Jan 21 | 8:30 am to 1 p.m. | Tri Rivers Career Center, Marion | Cost: Free

Join Farm Bureau for a morning of development, networking, farm to table cooking demonstrations, fun and more. Bring the whole family & find out what your membership is really worth. Bring a non member and receive a special gift. This day features personal development opportunities. A Nationwide Insurance *Land as Your Legacy* seminar provides specialists to work one-on-one as you consider generational transition planning for your farming operation. There will be four safety training sessions. Attend 2 of the 4 sessions to receive your Workers' Compensation Group Rating certification requirement for the year. The third opportunity will be a series of cooking workshops, including healthy cooking on a budget and farm to table expos by premier area chefs.

When not in training, visit our partners – such as Case IH, Grainger, Nationwide Agribusiness, GM, Sherwin Williams and more – and learn about the savings opportunities your membership affords you & your family. County Farm Bureau activities will be on display too, highlighting the great work each does and illustrating how your membership helps build a better community. Have a question about CAUV, oil & gas leasing, the Farm Bill or other policy issues? Ohio Farm Bureau specialists will speak with you directly about issues that matter to your community. There will be supervised children's activities, featuring ag activities & a live animal presentation from the Columbus Zoo. So bring the family & attend the development sessions while your kids have fun learning about animals, food and farming. A soup and salad lunch will be served.

Registration is required for all attendees. Call Marion County Farm Bureau at 740-383-2158.

Erie County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

The Erie County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting of Membership was held September 24, 2014 at St. John's United Church of Christ. Over 80 members, elected officials, board members and guests were in attendance.

Meeting started with President Denny Weillnau welcoming everyone, meal was served followed by the business meeting. Minutes from the 2013 annual meeting were presented as well as financial report for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. Both the minutes and financial report were approved. Greg Cumston gave the nominating committee report and then members were asked to vote for board of trustees members and OFBF Annual Meeting delegates for 2015. Policy Development Chair, John Wallrabenstein gave the policy development report and again members were asked to vote on proposed policies. *A list of local policies are on page 2, all policies are at www.northcoastfarmbureau.org*

The 2014 scholarship recipients were introduced: Rachael Meyer (agricultural scholarship), daughter of Jeff & Terri Meyer, Audrey Braun, daughter of Joe & Debra Braun, Emily Cutler, daughter of Todd & Elizabeth Cutler, Zach Frederick, son of Dan & Tina Fredrick, Andrea Kaman, daughter of Charles & Cynthia Kaman, Kristina Kelley, daughter of Dave & Gwen Kelley, Christy Miller, daughter of Dan Miller & Julie Etherington, Cynthia Jo Nielsen, daughter of Jeff & Chris Nielsen, Tyler Puckrin, son of Mike & Karen Puckrin, and David Trinter, son of Charles & Barb Trinter were all recipients of a general scholarship. *Scholarship applications for 2015 are on our website: www.northcoastfarmbureau.org and are due by March 15, 2015! Please help spread the word.* OFBF Trustee, Al DiVencenzo gave a brief report. Amanda Denes presented a few awards and thanked every Farm Bureau member who volunteered in any capacity over the past year.

Ron Overmyer spoke & shared pictures about his experience and trip to Mozambique, Africa. After this election results were announced, meeting was adjourned and door prizes were given out. Returning to the county board of trustees were: Nicki Watson for the West District and John Wallrabenstein & Denny Weillnau for the Central District. Winning as delegates to the 2015 Ohio Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting were board president (who automatically attends), Paul (Marty) DeMuth, Marshall Smith and Joe Trinter. Thanks to all that attended!

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With direction from the
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Ohio agriculture.*

Executive Board

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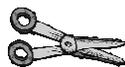
SEEKING FARM BUREAU MEMBERS WITH BUSINESSES

We are getting ready to prepare our 2015 Erie, Huron, & Lorain County Farm Bureaus Member Benefits brochure. This brochure lists businesses that are Farm Bureau members and offer a discount to fellow Farm Bureau members. The brochure is put together by the Farm Bureau office and is then distributed to the entire membership in the tri-county area. This reaches close to 11,000 people!

You can advertise in the brochure as long as you or your business are a Farm Bureau member, you offer a discount to Farm Bureau members, and your Farm Bureau membership is currently paid or is enclosed with the form below. **You must offer a discount to be included in this brochure.**

Please fill out the form below and mail to the Farm Bureau office, along with your membership dues (if not paid), by March 1, 2015 to be included in the brochure.

Mail to: Erie County Farm Bureau, 8460 Ridge Rd., North Royalton, OH 44133



*If you have already paid your current membership dues, please note that and we will contact you if our records indicate differently.

Business Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone #: _____

Discount Offered: _____

Website (if applicable): _____

Name Which Membership is Under: _____