

SEEKING FARM BUREAU MEMBERS WITH BUSINESSES

We are getting ready to prepare our 2011 Erie, Huron, and 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 are a Farm Bureau member (or your business is a member), you offer a discount of some type to Farm Bureau members, and your current membership dues payment of \$60 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 back to the Farm Bureau office, along with your membership dues of \$60, by December 17th to be included in the brochure.

Mail to: Huron County Farm Bureau, 530 S. Main St., Oberlin, OH 44074

**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: _____

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Farm Bureau Mission Statement

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



Huron Co. FB Annual Meeting Held September 16th

The Huron County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting of Membership was held on September 16th, 2010 at the New London Grange. Over 100 members, elected officials, board members, and guests were in attendance. The evening started with a candidate's reception sponsored by the Huron County Farm Bureau. Elected officials and people running for political office socialized with Farm Bureau members and enjoyed the appetizers and wine.

The meeting started at 7 pm with President John Brooks welcoming everyone. The meal was served by the New London Grange followed by the business meeting. Introductions were made, minutes from the 2009 annual meeting were presented as was the financial report for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. Both the minutes and financial report were approved. The nominating committee chairman Rich Smith gave the report for his committee and then active members were allowed to vote. The policy development chairman Doug Brown gave the policy development report and again active members were allowed to vote. All policies presented at the annual meeting were accepted. *For a list of these policies please contact the Farm Bureau Office at 888-292-6442 or view them on our website at www.northcoastfarmbureau.org*

Kyle Boehler and Makayla Roth reported their experiences from attending youth camps. The 2010 scholarship recipients were introduced: Eric Leber, Jacob Schwab, and Joy Sizemore.

State Trustee Sparky Weilnau gave a brief report. This was followed by Organization Director Amanda Denes presenting a few awards.

Mike Bumgarner from the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation was the speaker for the evening. He serves as the Vice-President for the Center for Food and Animal Issues. Bumgarner spoke on the current situation with animal agriculture in the state of Ohio. The evening concluded with the board members giving away several door prizes. If you were in attendance thank you for coming. If you weren't, we hope to see you next year or before then!

Pictured are Huron County Farm Bureau Board of Trustee Members: Back row from left to right: Sam Woodruff, Elaine Conger, Barrett French, Steve Eden, Mike Meyer, and Chris Walcher. Front row from left to right: Doug Brown, Heidi Benich, John Liles, Rich Smith, and John Brooks.





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SEEKING INTERESTED MEMBERS

The Huron County Farm Bureau is seeking interested members and non-members to be involved with the 2011 Volunteer Membership Campaign. We will be having our Membership Kick-Off on January 20, 2011 at Norwalk High School Auditorium at 7 p.m. Keith Stimpert, vice president for the Public Policy Department at Ohio Farm Bureau, will be our featured guest speaker. We will also be highlighting our other member benefits. We encourage all current and potential Farm Bureau members to join us on January 20. If you are interested in attending; look for your invitation to arrive by mail at the beginning of January. If you have any questions feel free to call the Farm Bureau office at 888-292-6442. Mike Meyer, membership coordinator, welcomes any and all interested members and non-members to join us at our Kick-Off on January 20.

Congrats to Last Year's Membership Coordinator

Congratulations to Mike Meyer for achieving farmer gain in Huron County in 2010. Mike did a wonderful job serving as the Membership Coordinator for his first year. Mike and the county president worked hand in hand to help motivate membership workers during the campaign. Mike strived for farmer gain and was able to make this happen through the help of numerous group buys and by him inspiring his volunteers to work. Achieving farmer gain in a county where over half of your membership is active members is a tough feat to accomplish, but Mike Meyer was able to do it. We are happy to have Mike serving again as the Huron County Membership Coordinator.

Pictured to the left: Mike Meyer, membership coordinator and Brian Peach, vice president of the Organization Department at Ohio Farm Bureau during the Membership Coordinator's Award Weekend Trip.



Huron SWCD Fall Fun Fest Held October 9

The Huron County Soil and Water Conservation District's Fall Fun Fest was held on Saturday, October 9 from 10 am until 2 pm at the Huron County Fairgrounds. The event was partially funded by the Huron County Farm Bureau. The Farm Bureau had a table at the fest where they gave away apples with caramel and had a craft project for the children to complete. Farm Bureau also promoted memberships and gave out bags filled with educational information pertaining to agriculture. Over six bushels of apples were enjoyed by attendees.

Mark Your Calendars!

Mark your calendars for the following events:

- January 20 – Membership Kick-Off at Norwalk High School at 7 pm
- February 10 – 1st Membership Check-In Meeting at Norwalk High School at 7 pm
- February 21 – President's Day Legislative Brunch with Lorain County Farm Bureau – place and time to be determined
- February 26 – Huron County Chamber of Commerce Home and Business Show at Norwalk Middle School– 10 am - 4 pm Come and see Farm Bureau on the stage.
- March 10 – 2nd Membership Check-In Meeting at Norwalk High School at 7 pm
- March 20 – National Agriculture Day
- Fun Night with Erie County Farm Bureau – Date and time to be determined, look for your invitation in the mail.

Scholarships and Teacher Grants Offered

SCHOLARSHIPS: The Huron County Farm Bureau offers scholarships for both high school seniors and continuing education students, as well as offering grants for teachers.

Scholarships that the Farm Bureau offer include: a \$500 High School Scholarship and a \$500 Continuing Education Scholarship. Applications are available by calling the Huron County Farm Bureau office at 888-292-6442 or visiting their website: www.northcoastfarmbureau.org and clicking on "Scholarships & Grants." Each guidance counselor and FFA advisor have copies of the \$500 High School Scholarship. Multiple scholarships are awarded each year.

TEACHER GRANTS: Teacher grants are offered to any teacher in a Huron County School who wishes to teach an agriculturally-related subject. The application is a simple one-page form. Grants are given in any amount from \$25 to \$250, so be sure to apply!

The scholarships and teacher grants are due by March 15, 2011. To inquire about the grant and/or scholarship program, call the Huron County Farm Bureau office or make a request via email at huron@ofbf.org. We look forward to receiving your application.

Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board Hard at Work

In November of 2009, Ohioans overwhelmingly supported the passage of State Issue 2, approving the creation of the Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board. This vote demonstrated Ohioans support for keeping the state's number one industry—food and agriculture—vibrant and strong. The board's purpose is to create state standards for the care and well-being of livestock in Ohio.

The board seeks to serve Ohioans by creating comprehensive livestock care standards that will not only assure better livestock care, but will also support the state's overarching policies to promote safe and affordable food, help prevent the outbreak of both animal and human diseases and will encourage local food production.

Through an open and transparent process, the Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board is eager to hear from Ohio citizens regarding this issue. By doing so, the board is hopeful to strengthen the connection between Ohio's farm families and its consumers.

The Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board has been hard at work since members were appointed and they started meeting. The board is meeting almost biweekly with subcommittees meeting on the off weeks. The board has proposed standards on euthanasia of livestock and poultry and civil penalties. After the two week comment period ends, the proposed rules will then be filed with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR). This process will continue as the board proposes more standards.

If you want more information on the Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board please visit their website at <http://ohiolivestockcarestandardsboard.org>

**Some of the information for this article was cited from the Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board's website.*