

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.

The Huron County Farm Bureau newsletter is distributed to Huron County Farm Bureau members to keep them informed of Farm Bureau issues, events, member benefits and agriculture. With direction from the county board of trustees, the organization supports Ohio farmers and promotes Ohio agriculture

Huron County Farm Bureau

530 S. Main Street
Oberlin, OH 44074

Phone: 888-292-6442



Official Notification of the

Huron County Farm Bureau, Inc. Annual Meeting of Membership

Thursday, September 13, 2012

St. Alphonsus Church

1322 Settlement Rd., Norwalk

6:30 p.m.

Candidate's Reception Meet & Greet

7:00 p.m.

Buffet Dinner

Swiss steak with mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, salad, rolls, assorted desserts, and beverages
Catered by Women of St. Alphonsus Church

To Follow:

Business Meeting

Trustee and OFBF Annual Meeting Delegate elections
Act upon proposed policy resolutions
Recognize accomplishments
Speaker: Jack Fisher – Executive Vice President
of Ohio Farm Bureau Federation

TICKETS are \$10.00 per person, and are available from the

Huron County Farm Bureau

530 S. Main St., Oberlin, OH 44074

Phone Number: (888) 292-6442 or (440) 774-2211

The reservation form is located on the back page. Tickets will be mailed to you. **Huron County Board of Trustee Members will have extra tickets.**

Board of Trustee Members: Heidi Benich, Doug Brown, John Brooks, Elaine Conger, Brad Harris, Dave Kamm, John Liles, Mike Meyer, Jason Nuhfer, Bill Ommert, and Jeremy Sherman.

Deadline for ticket reservations is Friday, September 7, 2012

No tickets available at the door.

Huron County Farm Bureau, Inc.

Proposed Policies for 2012- 2013

We the members of Huron County Farm Bureau propose...

Local/ County

1. We request the removal of limited access signage from the U.S. Route 20 bypass thereby allowing farm machinery to avoid the serious safety risks of other routes through and around Norwalk.
2. We support local government and not regional government (ie. township trustees).
3. We support traffic lights and lighting at the intersection of U.S. Route 250 and U.S. Route 20.
4. We support stiffer penalties for crop and property damage done by four-wheelers. We encourage four-wheeler owners to have written permission to be on property that is not their own.
5. We do not support unfunded mandates.
6. We recommend state capital improvement money and grants be divided more equally amongst the Ohio counties and communities.
7. We continue to support funding for The Ohio State University Extension.
8. We support an income tax base for school levies with a reduction in real estate taxes.
9. We support the Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board and oppose animal rights groups such as HSUS, PETA, and MFA.
10. We support better vegetative control along roadways and encourage earlier mowing in the summer, to especially avoid safety risks of impaired vision at intersections and crossings.
11. We support keeping the title office and license bureau in the same building (on south side of Norwalk) located in a county owned building.
12. We encourage all livestock farmers to utilize BMP's (Best Management Practice's) for animal waste.
13. We encourage state and county highway departments and township trustees to pertain to safety of all intersections (in regards to trees and weeds).
4. We encourage drug testing for unemployment and family assistance (former welfare) recipients and if the test is positive then they lose that benefit.
5. We do not support the Farm Service Agency dealing with crop insurance.
6. We strongly oppose adding any more counties to the OD districts; beyond the four counties that are currently in the state trustee district.
7. We support the Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board and oppose animal rights groups such as HSUS, PETA, and MFA.
8. We request more local control for Ohio school boards rather than mandates from the state board of education.
9. We support random fuel testing in the tanker prior to delivery to prevent Ohio from being a dumping ground for inferior fuels.
10. We request a permanent funding method of funding 911 in Ohio. We strongly suggest extending the wireless surcharge to all technologies accessing 911 lines (i.e. wireless, VOIP, cable, and landline).
11. We support local government NOT regional government.
12. We support the elimination of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), and the Federal Transportation Board (FTB). We believe that they have exceeded their statutory authority or refuse responsibility to fulfill their roles in public interest.
13. We support removing Ohio from the national health care system.
14. We support the streamlining of the Ohio Department of Transportation.

State

1. We are opposed to new regulations on water usage in Ohio.
 2. We encourage that any private property being considered taken for public use, the property owners should be notified by registered mail.
 3. We recommend State Capital Improvement money and grants be divided more equally amongst the Ohio counties and communities.
- ### National
1. We oppose any type of cap and trade legislation.
 2. We support the elimination of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), and the Federal Transportation Board (FTB). We believe that they have exceeded their statutory authority or refuse responsibility to fulfill their roles in public interest.
 3. We oppose the EPA livestock emissions standards and dust regulations.
 4. We support removing Ohio from the national health care system.

Annual Meeting Speaker

John C. (Jack) Fisher serves as Executive Vice President of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, Ohio's largest general farm organization with more than 214,000 members.

Fisher grew up on a farm in Crawford County, Ohio. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees in agriculture from The Ohio State University and a master's degree in counseling from Ball State University. He served as personnel officer for the U.S. Air Force Tactical Fighter Wing located in Lakenheath, England from 1969 to 1973.

Fisher has extensive experience in both government and agribusiness. He was deputy director of the Ohio Department of Agriculture from 1980 to 1983, after serving as assistant to the director from 1973 to 1976. He has also held the position of director of the Illinois Corn Growers Association and Marketing Board and was executive director of governmental affairs and commodities for the Illinois Farm Bureau.

Fisher is married to the former Judy Cook of Wooster, Ohio. The Fishers have three children, three grandchildren and reside in Columbus.



2012 Scholarships Awarded

Each year, Huron County Farm Bureau awards ag-related scholarships to graduating seniors and continuing education scholarships to college students studying ag-related field. These scholarships were recently awarded to eight deserving individuals. Hayley Beck of Western Reserve High School and Tiffany Szabo of New London High School were recipients of the \$500 Agriculture Scholarship. Hayley, daughter of Scott and Rebecca Beck, is a 2012 Western Reserve graduate and plans to attend The Ohio State University to study agricultural communication. Tiffany the daughter of Dennis and Sharon Szabo, is a 2012 graduate of New London High School. In the fall she plans to attend The Ohio State University to study environment and natural resources.

Eric Leber of Monroeville, Jennifer Morgan of North Fairfield, Racheal Pitsinger of Willard, Joy Sizemore of Monroeville, and Derek Sweeting of North Fairfield were the recipients of the \$500 Continuing Education Scholarship. Eric, son of Fredrick and Theresa Leber, is attending The Ohio State University and studying agricultural systems management. Jennifer, daughter of Bob and Bonnie Morgan, is attending the University of Findlay and studying in the pre-veterinary program. Racheal, daughter of Richard and Barbara Pitsinger, is attending Wilmington College. Joy, daughter of Jeff and Ramona, attending the University of Findlay and studying animal science and pre-veterinary medicine. Derek, son of Don and Sandra, is attending The Ohio State University and studying agronomy and agricultural business. We wish the best of luck to all of these scholarship recipients in their educational endeavors.

Huron County Farm Bureau Fifth Annual Appreciation Day

This year's annual Appreciation Day, held at the Huron County Fairgrounds, was another huge success. Over 175 Farm Bureau members from all over Huron County attended this event to learn about the benefits of being a member and how to get the most out of their Farm Bureau membership. This event was catered



by Berardi's Catering and members were able to meet with representatives from Sherwin Williams and Grainger. Four Chevrolet trucks were on display from Norwalk Kasper Chevrolet Buick. Pictured to the left was one of the Chevrolet trucks that was on display and was filled with non-perishable items that were later donated to the Salvation Army in Norwalk. This project was called "Cans for Community Project" to help out the needy in Huron County.



RESERVATION FORM

Huron County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

Thursday, September 13, 2012

St. Alphonsus Church

1322 Settlement Rd., Norwalk

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____ Email: _____

_____ Tickets at \$10.00 per Person Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Please make check payable to Huron County Farm Bureau,
530 S. Main Street, Oberlin, OH 44074

Deadline to order tickets: Friday, September 7, 2012

*** No tickets available at the door ***

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