

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

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OHIO FARM BUREAU®

Official Notification of the Huron County Farm Bureau, Inc. Annual Meeting of Membership

**Tuesday, September 10, 2013
Collins Methodist Church
4290 Hartland Center Rd., Collins**

6:30 p.m. Buffet Dinner

Roast Beef, Herb Crusted Chicken Breast, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, garden salad, bread, assorted pies and beverages

Provided by Catering by Design

To Follow: Business Meeting

Trustee and OFBF Annual Meeting Delegate elections

Act upon proposed policy resolutions

Recognize accomplishments

Speaker: Adam Sharp – Vice President - Public Policy
Ohio Farm Bureau Federation

**TICKETS are \$10.00 for Farm Bureau Members and
\$15.00 for non members and are available**

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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, Chris Hilaman, Jason Nuhfer, Bill Ommert, Will Lewis and Jeremy Sherman.

Deadline for ticket reservations is Tuesday, September 3, 2013

*No tickets available at the door. *

Huron County Farm Bureau, Inc.

Proposed Policies for 2013- 2014

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 (i.e. township trustees) with 2008 local government funding levels restored.
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; without sending them to rehabilitation.
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.
15. We support standard Department of Transportation (DOT) weight laws in Ohio.

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.
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

Annual Meeting Speaker

Adam Sharp is vice president, public policy for the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation (OFBF). He is responsible for directing the organization's policy and political activities.

Sharp joined Ohio Farm Bureau in 2004 as director of national affairs. Prior to Ohio Farm Bureau, he was acting counselor on agricultural policy to the administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and served as political deputy over EPA's pesticide office. Both positions were White House political appointments. Sharp also was director of governmental relations for the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Sharp and his family are involved with the family farm in Fairfield County; he has two children. He is a graduate of Ohio State University, where he majored in agricultural communications.



2013 Scholarships Awarded

Each year, Huron County Farm Bureau awards ag-related scholarships to graduating seniors and continuing education scholarships to college students. These scholarships were recently awarded to several deserving individuals.

Erin Kramer, daughter of James & Susan Kramer of Norwalk; a 2013 graduate of St. Paul High School and Brandon Sparks, son of Brad & Becky Sparks; a 2013 graduate of Monroeville High School were both recipients of a Huron County Farm Bureau Scholarship. Erin plans to attend The Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute to major in agricultural business and agronomy. Brandon plans to attend The Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute and study crop management. Daren Mull, son of Jim & Donna Mull of Willard; a 2013 graduate of Willard High School was also a recipient of a Huron County Farm Bureau Scholarship. Daren plans to attend The Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute to major in crop management and soil conservation.

Eric Leber, son of Fred & Theresa Leber of Monroeville, was a recipient of a Huron County Farm Bureau Continuing Education Scholarship. Eric is attending The Ohio State University where his major is agricultural systems management. Eric is a 2010 graduate of Monroeville High School.

We wish the best of luck to all of these deserving scholarship recipients. For more information about Huron County Farm Bureau scholarships visit www.northcoastfarmbureau.org.

Huron County Farm Bureau Sixth Annual Appreciation Day

This year's annual Appreciation Day, held at the Huron County Fairgrounds, was another huge success. Over 110 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 Trent Nationwide Insurance. 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.



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RESERVATION FORM

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Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____ Email: _____

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Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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