

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.



Family Fun Night with Erie Co. Farm Bureau on March 10

WHEN: Friday, March 10, 2017

WHERE: Quality Inn and Rain Water Park (Cedar Lanes and Thirsty Pony), 1935 Cleveland Road, Sandusky

TIME: 5:00 - 10:00 PM– Pizza, pop & ice cream included.

WHY: Fun Night includes bowling, Rain Water Park, pizza, pop, ice cream, and cards & games in the Royal Palm Room for \$7.50 per Farm Bureau member and \$15.00 for non members. ***Bring a new paid Farm Bureau membership with you and you can attend for free!** Family members age 2 and under are free. Look for your invitation in the mail. We hope you can join us on March 10.

New Ways To Save

Ohio Farm Bureau Federation is excited about it's new discount program that members can access right from their smartphones or computers. This member exclusive discount program can save members up to 20%, 40%, to even 50% off on many nation-wide chains and even local dining, shopping, and services. Some stores and restaurants participating in your local area are Dairy Queen, Sonic, JCPenny's, Express, Books-A-Million, Sears Auto Center, Cedar Lanes, I-5's Bar And Grill, and many more. Members must have the app or a printed coupon in order to use the discount. Find the My Deals mobile app in the Apple app store or Google Play. You will need your member ID number in order to activate the service. In order to get the computer coupon go to <https://ofbf.org/member-savings-advantage/>.

Also don't miss out saving on Rocky Brands and Lehigh Outfitters. This member benefit offers an online shopping discount of 10% or more on over 55 different brands of shoes and boots, and various apparel lines. Plus, FREE SHIPPING and FREE RETURNS on all orders! Brands such as Rocky, Georgia, Justin, Dan Post, Lehigh, Reebok, Timberland Pro, Muck, Dr. Martens, Rockport are all represented.

Carhartt clothing, Rocky hunting apparel, slip resistant shoes and waterproof boots are available as well. Check out <https://ofbf.org/savings/rocky-boots-lehigh-outfitters/> for more information on this new member benefit.

Huron County Farm Bureau now has a Facebook page! Be sure to like it on Facebook at facebook.com/HuronFarmBureau

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.



Want to know what fruits & vegetables are in season?

For a listing of what's in season visit www.ourohio.org and click on What's In Season

Huron County Farm Bureau Policy Process

Huron 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. Huron County Farm Bureau met with numerous elected officials on June 16, 2016. 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. These policies are sent to the eligible members of the Huron County Farm Bureau prior to the annual meeting for them 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.

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

LOCAL

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 (i.e. township trustees) and not regional government with 2008 local government funding levels restored.
3. 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.
4. We do not support unfunded mandates.
5. We recommend state capital improvement money and grants be divided more equally amongst Ohio counties and communities.
6. We continue to support funding for The Ohio State University Extension.
7. We support an income tax base for school levies with a reduction in real estate taxes.
8. 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.
9. We support improving the CAUV (current agricultural use value) formula.

Scholarships & Teacher's Grants Available

SCHOLARSHIPS: Huron County Farm Bureau offers scholarships for both high school seniors and continuing education students which include: an Agricultural \$500 Scholarship for graduating high school seniors and a Continuing Education \$500 Agricultural Scholarship. Applications are available by calling Huron County Farm Bureau at 888-292-6442 or visiting: www.northcoastfarmbureau.org and clicking on 'Scholarships & Grants'. Each guidance counselor and FFA advisor have applications. Multiple scholarships are awarded each year. **Scholarship applications are due by March 15, 2017.**

TEACHER'S AGRICULTURE GRANTS: Teacher's agriculture grants are available for the teaching of agriculturally related subjects. **Applications are on our website and are due by March 15, 2017.**

Mark Your Calendars!

February 20 | President Day Legislative Brunch with Lorain Co. Farm Bureau

9 am - Wellington Reservation - 535 Jones Rd,
Wellington - Please call the office to RSVP

February 23 | Membership Check-in Period

7 pm - North Fairfield Village, 3 E Main St, North
Fairfield

February 25 | Huron County Chamber of Commerce Home & Business Show

10 am- 4 pm - Norwalk Middle School - 64 Christie Ave,
Norwalk **free admission**

March 10 | Family Fun Night with Erie County Farm

Bureau 5-10 pm - Rain Water Park/Cedar Lanes,
1935 Cleveland Rd, Sandusky- **Free admission
with a new Farm Bureau membership**

March 15 | Scholarship & Teacher's Grant Applications Due!

March 13-15 | County Presidents' Trip to Washington DC

March 20 | Worker's Compensation Safety Meeting

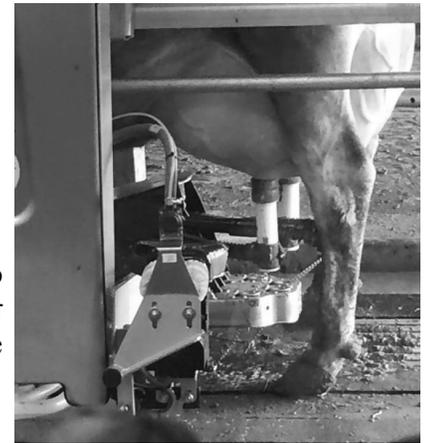
7 pm - Lorain County JVS, 15181 St Rt 58, Oberlin

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7 pm - North Fairfield Village, 3 E Main St, North
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Dairy Farm Goes Robotic Event

On June 11, 2016 Huron County Farm Bureau held a Farm to Table event at Bar Lee Jersey's Dairy Farm near Willard. The goal of this event was to allow the general public and local officials to be able to see how innovative technology can really increase agricultural production and efficiency. This interactive event allowed participants to see a Lely Astronaut A4 robotic milking system and a Lely Juno automatic feed pusher. The day was filled with lots of questions ranging from common farm practices to how the animals were taken care of. Farm Bureau served a brunch consisting of made to order omelets, fresh fruit, pastries, and coffee from 10am to 1pm. Local milk and ice cream was available to participants the whole day. There were over 400 participants that toured the facility that day. Huron County Farm Bureau would like to thank Nationwide Insurance for sponsoring the door prizes. They would also like to thank the Nuhfer family for letting us use their facility for this event.



Huron County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

The Huron County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting of Membership was held on September 14, 2016 at the American Legion in Willard. Over 80 members, elected officials, board members and guests were in attendance.

The night started with a candidates meet and greet reception with appetizers. The meeting started with President Jason Nuhfer welcoming everyone then the meal was served by the American Legion Auxiliary. After the meal the minutes from the 2015 annual meeting were presented as well as financial report for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. Both the minutes and financial report were approved. Bill Ommert gave the nominating committee report and then members were asked to vote for board of trustees members and OFBF Annual Meeting Delegates for 2017. Policy Development Chair, Doug Brown gave the policy development report and again members were asked to vote on proposed policies. *A list of local policies is on page 2, all policies are at www.northcoastfarmbureau.org*

Jason Nuhfer gave the Code of Regulations report. Winning as delegates to the 2017 Ohio Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting were board president (who automatically attends), John Brooks, Elaine Conger, and Tom Gies.

OFBF Trustee, Al DiVencenzo recapped what Ohio Farm Bureau has done for its members in 2016. Organization Director, Amanda Denes-Diedrick presented awards and thanked every Farm Bureau member who volunteered in any capacity over the past year.

After this election results were announced, President Jason Nuhfer inducted Dave Kamm as the new Huron County Farm Bureau President. Then meeting was adjourned and door prizes were awarded.

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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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SEEKING FARM BUREAU MEMBERS WITH BUSINESSES

We are getting ready to prepare our 2017 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 31, 2017 to be included in the brochure.

Mail to: Huron 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.

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Business Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Discount Offered: _____

Website (if applicable): _____

Name Which Membership is Under: _____