

# 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.



Lorain County Farm Bureau Membership Kick-off  
at Strike-Out Lanes  
48324 St Rt 18, Wellington

**Saturday, February 18 | 4 p.m.**

Bowling from 4-6 p.m. with Food & Discussion at 6 p.m.  
Please RSVP to office—Bring a new active member or membership with you to earn a \$25 gift card.

## Fourth Annual Brunch with a Farmer

WHEN: Saturday, February 11, 2017 at 9:00 AM  
WHERE: LCCC (Lorain County Community College) Spitzer Conference Center, 1005 N Abbe Rd, Elyria  
RSVP: Please be sure to make a reservation to 1-866-859-2415 or 440-877-0706 or lorain@ofbf.org  
TICKETS: \$10 (partial refund upon arrival at event)  
WHY: Come and meet Lorain County farmers and enjoy local foods prepared by LCCC Culinary Arts students. Brunch will feature local farmers speaking about their farm. Please bring non-perishable food to support Second Harvest Food Bank. Any questions please call the Farm Bureau office.

## FOURTH ANNUAL *Brunch with a Farmer* Sponsored by Lorain County Farm Bureau

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Lorain County Community College

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## 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](http://www.ourohio.org) and click on What's In Season

## Lorain County Farm Bureau Policy Process

Lorain County Farm Bureau annually goes through the policy development process at the county level. Lorain County Farm Bureau met with numerous elected officials on July 11, 2015 at their annual Pork Chop Dinner. Both elected officials and Farm Bureau members were present. Great discussion was had and everyone in attendance left more informed. This meeting is a vital part of 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 Lorain County Farm Bureau prior to 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 the 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.

Lorain 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.

### LOCAL

1. We encourage all county residents to take advantage of higher education in Lorain County at Lorain County Community College (LCCC).
2. We encourage the development of a cooperative relationship between LCCC and secondary student programs to allow students to develop technical and entrepreneurial skills in the agricultural industry while earning college credit.
3. We encourage producers and buyers to support the locally grown food movement.

4. We support and encourage all new developments to install water retention basins to control flooding.
5. We encourage our membership to participate in recycling programs for agricultural tires in Lorain County.
6. We encourage all trash & recycling receptacles to be placed no closer than 18 inches to the edge of road in order to allow for the safe passage of farm equipment.
7. We support to require all trash collection haulers to have a containment system so that light materials, plastic bags, etc. cannot escape from the vehicle.
8. We encourage Lorain County Commissioners to fund Lorain County's Ohio State University Extension and 4-H programs and Lorain Soil & Water Conservation District.
9. In light of the increased regulations relating to water quality & fertilizer application, we encourage Lorain County Commissioners to retain an agricultural & natural resources educator at Ohio State University Extension.
10. We applaud and support the Lorain County Health Department's restructuring and goal to reduce the health levy by 50%.
11. We ask that our Lorain County Commissioners develop a comprehensive budget plan to provide a comprehensive list of services that benefit the entire Lorain County.
12. We encourage our Lorain County Commissioners to be involved and attend local Farm Bureau events.
13. We support that all publicly funded storm water project applications; both district and community, be presented to the SWAC board (storm water advisory committee).
14. We support that the Lorain County SWAC funds shall not be used for any future sanitary sewer or wastewater improvements. The benefiting sanitary customer shall provide the necessary funding, including inflow and infiltration reduction programs.

## Scholarships & Ag Awareness Grants Available

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** Lorain County Farm Bureau offers scholarships for both high school seniors and continuing education students which include: General \$500 Scholarship for graduating high school seniors, an Agricultural \$1,000 Scholarship for graduating high school seniors and Continuing Education \$1,000 Agricultural Scholarships. Applications are available by calling Lorain County Farm Bureau at 1-866-859-2415 or visiting: [www.northcoastfarmbureau.org](http://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 31, 2017.**

**AG AWARENESS GRANTS:** Ag Awareness Grants for both classroom and non-classroom uses are available. **Applications are due twice a year: January 31 and June 30.** Visit our website for an application, call the office or email [lorain@ofbf.org](mailto:lorain@ofbf.org)

## Mark Your Calendars!

### **February 11 | 4th Annual Brunch with a Farmer**

9 am - LCCC – Spitzer Conference Center– 1005 N Abbe Rd, Elyria - \$10/ticket– *portion to be refunded upon arrival & please RSVP to office*

### **February 18 | Membership Kick-off**

4 pm - Strike-Out Lanes– 48324 St Rt 18, Wellington– *Please RSVP to office*—Bring a new active member or membership with you to earn a \$25 gift card.

### **February 20 | President's Day Legislative Brunch with Huron County Farm Bureau**

9 am - Wellington Reservation - 535 Jones Rd, Wellington– *Please RSVP to office by Feb. 10*

### **March 2 | Membership Check-In**

6 pm - Farm Credit's meeting room– 530 S Main St, Oberlin

### **March 16 | Membership Check-In**

6 pm - Farm Credit's meeting room– 530 S Main St, Oberlin

### **March 20 | Worker's Compensation Safety Meeting**

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

### **March 31 | Scholarship Applications Due!**

## Pasture to Plate Event

Lorain County Farm Bureau held this first time event on October 22, 2016 at Ziegler Barn & Stables near Wellington. The appetizers were prepared by cooking instructor, Marcia DePalma. Followed by a elegant meal made by Chef Al Ives featuring almost all Lorain County grown and raised products. It was a great event for people to interact with the local farmers who grew the food used in the dinner. There were over sixty people who attended this event. All of the proceeds will go to benefit the Friends of Lorain County Jr Fair. Hope you can join us at our 2017 event!

## Lorain County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

Lorain County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting of Membership was held in conjunction with Lorain Soil & Water Conservation District on September 8, 2016 at New Russia Township Hall. Over 115 members, elected officials, board members and guests were in attendance. This served as the eighth year where Lorain County Farm Bureau and Lorain Soil & Water Conservation District have jointly held their annual meeting together.

Meeting started with Lorain County Farm Bureau President Ron Pickworth and Lorain Soil & Water Conservation District Chairman Will Schlechter welcoming everyone, meal was served then the business meeting started. Minutes from the 2015 annual meeting were presented as well as financial reports for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. Policy Development Chair Russ Breyley gave the policy development report and members were asked to vote on proposed policies. *A list of local policies is on page 2, all policies are at [www.northcoastfarmbureau.org](http://www.northcoastfarmbureau.org)*

2016 scholarship recipients for Farm Bureau were introduced: General Scholarship- Jeff Conard, Anna Shatschneider and Anna Zuercher and Continuing Education- Megan Urig, Morgan McDonnell and Leah Schwinn.

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 for Farm Bureau.

After this election results were announced, meeting was adjourned and door prizes were awarded. Thanks to all who attended!

*Pictured are past President Ron Pickworth and newly-elected President Adele Flynn.*



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*The Lorain County Farm Bureau newsletter is distributed to Lorain 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.*

## Executive Board

President : Adele Flynn  
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## OFBF Staff

Organization Director-  
Amanda Denes-Diedrick  
Office Staff  
Administrative Assistants-  
Bev Cisar &  
Mary Wallencheck

## SEEKING FARM BUREAU MEMBERS WITH BUSINESSES

We are getting ready to prepare our 2017 Erie, Huron, & Lorain County Farm Bureau's 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: Lorain 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: \_\_\_\_\_