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Winter 2012

Fairfield County

GROWING LEADERSHIP

Annual Conference Storms Columbus

(Columbus) Energy, water quality, farm policy and Ohio State University Extension services were the primary topics delegates discussed during the 93rd annual meeting of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation (OFBF). More than 340 delegates representing all of Ohio's County Farm Bureaus established the policies for the state's largest farm organization during its convention held Nov. 30 to Dec. 2 in Columbus.

With Ohio facing great opportunities with shale oil and gas, wind and solar energy generation, Farm Bureau delegates said it is essential that Ohioans be assured of a transparent, inclusive public policy process through which they can obtain information and offer input. Delegates said the infrastructure and resource needs of the community and individual farmers should be adequately addressed when energy projects are being developed. Farm Bureau delegates also strongly supported coordination and collaboration between federal, state and local governments and regulatory agencies to ensure sound policies on energy development.

Maintaining the quality of Ohio's water resources was another significant part of the Farm Bureau policy discussion, including the recognition that farmers are

playing an important role in protecting natural resources. The approved policy states "We expect all farm operations, regardless of size, to complete and follow a comprehensive nutrient management plan." Farm Bureau delegates also discussed the value of market-based approaches, such as nutrient-trading programs, as viable options to help protect Ohio's lakes, rivers and streams.



Delegates also listed their priorities for the 2012 Farm Bill. The legislation should provide a revenue-protecting safety net, which emphasizes affordable crop insurance and

simplified commodity programs.

Farm Bureau delegates also recognized the financial challenges facing OSU Extension due to reduced funding from federal, state and local sources. Delegates voted to support all Extension programming when dollars are available. As needed, Extension should have flexibility in delivering programs and services, and local communities should be able to prioritize their local Extension needs.

Fairfield County Farm Bureau was represented by Sarah Martin, David Mast, Hart VanHorn and Randy Fisher at the Annual Meeting.

Welcome

Dear Members,

Hello! If you haven't heard, my name is Anna Hall and I am the new Organizational Director for the Fairfield County Farm Bureau. I have had a great time getting settled in Fairfield County.

Right now we are in busy season, busy season of membership that is! Yes, it is that time of year again. We would love to have each and every one of you help us during our membership campaign.

We have a lot of great things that are going to be happening in the near future. We want to provide events that YOU want. So please, let me know what interests you so that we can put together an event.

If I have not met you yet, I am sorry. Please feel free to come into my office at any time, or give me a call. I look forward to getting to know each and every one of you.

Stay warm!

Anna Hall
Organizational
Director



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ATTENTION 4-H & FFA MEMBERS

Farm Bureau Scholarship

The Fairfield County Farm Bureau is pleased to announce that we will be awarding multiple \$500 college scholarships for the 2012-2013 academic year. The deadline for entry is April 1, 2012.

The scholarship will be distributed directly to the applicant upon proof of college incurred expense (i.e. tuition, books, etc).

The applicant must be a senior in high school or a current college student. Parents of the applicant must be Fairfield County Farm Bureau members. Included with their application they should supply a senior photo and a current academic

transcript. We also request that the applicant be enrolled in a two or four year program in agriculture, natural resources or home economic career.

You can visit our website or Facebook to download the application. fairfield.ofbf.org

Also on the website is a list of other scholarships geared towards agricultural degrees.

We encourage everyone to apply. We want to see the youth of our county be the leadership of our next generation. ☐

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 - GM Fleet Account Number (FAN)
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After a crazy year you deserve to sail away!



Set Sail with OFBF

Want to win a free cruise? As you work to recruit new members to Farm Bureau, you set your self up to getaway!

The Farm Bureau is sponsoring this FREE cruise for two. All you must do to enter is to recruit 3 new members! For each three, your name will be entered into the pot to win. On April 11 we will draw for the lucky volunteer who will receive an ocean view room for 2.

This cruise is open to all Farm Bureau members at a discounted rate as well. Want to go just for fun? Call the office for more info.

Passports are not required but recommended, and this prize does not include transportation to the port. So get Cruising for Members!!

For cruise questions contact 1-888-49-Cruise. For contest rules contact your local Farm Bureau Office.

HOW CAN YOU HELP GROW FARM BUREAU

Chili Cook-Off, Help Grow FB

After last year's successful membership drive we are ready to try and beat it this year!

To help kick-off our Membership Campaign this year, the Fairfield County Farm Bureau hosted a Chili Cook-Off. The Cook-Off was on January 30th in Lancaster at the AAA building.

We had 6 volunteers bring chili! We gave away 3 awards for the top three People's Choice Award chili. Kristin Reese won 1st place with a Lamb Chili!

We had 20+ volunteers come to support the kick-off campaign this year. These members took lists and prospect names of people to approach about a Farm Bureau Membership.

We discussed the incentives and awards you will received for selling membership.

Want to get involved? It is NOT to late. Call the Fairfield County Farm Bureau at 1-800-992-3276 and let Anna know. She can get you in the loop and started on writing those memberships. ■

LOOKING BACK

The 2011 Year in Review

Thank you to all of our member volunteers for their work spreading the message of Farm Bureau and agriculture in Fairfield County. It was an action packed year with many great success. Below are a few of those we want to share with you!

- We were able to work with other County Farm Bureaus to host an Ag Day Event at the Hocking County Fairgrounds. We had several thousand individuals come and support agriculture! There were 50 displays and activities. These displays consisted of everything from antique tractors, to a petting zoo, and quilters, weavers, and spinners to a chainsaw carving. We are currently in the planning process of making this years Ag Day just as exciting!
- We hosted a very well attended Oil and Gas Leasing Meeting on February 7th. This was designed to inform the public about what is happening with oil and gas leasing in the county and state wide. It was also information about what to expect when you get the knock on your door. One of the key points everyone took away was to make sure you get a lawyer! OFBF's Dale Arnold was there to address any questions the audience had after his outstanding presentation. We had almost 100 individuals come out to benefit from this meeting.
- We again helped the youth at Fairfield County Fair. We also had a booth at the fair to help promote Farm Bureau and agriculture.
- We had another successful Annual Meeting and look forward to the planning process of 2012's.
- If you want to be involved in some of the many activities in 2012 be sure to contact Anna Hall at the County Office. ■

Before you go...

1 Did you miss the oil and gas leasing meeting on February 7th? Have additional questions? Give the county office a call and we can connect you with the answers you need. Watch your newspaper as well for an upcoming meeting on February 23rd by a law office.

2 Several college scholarships have been announced for the year. The county's form can be found at the local office or on the website. Other scholarships have been listed from The Ohio Agricultural Council, Ohio Soybean Council and United Producers Inc. for 2012. All scholarship programs assist students in pursuing their education in agricultural-related areas of study and aim to help promote agriculture and agribusiness as a growing field of career opportunities.

3 We will be hosting a Grow and Know event on August 4th at Paiges Produce in Stoutsville.

It will be everything you need to know about planting, growing, harvesting, cooking, freezing and EATING sweet corn. There will be more information coming to you about this event. In the meantime visit the buying local website from OFBF and get a coupon for Paiges Produce CSA.

4 Things at the state office are changing! Adam Sharp has been appointed to lead the OFBF Public Policy Team. Keith Stimpert was named the Senior VP of OFBF. Callie Wells was just recently hired to help in the Communications Department. She will be working with the web and multi-media team.

5 We have a fun-filled year coming up. Is there something specific you would like the County Farm Bureau to host or plan? Give the office a call so we can help you benefit from your membership! □

Memo

Don't forget to share your story!

Membership

Volunteers can be entered in to win a free cruise as well as many other fun prizes!

Upcoming Events to Know

March 9-10- Young Ag Professionals Leadership Experience

March 12 - Fairfield County Farm Bureau Board Meeting

March 20 - Livestock Care Standards Board Informational Update

April 9 - Fairfield County Farm Bureau Board Meeting

April 14-15 - Ag Day at the Hocking County Fairgrounds

August 4 - Grow and Know at Paiges Produce in Stoutsville

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