



Erie County Farm Bureau  
8460 Ridge Rd.  
North Royalton, OH 44133

**RESERVATION FORM**  
**Erie County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting**  
**Monday, September 16, 2013**  
**St. John's United Church of Christ**  
**2712 W. Mason Road, Milan, Ohio**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please make check payable to the Erie County Farm Bureau  
8460 Ridge Road, North Royalton OH 44133  
**Deadline to order tickets: Wednesday, September 11, 2013**  
**\*No tickets available at the door\***

**Official Notification**  
**of the**  
**Erie County Farm Bureau, Inc.**  
**Annual Meeting of Membership**  
**Monday, September 16, 2013**  
**St. John's United Church of Christ**  
**2712 W. Mason Road, Milan, Ohio**  
(Corner of Thomas & Mason Roads)

**7:00 p.m. Dinner**

Pulled pork & chicken, baked potato, tossed salad, rolls, dessert, and beverages.

**To Follow: Business Meeting**

Trustee and OFBF Annual Meeting Delegate Elections

Act Upon Proposed Policy Resolutions

Recognize Accomplishments

Speaker: Steve Schauer – Total Solar Eclipse

**DOOR PRIZES:** In addition to our regular door prizes, two drawings will be held for **FREE 2014 Erie County Farm Bureau Memberships, a \$60 value!**

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

Erie County Farm Bureau  
8460 Ridge Road, North Royalton, OH 44133  
Phone Number: (888) 216-5487

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

Board of Trustee Members include: Greg Cumston, Dawn DeMuth, Marty DeMuth, Becky Colon Dickerson, John Hartman, Charles Hummel Sr., Marshall Smith, Cindy Thayer, Miriam Tommas, John Wallrabenstein, and Denny Weilnau.

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## **ERIE COUNTY FARM BUREAU, INC.      PROPOSED POLICIES FOR 2013-2014**

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

### **LOCAL/COUNTY**

1. We support mowing, at least the corners at intersections, more often to maintain visibility for safety on county and township roads.
2. We support continuance of farmers' markets to support consumption of locally grown foods for county residents.
3. We support enforcement of traffic laws for bicyclists. Employers would be responsible for providing bicycle education and training information and be held accountable for reflective devices.
4. We support Erie Soil and Water Conservation District 4R program of: right source, right rate of application, right time and right field to improve and maintain county land and water systems.
5. We support a 1/2% sales tax increase for one year to be used only for county infrastructure improvements.
6. We support the county health department's efforts to establish a local facility for rehabilitation of those with alcohol, drug, and mental health problems.
7. We support continued testing by the Erie County Health Department for e-coli/sewage contamination in tributaries to Lake Erie in relationship to harmful algal blooms.
8. We support Erie County Health Department programs that educate users in recognizing the nutritional value of locally grown produce.
9. We support an active program to identify and eliminate vacant structures.

### **STATE**

1. We support requiring drivers to show proof of insurance when renewing a license plate.
2. We support reducing the deer population by increasing the bag limit and increasing the length of the hunting season.
3. We support drug testing for receiving government assistance.
4. We encourage research for finding a useful purpose for the algae in Lake Erie and the source(s) of the harmful algal blooms.
5. We support increased funding for drug, alcohol, and mental illness education and rehabilitation.
6. We support maintaining local elected officials, (eg. township trustees and county officials).

### **NATIONAL**

1. We support income tax incentives for donated conservation and agricultural easements.
2. We support offering school children the choice of 2% or whole milk as an alternative to 1%.
3. We support continuation of the estate tax exemption of five million dollars and total exemption for a continuing family farming operation.
4. We support the continued non-taxation of life insurance policies.
5. We support the opportunity of food choices in the school lunch program.
6. We support USDA aligning their rules with IRS's regarding farm and ranchland preservation relative to gas & oil leases.
7. We support keeping crop certification as a responsibility of USDA (Farm Service Agency) and not insurance agents.



## 2013 Scholarship Recipients

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

Megan McNulty, daughter of Michael & Elaine McNulty of Huron; a 2013 graduate of Huron High School, Daniel Stelzer and Nicholas Stelzer, sons David & Christine Stelzer and 2013 graduates of Huron High School were all recipients of an Erie County Farm Bureau General \$600 Scholarship. Megan plans to attend Xavier University to become an occupational therapist. Daniel plans to attend Ohio University and study environmental biology. Nicholas plans to attend the University of Cincinnati to study mechanical engineering.

Jessica Stacy, daughter of Mark & Mary Stacy of Castalia; a 2013 graduate Margareta High School was awarded an Erie County Farm Bureau \$750 Agriculturally Related Scholarship. Jessica plans to attend The Ohio State University to study food science and technologies.

Emily Bailey, daughter of Lisa & Mark Bailey of Sandusky; and Zoe Gastier, daughter of Mike & Kathy Gastier of Milan; were both recipients of an Erie County Farm Bureau \$750 Continuing Education Scholarship. Emily is attending The Ohio State University ATI and studying floral design and marketing, and landscape management. Zoe is attending Bowling Green State University and studying early childhood education.

We wish the best of luck to all of these deserving scholarship recipients. For more information about Erie County Farm Bureau scholarships visit [www.northcoastfarmbureau.org](http://www.northcoastfarmbureau.org). Scholarship applications will be due March 15, 2014.

## Farm Bureau at the Erie County Fair

Erie County Farm Bureau had a booth at the Erie County Fair with Nationwide Agents Mark Scheeler and Dan Yanak. We had many different people stop and say hello to the workers at our booth! Erie County Farm Bureau also hosted Kids Day Activities with Erie Soil & Water Conservation District on Wednesday, August 7.

## Grow & Know Event Held

Local Farm Bureau members recently worked with Routh Packing and Toft's Dairy to hold a Grow & Know event at two local grocery stores. On a Saturday morning volunteers handed out samples of Daisyfield Ham and Toft's ice cream to promote these local foods that are processed here in Erie County. Volunteers were at both the Castalia Market and Cornell's Foods in Huron where they promoted local agriculture.

