Hello. I hope that the wintery weather hasn’t gotten all of you down. A big thank you to our members who are braving the weather on a daily basis to work, care for livestock and to keep your farms and families going!

This new year is exciting for our county Farm Bureau as we are working on some great projects. Right now, counties are focusing on signing new members and we hope that if you know someone who is not a member that you can urge them to join! The Farm Bureau has been busy working on many initiatives like the 2014 Farm Bill passage, the mission creep of OSHA (Occupational, Safety & Health Administration) onto grain operations and water quality legislation. In addition, we are helping lead a new generation of people into the agriculture and food field by sponsoring several scholarships in the counties and attendees to the recent Young Ag Professionals conference.

All in all, we hope that we are representing you and your vision as members of the Ohio Farm Bureau. If you have things you would like to see the county do or if you would like to get more involved, drop us a line at jsmith@ofbf.org or 877-775-7642!

Until next time just know Farm Bureau is working for you and as always thank you for your membership!
The 2013 Top of Ohio Farm Tour in Logan County was a great success with over 3000 in attendance! This great fun family event was a terrific way to spend a fall afternoon. The tour was located in the southwest part of the county and we featured three farms and one agri-business. Stops were...

Logan County Electric Cooperative featured a tour of their new office facility and headquarters and samples of the locally grown food from the Logan County Farmers Market.

Bunker Hill Farms, owned by the Bill and Susan Shultz family with purebred Suffolk sheep shearing demonstrations, a nature walk and tour of the farm, quilts, antiques, honey, and samples of locally grown lamb.

RE-AL Winner Farm, a modern dairy farm owned by Alan and Renee Winner family. They recently upgraded their farm with robotic milkers and other innovative technology to help the farm be more productive and profitable. This stop also included butter making and ice cream.

Yease! Farms, owned by Monte and Dawn Heppard family, featured tractors, grain equipment and storage facilities and purebred Belted Galloway beef cattle. They also had farm safety presentations by Farm Safety 4 Just Kids and a petting zoo hosted by the Hi-Point Career Center students.
In addition to the tour day, the committee also hosted the long standing school day held on Friday, September 20, 2013. Over 1000 first and fourth grade students from the county and Bellefontaine city school systems visited our tour sites, as well as Yeasel’s beef operation and Riverside Schools Conservation area. This special day gave area students hands on lessons in agriculture, food and conserving our environment.

Special thanks to all of our Ag.Tour stop hosts and our sponsors for making the tour day a great success! Corporate Sponsor: Logan County Electric Cooperative. Additional Sponsors: Trupointe Cooperative, Logan County Land Trust, J. Duff, Inc./Mr. Concrete, Citizens Bank of DeGraff, Logan County Cattle Association, Logan County Sheep Association, Logan County Dairy Association, Logan County Chamber of Commerce, Liberty National Bank, Boogher & Sons, Inc., Bambauer Fertilizer & Seed, and Crop Production Services.

Scholarships Available

The County will be accepting scholarship applications once again this year. Must be a high school senior entering college in any major in the fall of 2014. Parents of the applicant must be members of the Logan County Farm Bureau in good standing. All applicants must complete the attached application and the attached essay question. This application must be typed and can be submitted electronically at logan@ofbf.org. In addition, applicants will be required to interview with the scholarship committee. Candidates will be alerted of this interview time.

One $500 or $750 scholarship will be payable to the student after presentation of their first quarter/semester grades is made to the county office. Student must maintain a 2.0 GPA for the quarter/semester. The scholarship is based upon scholastic achievement, extracurricular activities, and a personal interview. All interviews will be held shortly after the April 18 application deadline. Applicants will be notified of the date, time and location of the interviews.

ALL APPLICATIONS NEED TO BE RETURNED TO THE COUNTY FARM BUREAU OFFICE BY FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2014
We are in the early stages of a great recycling opportunity! Auglaize, Mercer, Logan and Shelby County Farm Bureau are partnering with several groups on a farm recycling project. Gather your bale wrap, silage plastic, twine and take it to county specific locations to be recycled. The Counties are working with the Overbey Recycling company in Lewistown, Ohio to take these farm products and reuse them. Below is the Logan County recycling drop off location, handling tips, and sorting categories when gathering and preparing the farm recyclables. Please contact the county Farm Bureau office for more details and check back as we finalize the other county drop off locations.

Overbey Plastics
10676 Twp. Rd 80 in Lewistown
937-843-2972
Monday thru Friday • 8 am to 4 pm

Handling Tips...
1. Shake or brush off foliage, soil, stones, etc. Extra care should be given to the bottom piece.
   Do NOT recycle if it is too dirty.
2. Try not to run equipment on plastic, if possible: this will keep it clean.
3. Cut plastic film before removing silage/haylage.
4. Fully empty plastic fertilizer, feed or seed sacks. Shake/brush as needed.
5. AG chemical containers need to be TRIPLE rinsed please, prior to being dropped off at facility.
6. Cut into pieces of size and weight that one person can handle. This will help all of us!

Sorting Categories...
5. Bale Wrap  6. Ag Tanks
For nearly two decades EyeMed has provided flexible, comprehensive vision wellness plans. EyeMed currently serves the vision care needs of more than 140 million members through 4,000 clients.

EyeMed Vision Care discount vision plan, offered in partnership with Medical Mutual, provides vision care decision tools and education to support eye health and wellness needs while complementing overall health care objectives.

Ohio Farm Bureau members can receive discounts on routine eye exams, lenses, frames, laser vision correction and more. Choose from thousands of independent optometrists and ophthalmologists and from participating retail chains such as Lens Crafters, Pearle Vision, Sears Optical, Target Optical and JC Penney Optical.

**From the Kitchen of... Patty Richardson**
Auglaize Co. Farm Bureau

**Chocolate Chip Scones**
2 cup Bisquick
1/3 cup heavy whipping cream
1/2 cup mini chocolate chips
1 teaspoon vanilla
3 tablespoon sugar
1 egg

Preheat the oven 425 degrees and grease a round cookie pan. Mix the ingredients all together, make into a ball, put onto cookie sheet and pat down into a disc. Pour a little whipping cream onto the disc and spread around with a pastry brush and then sprinkle sugar on top. Cut into 8 wedges, but do not separate. Bake for 12 minutes and then carefully separate. Serve warm and enjoy!

Email us your favorite recipes and you may see them featured in our future newsletters... logan@ofbf.org
After 27 years of service and friendship to the Logan County Farm Bureau members, Roberta retired at the end of last year. On December 20, co-workers, members, family, and friends gathered at the Hopewell Church in Bellefontaine to wish Bobbi a long and happy retirement and to thank her for her many years of service and dedication to Farm Bureau.

Thank you Bobbi and we wish you the very best!
PLEASE SUPPORT OUR MEMBER BUSINESSES

**Belle Center**
- ETO Contracting
- O’Connor Farms Inc.
- Patton Farms
- Pioneer Dry Wall Co.

**Bellefontaine**
- Anderson Ford Sales
- Autumn Woods Condo
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- Big Green’s Lawn Service/Snow Plowing
- Black Walnut Springs Farm
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- Easton’s Custom Lawnspraying
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- Indian Lake Dairy Queen
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- Logan Co Co-Op Power & Light
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- Logan County Agricultural Society Inc.
- Logan Soil & Water Conservation Dist.
- M. C. Farm, Inc.
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- Me & Co.
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- Northside Animal Clinic
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- Pink House, Inc.
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- Whitmore House
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**Cincinnati**
- Franklin Self Storage LTD

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- Atterholt Brothers Farms
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- Jackson Livestock Auction
- Pond Farm
- Re-al Winner Farms, LTD
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- Roby Mowing Service
- Schlumbohm Farms

**Dublin**
- Jacob Family Farm LLC

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- Ohio Ready Mix Inc.
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