

# Agenda

6:00-6:45 p.m.

*Mix and Mingle*

Heavy Hors d'Oeuvres Served \*

6:45-7:15 p.m.

Keynote Speaker

*Rachel Heimerl*

The Joys and Perils of  
Working with Family

7:15-8:00 p.m.

*1st Session*

8:00-8:45 p.m.

*2nd Session*

8:45 p.m.

*Wrap Up*

## Women in Agriculture Committee

Jill Smith, Shelby Co. Farm Bureau, Chair

Lynda Adams, Shelby Soil & Water Conservation

Lou Ann Albers, Local Farmer

Deb Brown, OSU Extension, Shelby Co.

Julie Ehemann, Shelby Co. Commissioner

Andrea Guckes, Cargill, Inc.

Sarah Heilers, Anna FFA

Angie Otte, Farm Credit Mid-America

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An Empowerment Celebration

*Join us for this  
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Celebration  
for our community's  
Women in Agriculture!*

**Thursday,  
March 17, 2016  
6 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

**St. Michael's Hall  
33 Elm St. in Fort Loramie**

**\$20 per person**

Portion of the fee will support  
women in crisis.

Registration Deadline:

**March 4**

For more information  
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# Guest Speakers and Sessions

## Rachel Heimerl

### Keynote Speaker

#### The Joys and Perils of Working with Family



Rachel currently works with her husband, Matt and his family on their farming operation in Johnstown, Ohio, as the Office Manager. Heimerl Farms is comprised of hogs, cattle, and grain. She balances her full-time position on the farm with raising their four children, Lauren, Emily, Nathan and Avery. Rachel is a graduate of The Ohio State University, she is a past Vice Chair of the American Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee and currently serves as the Licking County Farm Bureau Vice President.

## Amy Forrest

Session Speaker

### Food and Wine Pairings

Amy Forrest's 5<sup>th</sup> generation family farm is located just west of Columbus in Mechanicsburg. They grow and raise many of the ingredients that are used in her catering business, "In Good Taste". In Good Taste has spent nearly a decade providing home grown fantastic food and mid-west favorites to the greater Columbus area. The brain child of owner and operator, Amy Forrest, her company has evolved from doing dinner parties for friends to events of over 1,000 people. Amy takes great pride in creating unique and exciting selections of incredible food for her customers.

## Yvonne Cecil

Session Speaker

### Gardening for Pollinators

Yvonne has been a Miami Co. Master Gardener since 2002 and remains an avid volunteer for the program. She also works full-time at Randall House of Tipp City as an Activities Director who emphasizes wild flowers, natural plants, botanicals and butterfly gardens and even started a prairie garden. Yvonne previously worked with Montgomery Co. Park District and her primary interests are wildlife and pollinators.

## Kathy Oliver

Session Speaker

### Canning and Preserving

Kathy is a retired FSC Extension Educator with over fifty years experience home preserving food, first assisting her mom with her family's preservation from a small farm, huge garden and orchard produce. She is currently an educational aide with the county's community school, and has started a home-based business teaching life skills like preservation.

## Hannah Peterson

Session Speaker

### Agriculture's Story via Social Media

Hannah Peterson is a senior at Ohio Northern University where her major is in public relations, with minors in communication studies and social media. She is currently serving as an intern for Cristofoli Keeling, Inc. in the Cincinnati area. She is working with a variety of clients on branding and product development, public relations, media relations, event strategy, blogging and social networking. Hannah has received numerous honors and awards in her field, including the Ohio Communication Association's 2015 Distinguished Undergraduate Student Award.

# Registration Form

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Cost: **\$20 per person**  
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## Session Choices

You will be scheduled for 2 sessions. Please choose your preferred sessions by numbering 1-4. Sessions are first come, first served basis, but you are guaranteed to be placed in 2 sessions.

- \_\_\_ Food and Wine Pairings
- \_\_\_ Gardening for Pollinators
- \_\_\_ Canning and Preserving
- \_\_\_ Agriculture's Story via Social Media

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