

[Clark County Farm Bureau]

Summer 2016

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Summer is upon us and while rain is scarce, hopes are high for another bountiful crop. Hello my name is Kyle Smith and I am the current President of Clark County Farm Bureau. I'm a 4th generation farmer, growing corn, soybeans, and wheat in Clark and Champaign counties with my parents Mike & Nikki Smith. I own Kyle Smith Crop Insurance & am co-owner of KC Fencing Unlimited LLC. My wife, Amber, and I are expecting our first child in early September and are excited to raise our family on the farm. In my 8 years as a Clark County board member, I have often been asked the question:



“What does Farm Bureau do for me?” The truth is much of what Farm Bureau does for farmers and landowners isn't something you can always see, touch, or feel. It happens through legislative action or in closed meetings at our Statehouse and Capital Hill. It happens when members call our state office with Ag legality concerns and receive legal advice from our outstanding staff attorneys. It happens through lobbying trips to Washington D.C, Ag Day at the Capital, and Political office screenings. It happens when Farm Bureau goes to bat for us against the Department of Taxation to get further improvements CAUV which saves farmers and landowners' money. It happens through proactive measures such as helping to write S.B. 150, which provided a plan of action for nutrient application before it was written for us by groups

that don't hold Agriculture's interest. It happens through outreach programs like our Farm Day, held in coalition with the United Way, to educate Springfield City Schools 2nd and 3rd graders on plants, animals, and where their food comes from. It happens through Grow and Know events held all over the state which reach out to suburban and metro members with farm tours, food tastings, and tips on gardening and canning techniques. It happens in a lot of ways that aren't always obvious, but I can tell you from experience, Farm Bureau is fighting for us. All of this is made possible through our membership dues, and for that we are thankful. I will be finishing up

my 2nd term as President this coming August, and will be terming off the board. I want to thank each and everyone of you for your membership and support in the past and future. You're left in good hands as Doug Toops of South Vienna will be taking over as President. My Farm Bureau engagement will continue as I run for Southwest Region Trustee on the state board this winter. Remember join us Sunday, July 24th at the Clark County Fairgrounds Farm Bureau Building for our 100th anniversary Ice Cream celebration at 6pm. Also, join us at the Springfield Rotary Food Truck Competition at Cliff Park on August 13th from 11am-9pm. We will have a booth with corn hole boards and free water for Farm Bureau members. We hope to see you there!

CELEBRATING
100 years
of supporting
agriculture

CLARK COUNTY FARM BUREAU

Join us for the celebration!

SUNDAY, JULY 24 | 6 PM

FARM BUREAU BUILDING

DURING THE CLARK COUNTY FAIR



Clark County Announces New Organization Director Melinda Lee

Melinda is 2013 graduate of Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences. She majored in Animal Sciences and Agribusiness. Melinda grew up in Cardington, Ohio on a beef, sheep, and grain farm. While in college she served as an Agricultural Ambassador for Ohio Farm Bureau at the Ohio State Fair. After graduation she worked at The Ohio State University Veterinary Medical Center and most recently for Aldermere Farm, a program of Maine Coast Heritage Trust in Rockport, Maine. Her role at Aldermere involved planning and facilitating agricultural educational programs for members and the general public as well as working with youth involved in the farm's 4-H program. Melinda is excited to be working with Ohio Farm Bureau and looks forward to working Clark County Farm Bureau.



Don't Forget to RSVP!

Clark Co. Annual Meeting/Fun Day

When: Sunday, August 28, 2016

Where: 2742 N. Dayton-Lakeview Rd
New Carlisle

Time: 1:00– 4:00 p.m.

1:00p.m. Meeting & Dinner –provided

Cost: FREE to FB Members

Non-members \$5 person or \$10 for family

RSVP by: August 22, 855-335-1471

We invite you and your family to come out on August 28th for our Annual Meeting and Fun Day. After dinner we will have the business portion of the meeting, including voting on Proposed Policies. There will be swimming, zip lines, fishing—bring your own poles & bait, canoeing, volleyball, corn hole and much more! Bring your family and enjoy a fun day with other Farm Bureau Members.

ON JUNE 25TH CLARK COUNTY FARM BUREAU HELD THEIR FIRST EVER BREWERY TOUR!

The folks on the tour had an opportunity to see how micro breweries and distilleries are growing and how they rely on our family farms to provide them with quality grains.



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Visit Clark County Farm Bureau on **August 13th** at the
Springfield Rotary Gourmet Food Truck Competition

Veterans Park - 250 Cliff Park Road - Springfield

FREE ADMISSION

Stop by our shaded fun station where you can play a game of corn hole, enjoy an ice cold bottle of water, and enter to win a Farm Bureau gift!



SPRINGFIELD ROTARY
G.O.U.R.M.E.T

food truck



CLARK COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Four \$500 Scholarships were awarded to local students pursuing agriculture as well as other degrees .



Lea Kimley is the daughter of Kelley and Kirsten Kimley of South Charleston. She is a graduate of Southeastern High School and will be attending The Ohio State Univeristy-ATI. She will be majoring in Agriculture Communications.



Emily Elfers is the daughter of Erik and Melissa Elfers, of Springfield. She is a graduate of Northwestern High School and attends Wilmington College and is majoring in Agribusiness.



Jillian Channell is the daughter of Todd and Janet Channell of Springfield. She is a graduate of Southeastern High School and attends The Ohio State University and studies Accounting.

2016 CLARK COUNTY FARM DAY TOOK PLACE JUNE 29TH

Farm Day was a day for inner city children participating in summer school to have an opportunity to learn about agriculture. We had 9 stations that ranged from farm technology to dairy. The kids were given the opportunity to learn where their food comes from and gained first-hand knowledge of what it takes to get food from the farm to their table.



Lindsay Fries is the daughter of Marilyn and Scott Fries of New Carlisle. She is a graduate of Northwestern High School and will be attending the University of Findlay majoring in Pharmacy. Lindsay is also a recipient of the 2016 Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation \$1500 Darwin Bryan Scholarship.



Farm Bureau State Trustee Bill Waddle talks to the kids about Dairy Cattle

Intern Lauren Williams teaches the kids how to make butter



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2016 Summer Intern for Clark County Farm Bureau Lauren Williams

Lauren is a sophomore at The Ohio State University ATI majoring in Agriscience Education and minoring in Communications. Her plans are to become an Agriscience Educator and FFA advisor for inner city high school students. Next year she will transfer to Ohio State's Columbus campus to finish out her Bachelor's degree. Lauren is from Tipp City, Ohio and is the daughter of Scott and Pam Williams. She graduated from Miami East High School in 2014 where she was a decorated FFA member. She was an active member in 4-H for 10 years. She strives to bring a smile to everyone she meets and hopes to change the lives of her future students for the better.



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