

# FARM BUREAU NEWS

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## Farm Bureau Mission Statement

Working together for Ohio farmers to advance agriculture and strengthen our communities.

**Together**  
WITH farmers



**HURON COUNTY**

## Ohio Farm Bureau introduces new benefits in 2021

“Between advocating for Ohio’s most important industry and being a watchdog for issues affecting the farm sector, a membership with Ohio Farm Bureau already has so much value for those involved in agriculture,” said John Marihugh, OFBF senior director of partnerships & member services. “The many ways members can experience savings when shopping for things they already use boosts that value even more.”

Ohio Farm Bureau introduces new member benefits in 2021 with the addition of financial products and services. Farm Bureau Bank provides new and exciting ways for Farm Bureau members to bank. The bank offers interest-bearing checking and money market accounts as well as consumer credit cards. Farm business accounts are easy to manage online with 24/7 access from the seat of a tractor. Farm Bureau Bank provides members with competitive rate loans for real estate, farm equipment and vehicles.

StoneX’s catalog of agricultural risk

management tools range from customized commodity marketing plans to data management solutions and educational seminars. StoneX also covers an extensive range of agricultural commodities, from grains to oil seeds to dairy and livestock. Ohio Farm Bureau members receive a 30-day free trial of its Silver Market Intelligence package!

### **Most loved member benefits**

Farm Bureau’s most loved member benefits include \$500 bonus cash on Ford trucks, and deep discounts and free shipping from American leader in industrial supply Grainger. Member also save on John Deere, CAT and Case OH equipment.

Planning a post-Covid vacation? Farm Bureau members save 30% on AVIS/Budget rental cars, 20% at Wyndham and Choice hotels. Staycation savings include: Cedar Point, Kings Island, Great Wolf Lodge and eight Great Ohio Lodges across the state. A day’s drive delivers discounts at the Newport Aquarium in Kentucky and Dollywood in Tennessee.

## Member Benefits

Being a Farm Bureau member offers many member benefits. On the statewide level this includes everything from auto, family & small business, farm equipment & supplies, finance, health & wellness, insurance and travel & recreation. But do you know where to find these benefits? Best place is to visit [ofbf.org/savings/](http://ofbf.org/savings/). To access some of the codes you may have to log into your account OR create an account if you don’t already have one. All you need for this is your email associated with your Farm Bureau membership OR your ID #.

Other member benefits will soon be published in our Erie, Huron and Lorain Business brochure. See page 4 if you like to have your business included in this brochure.

## Huron County Farm Bureau Policy Process

Huron County Farm Bureau annually goes through the policy development process at the county level. They typically hold several meetings to assess the needs of the county where they determine if the problem is something that affects agriculture. **Huron County Farm Bureau plans to met with numerous elected officials on July 17, 2021.** Both elected officials and Farm Bureau members are invited to this policy development meeting. The committee will take the information presented and formulate proposed policies. These policies are sent to the eligible members of the Huron County Farm Bureau prior to the annual meeting for them to review.

Ohio Farm Bureau's policy development process is a grassroots process. It starts on the county level in all 88 counties of Ohio and works its way up to Ohio Farm Bureau and then American Farm Bureau. The policies that are passed at the county Farm Bureau annual meeting then become the 'marching orders' for the county Farm Bureau.

Huron County Farm Bureau members adopted the county policies that were voted on at their county annual meeting in September 2020. They are listed to the right.

**We need your input if you can or can't join us on July 17. Please complete our policy development survey at:**

**<http://bit.ly/2021PDSurveyHuronCo>**

### LOCAL

1. We continue to support funding for The Ohio State University Extension- Huron County.
2. We support an income tax base for school levies with a reduction in real estate taxes.
3. We support better vegetative control along roadways and encourage earlier mowing in the summer, especially to avoid safety risks of impaired vision at intersections and crossings.
4. We oppose any additional permits and/or restrictions related to overweight and over width agriculture related equipment and vehicles traveling on county & township roads.
5. We support additional streetlights at the US Route 250 & US Route 20 bypass entrances & exits.
6. We support the improvement and combination of all county emergency entities into one countywide 911 system.
7. We support the improvement of rural broadband.

## 2021 Scholarships Awarded

Morgan Baxter, daughter of Troy & Laura Baxter, is a 2021 Norwalk St. Paul High School graduate and the recipient of an Agricultural \$500 Scholarship from Huron County Farm Bureau. Morgan plans to attend The University of Findlay to major in animal science with a pre-vet focus.

McKenna Woodruff, daughter of Sam & Julia Woodruff, is a 2020 Western Reserve High School graduate and the recipient of a Continuing Education Scholarship from Huron County Farm Bureau. McKenna is attending Ashland University majoring in dietetics. We wish these scholarships recipients and all 2021 graduates the best of luck in their future endeavors!

If you are looking for a unique graduation gift, why not think about gifting a young active membership to a graduating senior. Any person 18 to 24 years old directly impacted by the health of the agricultural industry will have full voting rights and access to all member benefits at a **reduced membership dues rate of \$25**. Visit <https://ofbf.org/young-active-member>

## Group Membership

A group membership with Ohio Farm Bureau is for businesses and organizations that believe in the work of Farm Bureau and our volunteers. Group members purchase 5 or more individual memberships. These individuals receive all benefits and discounts a Farm Bureau membership affords, including unique opportunities for community and civic engagement. In addition, your business will have access to premier benefits developed to promote your business and develop skills within your team. Best of all group members pay \$72 per member instead of the county dues rate. If you or your business is interested in a group membership please visit our website and contact Organization Director, Amanda Denes-Diedrick at [adenes@ofbf.org](mailto:adenes@ofbf.org) or 440-877-0706.

## Mark Your Calendars!

**July 2 | Deadline to Return your Business**  
Brochure submission to county office

**July 17 | 14th Annual Appreciation Day/  
Christmas in July and Policy Development  
Meeting – Please RSVP by July 12**

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.— Veterans Pavilion, Huron Co.  
Fairgrounds, 940 Fair Rd, Norwalk

Policy Development Input will begin at 1 p.m.

**August 16-21 | Huron County Fair**

Huron Co. Fairgrounds, 940 Fair Rd, Norwalk

**September 8 | Huron County Farm Bureau  
Annual Meeting—Please RSVP by Sept. 2**

6:30 p.m.—Kilkerrin Barn, 4391 Fitchville River Rd,  
Wakeman

## Members of Distinction

Rich and Heidi Benich were recognized for their involvement as longtime agriculture activists, promoters and farming enthusiasts. Their continued advocacy of agriculture in their lives, and their families' lives, is a true testament to



their personal values and those of the Huron County Farm Bureau. Both Rich & Heidi have served as membership coordinators in past years. Congratulations on being selected as the 2020 Members of Distinction for Huron County Farm Bureau!

\*If you would like to nominate a member for 2021 please email [huron@ofbf.org](mailto:huron@ofbf.org)

## Huron County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting Held September 2020

Huron County Farm Bureau hosted the 2020 Annual Meeting at Sherman's Shop in Hartland Township. We would like to thank the Sherman family for the use of their barn. The evening began with a catered dinner from Catering By Design which members, elected officials, board members and guests enjoyed.

A great update and presentation from Jennifer Coleman with the Ohio Soybean Council was given then Huron County Farm Bureau President Jamie Hilaman welcomed members and called the 2020 Annual Meeting to order. Jamie recognized Farm Bureau leaders and other special guests that were in attendance. Minutes from the 2019 annual meeting and the July 2019 - June 2020 financials were reviewed. Amanda Kramer gave the public policy report and asked members to vote on proposed policies. Members were asked to review the candidate's information for Board of Trustees and 2021 OFBF Annual Delegates before voting. Jamie Hilaman presented the code change— changing 8 of the 12 board positions to at-large vs. for the 4 districts in the county. Then she recognized Rich & Heidi Benich as the 2020 members of distinction. Their past volunteer efforts, donations, and being former members on the board, lead them to receiving this honor. Jamie then thanked Elaine Conger and Evan Walcher as the outgoing board members for their volunteer efforts and time spent serving on the Huron County Farm Bureau Board.

OFBF Trustee, Adele Flynn addressed the audience and gave a report from the statewide level. President Jamie Hilaman recognized and thanked the board members for their hard work during this abnormal year with covid. Election results were shared: Northwest District Tom Gies for a 3-year term, Northeast District Amanda Kramer for a 3-year term, At-Large Noah Cleary for a 1-year term and



write-in for Southwest District was Rich Benich and he accepted for a 3-year term. 2021 OFBF Annual Meeting Delegates will be John Brooks, Elaine Conger, Jason Nuhfer and the current president. Tom Gies was elected as an alternate. Door prizes were given and meeting was adjourned.

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## Executive Board

### President:

Jeremy Sherman—New Haven

### Vice President :

Tom Gies- Peru

### Secretary:

Amanda Kramer—Norwalk

### Board of Trustees

Rich Benich- New Haven

Noah Cleary- Norwalk

Kelsie Heath—Greenfield

Chris Hilaman- Wakeman

Dave Kamm—Hartland

Jason Nuhfer—Richmond

Becky Rospert- Townsend

Kraig Schafer—Ridgefield

### OFBF Trustees

Adele Flynn - District 3

Mike Boyert- Northeast Region

### OFBF Staff

Amanda Denes-Diedrick,

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### Office Staff

Jan Weaver, Martha Purcell,

Marie Morris & Anita Cook

## SEEKING FARM BUREAU MEMBERS WITH BUSINESSES

We are compiling our 2021-2022 Erie, Huron, & Lorain County Farm Bureau's Business brochure. This brochure lists businesses that are Farm Bureau members and, if possible, offer a discount to fellow Farm Bureau members. It is put together by the Farm Bureau office and is then distributed to the entire membership in the tri-county area.

You can advertise in the brochure if you are a Farm Bureau member, offer a discount to Farm Bureau members (optional), and your Farm Bureau membership is currently paid or is enclosed with the form below. Please fill out the form and mail to the Farm Bureau office, along with your membership dues (if not paid), by **July 2, 2021** to be included in the brochure.

Mail to: Huron County Farm Bureau, 8460 Ridge Rd, North Royalton, OH 44133

**Form can be also be completed and submitted online at:**

<http://bit.ly/EHLBusiness>

\*If you have already paid your current membership

dues, please note that and we will contact you if our records indicate differently.



Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Website (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Discount Offered (if you so choose): \_\_\_\_\_

Name Which Membership is Under: \_\_\_\_\_