

FARM BUREAU NEWS

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Letter from Erie Co. Farm Bureau President

Hello to Erie County Farm Bureau members,

What a difference a year makes! We are looking forward to a year that gets us back to something that resembles ‘normal’? We are preparing to have in-person events return with optimism. Erie County Farm Bureau’s Annual Meeting is hoped to be back at Milan Twp. Hall on September 20, 2021. We will be honoring a member of distinction for 2021. We also plan to hold our policy development meeting at Milan Twp. Hall on July 26 in the evening. If there are issues you would like us to include in this process, let the board know and please attend on July 26. We hope to get updates from elected officials at this meeting but we want our members to be present as well.

We are working to bring back the Classic Tractor Cruise-In this summer on August 29, 2021 from 2-5 pm. For now I hope everyone is being productive with crops going in, hay making starting, etc. Please keep safety in mind as so much is getting done. We hope to see you at our events this year!
-Take care everyone, Paul Demuth

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 <https://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.

Review of 2020 Annual Meeting

Erie County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting of Membership was held September 21, 2020 at the Erie County Fairgrounds in Sandusky. 40 members, elected officials, board members and guests were in attendance for this drive-in annual meeting where pies were given to each car. A check was presented to Erie County Sheriff Paul Sigsworth for their new K-9 unit. Financials and minutes were reviewed and approved by members. John Wallrabenstein explained the policy development process and members then voted on both polices and election of trustees and Ohio Farm Bureau Annual Meeting 2021 delegates. OFBF District 3 Trustee, Adele Flynn gave her report on what OFBF has been doing in 2020. Next Joseph Trinter was recognized as the 2020 member of distinction *Continued on page 2*

Farm Bureau Mission Statement

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

Together
WITH farmers



ERIE COUNTY

Erie County Farm Bureau Policy Process

Erie County Farm Bureau annually goes through the policy development process at the county level. They hold a meeting to assess the needs of the county where they determine if the problem is something that affects agriculture. Erie County Farm Bureau met with elected officials on July 27, 2020. Though our attendance was a little less due to Covid-19, great discussion was had and everyone left more informed. This meeting serves as a vital part to the policy development committee. The committee takes the information that was presented and formulates proposed policies.

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

LOCAL POLICIES

1. We support the addition of nutrient testing (including Phosphorus) at the Erie County Health Department county water testing lab.
2. We support continued funding for Erie County Health Department's Water Pollution Control Fund program to maintain, repair, upgrade and provide education on rural on-site waste systems.
3. We support all citizens completing the 2020 census.
4. We support local farmers markets.



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for his volunteer service over the years. Scholarship winners were announced: General \$700 scholarship- Parker Deering, Nathan Miller and Emma Smith and Continuing Education was Maxwell Corso who is attending Iowa State University. Denny Weilanu was recognized as an outgoing board member for all his hard work through the years. Trustee election results were announced. Jody Hanko and Olivia Krumwiede and the current president will attend the 2021 Ohio Farm Bureau Annual Meeting. Otto Kromer was elected as an alternate. Door prizes were given out and President Marty Demuth adjourned the meeting. Thanks to all that came to the 2020 annual meeting!

Local policies are listed above

Mark Your Calendars!

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

July 26 | Policy Development Meeting with Elected Officials— *Please RSVP by July 19*

6:30 p.m.— Milan Twp. Hall, Corner of Park & Church Streets, On the Square in Milan

August 10-15 | Erie County Fair

Come See Erie County Farm Bureau in the Heritage area, Erie Co. Fairgrounds, 3110 Columbus Ave, Sandusky

August 29 | Classic Tractor Cruise-In

2– 5 p.m.— Milan Square, State Routes 113 & 601, Milan

September 20 | Erie Co. Farm Bureau Annual Meeting *Each paid member can reserve 2 seats by RSVP to the office.*

6:30 pm—Milan Township Hall, Corner of Park & Church Streets, On the Square in Milan

Member of Distinction

Joseph Trinter has served on the Erie County Board of Trustees since 2013; which has included a few terms as president & vice-president. Joe has helped with the volunteer membership campaign and with several young



ag professionals county events. Joe enjoys working on his family farm with his father and spending time with his wife, Margo and their family. Joe also serves on the Erie County Fair Board. He was recognized at the 2020 Annual Meeting in September. Congratulations to Joe on being selected as the 2020 Member of Distinction

for Erie County Farm Bureau!

If you would like to nominate a member for 2021 please email erie@ofbf.org

2021 Scholarships Awarded

Lillian Schuster, daughter of Jeff & Tara Schuster, is a 2021 Edison High School graduate and the recipient of a General \$750 Scholarship from Erie County Farm Bureau. Lillian plans to attend BGSU Firelands to earn an Associate of Applied Science to become a radiology technician.

Halle Miller, daughter of Kent & Janis Miller, a 2021 Margaretta High School graduate and the recipient of an Ag-Related \$750 Scholarship from Erie County Farm Bureau. Halle plans to attend The Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute to major in ag business with an animal science minor.

Maxwell Corso, son of Jeff & Diane Corso, was a 2019 Sandusky High School graduate and is the recipient of a Continuing Education \$800 Scholarship from Erie County Farm Bureau. Max is currently attending Iowa State University working on obtaining his Bachelor of Animal Science with a minor in grain technology. 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 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 or 440-877-0706.

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Joseph Trinter - Vermilion

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**SEEKING FARM BUREAU MEMBERS
WITH BUSINESSES**

We are completing 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: Erie 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: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Discount Offered (if you so choose): _____

Website (if applicable): _____

Name Which Membership is Under: _____