

SPRING 2023

# AROUND OUR COUNTY

A PUBLICATION AND MEMBER BENEFIT OF WAYNE COUNTY FARM BUREAU



WAYNE COUNTY

## Mark your calendar!

**June 1** | Submission deadline for advertising in Buy Local Directory or Discount Card

**June 23** | Deadline to purchase discounted zoo tickets

**June 24** | Family Fun Day at the Cleveland Zoo

**July 18** | Wayne/Ashland Dairy Service Unit's Twilight Dairy Tour

New Prospect Farm LLC (Gary Dotterer Family) | 6-9 PM  
12391 Benner Road | Rittman | Ohio 44270

*You are invited to the Wayne-Ashland Dairy Service Unit's 2023 Twilight Dairy Tour! Attendees will receive food and beverage vouchers to on-site food trucks and a vendor fair will be set up as well. This event is free and open to the public and there is no need to RSVP. Contact OSU Extension - Wayne County with questions (330-264-8722).*

**August 15** | Annual Meeting

**October 7 & 8** | Farm Tour (NW Quadrant)

**November 28** | 7th Annual Ag Toy Drive

## NATIONWIDE BENEFIT

Nationwide is the #1 insurer of farms and ranches in the nation and is Ohio Farm Bureau's approved insurance and financial services provider. The following agencies are appointed with Nationwide and have been strong partners of your county Farm Bureau. Ohio Farm Bureau members receive a discount on some insurance products. Contact an agent or visit [nationwide.com/ofbf](http://nationwide.com/ofbf) for more details.

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## Shaping our future

The Wayne County Ag Success Team, Wayne County Commissioners and the OSU Pathways to Prosperity project hosted an interactive networking meeting on March 7 with the goal to identify the ways that individuals and organizations can contribute to expanding and sustaining our regional food and agriculture economy. A number of WCFFB members gave feedback and we would love to have more participants if interested. If you would like to be added to the invite list for future meetings or to receive email updates on our work, please contact Jessica Eikleberry at [AgPlan@wayneohio.org](mailto:AgPlan@wayneohio.org) or 330-287-5420.

## Farm Bureau Day at the Cleveland Zoo

**Saturday, June 24, 2023**

Cost: \$13.50 per person (ages 2 and up)

Deadline to purchase tickets at the discounted rate:

June 23, 2023

To purchase tickets:

1. Visit [clevelandmetroparkszoo.com](http://clevelandmetroparkszoo.com)
2. Under "tickets and attractions", select "buy tickets"
3. On the page labeled "select ticket amount", be sure to select the number of tickets that you need in the category "I have a promo code"
4. Fill in your contact and payment information and be sure to include the promo code: OFB23
5. First time purchasers will need to create an account with an email address.

\*If illness or conflict arises for your family and you cannot attend on June 24, 2023, your tickets can be used to attend any other day that the zoo is open before December 31, 2023.



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# 2022 Wayne County Highlights

## Sponsored Family and Community Events

**Member Appreciation Events** - thank you to Sterling Farm Equipment and Loudonville Farmers Equity for hosting us!

**Family Fun Day**  
- over 200 joined us at Canal Park for the Akron RubberDucks baseball game!



## Developed Educational Opportunities

Continued with our Buy Local Directory and Member for Members discount card! Thanks to Farm Credit for sponsoring the printing and mailing of the directory and card as well as all of the businesses that participated!

**Other activities included:** Farmland Conservation program, Scholarship program and 3 part safety series



## Served as Advocates for Our Members

**Grassroots in Action** - Twelve policy development survey responses were collected and evaluated for inclusion at this year's annual meeting!



**Other activities included:** President's trip to DC, AgDay visits with legislators, policy development breakfast with community leaders, participation on the Ag Success Team

## Gave Back to Our Local Community

**Ag Tire Roundup** - Nearly 900 scrap tires from 37 area farms were recycled thanks to funding from the Ohio EPA's Recycle Ohio program, Wayne County Health Department and the Stark-Tuscarawas-Wayne Recycling District



**Ag Toy Drive** - over \$11,000 in ag toys were given to Ashland's Associated Charities, Medina Toys for Tots, and Wayne Toys for Tots.

**Platinum Donors (\$1000+) - Bauman Oil**

**Legacy Donors (\$500-\$999) - Farm Credit Mid-America, Spring Mist Farms, Jones Livestock LLC, Bent Ladder Cider & Wine, Slicker Farms, J Star Equipment, Holmes-Wayne Electric Co-op, Heffelfinger's Meats Inc, The Apple Creek Banking Co, Wayne Savings Community Bank, Park National Bank, Rural King Supply - Wooster**

**Gold Donors (\$250-\$499) - Honey Haven Farm LLC, Gerber Feed Service, Homer Yost Agency, Sterling Farm Equipment, Trent Insurance Group, Lowe & Young Inc, Farmers National Bank, Tyler Grain & Fertilizer, Commodity Blenders Inc, Davis Tree Farm & Nursery Inc, WQKT, Ashland County Farm Bureau, Wayne County Farm Bureau, Medina County Farm Bureau, Mike & Patti Boyert, Lincoln Way Vineyards, Cargill**

**Other activities included:** Young Ag Professionals attend the Winter Leadership Experience in Cincinnati

## 2022 Distinguished Volunteer - Matt Vodraska

Matt lives in Doylestown and is the owner and operator of Bent Ladder Cider and Wine. Matt was also Ohio Farm Bureau's 2019 Outstanding Young Farmer. The Wayne County Farm Bureau board wishes to thank Matt for his years of service to Wayne County Farm Bureau as a board trustee and for his 2 years of service as President! They truly appreciate his efforts in leading the organization as well as giving a hand on just about every committee over his course of time on the board. Thank you Matt!



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**Interested in serving as a trustee?** The WCFB board meets approximately 9 times annually on the third Monday evening of the month at 7 PM. Nominations for trustees are accepted until July 1 and nominees must be members of WCFB. Please email wayne@ofbf.org with your nomination.

## Thank you to our business partners!



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