

SUMMER 2023

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ASHLAND COUNTY

Upcoming Events

August 22 | Joint Annual Meeting of Ashland County Farm Bureau and Ashland SWCD

Time: 6 PM SWCD voting opens | 6:30 PM Dinner and meeting
Where: Ashland University's John C Myers Convocation Center
820 Claremont Ave. | Ashland
Cost: \$5
Speaker: Ryan Haden, OSU Associate Professor of Soil Science and Agronomy.
Please RSVP via the QR code or by calling our office at 330-263-7456. RSVP deadline: Aug 11



August 29 | What's the scoop? CAUV triennial update meeting

Where: Fisher Auditorium (OSU Wooster)
1680 Madison Ave. Wooster, OH 44691
2023 is a triennial update year for multiple counties in NE Ohio (Wayne, Ashland, Knox, Summit and more). Wayne County Farm Bureau, in cooperation with the Wayne County Auditor's Office, is hosting an informational meeting for all landowners in NE Ohio to come out and learn about CAUV, how soil values are calculated and how they are expected to change following the 2023 update. This event is open to the public and is free to Farm Bureau members and \$120 for nonmembers. More information can be found at wayne.ofbf.org.

August 29 | Ashland County Farm Tire Collection Event

Where: Ashland County Fairgrounds (Main Gate) 2042 Claremont Ave, Ashland, Ohio
Who: Ashland County Farms Only (PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED)
Register: Call 419-282-4338 between August 1 - August 18, 2023
Exact number and type of tires will be required to register. Cost: \$1.00 per acceptable tire. Cash or Check Payable to Ashland County Treasurer Accepted. Acceptable Tires/Tubes (No Limit, Must Be Off the Rim). Visit ashlandcounty.org for complete details. Rain or Shine) Per Scheduled Appointment Time. No walk-ins accepted.

September 30 and October 1 | Ashland County Drive-It-Yourself Farm Tour

Where: 4 locations in the southern half of Ashland County
Time: Noon to 5 pm each day
This tour is free and open to the public. Booklets containing event details will be available at various Ag businesses around Ashland County, at the Ashland County Fair and online at ashland.ofbf.org beginning September 1. For more information, contact 330-263-7456 or ashland@ofbf.org.

November 28 | 7th Annual Ag Toy Drive

Time: 5:30 - 8 PM
Where: Lincoln Way Vineyards, Wooster

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 for more details.



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Issue 1 | Ohio Farm Bureau recently announced support for Issue 1, a ballot measure being put before Ohio voters Aug. 8. The ballot measure will be part of a special election Aug. 8. If passed, the resolution will raise the threshold for approving constitutional amendments to 60% and also will modify the requirements for the petition process for proposals to change the constitution, requiring no less than 5% of the electors represented from every county of the state to sign a petition. Currently, signatures must be gathered for only 44 of Ohio's 88 counties. Additionally, the initiative would eliminate the 10-day period that petitioners are granted to replace any invalid signatures. Notably, Issue 1 only applies to constitutional changes, and the initiated petition process to amend Ohio law remains unchanged. For additional information about Issue 1 and why Ohio Farm Bureau supports it, view our FAQ document at ofbf.org. This information was also included in the Our Ohio magazine July/Aug issue.

2023 Ashland County Scholarship Winners

Ashland County Farm Bureau is pleased to announce its 2023 scholarship recipients:



Molly Cordonnier- Molly is the daughter of Marcus and Julie Cordonnier and is a 2021 graduate of Black River High School. She currently attends Ohio State University where

her major is Animal Science with a minor in AgriBusiness. Molly's anticipated graduation date is May 2025. "Agriculture is a field that is changing all the time. It affects everyone in the world everyday, but yet so many people have no clue about what agriculture really is about. The fact that there is so much change happening in the agriculture industry is so exciting and I want to be part of that change. I would like to go into research within animal science." We wish you the best of luck Molly!



Linde Hahn- Linde is the daughter of Evan and Kelly Hahn and is a 2023 graduate of Loudonville High School. She plans to attend Kansas State University to study

Animal Science and Industry with a minor in Ag Communications. Linde's anticipated graduation date is May 2027. Linde plans to pursue an animal science degree with a specification in Meat Science. "My goals after acquiring my education are to get a job within organizations like Ohio Pork Producers. Where I can advocate for an industry that is recognized far too little." Congratulations Linde!



Destiny LaFever- Destiny is the daughter of Mark and Kristine LaFever and is a 2021 graduate of Crestview High School. She currently attends The Ohio State University studying

Animal Sciences- Bioscience. Destiny expects to graduate in the spring of 2025. "clinic. I have been lucky enough to get to go to work with my mom for many years and watch what her and my grandpa do on a daily basis. My love for animals has grown over the years and growing up on a small farm and showing animals through 4-H and FFA has impacted how much love I have for animals.

I am gaining the education necessary to fulfill my dream of being the third generation veterinarian in my family." Best wishes Destiny!



Emily McGovern- Emily is the daughter of Kent and Sheri McGovern and is a 2023 graduate of Hillsdale High School. She plans to attend the University of Mount

Union where she will study Environmental Science and Leadership Studies. Emily expects to graduate in the spring of 2027. "I would like to pursue a career focused on the environment and plan to major in Environmental Science. The Environmental Science major has field work in the curriculum which really interests me, as well as classroom time, lectures and labs. There are many things still to learn about the world around us. I want to be one of the people to discover new things that will care for nature and our environment, along with learning the methods and processes that have worked well over time." Good luck Emily!

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Interested in serving as a trustee?
The ACFB board meets 8 times annually on the second Monday evenings of the month around 7:30 PM. Nominations for trustees are accepted until July 1 and nominees must be agriculturalists and members of ACFB. Please email ashland@ofbf.org with your nomination.

Farm Credit Mid-America/Rural 1st Stock the Trailer

The Ashland County Jr. Fair Board will once again be participating in the Farm Credit Mid-America/Rural 1st Stock the Trailer competition. Stock the Trailer is a statewide competition whose purpose is to collect food donations for hunger shelters and food banks around Ohio. Sponsored by Farm Credit Mid-America, counties that participate in the event receive \$500 towards their Jr. Fair Board in addition to a chance to win other support based on how many pounds of food are collected. Last year, 55 counties participated, collecting a total of 169,456 lbs of food that went to 74 food banks.

The Ashland County Jr. Fair Board will begin collecting items for Stock the Trailer on August 19th and 20th during the 4-H Super Judging event held at the Ashland County Fairgrounds and will continue through the Ashland County Fair.

Items that will be accepted at Super Judging are: cases of water, canned food, pasta sauce, peanut butter, pasta, other non-perishable items. This year, the Jr. Fair Board's goal is to get in the top 3 for the region and collect more than the 4,920lbs that were collected in Ashland County last year. Please consider helping the Ashland County Jr. Fair Board reach those in need in our community by participating in the Fight the Hunger, Stock the Trailer event this year!

Thank you to our business partners!

