

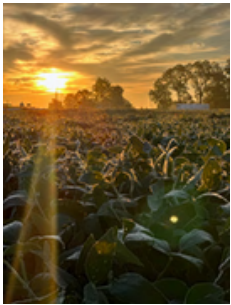
AROUND OUR COUNTY



ASHLAND COUNTY

ANNUAL MEETING - TUES, AUG 20

SWCD voting begins at 6 PM and dinner starts at 6:30 PM. Business meeting to follow. Ashland University's John C Myer's Convocation Center (820 Claremont Ave. Ashland)



Cost is \$5 per person (payable at the door). Menu includes a gourmet burger bar, picnic sides and dessert.

Speaker: Jon Burkholder - "Pathfinder Farms: the mission, purpose and the opportunity"

If you wish to view the proposed policies and election ballot before the meeting, these will be available at ashland.ofbf.org beginning Aug 13.



Register

Please RSVP by Fri Aug 9 via the QR code or by calling our office at 330-263-7456.

FARM TIRE COLLECTION EVENT - AUG 27 AT THE FAIRGROUNDS

Event is open to Ashland County farms only. Pre-registration required by calling the Ashland County Solid Waste District at 419-282-4338. **Registration window is Aug 5 - 23.**

Tires will not be accepted from those who do not have a confirmed registration and time. Tires cannot be on the rim. Cost per tire ranges from \$2 to \$10 and is dependent on size. Full event details at the Ashland County Solid Waste District's website.




Farm Bureau
Night at the Ballpark
 Saturday, June 22, 2024 | 7:05 PM | Akron

Cost: \$12 per person*
 Cost includes: Admission
 *children 3 and under are free.
 Tickets will be assessed a convenience fee of ~ \$1.



Buy tickets

Tickets must be purchased online. Order your tickets today at <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/ohiofb24>

Ticket purchase deadline: June 20



Fireworks will be on display after the game!

>>> 1ST ANNUAL FAIR KICKOFF PICNIC - SEPT 14



Ashland County Farm Bureau invites 4-H exhibitors and advisors to the 1st annual Fair Kickoff Picnic located in the Coliseum. Stop by anytime between 5 and 7 PM to grab a quick dinner. All Farm Bureau member families of livestock exhibitors are welcome. Non-member families are welcome with a donation.

Food available as long as supplies last.

Want to help? Give us a call or email ashland@ofbf.org!

>>> Farm Mass - Sept 22 at 11 AM

Location: Besancon Farms; 6883 Weilersville Rd; Smithville
Questions? Contact paul.kipfstuhl@ccdocle.org or 330-241-9112

This event is open to the public and is organized and executed by the Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland.

>>> Twilight Dairy Tour - July 16

Location: Wayne County Fairgrounds
Time: A dairy summit will take place from 2 to 5 PM. The evening theme will be "farm to table" with samples available for a donation. There will also be dairy-related demonstrations.

Questions? Contact OSU Extension, Wayne Co. 330-264-8722.

This event is open to the public and is organized and executed by the Wayne/Ashland Dairy Service Unit.

>>> FARM TOUR - SEPT 27 AND 28, 2025



The next Ashland County Drive-It-Yourself Farm Tour has been scheduled for Sept 27 and 28, 2025. It will take place in the northern half of the county. The farm tour committee is seeking participants to both serve as a host and assist on the committee. Please contact our office or email us at ashland@ofbf.org.

>>> AG TOY DRIVE - NOV 26, 2024



Save the date for our 2024 Ag Toy Drive! Full event details will be available at ashland.ofbf.org and in the Facebook event in the month leading up to the event!

>>> FIGHT THE HUNGER, STOCK THE TRAILER WITH THE ASHLAND COUNTY JR. FAIR BOARD!

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. The county that collects the most pounds of food in each region receives \$5,000, the 2nd place county will receive \$3,500, and the 3rd place county will receive \$1,500. The statewide goal for the event is to collect 250,000 lbs of food.

Last year, 64 counties participated, collecting a total of 228,717lbs of food that went to 68 food banks. The Ashland County Jr. Fair Board will begin collecting items for Stock the Trailer on August 24th and 25th during the 4-H Super Judging event held at the Ashland County Fairgrounds and will continue collecting at various events until the week of the Ashland County Fair (September 15-21). Items that will be accepted are: cases of water, canned food, pasta sauce, peanut butter, pasta, and 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 5,780 lbs that were collected in Ashland County last year. Please consider helping the Ashland County Jr. Fair Board reach those in need by participating in the Fight the Hunger, Stock the Trailer event this year!

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>>> 2024 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. "My goal is that I will have obtained a bachelor's degree in Animal Science and a masters degree in nutrition or reproductive physiology. While being involved in research, I also want to maintain a connection to agriculture on a community basis." We wish you the best of luck Molly!

Owen Hoffman- Owen is the son of Mark and Abbey Hoffman and is a 2024 graduate of Hillsdale High School. He plans to attend The Ohio State University- ATI to study Agriscience Education with a minor in Agriculture Business. Owen's anticipated graduation date is May 2028. After college Owen would like to be an agriscience teacher and FFA instructor. "My whole life has been influenced by the FFA. My dad has been an ag teacher for thirty-six years, and I have many fond memories of spending time with him and his students at the county fair, summer picnics, and other events." Congratulations Owen!



Grace Ringler- Grace is the daughter of Justin and Molly Ringler and is a 2024 graduate of Loudonville High School. She plans to attend The Ohio State University-ATI studying Greenhouse and Nursery Management. Grace expects to graduate in the spring of 2026 with a 2-year degree. "Once I graduate from college, I plan to find a greenhouse management job. There, I will gain more experience in operating and managing a greenhouse. In ten years, I see myself owning my own greenhouse business. Growing and caring for plants has become one of my passions. With my own greenhouse, I will be able to share my passion with others." Best wishes Grace!



Katelynn Smeltzer- Katelyn is the daughter of Jennifer Smeltzer and is a graduate of Hillsdale High School. She is attending The Ohio State University - Mansfield where she studies Middle childhood education with a minor in Animal Science. Katelyn expects to graduate in May of 2025. "My original career goal was to help animals, specifically horses. However, after taking college classes the last two years as a high school student and this year, I have decided that I am more interested in becoming an educator. Once I find a teaching job, I would also like to use what I learned in my animal science classes to be able to work with horses also." Good luck Katelynn!



Fred Finney inducted into the Ohio Agriculture Hall of Fame

The Ohio Agricultural Council will honor a new class of individuals who have significantly contributed to the advancement of Ohio's agricultural community during the 58th Ohio Agricultural Hall of Fame induction on Aug. 2 at the Ohio Expo Center.

The 2024 OAC Hall of Fame ceremony will celebrate the achievements of the late David W. Brandt of Carroll, Ohio; Bill and Janet Butler of Hillsboro, Ohio; Fred Finney of Wooster, Ohio, and the late Raymond A. Miller of Hilliard, Ohio. Each has uniquely impacted Ohio agriculture through innovation, education and leadership.

Fred Finney, a distinguished leader in Ohio's agricultural community, has made profound contributions to the state's produce industry. After serving in the U.S. Army, Finney began his career at Davis Melrose Company, which owned what would become Moreland Fruit Farm. In 1985, he purchased the farm and transformed it into a thriving 125-acre operation producing a diverse range of fruit and vegetable crops, significantly enhancing local food markets and supply chains.

Throughout his career, Finney has been instrumental in creating new market opportunities for farmers, particularly through his involvement in the establishment of the Farmers Produce Auction in Mt. Hope and the Mid-Ohio Growers Meeting. These initiatives have not only supported local farmers but also fostered community and economic development. His efforts have extended to national influence, particularly in food safety, where he played a critical role in the development of compliance training for the Food Safety Modernization Act, ensuring that small and Amish farmers were not overlooked.

Finney's leadership spans several prestigious roles, including serving as president of the Wayne County Farm Bureau, Ohio Farm Bureau state trustee representing Ashland, Medina, Summit and Wayne County Farm Bureaus, president of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation and on the board of directors for Nationwide Insurance. His work has earned him numerous accolades, including the Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award from the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation. Fred Finney's dedication to improving agricultural practices and supporting his community has left an indelible mark on Ohio's agricultural landscape, making him a respected figure in the industry.



Tickets to the induction breakfast on Aug 2 can be purchased at ohioagcouncil.org/halloffame

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**Don't miss your invitation to
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Annual Meeting!**