

AROUND OUR COUNTY



ANNUAL MEETING - THURS, AUG 29

6:30 - 7:30 PM: Dinner and social hour | 7:30 PM: Business meeting begins
Secrest Arboretum & Welcome Center, 2122 Williams Rd. Wooster, OH 44691



Menu: Pulled pork, parsley red-skinned potatoes, green beans with bacon, coleslaw and dessert.

Cost is \$10 per person (payable at the door) and children 12 and under are free.

If you wish to view the proposed policies and election ballot before the meeting, these will be available at wayne.ofbf.org beginning Aug 22.

Please RSVP by Weds August 21 via the QR code or by calling our office at 330-263-7456.



Register

AG TIRE ROUNDUP - FRI, JUNE 28 AT THE WAYNE CO FAIRGROUNDS

Event is open to Wayne County farmers only. Limit of 50 tires per farm. Pre-registration required by calling the Wooster Farm Bureau office or by filling out the online form (access by scanning QR code). **Registration window is May 1 - June 14 or until space runs out. Space is still available!**

Members receive a 50% discount. Tires will not be accepted from those who do not have a confirmed registration and time. Full event details at wayne.ofbf.org.



Registration form



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!

>>> 2024 WAYNE CO FARM TOUR - OCT 4 AND 5, 12-5 PM

We are so thankful for the willingness of these hosts who have agreed to participate in this year's farm tour! Tour booklets will be available on wayne.ofbf.org after Sept 1. Printed copies will be available at our office and at the Wayne Co Fair.



- Hummingbird Hill Flower Farm
- Golden Eggers Farm
- Summer Hill Farm
- West View Pawpaw Farm
- Tom Esselburn Family Farm
- Zido Dairy
- Troutman Winery
- OSU Wooster
- Shreve Meats



Save the date for our 2025 Ag Toy Drive!

Nov 26, 2024

Full event details will be available at wayne.ofbf.org in the month leading up to the event!

>>> 175TH WAYNE CO FAIR CELEBRATION - AUG 17 AND 18

The Wayne Co Fair is hosting a celebration in honor of their 175th fair. This FREE Pre-Fair Celebration will have food vendors, entertainment, and contests. Some of the events include:

- Parade
- Lerch's Donut Eating Contest
- Square Dancing
- Fireworks

Visit waynecountyfairohio.com for a full list of all of the activities and up to date event details.

Wayne County Farm Bureau would like to participate in the Aug 17th parade. The line-up is from 7-9 AM and the parade starts at 10 AM. We would love you and your family to join us on the 1.2-mile route. If interested, please call the office or email us at wayne@ofbf.org.

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>>> 2024 WAYNE CO FAIR - SEPT 7 THROUGH 12



Sign up

The fair committee is seeking volunteers to help staff our display for 2 hour shifts throughout each day of the fair. As a token of our appreciation, we will provide an admission ticket or a milkshake voucher to anyone who signs up to help. Check out the shift availability and sign up by following the QR code to the online sign up or give us a call at the office.

>>> 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 Mass - Sept 22, 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.



>>> WAYNE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ACTION PLAN Public Forums - You're Invited!

The Wayne County Engineer's office has put together several public forums for county residents to help identify high-risk safety locations along county roadways. These forums are open to the public and no registration is required.

#1: Tues, July 9 at 6 PM | Wooster Community Center (241 S Bever St.)

#2: Tues, July 16 at 6 PM | Rittman Public Library (75 N Main St)

#3: Tues, July 30 at 4 PM | Amish Health and Safety Days at the Kidron Community Park

*Two additional public forum locations will be announced at a later date

Visit the engineer's website or follow this QR code to learn more information about other upcoming forum dates.

>>> 2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Kaitlyn Praisler

Kaitlyn is the daughter of Kathy Praisler-Wood and Jeffery Praisler and is a 2021 graduate of Northwestern High School. She currently attends Morehead State University where she is studying Equine Science with a minor in horsemanship. Kaitlyn has an anticipated graduation date of May 2025. When asked about her career goals, Kaitlyn stated: "My career goal is to obtain full time employment at an equestrian health care facility. I would also like to continue my education after graduation and become a registered veterinary technician. My current employment at Spy Coast farm has given me the opportunity to develop a special interest in rehabilitation of injured horses. I would like to work at a farm or veterinary clinic that offers innovative rehabilitation techniques." Good luck, Kaitlyn!



Culver Sidle

Culver is the son of Gary Sidle and Lisa Haberbusch and is a 2023 graduate of Triway High School. He is currently studying Agriscience Education at Ohio State ATI with an anticipated graduation date of May 2027. When asked to describe his career goals, Culver stated: "My career goals are to educate children and teens about agriculture and take over the family farm with my brother. It's my dream to become the Agriculture and FFA instructor at my high school alma mater. I want youth to have the best chance possible to know how their food arrives on their plate. I am also looking forward to following in the footsteps of my uncle, Dale Sidle, who served as an Agriculture and FFA instructor for 30 years. I also hope to raise show pigs." Best Wishes Culver!

Riley Stull

Riley is the daughter of Brad and Molly Stull and is a 2021 graduate of Northwestern High School. She currently attends The Ohio State University majoring in Agribusiness and Applied Economics with a minor in Agricultural Communications. Riley's anticipated graduation date is May 2025. "Agriculture has played a huge role in my life growing up, because of this I have always known I wanted to find a career in agriculture. With my degree I want to obtain a job in marketing, focusing on face-to-face connections, and less on social media marketing. I believe that although social media is a trending and effective way to spread information, we are losing the connections between producers and consumers that we once had." We wish you the best of luck Riley!



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.

The ceremony is expected to draw over 600 attendees including community leaders, industry professionals and family members who will gather to pay tribute to the inductees' lifelong dedication and service to Ohio's agricultural sector. With these inductions, the Ohio Agricultural Hall of Fame proudly honors a total of 253 individuals since its inception.

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, 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

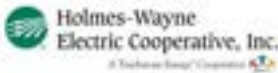
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Interested in serving as a Trustee?

The WCFB board meets approximately 9 times annually on the third Monday evening of the month at 7:30 PM. Nominations for trustees are accepted until July 1 and nominees must be agriculturalists and members of WCFB. Please email wayne@ofbf.org with your nomination.



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We moved! Note the new address!

Email: wayne@ofbf.org
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**Don't miss your invitation to
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