

AROUND OUR COUNTY



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

MEMBER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

March 2, 8 - 10 AM

Medina County Career Center, 1101 W Liberty St. Medina



Due to the popularity of last year's breakfast, we are excited to return to the Career Center for made-to-order omelets prepared by the students enrolled in the culinary arts program! In addition to breakfast, our event will offer a presentation on CAUV at 9 AM by Leah Curtis, Ohio Farm Bureau General Counsel and Senior Director of Member Engagement. Lori Koran, Medina County CAUV Director with the Auditor's office, will follow to address Medina County-specific questions regarding CAUV. Auditor Anthony Capretta will also be in attendance.



This event is **free** to members and their dependents. Non-members can attend at \$20 per person. Become a member of the Medina County Farm Bureau at the breakfast and there is no charge! Bring a new member or join as a new member at the breakfast and receive a free t-shirt! Renew at the breakfast and receive \$5 in cash back. Please register using the QR code, website or give us a call by Feb 23.

REGISTRATION REQUESTED BUT NOT REQUIRED. FOOD AVAILABLE AS LONG AS SUPPLIES LAST.



NEW STATE TRUSTEE - MATT VODRASKA

Matt Vodraska of Doylestown has been elected to his first, three-year term on the board of trustees of Ohio Farm Bureau Federation. He represents the interests of Farm Bureau members from Ashland, Medina, Summit and Wayne counties. His election took place during OFBF's 105th annual meeting, Dec. 7-8 in Columbus.

Vodraska farms with his brother, Chris, on a diversified specialty fruit operation where they produce estate wines and ciders on the family farm in Doylestown. He served as president of the Wayne County Farm Bureau and has helped to shape public policy at the county and state levels. He was named Ohio Farm Bureau's Outstanding Young Farmer in 2019 and was a member of the inaugural AgriPOWER class in 2009.

He also has been active in local and state activities with the Ohio Grape Association, Midwest Apple Improvement Association and the Ohio Produce Growers & Marketers Association. Welcome Matt!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE - ROGER BAKER



Roger Baker, a first-generation farmer, owns and operates a hay and row crop operation west of Wooster. Roger just completed his final term as the District 8 (Ashland, Medina, Summit and Wayne counties) State Trustee on the Ohio Farm Bureau board after serving for 12 years.

There is no doubt that Roger has had a busy 12 years juggling his duties in Columbus and District 8, as well as running his farm. Despite all of the different tasks that he has to keep up with, Roger has always made time to talk with members and, to the best of his ability, assist them in finding a resolution. He has become a master of phone calls from the tractor cab – thank goodness for a hands-free headset!

Roger's 12-year tenure as District 8 representative has been marked by an unwavering dedication to advancing agriculture and strengthening our community. His sacrifice of time away from his family and farm is deeply appreciated, and his diligence and perseverance have brought great benefits to Medina County, District 8, and all of Ohio's agriculture. Thank you Roger for your many years of service to Farm Bureau!

2023 OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER - KARA WOLFF



Congratulations to Kara Wolff for being awarded Medina County Farm Bureau's 2023 Outstanding Volunteer Award! Kara - Thank you for your years of service to Medina County Farm Bureau as a board trustee and as Secretary! We truly appreciate your efforts in assisting on so many committees and jumping in to help whenever and wherever you can. Thank you for your efforts to educate our community about Agriculture while showcasing Medina County Farm Bureau!



2024 SEASON'S HARVEST - WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Our annual Season's Harvest farm to table dinner is an event that brings in about 130 guests to enjoy a multi-course meal featuring local food while benefiting a Medina County non-profit. It typically takes place on a Thursday evening in August and the committee is seeking farms that are willing to be a host!

This event has been held in numerous types of settings (barns, fields, woods) with a variety of amenities (power vs generator, limited water, etc). We are adaptable! If you have an interest in offering your farm or property as a possible host site, please contact Lindsay at medina@ofbf.org or give the office a call.

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➤➤➤ TWO HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2023

Ag Toy Drive



Over \$12,500 in ag toys were given to Ashland's Associated Charities, Medina Toys for Tots and Wayne Toys for Tots. A huge thank you to our committee co-chairs (Sara Tallmadge and Olivia Lang) and committee members (Hannah Becker, Kara Wolff, Brooklyn Sims, Abbey Werstler and Megan Timmons)

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Photo Gallery

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2023 OFBF Annual Meeting



On December 7 and 8, four members of Medina County Farm Bureau attended the Ohio Farm Bureau's 105th annual meeting as delegates. Thank you Joe Pavlovicz, Dan Bock, Lowell Wolff, Kathy & Rick Garrison for taking time to represent Medina County! Farmland preservation and development pressure were just a few of the important topics discussed by the delegates at Ohio Farm Bureau's 105th annual meeting. In all, 359 delegates representing all county Farm Bureaus participated in the debate and discussion.



SCAN ME

POLICY DEVELOPMENT 2024

Due March 31

We would like to hear from you. This survey is designed to assist the Farm Bureau Policy Development Committee in identifying issues facing members and the agriculture community. Your feedback will be considered by the committee as they develop policy recommendations for the annual meeting. The policy survey can be submitted in whatever format is most convenient for you. Please let us know if you would like us to mail you a paper copy.

Questions to consider for your survey:

Do you have a concern that MCFB should investigate that affects the agricultural community?

What resolution would you like to see accomplished?

What steps do you think MCFB could take to help achieve your desired resolution?

BUY LOCAL DIRECTORY

Due March 31



Please complete this application (follow the QR code and fill out the form or find the application link at medinaafb.org) if you would like to advertise your products and/or a discount in the 2024 directory. (Please note – this directory is for member advertising for those who offer goods or services to the public. If you advertised in 2023, your listing will remain unchanged from last year's directory unless we are notified that you want to cancel or change your listing.) Want to doublecheck last year's listing and can't find your 2023 booklet? Visit medinaafb.org to open the digital version of the 2023 directory.



2024 MEDINA COUNTY FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIPS

Due March 31

Please visit the Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation's website to apply! There are a multitude of scholarships available for students pursuing additional education. Visit www.ofbf.org/foundation to see the entire list!



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Interested in serving as a Trustee?

The MCFB board meets 8-9 times annually on the fourth Monday evenings of the month around 7 PM. Nominations for trustees are accepted until July 1 and nominees must be agriculturalists and members of MCFB. Please email medina@ofbf.org with your nomination.

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 Breakfast invitation
 within this newsletter!

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We moved! Note the new address!

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