Winter 2026

AROUND OUR COUNTY

A PUBLICATION AND MEMBER BENEFIT OF MEDINA COUNTY FARM BUREAU

MEDINA COUNTY

Member Appreciation Breakfast

Feb 28, 8 - 10 AM

Medina County Career Center

1101 W Liberty St. Medina

Registration requested but not required to attend. Food available as long as supplies last .

We invite all members and prospective members to join us for our annual Saturday breakfast! This year's menu, once again, features the popular, made-to-order omelets prepared by the Career Center's culinary arts students.

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, join as a new member or renew at the breakfast and receive $5 in cash back.

The program for the breakfast event is still being finalized. Members will be notified by email and postcard in February of the final details and a reminder to rsvp.

NATIONWIDE BENEFIT

Nationwide is the Ohio Farm Bureau's approved insurance and financial service provider.

Nationwide is proud to be the exclusive insurance provider of Ohio Farm Bureau. Since 1926, Nationwide has been providing insurance and financial services to Farm Bureau members and remains committed to protecting what matters most. As a company with a deep agricultural history, Nationwide offers members of Ohio Farm Bureau a discount on farm insurance. Nationwide also offers a variety of insurance and financial services to Farm Bureau members.

An in-person night with Temple Grandin presented by Portage Co Farm Bureau

May 15, Ravenna HS Auditorium, 6589 N. Chestnut St. Ravenna

Dr. Grandin will be speaking on animal behavior and her humane methods of handling animals for processing. In North America, almost half of the cattle are handled in a Grandin-designed system. She has designed chutes, loading ramps, corrals and stockyards for local farmers such as Bonner Farms Beef and Market(Portage) and The Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute in Wooster as well as national and international producers such as McDonald's, Texas Pride Processing and clients in Canada, Europe, Mexico, Australia and New Zealand.

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Book and autograph signing
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Speaker Presentation
8:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Questions from the floor

Ticket price:
All Farm Bureau Members/Students: $20
Non-Farm Bureau Members: $40
Tickets the day of the event at the door(cash only):
All Farm Bureau Members/Students: $30
Non-Farm Bureau Members: $50

To purchase tickets, call the Portage Co Farm Bureau office at 330-456-4889.

Public Service Announcement

Regarding the discussion of a potential merger of several area cooperatives, there is an engagement opportunity that cooperative members have in this process.

- Cooperative members will receive direct communication by mail and email in January regarding informational meetings about the potential merger.
- There is an opportunity for all cooperative members to vote on the proposed merger.
- Contact your Cooperative or attend an informational meeting with questions.

End of Year Highlights

Ag Toy Drive

The Ashland & Wayne County Young Ag Professionals and the Medina County Young Farmers hosted their 9th Annual Ag Toy Drive on November 25, at Lincoln Way Vineyards. After sponsorships and individual contributions were counted, over $12,000 in agricultural-themed toys were given to Ashland's Associated Charities, Medina Toys for Tots, and Wayne Toys for Tots thanks to the generosity of sponsors, members, and the community!

A huge thank you to our committee members - Olivia Lang, Hannah Hottel, Hannah Becker, Kara Wolff, Brooklyn Sims and Lauren Whitman.

Special thanks to our Ag Toy Drive sponsors!

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2025 OFBF Annual Meeting

Thank you to delegates Matt Boyert, Matt Garrison, Sarah Poling, Andrew Fulton and Heather Fulton for representing Medina County on December 11 and 12 at the Ohio Farm Bureau's 107th Annual Meeting. The 1.5 day event recognized many of our members and partners as well as held robust policy discussion. Topics included property taxes, farmland preservation, land use and more. Thank you delegates for giving your time to support this important grassroots event!

TIG named 2026 Select Partner

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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.

Don't miss these opportunities!

Policy Development 2026

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. **Due March 31.**

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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 - Complimentary advertising for members!

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Please complete this application (follow the QR code or email us) if you would like to advertise your products and/or a discount in the 2026 directory. (Please note – this directory is for member advertising for those who offer goods or services to the public. If you advertised in 2025, 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 2025 booklet? Visit medinafb.org to open the digital version of the directory or email us and we can send you a picture of your listing.
Due March 31.

2026 Medina County Farm Bureau and Ohio Farm Bureau Scholarships

Medina County Farm Bureau is pleased to offer members and dependents of members the opportunity to apply for scholarships through the Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation. In 2026, at least $5,500 will be awarded to applicants enrolled in a 2 or 4 year program in the fall. The application deadline for a Medina County Farm Bureau scholarship is March 31.

Additionally, the Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation offers 17 scholarships of their own each year. Its newest and most prestigious scholarship opportunity is the Ohio Farm Bureau Ambassadors Scholarship. This premier scholarship honors exceptional students who demonstrate academic excellence, meaningful community service, and a commitment to pursuing careers that advance Ohio agriculture. The scholarship provides one renewable award of $10,000, supporting a student pursuing a degree in agriculture or an agriculture-related field. The application for this scholarship is Feb 28.

Learn more and apply for these and other scholarships at ofbf.org/scholarships

2025 Outstanding Volunteer

Congratulations to Joe Pavlovicz for being named Medina County Farm Bureau's 2025 Outstanding Volunteer!

Thank you for your years of service to Medina County Farm Bureau as a board member, delegate, membership campaign worker and President. Thank you for representing Medina County on the OFB state code committee and for defending our code proposals so well. We greatly appreciate the time that you have sacrificed to be away from your family, farm and business to participate in Farm Bureau activities. Thank you for your dedication Joe!

Thank you to our business partners!

Anthony P. CAPRETTA
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Interested in serving as a trustee?

The MCFB board meets approx 8 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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