

Welcome to the

2026



ALL AG

22nd Annual

MEETING & BANQUET

August 27th, 2026 Heritage Hall, Lostcreek Reserve, Troy Ohio

PROGRAM

WELCOME & RELEASE TO DINNER

Linda Raterman & Kreig Smail

GUEST SPEAKER

Donald Jones ~State Exec. Dir. of USDA-Farm Service Agency

MIAMI COUNTY FARM BUREAU

Minutes '25 Annual Meeting/Financial Statement
State Trustee Report

MIAMI COUNTY AG SOCIETY

Fair & Society Report—Michelle Green

OSU EXTENSION-MIAMI COUNTY

Office Report—Amanda Bennett

MIAMI SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Introduction of Staff & District News—Andy Shuman

2026 COOPERATORS OF THE YEAR—Diane Yingst

~DICKERSON FAMILY LLC

2026 EDUCATORS OF THE YEAR—Linda Raterman

~CHRIS & LAURA WEDDLE MIAMI EAST POLLINATOR /LANDLAB

2026 LARRY STUDEBAKER MIAMI SWCD SCHOLARSHIPS

—Bill Hershberger

\$1000: ALAINA HELSINGER, ELI LAMMERS, QUINN BOSTICK

\$500: EMMA HERSHBERGER, HAILEEJO NICHOLS, PATRICK PUTHOFF

ALSO FOR THE EVENING

- ♦ Miami SWCD Elections —Jocelyn Henderson
ODA Area 4 Program Specialist
- ♦ Miami County Farm Bureau Election Results
 - ♦ 50/50 & Door Prizes!

FLOWERS—CYNDA RENNER

HELP WITH DINNER—MIAMI EAST FFA STUDENTS

THANK YOU ALL FOR ATTENDING. SAFE TRIP HOME!



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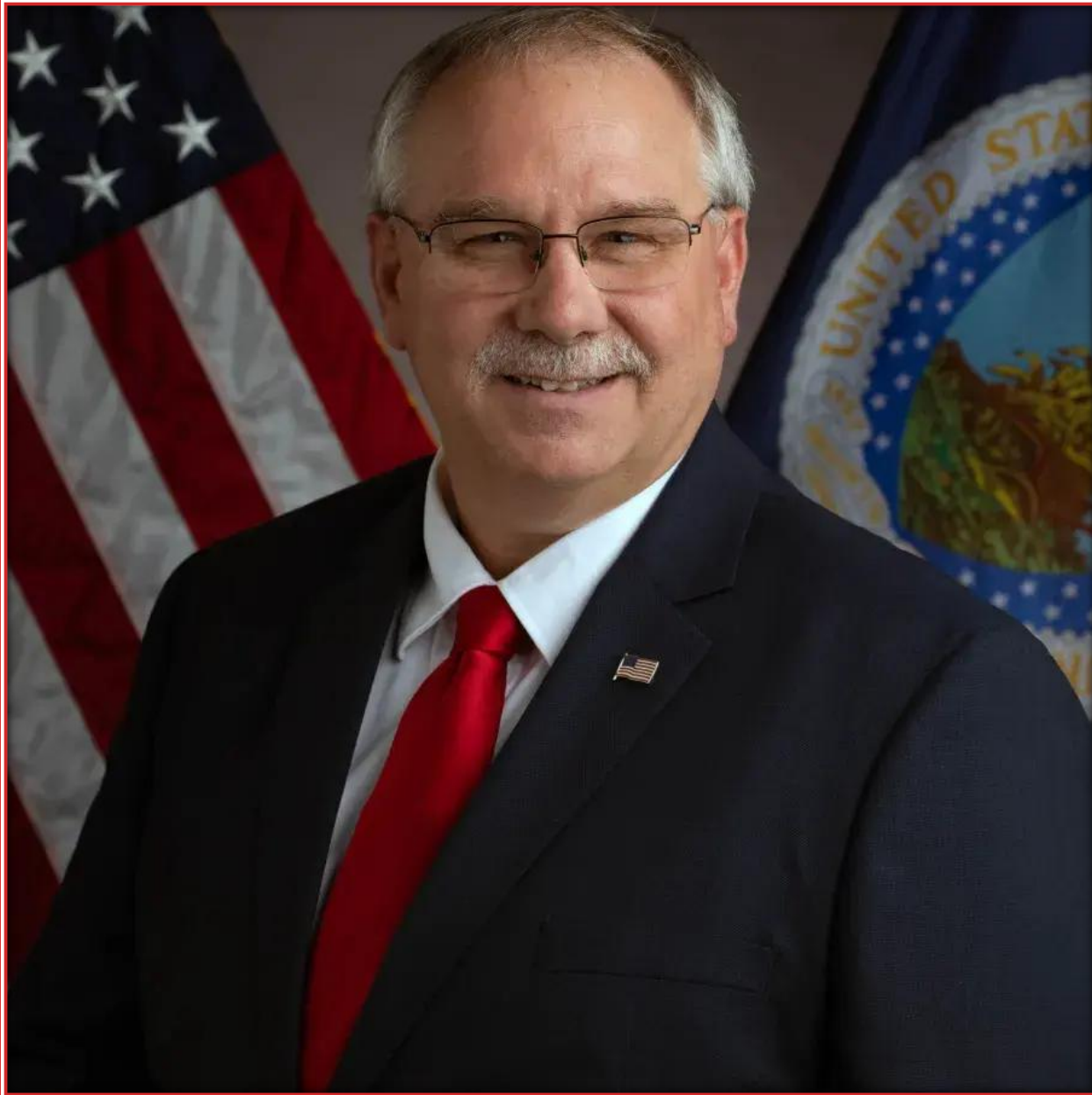
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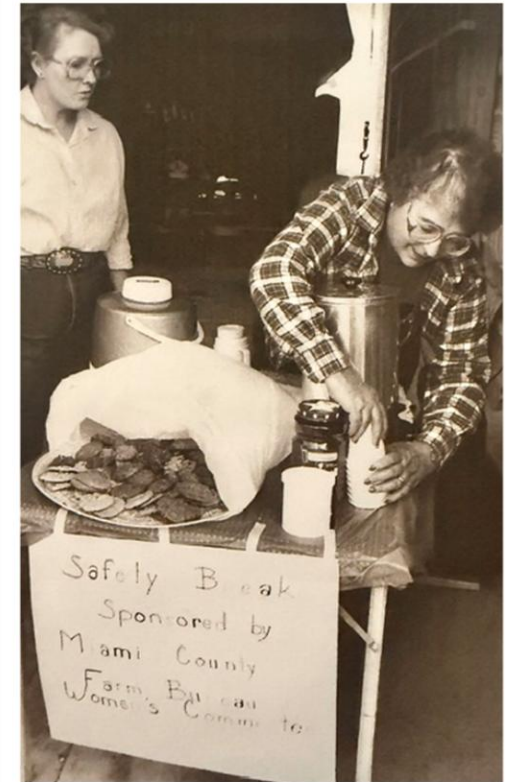
Taylor Watkins - Organization Dir.

Katie Byers- County Office Admin.





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Miami County Farm Bureau \$1000 Scholarship Award Recipient



Simon is a graduate of Milton-Union High School and is attending the Hobart Welding Institute of Technologies. He credits his experiences with FFA and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes for his personal growth and development and plans to carry these values into his future career. His mother is Jessica Benham.



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Simon Zank

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Logan graduated from Miami East High School and will be attending Ohio Northern University in the fall. She plans to major in History and Museum Studies, allowing her to share her passion for historical preservation and accessibility with people of all ages. Her parents are Curtis and Kristen Helsinger.



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Logan Helsinger

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Eli graduated from Bethel High School and plans to attend Wilmington College where he will study Agriculture Business. His leadership roles in 4-H and Jr. Fair have helped him develop strong organizational skills and he enjoys working with the Sr. Fair Board and youth exhibitors. His dad is Ben Lammers.



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Eli Lammers

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Patrick is a graduate of the Upper Valley Career Center and is attending the Hobart Welding Institute of Technologies. He shares how his goal-oriented mindset helped him achieve valedictorian of his class and become part of the National Honor Society. His parents are Rita and Terry Puthoff.

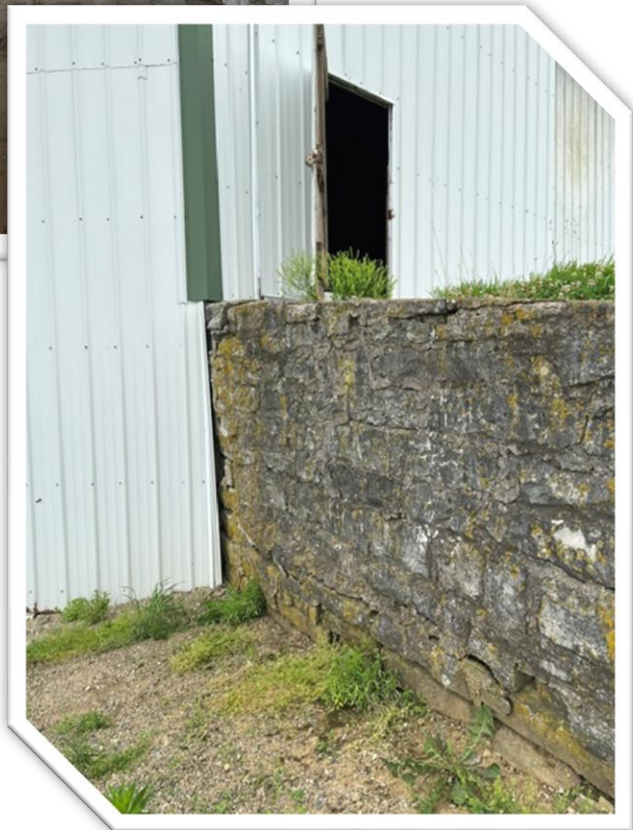


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Patrick Puthoff



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2026 First Harvest Grant



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The First Harvest Grant was created to support students who are choosing to remain on the farm after high school to help offset farm operation costs.

Thank you for your support!

Bushels for Hunger

Due to generous donations from local farmers, our pantry program was able to donate \$1200 in total to Miami County food assistance programs.



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PUBLIC POLICY MEETING

Tuesday, March 24th @ 5pm

Tri-County Building

1280 N County Rd 25A, Troy, OH 45373



Topics of ongoing concern in Miami County and Ohio include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Property taxes
- Land use and zoning
- Solar and Wind development on Farmland
- Municipal Annexation of Farmland
- Development pressure in general
- CAUV taxes within Ohio
- High Speed wireless in Rural Areas
- Health Insurance for self-employed farmers
- Decreasing commodities prices

Farm Bureau Informational Seminar: What to do When Asked For Land Rights



Sign up for the **FREE** summer camp on July 21 through ExploreAg to learn about careers in agriculture!



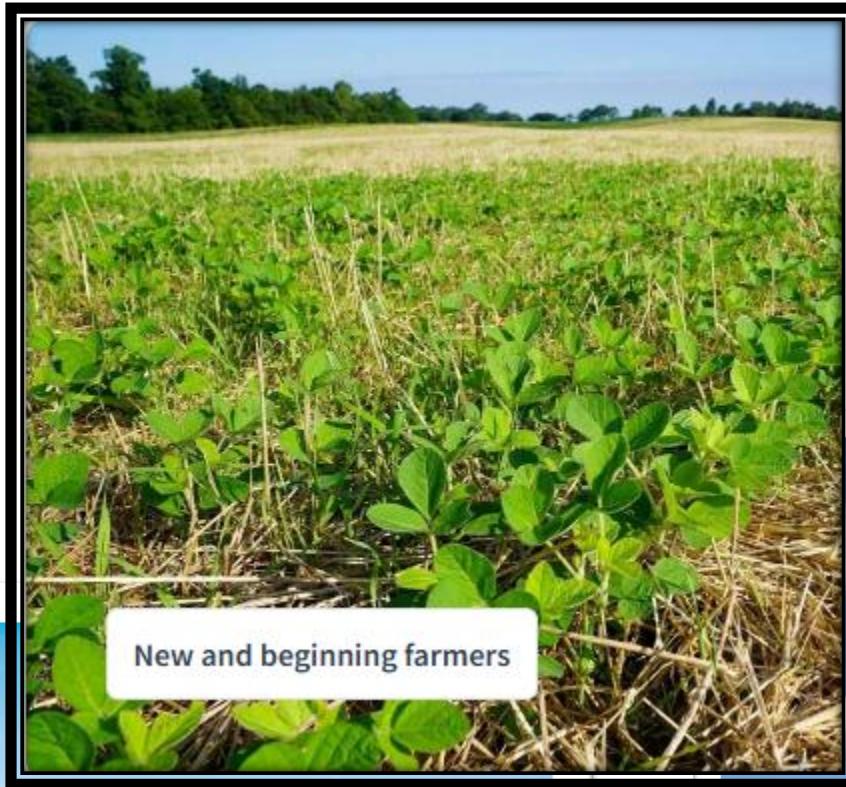
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Ag Literacy County Volunteer Training

Thermal Imaging Camera Lending Project for Farm Bureau Members



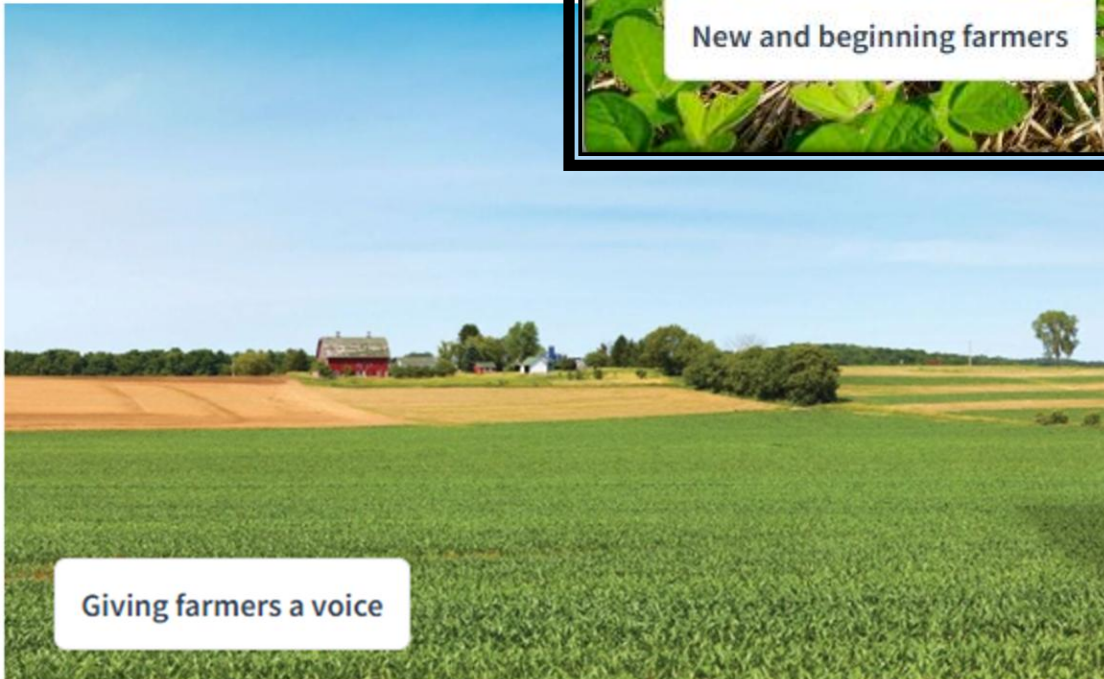
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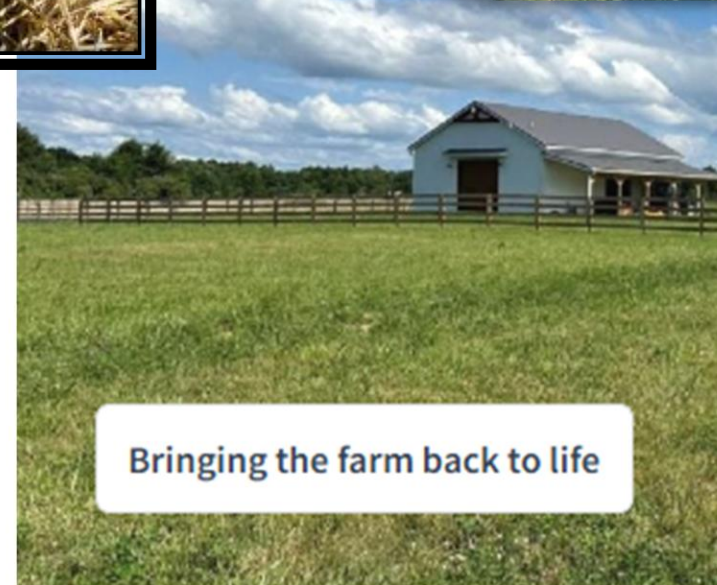
New and beginning farmers



Growing Tomorrow Grant



Giving farmers a voice



Bringing the farm back to life

Did you know over \$284,000 is awarded in Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarships each year?

Did you know over 2,000 high school students have participated in ExploreAg over the past eight years to learn about careers in agriculture?

Did you know the Growing Tomorrow Grant through the Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation provides up to \$100,000 in grant money to young agricultural professionals and entrepreneurs starting new or early-stage agricultural businesses?

Did you know the Ohio Farm Bureau offers over 100 educational opportunities through local county Farm Bureau organizations annually?

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR A
COMPLETE LIST OF MEMBER
BENEFIT SAVINGS**



OhioFarmBureau.org



Miami County
Ag Society
650 N. CR 25A Troy
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ELECTED BOARD OFFICERS

President—**Michelle Green**

Vice President—**Jim Johnson**

Secretary—**Kelly Berry**

Treasurer—**Renee Schmitz**

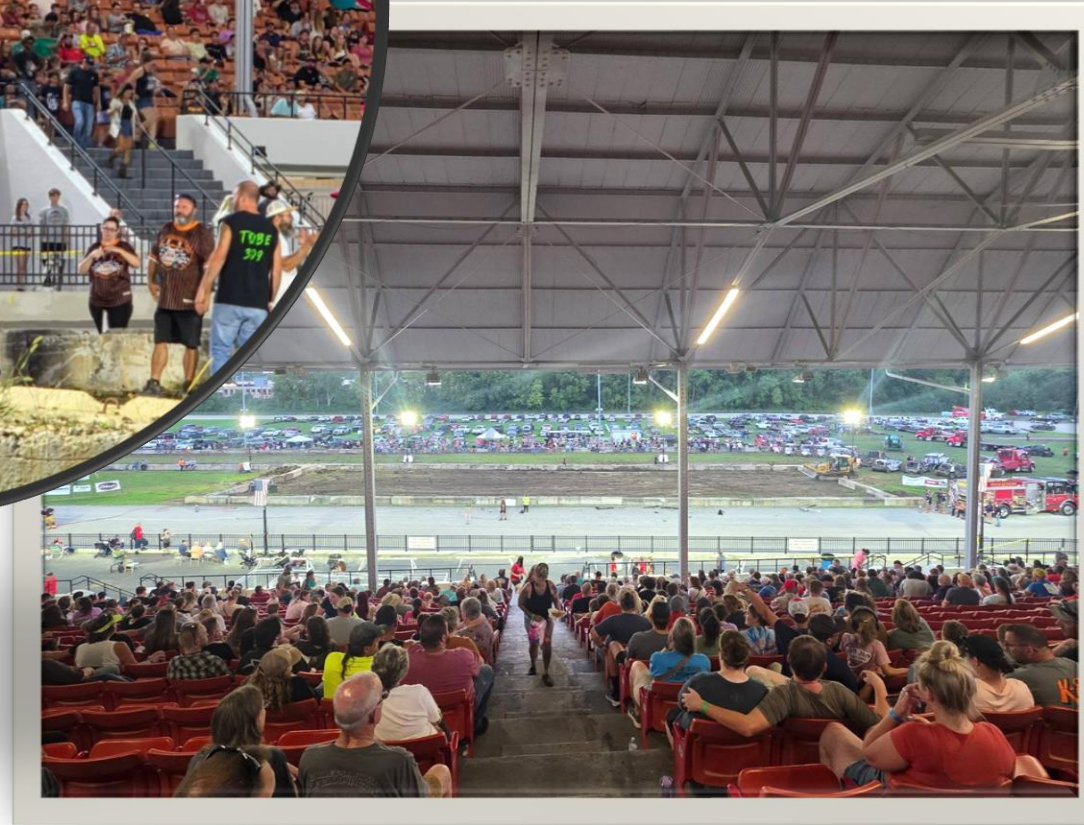
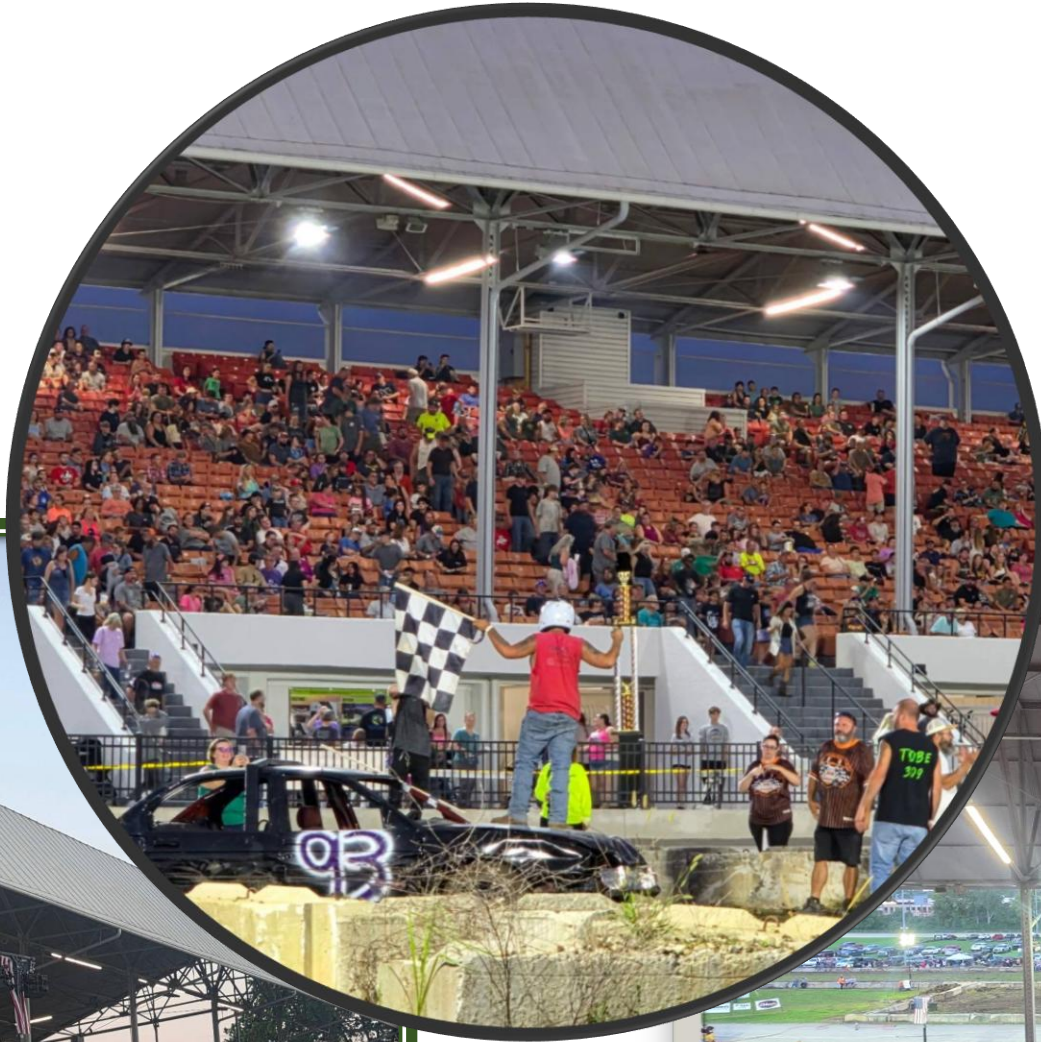
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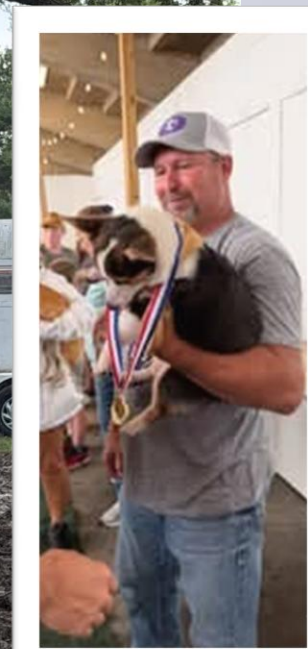
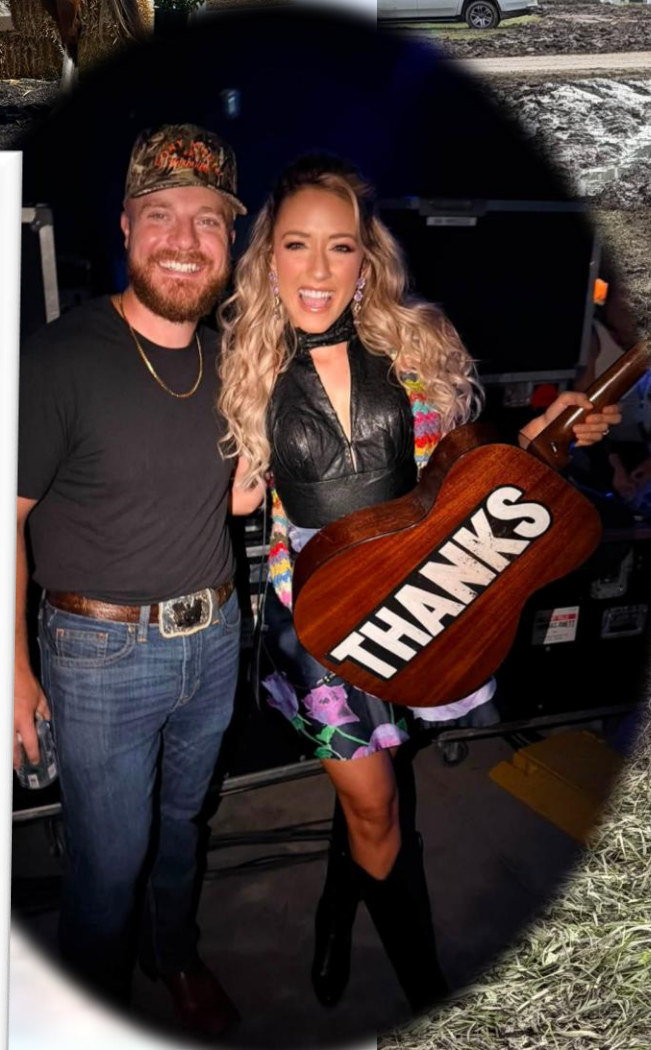
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Sale Support—**Amber Johnson**

Office Secretary—**Patti Gostomsky**









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-Ag & Natural Resource Educator

Alisha Barton

-Family & Consumer Science Ed.

Jessica Adams

-4-H Youth Development Educator

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Beth Royer-Delong - 4-H Prog. Asst.

Luke Vannus - FCS/ANR Prog. Asst.





2026 FARM SCIENCE REVIEW

*Grounded in Tradition.
Growing for Tomorrow.*



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SEPTEMBER 22-24
MOLLY CAREN AGRICULTURAL CENTER
★
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COLLEGE OF FOOD, AGRICULTURAL,
AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

JOIN US TODAY

Become a Miami County Master Gardener





**Blooms to
Bounty**
presented by the
Miami County Master
Gardeners

September 3, 2026
More information can
be found at
[go.osu.edu/bloomsto
bounty](https://go.osu.edu/bloomstobounty)



**Freeze Dryer
Rental**

**For more
information
check out
[go.osu.edu/
miamifreeze](https://go.osu.edu/miamifreeze)**





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Renee Buck
Farmbill Biologist



Gunnar Young
Soil Conservationist



MIAMI SWCD SUPERVISOR NOMINEES



Wilbert A.
Hershberger



Nicholas
Shellenberger



Jeffery S.
Shoup



Miami SWCD Cooperators of the Year

Dickerson Family LLC

**Pollinator Habitat,
Brush Removal,
Invasive Species Removal
& Wetland Restoration**



Burndown will become something BEAUTIFUL.

First Phase of Pollinator Habitat Conversion
Preparing the field for the native wildlife habitat seeding that
will benefit pollinators, wildlife, soil health.



THE TRANSFORMATION WILL GO THROUGH MANY PHASES

Removing invasive species like honeysuckle allows native species a chance to thrive and provide habitat to native wildlife that relies on that native species.

Brush removal is a big part of the plan.

Removing honeysuckle from acre upon acre of understory took place in the late fall/early winter.





Tommie is a recent graduate of The Ohio State University and has started working for the family business along side brother Robbie and Dad, Joe. When possible, the Dickerson men will make time for 'The Cabin'

The house on the property is affectionately called 'The Cabin'.

Avid hunters, their conversations around the campfire may include how they imagine these plans will improve this acreage; make wildlife populations more abundant and fill over 40 acres of woods with oak and other native flora and fauna for future generations.





Gateway to History

**According to
legend, it was on
what is now the
Dickerson property
that the tragedy
called
**THE DILBONE
MASSACRE**
took place on
August 18th, 1813 ~
213 years ago.**





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Miami SWCD Educator of the Year

Laura & Chris Weddle

**Miami East
Pollinator Plots &
Land Lab**



Nominated by fellow teacher
Becky Weldy, Laura will tell you
that it's teachers like Becky and
Kathy Irick, and
Liz Kerr, and
the PTO, and
the students, and
the parent volunteers, and
the school administrators...



who have made this incredible little eden
possible for all to enjoy on northern end of the
Miami East Campus.

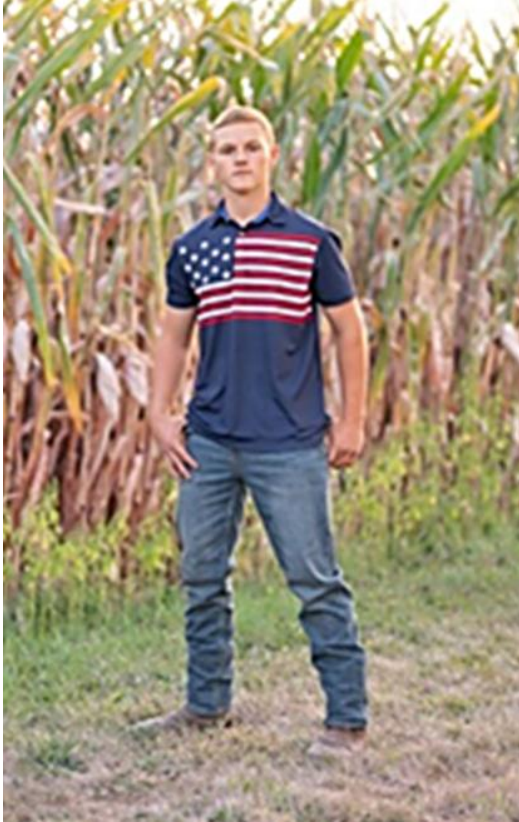
\$1000 Larry Studebaker Memorial Miami SWCD Scholarship Recipients



Alaina Helsinger
The Ohio State University, CFAES-Junior
Daughter of Curtis and Kristen Helsinger.
Miami East High School

Eli Lammers
Wilmington College-Freshman
Son of Ben and Tammy Lammers
Bethel High School

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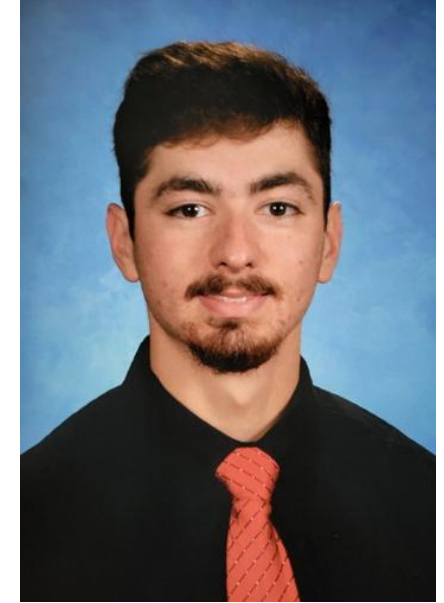
Quinn Bostick
Penn State
Son of Rodney
Bostick & Beckitt
Susan Bostick
Troy Christian HS



Emma Hersberger
Wilmington College
Daughter of Jake &
Alicia Hersberger
Miami East/Miami
Valley CTC



HaileeJo Nichols
OSU-ATI Wooster
Daughter of Kristen
Jones & Gavin Nichols,
Step-Dad Kenneth Jones
Piqua HS/UVCC



Patrick Puthoff
Hobart Welding School
Son of Terry & Rita
Puthoff
Bradford HS



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Ste. B: Farm Service Agency
(FSA)

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Conservation Service (NRCS)

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SERVE YOU BETTER.

Thank you for coming!

Enjoy the evening.