Hello, Northeast Ohio Counties!

A lot better weather this week! This week in Extension we have been busy with quality assurance training for 4-H Youth and will be offering a hydrangea workshop and Women and Chainsaw class.

We had a record crowd at this past Saturday’s Northern Classic Steer & Heifer Show! We sent an attendance record this year! Kudos to the Ashtabula County Cattlemen’s Association for a great show!

Make sure to read Jim Noel’s weather article—looks like warmer temps (but more rain) coming in May!
**21st Annual Northern Classic Steer & Heifer Show a Success**

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The Grand Champion Heifer was shown by Caroline Blay from Mogadore, Ohio and Reserve Champion Heifer was exhibited by Kyle Piscione from Burbank, Ohio. Thank you to Rollin B Country Cowboy Cafe and Country Creek Cattle for sponsoring the Champion Heifer and Countryside Veterinary Service for sponsoring the Reserve Champion Heifer.

The Grand Champion Steer was showed by Hope Lassnick from Painesville, Ohio and Reserve Champion was exhibited by Carson Shaffer also of Painesville. Thank you to Clemson Towing for sponsoring the Champion Steer and Ferguson Show Cattle for sponsoring the Reserve Champion Steer.
Kate Cole of Dorset won the Ashtabula County Junior Preview Show. Thank you to Bortnick Tractor Sales for sponsoring our Ashtabula County Class. Kate also received the $50 Bob Cotterman Memorial Award.

The youth were also able to practice their showmanship skills. Kyle Piscione from Burbank won the 17-21 year old division, Caleb Carlson from Byron, New York won the 13-16 year old class, Tatumn Poff from Chardon, Ohio won the 11-13 year old division, and Gianna Marino from Clarence Center, New York won the 10 and under division.

This show would not be possible if it was not for the support of local businesses in Northeast, Ohio. The Champion and Reserve Champion Awards were sponsored by Clemson Towing, Country Creek Cattle, Roll’n B Cowboy Café LLC, Countryside Veterinary Service, Ferguson Show Cattle, and Bortnick Tractor Sales.

Additional sponsors of the event included: Andrews Auctioneering, Andover Bank, Ashtabula County Ag Society, Ashtabula County Farm Bureau, Cherry Valley Processing, COBA Select Sires, Easton Culligan Water Conditioning, Highland Livestock Supply, Jefferson Milling Company, Kanicki Cattle Company, Lenox Farm Equipment, Linde’s Livestock Photos LLC, Garret and Natalie Love, Northwind Farm, O’ Reilly Equipment, Dan O’Reilly Auctioneer, Piper Processing, Attorney Katherine Riedel, Rome Feed, Ruck Cattle, SCI Company, Thomas Fence Company, Valley Feed Mill, Zach and Sarah Ward, and Westford Milling Company. Thanks to each of our sponsors for their support of this event.

**Camp Whitewood Seeking a Facility Manager**

Camp Whitewood is seeking a Facility Manager to help us build on nearly 80 years of providing excellent service and programming to the region. The Facility Manager is responsible for all aspects of maintenance and upkeep for Camp Whitewood’s facilities and 237 acre campus including updating and improving structures and systems. Full position description at [http://4hcampwhitewood.com/employment-opportunities](http://4hcampwhitewood.com/employment-opportunities). To apply, email resume and letter of interest explaining specifically how your experience matches the job qualifications to Hudak.65@osu.edu or send to 7983 S. Wiswell Rd. Windsor, OH 44099. Applications will be accepted through Wednesday April 25, 2018.
“Container & Raised Bed Gardening” Workshop Slated for May 7, 2018

The Ashtabula County Extension office is pleased to be offering a “Container & Raised Bed Gardening” workshop on Monday, May 7, 2018 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Ashtabula County Fairgrounds in Jefferson, Ohio. This workshop will be held in the Barnard Pavilion on the fairgrounds located at 127 North Elm Street in Jefferson.

During the workshop, the Ashtabula County Master Gardeners will teach participants how to grow vegetables and flowers in containers & raised garden beds. This introductory class will provide the pros/cons of growing in containers and raised garden beds. Learn how to manage the soil for optimal growth. Learn how all sorts of containers can be used in gardening. This class will also feature a demonstration on building an economical raised garden bed.

Pre-registration is required by May 3, 2018. Registration fee is $5.00/per person. Registration includes program handouts. Make checks payable to OSU Extension, and mail to Ashtabula County Extension office, 39 Wall Street, Jefferson, OH 44047. If you have any questions please call 440-576-9008. For questions, please call 440-576-9008. A registration flyer can also be obtained at: http://go.osu.edu/ne-events.

Some Weather Improvement For Next 2 Weeks

Author(s): Jim Noel
Source: https://agcrops.osu.edu/newsletter/corn-newsletter/2018-10/some-improvement-next-2-weeks

Air and soil temperatures remain below normal across Ohio with most soil temperatures below the critical 50 degree level. There is a risk of some frost this Thursday morning and some frost and near freeze conditions this weekend especially north of I-70. This will keep pressure on soil temperatures warming too fast.

The end of April will be not as cool or wet. We will see a round of on/off rain into early Wednesday especially the southeast half of Ohio. Rain totals this week will range from under 0.25 inches in northwest Ohio to 0.5 to 1.0 inches over the south and east sections of the state. Temperatures will average a few degrees below normal this week but nothing like it has been.
The first week of May will bring some good news with above normal temperatures! It will start dry but rain is expected to return by around May 3. Overall, May is shaping up to be closer to normal temperatures but wetter than normal rainfall.

June is looking to be warmer than average with rainfall going from wetter to drier than normal during the month. July is shaping up to be hotter and drier than normal. August is shaping up to be warmer and wetter than normal.

You can keep up-to-date on modified growing degree days from the NOAA Midwest Climate Center at: [http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu/cliwatch/mgdd/gdd_maps.html](http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu/cliwatch/mgdd/gdd_maps.html)

**2nd Annual Lyme Disease Symposium to be held on May 5, 2018 in Andover, Ohio**

The 2nd Annual Multidisciplinary Lyme Disease Symposium will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Performing Arts Center at Pymatuning Valley Schools located at 5571 US Route 6 West, Andover, Ohio. This event is being sponsored by the Northeast Ohio Lyme Foundation a non-profit organization created to help those battling Lyme disease as well as other tick-borne illnesses. Community members are invited to attend this event which will be full of education and awareness.

Tickets for this event are $20 per registrant and are available on-line until April 30. After this time, tickets may be purchased at the door but will not include a lunch. Lunch will be catered from Panera Bread but requires a 5 day advanced order. Tickets can be purchased at: [https://neohiolympuniformfoundation.eventbrite.com](https://neohiolympuniformfoundation.eventbrite.com)

**Good Agricultural Practices Training Workshop Slated for April 25 in Burton, Ohio**

Good Agricultural Practices, or GAPs, for fruit and vegetable production will be the focus of this three-hour training. The workshop will be held on April 25, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon at the Ohio State University Extension, Geauga County office, located at 14269 Claridon-Troy Road, Burton, OH 44021.

The Produce Safety Educational Course will cover good agricultural practices or ‘GAPs”, which help reduce the risk of on-farm produce contamination. Attendees will receive a certificate of participation. Attending the OSU GAPs class does not equate to being GAPs Certified. Topics will include Worker Training, Health and Hygiene; Manure and Compost Handling; Domestic and Wild Animals; and Recordkeeping.
Contact the Geauga County Extension Office to reserve your spot by calling (440) 834-4656. Registration is $25 per person, payable by cash or check, with checks made out to “Ohio State University Extension.”

**Women & Chainsaws Class Slated for April 28**

OSU Extension’s Women in Agriculture Program in Ashtabula County invites women to the “Women & Chainsaws- Operating Chainsaws Safely” workshop on April 28 from 9:30–11:30 a.m. at the Ashtabula County Extension office in Jefferson, Ohio.

This class will feature Lee Beers (Extension Educator in Trumbull County) who will teach the basics of chainsaws. Chainsaws are a vital “tool” for farms. Learn the basics of handling, operating and maintaining chainsaw. Learn the safety equipment which should be used and learn the basics of felling and bucking a tree. Be safe as you and your family cut firewood and maintain your property lines. Safety gear raffle will be included.

Cost for the class is $15/person. Pre-registration is requested by April 20th to ensure minimum numbers. We will be outside for demonstrations, so please dress according. Please complete the following registration form and return to OSU Extension – Ashtabula County, 39 Wall Street, Jefferson, Ohio. Make checks payable to OSU Extension. Call the Ashtabula County Extension office at 440-576-9008 for more details. A registration flyer can also be obtained at: flyer can be found at: [http://go.osu.edu/ne-events](http://go.osu.edu/ne-events).

**Ashtabula County Agricultural Scholarship Applications Deadline is May 1**

OSU Extension and the Ashtabula County Agricultural Scholarship Committee are pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for a minimum of fourteen scholarships for the 2018-2019 school year to Ashtabula County students enrolled in either an accredited full four year college or an accredited two year technical institute. Both graduate and undergraduate students are encouraged to apply for the scholarships which they meet the eligibility requirements. The scholarships are for a one year period. A student may apply and be awarded a scholarship in three years from the scholarship fund.

Application forms with complete instructions for applying are now available and can be received by stopping in at the Ashtabula County Extension Office or by calling 440-576-9008. Applications can be accessed at: [http://go.osu.edu/agscholarship](http://go.osu.edu/agscholarship). The application deadline is May 1 and no late applications will be considered. More information can also be obtained by emailing [ashtabulacountyagscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:ashtabulacountyagscholarship@gmail.com)
Hello, Ashtabula County! Can you believe that April is almost over? It has been nice to have warmer temperatures this week. I know many of our farmers and gardeners are pulling for warmer and drier weather as we roll into May. This week in Extension we have been busy with quality assurance training for 4-H Youth and will be offering a hydrangea workshop and Women and Chainsaw class. Today, I would like to share details on a container and raised gardening workshop slated for May 7 and recap another successful Northern Classic Steer & Heifer Show.

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Every year, we hear positive comments about the quality of the show which our Ashtabula County Cattlemen’s Association conducts and this year was no exception. We were overwhelmed with the response to this year’s show as we had 69 youngsters from 3 states show 89 animals at this day long show. We had 51 youth from Ohio, 8 from Pennsylvania, and 10 from New York. From Ohio, we had youth from Ashtabula, Geauga, Lake, Mahoning, Medina, Portage, and Trumbull counties.
Caroline Blay from Mogadore, Ohio showed the Grand Champion Heifer and Kyle Piscione from Burbank, Ohio took home Reserve Champion honors. Hope Lassnick from Painesville, Ohio showed the Grand Champion Steer and Carson Shaffer also from Painesville, Ohio showed the Reserve Champion Steer. We also had a really nice class of Ashtabula County youth showing their steers. Congratulations to Kate Cole from Dorset, Ohio whose steer won the Ashtabula County Jr. Fair Preview Class.

The youth were also able to practice their showmanship skills. Kyle Piscione from Burbank won the 17-21 year old division and Caleb Carlson from Byron, New York won the 13-16 year old class. Congratulations to Tatumn Poff from Chardo, Ohio for winning the 11-13 year old division and Gianna Marino from Clarence Center, New York for winning the 10 and under division.

I would like to thank the Cattlemen Directors, Bart Kanicki, David Nye, Dr. Bryan Elliott, Zach Ward, and Garret Love for all their hard work in putting on this show. There is a lot of behind the scene work with has to be accomplished to make the show run smoothly. We are also very appreciative to the Ashtabula County Fairboard for allowing us to use their facility for this show!

To close, I would like to share a quote written by James Whitcomb which was shared by my colleague Lee Beers last week in his news column. This quote states, “It is no use to grumble and complain; It's just as cheap and easy to rejoice; When God sorts out the weather and sends rain - Why, rain's my choice.” We can’t control the weather, and stressing out about it won't make a bit of difference.” Have a good and safe day.

**Upcoming Extension Program Dates**

The following programs have been scheduled for Northeast Ohio farmers. Complete registration flyers can be found at: [http://ashtabula.osu.edu/program-areas/agriculture-and-natural-resources/upcoming-educational-programs-deadlines](http://ashtabula.osu.edu/program-areas/agriculture-and-natural-resources/upcoming-educational-programs-deadlines)

**Hydrangea Workshop**
Thursday, April 26, 2018

**Women & Chainsaws – Women in Agriculture Program**
April 28, 2018
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Northeast Ohio Agriculture

Ohio State University Extension
Ashtabula and Trumbull Counties
OSU Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) Training

Wednesday, April 25, 2018
9 A.M. – 12 Noon
Geauga County Extension Office
14269 Claridon-Troy Road
Burton, OH 44021

Produce Safety Educational Course:
Covers good agricultural practices or ‘GAPs’, which help reduce the risk of on-farm produce contamination.
Attendees will receive a certificate of participation. Attending the OSU GAPs class does not equate to being GAPs Certified.

Topics Include:
• Worker Training, Health & Hygiene
• Manure and Compost Handling
• Domestic and Wild Animals
• Recordkeeping

Fee:
$25.00 per person

Sponsors:
• The Ohio Dept. of Ag Specialty Crop Block Grant Program
• Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center
• Ohio State University Geauga County Extension

For more information contact:
OSU Extension Office – 440-834-4656
geauga.osu.edu

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Please RSVP by April 20, 2018 if you plan to attend. Registration Fee is $25 per person. Make checks payable to The Ohio State University Extension. Mail this registration form and payment to the Geauga County OSU Extension Office, P.O. Box 387, Burton, OH 44021.

How many will be attending __________
Name (s) ____________________________________________
Phone: _____________________________ Email: _____________________________
Join the Ashtabula County Master Gardeners for an evening workshop to learn how to grow vegetables and flowers in containers & raised garden beds.

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Name_____________________________________________________________________________
Address__________________________________  City__________________ Zipcode________
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# of Reservations_______________$5 per RSVP

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