Last week was a busy one! On Wednesday, we had 52 folks attend the Northeast Ohio Grape School at Grand River Cellars in Madison and then on Saturday, 110 persons attended the 66th Annual Ashtabula County Dairy Banquet. We are very excited that Andrew Kirk has been hired as a Research Specialist & Manager of the Ashtabula Agricultural Research Station in Kingsville, Ohio. Andrew’s first day with OSU was yesterday. Andrew has a great background and we are excited to have him as part of our team here in Northeast Ohio. This week is Easter week and the first official week of spring. It is a time of rebirth, renewal and for new beginnings. I hope each of you take time to reflect on all the blessings which we have been given. In these unsettled times, it is easy to concentrate on the negative. Easter and spring are a significant reminder of how light follows darkness. Have a great Easter Holiday weekend and welcome to Spring!

David Marrison, Ashtabula County Ag & NR Educator

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66th Annual Ashtabula County Dairy Banquet a Success
The Ashtabula County Dairy Service Unit and OSU Extension are pleased to report the 66th Annual Ashtabula County Dairy Banquet held on Saturday, March 19 at the Lenox Community Center was a great event with 110 persons in attendance. The participants were treated to a wonderful meal catered by “Brian Cole” Catering and to a wide range of activities to celebrate a super year in our local dairy industry.

Dr. John Patterson, Ohio District 99 House of Representative was the guest speaker for the event. Dr. Patterson gave an update on a variety of legislation which is or may impact agriculture in Ashtabula County. This included updates on CAUV, phosphorus legislation, microbeads in Lake Erie, and value added agriculture research funding. He also spoke about the value and importance of agriculture in Ashtabula County.
Once again this year, three Ashtabula County dairy farm families were recognized for being the best of the best in Ohio. Congratulations to Alfa-Creek Brown Swiss Farm of Andover Township for being the 2nd place Brown Swiss herd in Ohio. Not to be outdone, Bossy’s Way Farm of New Lyme Township ranked 2nd for the all of the Holstein Herds in Ohio. And not too far behind, Alfa-Creek Farms of Andover Township placed as the 4th place Holstein herd in the Ohio. Congratulations to the Boggs and Zaebst families for their incredible achievements.

The most improved herd rotating trophy was awarded to Polchin Holsteins of Cherry Valley Township. There herd average improved over 5,000 pounds of milk per cow. The top 3X Energy Corrected Milk (ECM) Herd Award went to Bossy’s Way Farm of New Lyme Township and the top 2X High Energy Corrected Milk Award went to Springer Dairy Farm of Lenox Township. Wilson Dairy Farm of Jefferson Township won the 2015 Low Somatic Cell Milk Quality Award for the 11th consecutive year.

Five farms were recognized for having top cows in Ashtabula County by breed and age. Alfa Creek Brown Swiss received 3 Brown Swiss awards; Bossy’s Way Farm swept all 4 Holstein Awards and received 1 Brown Swiss award; Ringbyre Jersey swept all 4 Jersey Awards; and Alfa Creek Farms received 3 Crossbreds awards with Springer Dairy Farm receiving 1 Crossbred award. Congratulations to Bossy’s Way Farm for having the top producing cow in 2015. This award winning cow produced 49,232 pounds of milk which is almost 5,500 gallons of milk!

An additional highlight of the banquet was the crowning of the 2016 Ashtabula County Dairy Princess. Congratulations to Katie Stokes, daughter of Ken and Tammy Stokes, for being selected as the 2016 Ashtabula County Dairy Princess and to Nicole Mann, daughter of Sharon Millard & Tim Mann, as the runner-up. Both girls had top-notch interviews and speeches to the crowd. Congratulations to both young ladies for their exceptional representation in this competition. A special thank you is given to Calla Mazzaro who served as the 2015 Ashtabula County Dairy Princess. Calla did a great job representing our dairy industry over the past 12 months.

The Stuart Struna Memorial 4-H Extra Effort Award was also presented at the banquet. This award is given in the memory of Stuart Struna and is given to a 4-H member who shows dairy cows who goes above and beyond to help out during the Ashtabula County fair. Finalists recognized were: Joshua Butler from the Demark Pioneers 4-H Club; Justin and Allison Graves from the Kids ’n Cows 4-H Club; Kassidy Brinker from the Pierpont Mix n Match Pacs; and Mason Hane from the Williamsfield Dairy raiders 4-H Club. Congratulations to Allison Graves who was the selected as overall winner for this award.

Congratulations are also extended to Tom Coltman of Wayne Township for being elected to serve a two-year term on the Dairy Service Unit Board of Directors. In addition, Lindsey Zaebst of New Lyme Township was elected to her first term on the board. A special thank you is extended to Matt Springer of Lenox Township who is retiring from the board after 10 years of service.

We are extremely grateful to the following businesses who supported this year’s banquet. These supporters included: Ashtabula County Holstein Club; Agri King-Joe Holler, Andover Auto Parts, Ballentine’s Pest Control, Barton, Keifer & Associates; LLC, Bortnick Tractor, Bossy’s Way Farm, COBA Select Sires,
Conneautville’s Farm Exchange, Countryside Veterinary Clinic; COBA Select Sires; Cold Springs Milk Cartage; Dairy Farmers of America, Dean Dairy Products Company, Don Mihoci; Farm Credit; Hoffman Milk Cartage, Hills Supply, JR Hofstetter- The family Jeweler, Krulic Family, Lenox Equipment, Paul Robinson & Company, Pine Grove Jersey Farm, Piper Processing, Ringbyre Jersey Farm, Rowdy Cow Creamery, Springer Dairy Farm, Western Reserve Farm Cooperative, Westford Milling, and WG Supply.

Ohio Dairy Producers Association Meeting to be held on April 11, 2016 in Wooster
Ohio dairy farmers are invited to attend the Ohio Dairy Producers Association spring meeting on Monday, April 11, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Shisler Center located at 1680 Madison Avenue in Wooster Ohio. The keynote speaker for this event will be Joe Jordan who will be speaking about their success in partnering with your dairy promotion program, how dairy and pizza are intertwined, and how we have and must continue working together to grow dairy sales.

Registration for this event begins at 9:30 with milk, coffee and donuts, followed by the program which includes:

- Get updates from OARDC, ATI and the ODPA Dairy Research Fund
- Hear a legislative update from Scott Higgins, ODPA, and have a chance to provide your input on issues like GMOs, manure management and water quality
- Enjoy lunch catered by Des Dutch Essenhaus, compliments of our sponsors
- Discover what is being done to address consumer confidence in dairy and the role dairy farmers play in its success
- Learn more about the National Dairy FARM Program from Katy Proudfoot, Ohio State College of Veterinary Medicine
- Get practical ideas from Dr. Richard Wiley, New Pittsburg Veterinary Clinic, about improving best management practices on the farm

To register for this event, please call 614-890-1800 or visit ODPA.org by April 4, 2016. This event is open to all dairy farmers and there is not fee to attend.

Mandy Orahood Named Organization Director for Ohio Farm Bureau
Amanda Orahood of Canfield has been named Ohio Farm Bureau Federation (OFBF) organization director for Ashtabula, Geauga, Lake, Mahoning and Trumbull counties. As organization director, Orahood will act as liaison between the county Farm Bureaus and OFBF. She will assist the county groups as they develop and implement programs to strengthen their organizations and enhance their ability to serve members and affect positive change in their communities.

Before accepting the position with OFBF, Orahood spent more than three years as a meat inspector for the Ohio Department of Agriculture. She grew up on a small farm in Caldwell and is a member of the Columbiana-Mahoning-Trumbull Cattlemen’s Association. Orahood is an advisory member for the association’s beef ambassador program. She is a graduate of both the OSU Agricultural Technical Institute, with a associate’s degree in livestock science and Ohio State University, where she earned her bachelor’s degree in animal sciences. She and her husband, Lee, live in Canfield with their son, Colter.

Ohio Farm Bureau is the state’s largest and most inclusive farm organization. Its mission is to forge a partnership between farmers and consumers.
Ohio State Hires New Specialists to Support Grape and Wine Research
The College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences at The Ohio State University has hired one research specialist and two new faculty members who will be supporting grape-growing and winemaking research and further boosting Ohio’s rapidly expanding wine industry.

Andrew Kirk has been hired as research specialist and manager of the Ashtabula Agricultural Research Station, a 25-acre location near the Lake Erie shoreline dedicated to comprehensive wine-grape research and education. Ashtabula is one of eight research farms throughout the state managed by the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center, which is the research arm of the college.

Kirk has a master’s degree in horticulture from Lincoln University in New Zealand (2016) and a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Ohio State (2011). At Lincoln University, he specialized in viticulture and enology and also gained experience in the management of research vineyards. Previously, he was an apprentice at Markko Vineyard in Conneaut, Ohio, from 2011-12.

“The research specialist position is a new venture for managing OARDC’s Ashtabula Agricultural Research Station. It provides an opportunity for Andrew Kirk to respond to local grower needs through research and outreach programming, in addition to management of the research station,” said Ken Scaife, assistant to the OARDC director for field operations. “We received thoughtful feedback from Ashtabula and Lake County growers during the search process. Their input was very helpful in OARDC’s decision to hire Andrew Kirk.”

As research specialist and station manager, Kirk will provide leadership in management, research, and outreach coordination for research and education programs at the Kingsville, Ohio farm. He will also work in coordination with Ohio State faculty in the design and implementation of field research trials related to grape and wine production — including on aspects such as pest, weed and disease control; new variety trials; cold tolerance; and wine quality.

Those faculty collaborators will now also include Elizabeth Long, assistant professor of entomology, and Melanie Lewis Ivey, assistant professor of plant pathology. A Ph.D. graduate in plant, insect and microbial sciences from the University of Missouri, Long joined the college in January 2016. She is an expert in integrated pest management of muck soil vegetables and grapes.

Meanwhile, Lewis Ivey will join CFAES in June 2016 and will be conducting research on diseases of grapes that are of major importance to Ohio’s industry. She holds a Ph.D. in plant pathology from Ohio State and is currently an assistant professor at Louisiana State University.

Tri-County Grape Growers 2016 Steak Dinner to be held on Thursday, May 5, 2016
The Tri-County Grape Growers Association is pleased to announce they will be hosting their second annual Steak Dinner on Thursday, May 5, 2016 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Harpersfield Community Center. All are Welcome - Grape Growers and Wine Makers will be available to answer questions, problems, and/or concerns anyone may be having in their home garden vineyards or basement wine making. Meet and socialize with other growers, buyers, and suppliers of the Regional Grape Industry.

The guest speaker for this event will be: Donniella Winchell, Executive Director of the Ohio Wine Producers Association. Ms. Winchell will be speaking on the history of grape growing in Northeast Ohio and the impact on the region. Donniella Winchell is Executive Director of the Ohio Wine Producers Association and chair of their Vintage Ohio Wine Festival. She is the recipient of several state and national awards and serves on numerous state and national wine, tourism and economic development boards. She contributes wine articles to many regional publications. Donniella graduated from Allegheny College and taught in Ohio public schools. She and her family own
a marketing agency and an entertainment complex in Geneva-on-the-Lake. She and her husband have three grown children and eight grandchildren.

Pre-sale tickets are required with each ticket costing $30.00 per person. The ticket price includes a one-year membership in Tri-County Grape Growers. Please RSVP by April 29th to guarantee seating. All are welcome to attend. Tickets may be purchased from the OSU Extension Office in Jefferson, Ohio (440- 576-9008), John Linehan (440-466-3207) or from any active Tri-County Grape Grower Member.

**Early Termination of Cover Crops**

By: Rory Lewandowski

Cover crops provide multiple benefits with regards to protecting soil from erosion, improving soil health, and as a component of a nutrient management plan. For those cover crops that over winter and resume growth in the spring, for example, cereal rye and annual ryegrass, an important question is when to terminate that cover crop. That decision should consider the next crop, planting date of that next crop, the spring weather pattern and purpose of the cover crop. For cover crops that have not been planted with the intention of providing a forage harvest, and that are on acres intended for corn grain production, this may be a year to consider early termination of that cover crop.

A driving factor for early termination of cover crops this year is the potential for a drier than average spring and summer. On a recent OSU Extension Ag Crops team conference call, Jim Noel from the National Weather Service talked about weather patterns following an El Nino year. Often the pattern is for the spring and summer months to be drier and warmer than average. At this point, warmer than average weather and plant growth points to an earlier spring. I have talked with several farmers who tell me that our soil moisture is drier than average. If this pattern holds, the risk is a cover crop can take up moisture that should be saved for the cash crop.

At the recent conservation tillage conference in Ada I saw data that showed lower corn yields following cover crops in dry years when those cover crops were not terminated early enough. Those cover crops robbed soil moisture leading to delayed germination and slower development that was not made up compared to a corn crop planted with no cover crops or planted into a winter killed cover crop.

Given the risk of or the potential for a drier than average spring and summer, cash grain corn producers should consider terminating cereal grain and annual ryegrass cover crops in the late March to early April time frame. Ideally we would like to see less than 8 inches of growth for either of those crops. I have read several sources that recommend annual ryegrass be terminated at 6 inches or less of growth. The recommended method for early termination is the use of herbicides.

Glyphosate should be effective, especially if day time temperatures are above 50 F, and is probably one of the most economical options. A Purdue Extension publication entitled “Successful Annual Ryegrass Termination with Herbicides” says that producers need to use at least 1.25 lbs. of acid equivalent /acre of glyphosate and possibly up to 2.5 lbs. of acid equivalent /acre of glyphosate under less than ideal conditions for herbicide translocation. Purdue research also shows that mixing 1 oz. of Sharpen with 1.25 lbs. of acid equivalent rate of glyphosate provides the most consistent results in terminating the cover crop. Mark Loux, OSU Extension Weed Specialist says that the Sharpen option only needs to be used where there is a desire for burndown help with marestail or other weeds. The advantage of using Sharpen for this purpose in the tank mix is that it won't reduce the glyphosate activity which can happen with atrazine or 2,4-D in the mix. Dr. Loux’s recommendation is to use a minimum of 1.5 lbs. of acid equivalent/acre of glyphosate for cover crop termination and only include Sharpen if marestail control is needed. For
those who might be interested, see the April 14th, 2015 (CORN 2015-08) issue of the CORN newsletter by Mark Loux about cover crop burndown.

Four Market Factors That Could Strengthen Soybean Prices
By Ben Potter
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According to University of Illinois ag economist Darrel Good, recent soybean prices have come as somewhat of a surprise, given that domestic crush has slowed and a big South American harvest looms. But Good says there are several reasons for the current modest price strength.

1. USDA did not raise the forecast of the South American crop in a March 9 report, as many predicted it would.

2. Brazil’s currency is strong enough that U.S. soybeans could be a little more competitive in the world market. “If that strength persists, there will also be less incentive to expand soybean acreage in Brazil in the coming year,” he adds.

3. More people are discussing yields risks for the 2016 soybean crop, and this may be adding to recent price strength, Good says.

4. The pace of U.S. soybean exports is hovering just under record exports from 2015.

Prices can continue to rise, Good says, but only if one of two things happen. “For soybean prices to continue to move higher, expectations of a stronger demand environment will have to emerge or conditions will have to begin to point to a much smaller U.S. soybean crop in 2016,” he says. Good shares additional analysis at http://farmdocdaily.illinois.edu/2016/03/surprising-strength-soybean-prices.html.

Kevin McNew with Grain Hedge points out that private analysts have pegged the Brazil crop at 99.7 million metric tons, higher than their previous estimate of 98.5 million metric tons. “Still, that’s fractionally lower than the USDA’s 100 million metric ton estimate,” he says. Marketers expect to gain further insight after USDA releases its prospective plantings report on March 31.

Consider Using Fewer Highly Processed Foods
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In recent years, we have increasingly relied on convenience foods for our everyday meals. I am interested in shifting back to more whole, natural foods, but would it really be worth the time and energy? Processed foods aren’t all bad. Sometimes they offer nutritional benefits: the phytonutrient lycopene, for example, is more bioavailable from canned tomatoes than fresh. Nutrition information on processed food labels can also be very helpful.

Still, there is growing evidence that trimming back on foods that have been highly processed, at least, could be a very healthful move. A 2015 study in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition analyzed consumer food purchases from 2000-2012. More than 60 percent of calories came from highly processed foods and beverages. Plus, 60 percent of those highly processed foods were high in saturated fat, sugar and sodium, compared with just 5 percent of less-processed foods or foods that required cooking or preparation.

A more recent study, in the March 2016 issue of the journal BMJ Open, analyzed the added sugars in foods that more than 9,000 people reported eating in 2009-2010. They found that “ultra-processed” foods were responsible for 58
percent of the overall calories in the diet, and 90 percent of the calories from added sugars. The added sugar content in ultra-processed foods was five to eight times higher than in other foods.

You’re probably asking right now — just what is a highly processed or ultra-processed food? The question is an important one, because some people hopping on the natural food bandwagon reject all processed foods, including pasteurized milk, canned or frozen vegetables — even “baby” carrots. Most nutrition authorities discourage that type of extreme behavior.

Although there’s no hard and fast definition of highly or ultra-processed foods, the researchers in these two studies included foods that are highly modified and formulated far beyond the food item’s original condition. They include foods such as refined breads, cookies and other commercially prepared baked goods, sugar-sweetened beverages, salty snacks, ready-to-eat or ready-to-heat foods, breakfast cereal, ice cream, salad dressing, pasta sauce and ketchup.

To reduce your intake of these types of foods, be mindful when you’re at the grocery store. Instead of pasta sauce, get some low-sodium crushed or diced tomatoes and tomato sauce and add herbs and spices at home. Instead of frozen vegetable mixes with sauce, buy plain vegetables and stir-fry them with a bit of olive oil. Instead of frozen french fries or tater tots, buy real potatoes to dice up, sprinkle with garlic powder, and roast in a hot oven. Instead of seasoned rice or pasta mixes, choose plain brown rice or whole-grain pasta and spice it up at home. This way, you’re more in control of the fat, sugar and salt in your food.

Few of us would find it practical to completely do away with processed — or even ultra-processed — foods. But cutting back in ways that make sense for you could provide a big boost to your diet.

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**Outreach Meetings for FSA & NRCS Programs Scheduled for April 6, 2016**

By Darlene K Costilow

The Ashtabula, Geauga & Lake County Farm Service Agency and Natural Resource Conservation Service are joining together in an effort to inform underserved customers about programs that our offices offer. To ensure maximum participation in USDA programs and services for underserved customers, USDA Outreach works with its partners and customers to eliminate any barriers.

Representatives from the Farm Service Agency (FSA), and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will be presenting an overview of the programs and services each agency provides. We will be holding an informal meeting about our offices and programs at the following locations and times:

- April 6, 2016 at 10:00 am at the OSU Extension Office; 39 Wall Street Jefferson, OH
- April 6, 2015 at 2:00 pm at the OSU Extension Office; 14269 Claridon Troy Rd, Burton, OH

There is no cost to attend the meetings but reservations are required to insure adequate materials are available. Please call 440-437-5888 option 3 by April 1, 2016 to make reservations. We look forward to meeting you!
Bids Being Taken for Brillion Grass Seeder by SWCD
The Ashtabula Soil and Water Conservation District is offering a **1992 Brillion Grass Seeder Model SS-10** for sale by sealed bid. The Brillion Grass Seeder is being offered “AS IS” with no warranty. Sealed bids are due to the Ashtabula Soil and Water Conservation District, 39 Wall Street, Jefferson, Ohio 44047 by 4:30 p.m. on April 19, 2016. The bids will be opened at the regularly scheduled monthly board of supervisors meeting scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on April 19, 2016. Equipment can be seen at District Office parking lot at 39 Wall St., Jefferson beginning on Friday, April 1st or by visiting the District’s website at “ashtabulaswcd.org”. The Brillion Grass Seeder will be sold to the highest bidder, except that the supervisors may reject all bids and hold another sale. A minimum bid has been set at $3,000. More information can be obtained by contacting the Ashtabula County Soil & Water Conservation District at 40-576-4946 or [ashtabulaswcd@gmail.com](mailto:ashtabulaswcd@gmail.com)

Private Pesticide Applicator Test Preparation Class to be Held on April 1, 2016 in Cortland
OSU Extension in Northeast Ohio will provide a training session to help farmers prepare for the Ohio Department of Agriculture’s Private Pesticide Applicator’s Exam. Training will focus on CORE (safety) material but additional study materials will be offered for other categories.

This class will be held on Friday, April 1, 2016 at the Trumbull County Agriculture and Family Education Center located at 520 West Main Street in Cortland, OH 44410. The registration fee for this program is $35 per person which includes CORE training materials, handouts, and light refreshments. Make checks payable to The Ohio State University. Mail this registration form and registration fee to Lee Beers ANR Extension Educator, OSU Extension Trumbull County, 520 West Main St., Cortland, OH 44410. To order study materials for additional categories call 330-638-6783. Pre-registration is requested. Call 330-638-6783 or visit trumbull.osu.edu for more information.

Joe Bodnar Memorial Northern Classic Steer & Heifer Show to be held on Saturday, April 16, 2016
The Ashtabula County Cattlemen’s Association will be sponsoring the 19th Annual Joe Bodnar Memorial Northern Classic Steer & Heifer Jackpot Show on Saturday, April 16 at the Ashtabula County Fairgrounds in Jefferson, Ohio. This good old fashion jackpot show will start promptly at noon. The show is open to all youth under the age of 21 and will begin promptly at noon. An entry fee of $25 per head if pre-registered by April 7, 2016 and $30 per head thereafter. Cash prizes will be awarded to individual class winners and to the Champion Steer, Reserve Champion Steer, Champion Heifer, and Reserve Champion Heifer. In addition to the open show, a Showmanship class and an Ashtabula County Class will be held. Local residents are encouraged to come out and watch this show. A registration flyer can be found at: [http://go.osu.edu/ne-events](http://go.osu.edu/ne-events). More information about this program can be obtained by calling the Ashtabula County Extension office at 440-576-9008 or by emailing David Marrison at [marrison.2@osu.edu](mailto:marrison.2@osu.edu).

Ashtabula County Agricultural Scholarship Applications Being Taken
OSU Extension and the Ashtabula County Agricultural Scholarship Committee are pleased to announce the scholarship committee will be presenting a minimum of ten scholarships for the 2016-2017 school year to Ashtabula County students enrolled in either an accredited full four year college or an accredited two year technical institute.

Scholarships awarded this year will include: two $1,000 Ashtabula County Holstein Club, two $1,000 Western Reserve Farm Cooperative, $1,000 Allan C Jerome Memorial, $1,000 Lester C. Marrison Memorial, $1,000 Service-Jerome, $1,000 Harold & Dick Springer Memorial, $500 Lautanen Family 4-H, $500 Jim Baird Memorial, and at least one scholarship worth $1,000 from the committee itself.

Both graduate and undergraduate students who are studying agriculture, natural resources, home economics, and environmental sciences are strongly encouraged to apply. The scholarships are for a one year period. Prior recipients of a scholarship may apply. Those receiving scholarships from this fund in any two previous years are not eligible. Application forms with complete instructions for applying are now available and can be received by stopping
in at the Extension Office or by calling 440-576-9008. Applications can be accessed at: 
http://go.osu.edu/agscholarship. The application deadline is May 1 and no late applications will be considered.

Ashtabula County Beef Scholarships Applications Available
OSU Extension and the Ashtabula County Cattlemen’s Association are pleased to announce they will be awarding two youth beef scholarships for the 2016-2017 school year. One $1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a deserving 2016 High School Senior who will be attending an accredited full four year college or an accredited two year technical institute in 2016-2017. In addition, one $500 scholarship will be awarded to a current College Student who is currently attending an accredited full four year college or an accredited two year technical institute.

Applicants must be resident of Ashtabula County. The first preference by the Ashtabula County Cattlemen’s Association is the scholarships be awarded to deserving students who have been involved in the beef industry as a youth. Examples of this could include: working on a family beef operation; involved with a beef project through 4-H or FFA; or works on a local beef farm. The second preference for the scholarship recipients would be awarded to students who are currently or will be studying a beef related field in accredited full four year college or an accredited two year technical institute. Previous winners of the $1,000 High School Senior Scholarship are eligible to apply for the $500 College Scholarship. However, the $500 college scholarship can only be received once by a student during their college career.

Applications must be received by the Ashtabula County Cattlemen’s Association by May 1, 2016 for consideration for the scholarship. No late applications will be considered. The application can be obtained at: http://go.osu.edu/ne-events Additional information can be obtained by calling the Ashtabula County Extension office at 440-576-9008.

Brant’s Apple Orchard to Award 2016 Youth Scholarship
Brant’s Apple Orchard has announced it will be offering a college scholarship to a deserving Ashtabula County Senior Student who will be attending an accredited full four-year college or an accredited two-year technical institute in 2016-2017. The student must be resident of Ashtabula County. Approximately $500 in scholarships will be awarded. The first preference would be given to a student pursuing a career that is agriculturally related. Brant’s Apple Orchard must receive applications by May 1, 2016 for consideration for the scholarship. The application can be obtained at: http://go.osu.edu/ne-events Please mail your application packet to: Brant’s Apple Orchard Scholarship Application 411 Woodside Avenue Jefferson, Ohio 44047.

John F. Wilson Memorial Scholarship Fund Applications Being Taken
The John F. Wilson Memorial Scholarship Fund is established to provide financial assistance to students seeking to enter college and pursue a course of study in a natural resource field in the memory of John F. Wilson. John F. Wilson served as the first District Conservationist for the Ashtabula Soil and Water Conservation District after being established in 1949. John dedicated twenty-eight years of his life to assisting the agricultural and urban communities with their conservation needs until his retirement in 1978. The Ashtabula Soil and Water Conservation District will annually award $500 scholarships to high school graduates pursuing or college students majoring in a natural resource field. Scholarship Applicants must be a resident of Ashtabula County and have applicant must have a cumulative high school grade point average of 3.0 or better. College applicants must be maintaining 3.00 grade point average. Candidates will be evaluated on academic achievement, involvement in community activities and course of study. More information about this scholarship can be obtained by contacting the Ashtabula County Soil & Water Conservation District at 40-576-4946 or ashtabulaswcd@gmail.com
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