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## **Ag is Everyone's Business**

Nearly four years ago I had a lady call me from the Highland County Chamber of Commerce that wanted to meet with me about an idea. I had just started the Tri-County arrangement with Adams, Brown and Highland Counties with OSU Extension. I am not sure who all had discussed the idea, but the idea was to have a "special" program recognizing Agriculture in Highland County. She was asking for help on who might bring a crowd and make this a meaningful and memorable event. Someone to be a keynote speaker that would be recognized in the Ag Community was what she felt like she needed. We discussed this for a few minutes and the first person that came to mind was Orion Samuelson. She liked the idea and was on her way.

After that, several people involved in the Highland Co. Chamber got busy. The event was held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in January in 2013. Wow, what an event it was. That same day, members of the Chamber were already thinking about next year. Shortly after that the second program was in the works and Orion's longtime broadcast partner Max Armstrong was scheduled. That was the 2014 program. Again, a great success and well attended event. I believe the meaningful and memorable were both met both of the first two programs and I am sure the third will be, too.

The third year is upon us. The third "Ag is Everyone's Business" is right around the corner. Same location, the Patriot Center on the Hillsboro Campus of Southern State Community College, and the date is Friday, January 16. This year the speaker will be Machinery Pete. This is an event that begins with breakfast and requires a ticket.

Also speaking at the event will be Ohio Director of Agriculture David Daniels. David Daniels was appointed Ohio Agriculture Director by Governor Kasich on February 15, 2012. He served four terms in the Ohio House of Representatives, and was elected to the Ohio Senate in 2010 to serve the 17th Ohio Senate District. Prior to being elected to the Ohio General Assembly, he served four years on the Greenfield City Council and eight as Mayor. He also served as a Highland County Commissioner for six years.

Ticket information and more can be found by calling the Highland Co. Chamber or going online. Contact the Highland County Chamber of Commerce at 937-393-1111 or [emailinfo@thehighlandchamber.com](mailto:emailinfo@thehighlandchamber.com) for more information. The website with the event can be found at <http://thehighlandchamber.com/site/events/ag-everyones-business/>

## **Pesticide and Fertilizer Certification**

As we get near the first opportunity for pesticide and fertilizer certification I want to remind people that the certification is needed beginning September 30, 2017. So, yes you have time to



complete this training. You can go ahead and get the training and it is my understanding that it will marry up with your pesticide license. So you would need to renew them at the same time in the future. The dates are listed below for those who have a pesticide license. For those who do not have a pesticide license, you will need to attend a different training. It will be a 3 hour session, and I have them scheduled in March. I have one scheduled in each county. On March 12 at Southern State Community College in Hillsboro, March 18 at North Adams High School and March 23 at Southern Hills CTC in Georgetown.

I will have more on this in the coming weeks. However, you do need to pre-register for all of these programs by calling Cindy at the Brown Co. Extension Office at 937-378-6716.

### **Dates to Remember**

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January 16 at the Patriot Center on the campus of Southern State in Hillsboro.

Beef School

Dates are Jan. 27, Feb. 10 and Feb. 24 at 7:00 p.m. each night, site TBA.

Pesticide/Fertilizer

Pesticide Re-certification with Fertilizer Certification:

Jan. 21 at North Adams HS, begins at 4:00 p.m.

Feb. 5 at Southern Hills CTC Board Office, begins at 11:30 a.m.

Feb. 12 at Southern State Comm. College in Hillsboro, begins at 11:00

(Pre-Registration and payment REQUIRED 5 days prior to session. Call Cindy at the Brown Co. office at 378-6716.) The Fertilizer Certification is needed by September 30, 2017, so if your Pesticide is due in 2016 or 2017, come for both at that time so you are on the same schedule.

Farm Bill Meetings

REMEMBER we need for you to Pre-Register for the Farm Bill Meetings, listed below, by calling the OSU Extension office in the county you plan to attend. Seating is limited at some locations. Call Barbie in Adams Co. at 544-2339 or Cindy in Brown Co. at 378-6716. February 2 at Frisch's in West Union on SR 41 South, at 1:00 p.m. and Southern Hills Career Center in Georgetown at 6:30 p.m.