

Leadership Highland Economic Development Program  
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Participants of Leadership Highland met on December 5, 2018, for the Economic Development day. During this session, class members participated in a series of professional development workshops and toured the Wilmington Air Park.

The day began with a social dance lesson at Noreen's School of Dance with Noreen Gibson. Leadership Highland participants learned proper form and several dance steps they could apply in the future. Gibson taught the dance lesson, but also highlighted the importance of dance and music for aging populations.

The second workshop of the day was conducted by Becky Nesbitt, an OSU Extension Educator. Nesbitt discussed the best practices for serving on a non-profit board. Tips discussed included term limits, retreats for board members, and having active participation by all of the board members serving on subcommittees.

Leadership Highland participants were joined for lunch at LaRosa's by the Highland County Commissioners. Following lunch, the Highland County Commissioners and the participants of Leadership Highland toured the Wilmington Air Park with Dan Evers, Director of the Clinton County Port Authority, and Beth Huber, Associate Director of the Clinton County Port Authority.

Doug Little guided the group on a tour through the ATSG airplane maintenance buildings at the Air Park. Participants were also able to tour Building F, which will hold the Amazon sort facility. When completed, it is anticipated the sort system in Building F will be the longest package sorting line in the country. While the system is still under construction, the Amazon facility is expected to open in the summer of 2019 bringing in hundreds of new employment opportunities to the region.

In addition to touring the maintenance and Amazon buildings, participants were able to learn about the airplane simulators and virtual training programs used to educate pilots, airplane stewards, and mechanics on safety procedures and flight training. The next meeting of Leadership Highland will be in January of 2019. For more information about Leadership Highland, contact the Highland County Extension Office at 937-393-1918, or Brooke Beam at [beam.49@osu.edu](mailto:beam.49@osu.edu).

**Upcoming Events:**

A fifth **Beef Quality Assurance Training** will be held at Union Stockyards on Tuesday, January 22, 2018, at 6:30 P.M. Please RSVP to the Highland County Extension Office at 937-393-1918.

**Fertilizer and Pesticide Recertifications:**

**February 19, 2019**

Ponderosa Banquet Center, 545 S. High Street, Hillsboro, Ohio 45133

5:00 pm to 6:00 pm Fertilizer Recertification – Private and Commercial

6:30 pm Pesticide Recertification (Core, 1, 2,3, 4, 5, 6) Private Applicators Only

**March 4, 2018**

Ponderosa Banquet Center, 545 S. High Street, Hillsboro, Ohio 45133

10:00 am to 11:00 am Fertilizer Recertification – Private and Commercial

11:30 am Pesticide Recertification (Core, 1, 2,3, 4, 5, 6) Private Applicators Only

Registration details will come in the mail from the Ohio Department of Agriculture. Registration for OSU Extension Pesticide and Fertilizer and your renewal application for ODA Pesticide/Fertilizer must both be completed. Meals will be included at each recertification training at Ponderosa.