

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**April 17, 2018****Contact: Brooke Beam, Ph.D.****Highland County Extension****Extension Educator, Agriculture and Natural Resources/Community Development****email: beam.49@osu.edu****Phone: 937-393-1918**

Anhydrous ammonia (NH_3) was applied in the spring of 2017 on

Meet Your New Extension Educator

Brooke Beam, Ph.D.

Hello, my name is Brooke Beam, and I am the new Agriculture and Natural Resources/Community Development (ANR/CD) Extension Educator for Highland County.

I live in Clinton County, near Sabina, on my family's grain farm. I graduated from East Clinton High School in 2008. I graduated from The Ohio State University with my bachelor's and master's degrees in Agricultural Communication. In August of 2017, I graduated from The Ohio State University with my Ph.D. in Agricultural and Extension Education, with a specialization in

Agricultural Communication.

I own and operate my own grain farm in Clinton County. I started a maple syrup business as an FFA project in high school, and I have continued to produce maple syrup since high school. As a youth, I was an active participant in both 4-H and FFA. Some of the livestock projects I exhibited at county, state and national livestock exhibitions included sheep, cattle, turkeys, and even my family's barn cat.

I am particularly interested in how the agricultural industry is framed

in the media and entertainment. My research has analyzed prime time television and films to determine the representation of the agricultural industry in popular entertainment. As an agricultural communicator, I enjoy film production. I frequently fly a drone on my family's farm to capture video and pictures of crop production. The picture shown above is an image I took with my drone of anhydrous ammonia application in the spring.

Since I started my new position as Extension Educator in Highland

County, I have been visiting with local farmers and businesspeople to determine what kinds of extension programming are desired in the community. I am excited about the opportunities for Extension programming in Highland County and several programs that are currently in development. Look for future articles to stay up-to-date with Extension programs and events.

If you have any specific suggestions about Extension programs you would like to have in Highland County based around the broad topics of agriculture and natural resources or community development, please contact me at 937-393-1918 or at beam.49@osu.edu.

I am looking forward to becoming actively involved in Highland County and assisting residents with their questions. If you would like to meet me in-person, I will be attending the Annual Extension/4-H Dinner and Auction Fundraiser on April 21, 2018, at the Highland County Fairgrounds. See the upcoming events section for more details.

Adventures of the Highland County Extension Educator

I have had the pleasure of touring the historic Scott House in Hillsboro earlier this month. The Highland County Historical Society



View of downtown Hillsboro from the cupola of the historic Scott House in Hillsboro, Ohio.

will be hosting an open house showcasing the recent renovations of the Scott House on Thursday, April 19, 2018, from 3-6 P.M. Tours will be available throughout the day, and visitors will be able to climb to the cupola for a spectacular view of the city.

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Upcoming Events

The 8th Annual Extension/4-H Dinner and Auction Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2018 in the Rabbit and Poultry barn at the Highland County Fairgrounds. Dinner will be served at 6:00 P.M. Tickets are \$10.00 for ages 11 and up, \$7.00 for ages 4 – 10, and \$3.00 for children 3 and under. Tickets will be sold at the door. There will be a live and silent auction. Donations are appreciated.

The **Master Gardner Event** will be held on Thursday, April 19, 2018, at 7:00 P.M. at the Mt. Orab campus of Southern State Community College in Room 107. Denise Ballinger, president of the Mason County Master Gardeners Association, will give a presentation on the Monarch Butterfly. Ballinger raises and releases hundreds of Monarch butterflies annually. The event is free and open to the public.

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