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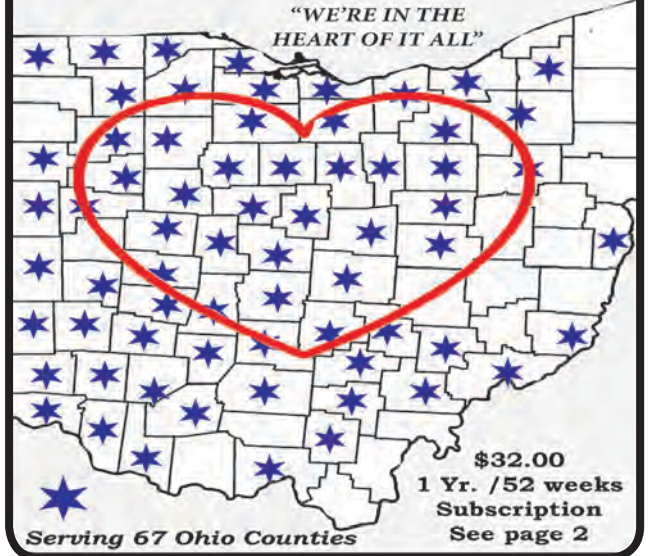
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Christmas in the Woods

Slated for Two Weekends in October

Submitted by: Kenneth H. McGaffic

This October is Old-Fashioned Christmas in the Woods' 23rd year of hosting attendees from across the country at Shaker Woods in Columbiana, Ohio. More than 200 quality craftspeople and artisans will gather at the festival on October 14-15 and 21-22, 2017. In a manicured, wooded setting, juried costumed crafters will have their booths decorated in an old-fashioned holiday theme. The exhibitors will demonstrate their crafts and sell a wide selection of handmade holiday items, as well as traditional crafts. The level grounds feature gravel footpaths for easy walking and access to acres of free parking.

"We're humbled that the festival has become a traditional gathering place for so many families and friends," said Ken McGaffic, who along with his wife Linda, are promoters of the nationally-recognized event. "The festival attracts attendees from over 30 states who enjoy shopping, entertainment and delicious food in this magical spot in eastern Ohio."

Plenty of favorite craftspeople are returning for the Christmas show. Traditional crafters include candle makers, leatherworkers, woodworkers and doll makers. Hand-thrown pottery and iron and stone work will also be available. Holiday craft items, decorations and handcrafted Christmas ornaments are featured at the festival, as well as holiday clothing, wreaths and floral arrangements.

In the September 2017 issue of Sunshine Artist, America's Premier Arts and Craft Show Magazine, Old-Fashioned Christmas in the Woods was selected as one of the "Top 100 Best Classic & Contemporary Craft Shows" in the nation.

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Farm Bureau Young Leader Groups get Boost from Farm Credit Mid-America

Source: Ohio Farm Bureau Website

Ohio Farm Bureau Young Ag Professionals groups and Collegiate Farm Bureau groups can obtain funding for local projects thanks to the generous support of Farm Credit Mid-America.

Eight local YAP groups and two Collegiate Farm Bureau groups will be awarded \$500 grants for educational programming or events. Applications for the grants can be submitted at [www.http://ofb.ag/yaplocalgrants18](http://ofb.ag/yaplocalgrants18) and are due Dec. 15, 2017. Winners will be recognized during Ohio Farm Bureau's Winter Leadership Experience Feb. 2-3, 2018 in Columbus.

"Participation in our YAP and Collegiate programs is growing. This is the second year for this program, and funding from last year helped our members with projects such as connecting FFA students with young ag professionals, starting new YAP groups and offering scholarships to Farm Bureau events," said Melinda Witten, leadership programming director for Ohio Farm Bureau.

The local grants are a part of Farm Credit Mid-America's financial contribution to Farm Bureau young leader programs in their four-state region of Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee. A portion of the funds donated to Ohio is being used for the local grants program.

"Our purpose is to secure the future of rural communities and agriculture," said Jonathan Carter, assistant vice president of Farm Credit's young and beginning farmer program. "Since Farm Bureau's YAP and Collegiate programs are similar in mission and values to ours, we felt we could really support their efforts and work together in helping develop leadership skills with those who desire a future in agriculture."

"We want to thank Farm Credit Mid-America for their great support of our programs for young adults and college students. Their involvement helps ensure we'll be able to grow our next generation of farm and food leaders," Witten said.

To learn more about Ohio Farm Bureau's Young Ag Professionals program and its Collegiate Farm Bureau program, visit experiencenyap.com.



Fertilizer Certification Deadline Has Passed

Source: Ohio Farm Bureau Website

The deadline has passed for those farmers who are required to complete fertilizer certification by Sept. 30th. With the passage of Senate Bill 150 in 2014, Ohio became the first state to require anybody who applies commercial fertilizer to more than 50 acres for agricultural purposes to be certified no later than the Sept. 30, 2017 deadline. Applying fertilizer without certification could result in fines and/or misdemeanor charges.

According to Tony Seegers, OFBF director of state policy, the director of the Ohio Department of Agriculture may issue an order to a person to pay a civil penalty for applying fertilizer and not being certified. Additionally, the person could face a misdemeanor charge, a third degree charge for a first offense, second degree for second offense and a first degree for subsequent offenses.

Fertilizer certification is required if fertilizer (other than manure) is applied to more than 50 acres of agricultural production grown primarily for sale. However, if a certified co-op or other certified custom applicator is hired to make applications, farmers do not personally need the certification.

"Farm Bureau supported this law because we know we share a responsibility to reduce nutrient loading," Seegers said. "Senate Bill 150 is indicative of agriculture's continued efforts to improve water quality."

Best management practices are the basis of the agricultural fertilizer certification with a focus on fertilizer applications that have the appropriate rate, timing, placement and source. Classes for fertilizer certification have been offered since September 2014. Each region of the state continues to offer some three-hour certification classes for fertilizer application certification.

Once completed, certifications are good for three years. Those who obtained certifications three years ago will have to be recertified. Those one-hour classes begin in October. A written exam for re-certification will be available in November.

For information about classes, visit Ohio State University Extension's Nutrient Education & Management website.



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