

Fulton County Focus

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Fulton Soil & Water Conservation District Tours Hosted in August



Anderson Bentley (left) and Steve Lange (right) pose for their photo at the Air Tour.



Participants from the Public Officials Tour pose in front of a combine at the Jim Rufenacht Farm.

The Fulton Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and the Fulton County Airport (Naves Aviation) recently conducted a Conservation Air Tour at the Fulton County Airport. The event allowed for the general public to fly over their farm or land in Fulton County to view conservation practices from the air. This year, they had 148 participants fly. They also conducted a Public Officials Tour in which they showcased different conservation practices throughout the county. This year's event featured a trip to Nature Fresh Farms in Delta as well as the Jim Rufenacht Farm. Rufenacht, also a Fulton SWCD Supervisor, will be awarded the Ohio Conservation Family Farm Award at the upcoming Farm Science Review.

Brink to Lead Fulton County Visitors Bureau



The Fulton County Visitors Bureau (FCVB) announced that Julia Brink will serve as the new Fulton County Visitors Bureau Coordinator. Brink brings experience with tourism and marketing through her role as the former Archbold Area Chamber of Commerce Director (2011-2015), and as a business owner. "Our Board is excited to welcome Julie and believes that she is a great fit for the Visitors Bureau Coordinator Position," states Jeanette Smith, President of the FCVB

Board. The FCVB was established by the Fulton County Commissioners in accordance with Ohio Revised Code. Funding for the organization stems from a 3% bed tax issued on lodging facilities throughout Fulton County to support tourism. Brink says she is looking forward to pioneering this new adventure as the Visitors Bureau Coordinator and moving tourism forward in Fulton County. "I share a passion with the Board to promote Fulton County attractions as a great place to visit, work and live."

Brink lives in Archbold with her husband Steve and has lived in Northwest Ohio for most of her life. The Visitors Bureau office will be located at the Fulton County Shared Services and Welcome Center Complex on State Route 108 in Wauseon upon opening in October 2017.

DeLeon named as Fulton County Emergency Medical Services Director

The Fulton County Board of Commissioners announced that Robert DeLeon is the new Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Director for Fulton County. DeLeon brings nearly 20 years of experience in the emergency services field to this role. "Robert's experience will be a great asset to Fulton County EMS," states Vond Hall, County Administrator. "We look forward to having him on our team to provide excellent communication and coordination with our partners



in the emergency services field." DeLeon's responsibilities will include coordinating the EMS division for the county, maintaining positive working relationships with all emergency response entities including EMS, fire departments and medical personnel among other duties. "I am excited to start this new journey with the people of Fulton County," states DeLeon. "My hope is that we can learn from each other and continue to grow our services so we can best serve the public." DeLeon has been a paramedic with Mercy Lifestar since 2001 and has served on the Lyons Royalton Volunteer Fire Department since 1998. He resides in Lyons with his wife Beth, daughter MaTea and five dogs.

To view Julie Brink and/or Robert DeLeon's full press releases, visit

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