

# AROUND OUR COUNTY

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## BENEFIT in the BARN 2024

Hosted by Delaware & Union County Farm Bureaus

August 17, 2024 | Lee Farms | 17359 Waldo Rd Marysville, Ohio 43040



Benefit in the Barn is returning for its 10th year on Aug. 17 at Lee Farms in Union County. The Lee Family will be opening their farm to what has become a signature late-summer occasion bringing consumers and farmers together for food, entertainment, fun and a purpose.

The main objectives of the Benefit in the Barn are to spotlight the hunger issues in our community, raise funding to help address the issue while also providing opportunities for dialogue between consumers and farmers.

The outdoor event will feature dinner catered by City Barbeque, local Ohio beer and wine as well as Eda's Italian Ice & Gelato sponsored by Richwood Bank.

Hosted by the Delaware and Union County Farm Bureau organizations, this year's entertainment will spotlight Ramblewood. Ramblewood's acoustic sound is perfect for easy listening while visiting with friends and family. Find Ramblewood on Instagram at @ramblewoodmusic or on Spotify!

Benefit in the Barn has raised over \$523,000 to support hunger relief efforts in Delaware and Union Counties. All net proceeds this year will benefit the Delaware County Hunger Alliance and The Hope Center in Marysville. Featured at the event will be sponsor displays, silent auction & a live auction!

Participants will have the opportunity to bid on and purchase packages donated by many generous sponsors. *For a sneak peak of auction items please visit our **Benefit in the Barn** Facebook page!*

Tickets are \$50 each, Farm Bureau members can purchase their tickets for \$40. Attendees will be able to enjoy dinner and a concert under the stars.

*Ticket information can be found at **benefitinthebarn.org***

### **Friend of Farm Bureau \$300**

- Reserved seating area
- 2 event tickets



Visit [benefitinthebarn.org](http://benefitinthebarn.org) to purchase the Friend of Farm Bureau (*Click on purchase tickets*)  
*For more information or questions contact [benefitinthebarn@ofbf.org](mailto:benefitinthebarn@ofbf.org)*

**Table of 8 Available- \$500**



# 2024 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Delaware County Farm Bureau awarded \$10,000 in scholarships for the 2024-2025 academic year. These scholarships reflect the dedication of the mission to support the next generation of agriculturalists. All recipients will be acknowledged at the DCFB annual meeting in September.



## Haylie McComas

Haylie was active in the FFA program where she was a member of the state-winning and national runner-up Food Science & Technology CDE Team and received her State FFA Degree. Haylie also attended the Delaware Area Career Center's Health Technology & Nursing program. She is a 9-year member of the Eagle Country 4-H Club, raising and exhibiting market lambs and breeding sheep at the Hartford Independent, Delaware County and Ohio State Fairs. This fall, Haylie will be attending Marion Technical College to pursue a degree in nursing and will be working as a phlebotomist with Ohio Health.



## Clifford Rhoades

Clifford was a member of the basketball team and participated in a variety of other extracurricular activities, such as National Honor Society and Student Council. He is an active member of Christian Life Church in Delaware and is a life-long resident of Concord Township, Delaware County. His family's hobby farm involves feeder cattle and layer chickens, along with the rural lifestyle that goes with it. During school breaks, Clifford works for Lee Farms in Radnor. He will be attending The Ohio State University's College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences as a freshman in the fall of 2024 where he plans to major in agribusiness and applied economics.



## Hanah Rhoades

Hanah Rhoades actively participated in volleyball and track in high school, demonstrating a consistent dedication to both sports. Additionally, she is engaged in FFA, holding various leadership positions, including the esteemed role of chapter president. Hanah's involvement in 4-H spanned nine years, showcasing her expertise in showing market hogs and dairy feeders. Her academic pursuits will continue at Olivet Nazarene University in Illinois, where she plans to pursue a double major in Spanish and business entrepreneurship, complemented by a minor in English as a Second Language. Hanah aspires to combine her passion for teaching ESL with her entrepreneurial spirit to establish her own business in the future.



## Zack Wecker

Zack's future plans are to attend The Ohio State University's Columbus Campus where he will study animal sciences.



## Kyle Kline

Kyle is actively engaged in 4-H and FFA, is dedicated to pursuing a career in firefighting, a profession he has long aspired to. His enthusiasm stems from the opportunity to contribute to his community by safeguarding its members. He will be applying to be a part of the Ohio Fire Academy.

## 2024 County Annual Meeting

We will have our annual meeting on Sunday, Sept. 15 at the Delaware County Fair! Join us at 1pm at the Farm Bureau Fun Tent! The meeting will include an ice cream social, the election of board trustees and state annual meeting delegates, voting on proposed policies, and an update on current Farm Bureau programs and events. *Postcard invite to follow.*

**A "GRAND PRIZE" DRAWING WILL BE HELD FOR ANY MEMBER THAT JOINS AND TURNS IN A BALLOT!**

## Growing Tomorrow Grant

### Who Should Apply?

**Young professionals and entrepreneurs should apply for this grant** if they are looking to secure startup funds for a new project/solution or seeking funds to enhance the impact of an existing project. Grant recipients should have a solid business plan and sustainable solution to one or more of the four challenges facing agriculture today.

Visit [ofb.ag/GrowingTomorrowGrant](http://ofb.ag/GrowingTomorrowGrant) for more information or to apply.

**The deadline to apply is July 31, 2024, at 5 p.m.**





# Seeking Volunteers for Fair Fun Tent

The Fun tent is sponsored by Delaware County Farm Bureau and the Delaware County Fair.

If interested call 800-451-8908 or email [delaware@ofbf.org](mailto:delaware@ofbf.org)

## POLICY MEETING HIGHLIGHT

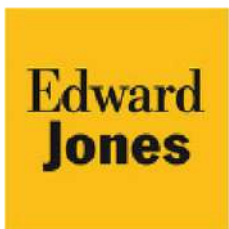


Delaware County Farm Bureau members and elected officials met on June 14th to plan for our future. Issues were identified on which Farm Bureau can direct its efforts. We become a stronger organization when we have participation and input from our members. Thank you to all who joined - this discussion and feedback are important for Farm Bureau's continued grassroots policy development.



Farm Bureau members from Delaware, Franklin, Madison and Union counties had the opportunity to purchase tickets for the Columbus Clippers game June 15 and enjoy food and drinks in the Doyle Party Plaza. It was a great turnout. Thank you to everyone who came out, and we look forward to all our members joining our future events this year.

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## Farm Bureau Day at the Races



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**September 18, 2024**

Join Central Ohio Farm Bureaus at the Delaware County Fair for the Jugette  
Fair admission and grandstands for the Jugette for only \$5 a savings of \$8!! **Details for how to purchase tickets will be on our website soon.**



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