

# AROUND OUR COUNTY

SUMMER 2024

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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

Union County Farm Bureau awarded four scholarships for the 2024-2025 academic year totaling \$4,000. These scholarships reflect the dedication of the mission to support the next generation of agriculturalists. All recipients will be acknowledged at the UCFB annual meeting in September.



**Aiden Grome**

Aiden Grome, born and raised in Marysville, developed a passion for running cross country and track. A recent graduate of Marysville Early College High School, he has plans to study electrical engineering at the University of Dayton.



**Libby Ramage**

Libby Ramage, a valedictorian at Marysville High School and former Marysville FFA president, is involved in 4-H, National Honor Society, and volunteers at Memorial Hospital. She will study Sustainable Agriculture at The Ohio State University.



**Rylan Keever**

Rylan Keever, a Union County native, developed a strong work ethic and community appreciation growing up on a family farm. Involved in various activities at North Union High School, including FFA, Student Council, and sports, he is now pursuing a major in Construction Management at The Ohio State University.

## MEMBERSHIP AUTO-RENEW

Membership Auto-Renew is an optional service offering convenient and seamless membership renewal automatically. With this option, you will no longer receive a paper invoice in the mail and you will enjoy an uninterrupted membership.

By opting in to Membership Auto-Renew, you authorize Ohio Farm Bureau on an annual basis to:

- Charge the applicable membership rate to the saved payment method on your member profile and renew your Farm Bureau membership.

Once enrolled in Auto-Renew:

- Your saved payment method will be processed on the 20th of the month your membership expires.
- You will receive an annual reminder email 10 days in advance of the date your dues payment will be processed.
- You may cancel your participation in Auto-Renew and avoid incurring the annual dues charge by opting out via your online membership account, no later than 2 business days before the scheduled dues processing date.

To enroll in Membership Auto Renew, visit <https://ofbf.org/autorenew/> to login and follow the quick & easy steps

## 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 [ofbf.org/GrowingTomorrowGrant](https://ofbf.org/GrowingTomorrowGrant) for more information or to apply.

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



## 2024 County Annual Meeting

**SAVE THE DATE**

**September 5, 2024**

We encourage all of our members to join us for our Annual Meeting on Thursday, Sept. 5 at Boke's Creek Winery 26211 OH-31, Raymond, OH 43067. Invite to follow

## Farm Bureau Day at the Races



**SAVE THE DATE**

**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.**

## ICE CREAM WITH A FARMER



The Madison and Union County Farm Bureaus held Ice Cream with a Farmer on June 8th. The first 300 attendees received a coupon for free ice cream from Miller's Homemade Ice Cream. Local farmers brought their tractors and farm machinery. The kids had several stations to visit. They were able to pot a flower, make a pine cone bird feeder, learn about dairy and make butter, along with participating in farm trivia to win Farm Bureau prizes. 4-H clubs volunteered to help with the stations and brought some of their animals for everyone to enjoy. Thank you to Pete from Agra-tastic for providing the sound system and being our announcer for the afternoon. We appreciate all who came out for the event, and look forward to seeing you all next year!

## POLICY MEETING HIGHLIGHT



President Mike Plotner (right) & Policy Chairman Justin Gravatt (middle) talk with Sheriff Patton (left) after the public policy breakfast meeting. Union County Farm Bureau members and elected officials met on June 11th 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.

## MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION DAY



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.

## Wine Down at the MAiZE

UNION COUNTY  
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September 12

Union County Farm Bureau Presents Wine Down at the MAiZE. Admission includes; 6 wine samples, snack bag, souvenir wine glass, heavy hors d'oeuvres and access to the cash bar. There will also be an opportunity to purchase a vase & cut your own flowers at the farm! Sample your way through the corn maize, enjoy music and a glass of your favorite wine selection from the cash bar. All proceeds from the event support the Union County Farm Bureau Scholarship & youth fund. **For complete event details & to order tickets visit:** <https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/unioncofarmbureau/2024-wine-down-at-the-maize>



**Purchase  
tickets!**



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