

# AROUND OUR COUNTY

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## FARM BUREAU BARN BASH

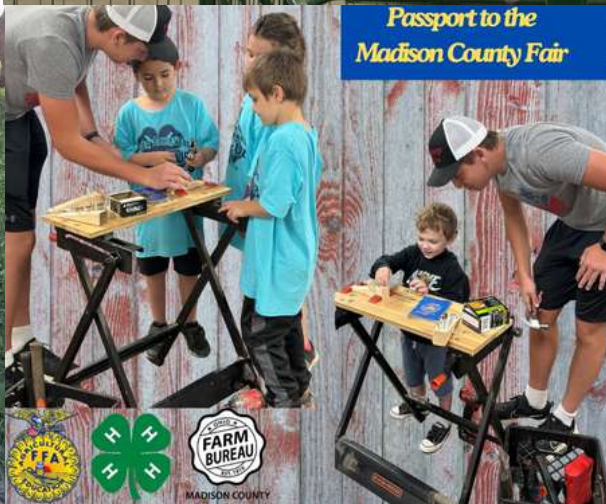
The MCFB Annual Meeting was a major part of the 2024 Farm Bureau Barn Bash. Members had the opportunity to vote for board trustees and delegates for the 2025 Ohio Farm Bureau annual meeting. Attendees enjoyed various activities throughout the night, including a silent auction, 50/50 raffle and wine and beer from the cash bar. Local singer Jeff McClish provided the entertainment for the evening. Congratulations to the 2024 scholarship winners! The beef raffle was a crowd favorite, and Doug Wical was declared the lucky winner. Lastly, we want to express our gratitude to everyone who supported the event. We were able to raise \$4,000 for our scholarship fund.





# MADISON COUNTY FAIR

It was a great week at the Madison County Fair in July. Thank you to all the businesses that sponsored our Jr. Fair t-shirt project. Farm Bureau members children had the opportunity to pick up stall signs. One of our programs we love to participate in is the Cloverbuds Passport to the Madison County Fair. This program helps Cloverbuds get familiar with the fairgrounds and learn about the different things they can see and do. London FFA & 4-H members helped make the event a success!





# YOUNG AG PROFESSIONALS COMPETITIVE EVENTS

Our young farmer programming provides community, leadership development, and professional growth opportunities for Farm Bureau members who are 18-35.

## Excellence in Ag

If you work primarily off the farm and are a leader in Farm Bureau and the community, then this contest is for you. This award is designed to recognize successful young agricultural professionals (singles or couples) who are actively contributing and growing through their involvement with Farm Bureau and agriculture, but do not have the majority of income subject to normal production risk. Each year, the top three applicants will have a 25-minute presentation before a panel of judges.

Applications are due **Dec. 20, 2024**

## Outstanding Young Farmer

The Outstanding Young Farmer contest is designed to recognize successful young farmers, age 35 or younger, for achievements in the business of farming and leadership in the agricultural community.

Applicants should have a majority of their income subject to normal production risks as well as ownership (or part ownership) of the operation/business.

Applications are due **Dec. 20, 2024**

Visit our website for complete details & to access the application for the contests  
<https://ofbf.org/community/young-ag-professionals/young-farmer-contests/>



## 2024 Scholarship Beef Raffle

This raffle benefits the Madison County Farm Bureau fund to support youth scholarships. Madison County Farm Bureau sourced the beef from a local Farm Bureau family, Thank you Furbee Family Farm. Food Raised Right - Furbee Family Farm. Madison County Farm Bureau will be able to provide \$4,000 in scholarships thanks to the support of everyone who purchased raffle tickets. Congratulations to the winner of the 1/2 beef Doug Wical whose ticket was drawn at the 2024 Madison County Barn Bash.

**HELP US  
RECOGNIZE  
OUTSTANDING  
AG EDUCATORS**

*Nominate an Ohio agriculture teacher for  
the Golden Owl Award by December 31<sup>st</sup>!*



The Golden Owl Award®, presented by Nationwide® in partnership with the Ohio FFA, Ohio Farm Bureau®, Farm Credit Mid-America and AgCredit, honors outstanding agricultural educators across Ohio and crowns the Ohio Agricultural Educator of the Year.

Nominate the Ohio ag educator who has impacted you or someone you know now through Dec. 31, 2024

<https://ohioffa.org/foundation/programs/golden-owl-award/>



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## MEMBER BENEFIT HIGHLIGHT

### Energy and Utility Issues Resource Guide

Since the days of rural electrification, Ohio Farm Bureau has been helping members with information and resources related to energy development.



Our new Energy and Utility Issues Resource Guide is a members-only document that provides information about critical energy issues many farm families encounter. This new guide focuses on leases, easements, on-site generation and legal considerations for energy development on privately owned farmland in Ohio.

Millions of acres in Ohio are privately owned farmland, so when it comes to locating infrastructure for utilities such as pipelines, telecommunications, wind, solar and more, the stakes are high. There are also new opportunities for installing on-farm energy generation equipment to help manage costs and generate income. To learn more on this member benefit please visit the website below or scan the QR code.



<https://ofbf.org/membership/benefits/energy-utility-issues-resource-guide/>

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