

SUMMER 2023

# AROUND OUR COUNTY



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MEDINA COUNTY

## Mark Your Calendar!

### July 31 to August 6 | Medina County Fair

Medina County Farm Bureau is excited to, once again, offer Agricultural Acre at this year's Medina County Fair! And we could use help from members! Sign up to help keep an eye on things in the tent as well as pass out ice cream for the scavenger hunt. The tent has hatching chicks, a lassoing station, corn box, milking cow (fiberglass), miniature horses, and more! Great for all ages! Those signing up for a shift will be offered 1 of 2 options for a thank you item: either an admission pass OR a voucher for Raber's ice cream. If you want the admission pass, please provide your address to the office (otherwise, you will have the opportunity to claim an ice cream voucher at the fair).



### August 24 | Season's Harvest

This year's farm to table dinner will be hosted by Overlook Hill Farm and the food will be prepared by Chef Anthony at 111 Bistro. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Hope Recovery Farm. We are in need of volunteers to assist with the following: 8/23 evening, 8/24 noon, 8/24 5 PM and 8/24 9 pm. If any of these service areas appeal to your interests or skill sets, we would greatly appreciate your help! If you are interested in helping, please call

the office or email us at [medina@ofbf.org](mailto:medina@ofbf.org).

### September 7 | Annual Meeting

**Time:** 6:30 PM (dinner and social hour), 7:30 (meeting)  
**Where:** Amy's Arbors Event Center, 6375 Center Rd. Valley City, Ohio 44280  
**Cost:** \$15  
**RSVP deadline:** Aug 30  
Please register using this QR code or call the office at 330-263-7456



### October 14-15 | Fall Foliage Tour

Visit Medina County Farm Bureau members at the Lodi Library for "Storytime with a Farmer"! Cookies and milk will be provided to attendees. We are seeking farmer members to assist with reading books to children. Shifts last just 1 hour (book will be read twice per shift). Please call the office or visit our signup (follow QR code) to view available shifts. Thank you for offering your assistance!



### November 28 | 7th Annual Ag Toy Drive

**Time:** 5:30 - 8 PM  
**Where:** Lincoln Way Vineyards, Wooster

## NATIONWIDE BENEFIT

Nationwide is the #1 insurer of farms and ranches in the nation and is Ohio Farm Bureau's approved insurance and financial services provider. The following agencies are appointed with Nationwide and have been strong partners of your county Farm Bureau. Ohio Farm Bureau members receive a discount on some insurance products. Contact an agent or visit [nationwide.com/ofbf](http://nationwide.com/ofbf) for more details.



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# 2023 Medina Scholarship Recipients

Medina County Farm Bureau is pleased to announce its 2023 scholarship recipients:



**Bethany Baker** | Bethany is the daughter of Robert and Donna Baker and is a 2020 graduate of Wadsworth High School. She currently attends The Ohio State University studying mechanical engineering. Bethany's anticipated graduation date is May 2024. "I hope to work at a company that aids farmers in the food production area by producing the best products for the customers to be efficient with their time, sustainable for long-term use, and makes some tasks a little easier and more ergonomic." Congratulations Bethany!



**Ellen Fuller** | Ellen is the daughter of Timothy and Lisa Fuller and is a 2022 graduate of Highland High School. She currently attends Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute where she studies

Animal Science Beef and Small Ruminant Production/Meat Science. Ellen's anticipated graduation date is December 2026. "My academic goals are to graduate from the Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute and then transfer to the main campus to continue my major in Animal Science Beef and Small Ruminant production and start my minor in meat science. Once I graduate from the main campus of The Ohio State University, I will start my career goals. My career goals are to start my own meat processing business and meat store." We wish you the best of luck Ellen!



**Samuel Napier**- Samuel is the son of Mike and Jenny Napier and is a 2023 graduate of Highland High School. He plans to attend the University of Cincinnati where he will study Health Sciences. "This will allow me to work in a healthcare position or pursue further education in graduate programs. I have always been fueled by making a difference in

others' lives. Pursuing an education in health sciences will also give me the opportunity to discover changes and make advancements to better the lives of others. I look forward to taking coursework at the university level to further define the most rewarding and efficient way in which I may serve people." Good luck Samuel!



**Anna Shearer**- Anna is the daughter of Jackie and Fred Owen and is a 2020 graduate of Black River High School. She currently studies Agriscience Education/Production Agriculture at The Ohio State University with an anticipated graduation date of April 2024. "My career goals upon graduating are to become a high school agricultural educator and FFA advisor. I see the importance of teaching agricultural literacy and assisting students build life skills for post graduation. I chose this career as my passion for educating the next generation of high school students is significant." Best wishes Anna!

## Thank you to our business partners!



**Issue 1** | Ohio Farm Bureau recently announced support for Issue 1, a ballot measure being put before Ohio voters Aug. 8. The ballot measure will be part of a special election Aug. 8. If passed, the resolution will raise the threshold for approving constitutional amendments to 60% and also will modify the requirements for the petition process for proposals to change the constitution, requiring no less than 5% of the electors represented from every county of the state to sign a petition. Currently, signatures must be gathered for only 44 of Ohio's 88 counties. Additionally, the initiative would eliminate the 10-day period that petitioners are granted to replace any invalid signatures. Notably, Issue 1 only applies to constitutional changes, and the initiated petition process to amend Ohio law remains unchanged. For additional information about Issue 1 and why Ohio Farm Bureau supports it, view our FAQ document at [ofbf.org](http://ofbf.org). This information was also included in the Our Ohio magazine July/Aug issue.

### Board of Trustees

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Interested in serving as a trustee? The MCFB board meets approximately 8 times annually on the fourth Monday evening of the month around 7:30PM. Nominations for trustees are accepted until July 1 and nominees must be agriculturalists and members of MCFB. Please email [medina@ofbf.org](mailto:medina@ofbf.org) with your nomination.

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