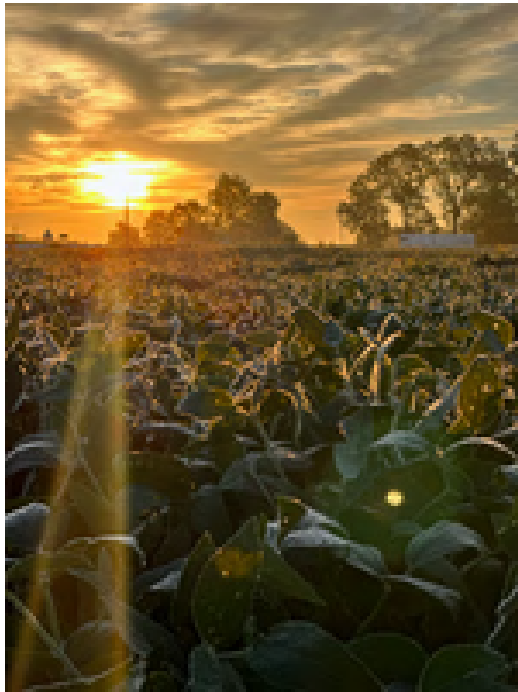


AROUND OUR COUNTY



MEDINA COUNTY

MEDINA COUNTY FARM BUREAU ANNUAL MEETING



Thurs Sept 5, 2024 | 6:30 PM
Buffalo Creek Retreat
8708 Hubbard Valley Rd. Seville, OH 44273



Register

Cost is \$15 per person (payable at the door).

Dinner is provided by Gridirne Catering and the menu includes brisket, chicken, red-skinned potatoes, green beans, tossed salad and pie.

Dinner and social hour beginning at 6:30 PM
Business meeting begins at 7:30 PM

If you wish to view the proposed policies and election ballot before the meeting, these will be available at medinafb.org beginning Aug 29.

Please RSVP by Fri Aug 28 via the QR code or by calling our office at 330-263-7456.



Farm Bureau
Night at the Ballpark
Saturday, June 22, 2024 | 7:05 PM | Akron

Cost: \$12 per person*
Cost includes: Admission
**children 3 and under are free.*
Tickets will be assessed a convenience fee of ~\$1.



Buy tickets

Tickets must be purchased online.
Order your tickets today at
<https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/ohiofb24>

Ticket purchase deadline: June 20



Fireworks will be on display after the game!

>>> MEDINA COUNTY FAIR | JULY 29 - AUG 4

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) 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 when you sign up online or to the office (otherwise, you will have the opportunity to claim an ice cream voucher at the fair). To see shift availability and to sign up, follow the QR code or give us a call.



Fair sign up

>>> FAIR KICKOFF PICNIC | JULY 28, 4-6 PM

Medina County Farm Bureau invites 4-H exhibitors and advisors to the 3rd annual Fair Kickoff Picnic located in the pavilion north of the show barn. Stop by anytime between 4 and 6 PM to grab a quick dinner. All Farm Bureau member families of livestock exhibitors are welcome. Non-member families are welcome with a donation.

Food available as long as supplies last.



Want to help? Check out the link or give us a call!



>>> FALL FOLIAGE TOUR OCT 12 AND 13

The location of this year's tour is Region 2: Chatham, Lafayette, Litchfield, Medina, York. Tour details will be available in late summer at medinacountyparks.com



>>> AG TOY DRIVE | NOV 26

Full event details will be available at medinafb.org and in the Facebook event in the month leading up to the event!



>>> SEASON'S HARVEST | AUG 15

This year's farm to table dinner will be hosted by Farming with Friends in Hinckley and the food will be prepared by Chef Anthony at 111 Bistro. Tickets go on sale (online only) June 3. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Farming with Friends, a nonprofit with a mission to restore God's creation through regenerative farming, employment of people with disabilities, and community engagement. We are in need of volunteers to assist with the following: 8/14 evening, 8/15 noon, 8/15 5 PM and 8/15 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.

>>> Twilight Dairy Tour | July 16

Location: Wayne County Fairgrounds
Time: A dairy summit will take place from 2 to 5 PM. The evening theme will be "farm to table" with samples available for a donation. There will also be dairy-related demonstrations.

Questions? Contact OSU Extension, Wayne Co. 330-264-8722.

This event is open to the public and is organized and executed by the Wayne/Ashland Dairy Service Unit.

>>> Farm Mass | Sept 22, 11 AM

Location: Besancon Farms; 6883 Weilersville Rd. Smithville

Questions? Contact paul.kipfstuhl@ccdacle.org or 330-241-9112

This event is open to the public and is organized and executed by the Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland.

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Fair Week
July 29th - Aug 4th

Questions please email
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➤➤➤ GROWING TOMORROW GRANT

Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation has introduced the Growing Tomorrow Grant. The new grant has been created to help inspire, encourage and nurture young agricultural professionals and entrepreneurs to find creative and transformative ways to address challenges facing the agricultural sector today, and to generate wider and deeper public understanding of farming and the ways that agriculture impacts our nation and our communities.

This grant-making program is the brainchild of Mike and Patti Boyert; Mike is Ohio Farm Bureau northeast regional trustee and a member of the Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation Board of Directors. The Boyerts remember well the struggles they encountered when they started their farming careers and the difficulties they faced in starting, growing and sustaining their farming business in Medina County. The Growing Tomorrow Grant program is the Boyerts' way of ensuring that creative young farmers can access opportunities they did not have, and enabling these young professionals to use their skills to alleviate the difficulties facing agriculture today, including a lack of public education regarding the importance of farms within the U.S. food system and the significant economic hardships facing rural communities and farm workers.

"We want to pay it forward, get young people started in agriculture that may not be able to, with just a little bit of a start," Patti Boyert said. "If they have the commitment, the dedication and are willing to work for it, I'd like to see more young people stay in agriculture and be able to produce a living from agriculture."



"The Growing Tomorrow Grant, the 'tomorrow' is not just tomorrow. It's for generations to come, and we're hoping if we get this generation and we give a couple people a jump start that when they're in a position, down the road that they're going to pay it forward, and keep this grant going and benefit young farmers for years to come."
-Patti Boyert

The Growing Tomorrow Grant will provide grants to new or early-stage agricultural businesses. Grants will focus on supporting, among other activities:

- The creation of long-term sustainable employment opportunities within Ohio farming communities.
- Educational opportunities to enable better public understanding of agriculture, help farmers learn from each other, and teach new and different agricultural methodologies.
- Businesses that use or demonstrate the viability of agricultural techniques that center on environmental stewardship.
- Farmers actively working to support and sustain the communities in which they live.

"The grant really helps sustain Ohio rural communities," said Mike Boyert. "It gives you an opportunity to promote different educational opportunities (and) a more public understanding of what agriculture is all about. It teaches new and different methodologies centered around our environmental stewardship, and it creates an opportunity for employment in Ohio farm communities."

Young professionals and entrepreneurs who are looking to secure startup funds for a new business or seeking funds to enhance the impact of an existing business are encouraged to apply. Grant recipients should have a solid business plan and sustainable solution to one or more of the four challenges listed above.

Get more information and apply by visiting ofb.ag/GrowingTomorrowGrant. Deadline for applications is July 31 at 5 p.m. For questions regarding the Growing Tomorrow Grant, please contact the Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation at foundation@ofbf.org.

Fred Finney inducted into the Ohio Agriculture Hall of Fame

The Ohio Agricultural Council will honor a new class of individuals who have significantly contributed to the advancement of Ohio's agricultural community during the 58th Ohio Agricultural Hall of Fame induction on Aug. 2 at the Ohio Expo Center.

The 2024 OAC Hall of Fame ceremony will celebrate the achievements of the late David W. Brandt of Carroll, Ohio; Bill and Janet Butler of Hillsboro, Ohio; Fred Finney of Wooster, Ohio, and the late Raymond A. Miller of Hilliard, Ohio. Each has uniquely impacted Ohio agriculture through innovation, education and leadership.

Fred Finney, a distinguished leader in Ohio's agricultural community, has made profound contributions to the state's produce industry. After serving in the U.S. Army, Finney began his career at Davis Melrose Company, which owned what would become Moreland Fruit Farm. In 1985, he purchased the farm and transformed it into a thriving 125-acre operation producing a diverse range of fruit and vegetable crops, significantly enhancing local food markets and supply chains.



Throughout his career, Finney has been instrumental in creating new market opportunities for farmers, particularly through his involvement in the establishment of the Farmers Produce Auction in Mt. Hope and the Mid-Ohio Growers Meeting. These initiatives have not only supported local farmers but also fostered community and economic development. His efforts have extended to national influence, particularly in food safety, where he played a critical role in the development of compliance training for the Food Safety Modernization Act, ensuring that small and Amish farmers were not overlooked.

Finney's leadership spans several prestigious roles, including serving as president of the Wayne County Farm Bureau, Ohio Farm Bureau state trustee representing Ashland, Medina, Summit and Wayne County Farm Bureaus, president of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation and on the board of directors for Nationwide Insurance. His work has earned him numerous accolades, including the Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award from the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation. Fred Finney's dedication to improving agricultural practices and supporting his community has left an indelible mark on Ohio's agricultural landscape, making him a respected figure in the industry.

Tickets to the induction breakfast on Aug 2 can be purchased at ohioagcouncil.org/halloffame

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Interested in serving as a Trustee?

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**Don't miss your invitation to
 the Night at the Ballpark or
 Annual Meeting!**