

Summer 2021



Case-Barlow Farm

*CBF Celebrates 22nd Year of Fall Harvest Fest on September 19th
With Old Fashioned, Tech-free Fun on the Farm!*



The Fall Harvest Fest at CBF returns on Sunday, September 19, offering attendees the chance to experience good old-fashioned farm fun at this unique festival that celebrates the historic Case-Barlow Farm. The event offers activities for all ages along with demonstrations, and of course, food from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Children will enjoy the chance to meet small farm animals including chickens, goats and bunnies. All attendees are sure to enjoy a hay wagon ride for the entire family!

Learn how to dip a candle, wash clothes the old-fashioned way, churn butter, shell and mash corn and make crafts to take home to friends and family. Games will include mazes, an old fashioned 3-legged race, tug-of-war, plastic yellow duck races, Ride'em and Rope'em, Feed the Wooden Pig, Apple Sling Shot, cookie walks, face painting, pumpkin bowling, High and Low Striker for children and adults, and so much more.

In addition, the 19th Ohio Light Artillery will display a Civil War encampment, Arborist Curt VanBlarcum, Stone Mason John Burnell, Blacksmith Shawn Petries, and Windsor Chair Maker Richard Grell will all be at the Fall Harvest Fest demonstrating their trades.

Various musicians will be entertaining throughout the day.

The Case-Barlow Farm's historical farm house will be filled with demonstrators showing the domestic chores and handcrafts of the early settlers and farmers. Beautiful quilts will also be on display. CBF's famous hot dogs, ice cones, root beer floats, cookies and more will be ready to feed those hungry "farm hands" when meal time arrives. The Fall Harvest Fest allows kids to be kids experiencing outdoor fun, without the need to be plugged into technology.

Admission is \$10.00 per adult, \$6.00 per child (ages 3-18 years old) and toddlers (2 years and under) are free. Refreshments are sold separately. This is CBF's major family event and fund raiser and all proceeds from this event will support CBF. If you would like to volunteer to help on Sunday, September 19, please call 330.650.0591. For more information, visit casebarlow.com.



CBF's Produce Stand, Wednesdays 4-6 pm



The gardens at CBF are flourishing thanks to the dedication of the wonderful gardeners who have given of their time and talents to raise produce for CBF to sell each Wednesday.

Stop by and enjoy the fresh grown carrots, beets, kale, beans, tomatoes, lettuce, eggplants, hot peppers, zucchini, basil and much more. Homemade breads using the CBF vegetables are yummy. Soon the apples will be ready for your pies. CBF famous bottled root beer is available to take home also.

Fresh flower arrangements from our gardens are waiting for your kitchen table.

Watch for the produce cart at the end of CBF's driveway. If the weather is stormy, drive in and purchase from the stand set up in the wagon shed. The produce will be available throughout the growing season, so mark your calendars and stop by.



CASE-BARLOW FARM



Why consider Case-Barlow Farm in your charitable giving?

- CBF is a self-sustaining 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.
- CBF is a volunteer run organization with no employees.
- CBF receives no local tax dollars.
- CBF relies on donations to pay for operations.
- CBF is on the National Register of Historic Places.
- CBF reflects the history and architecture of the Western Reserve.

CASE-BARLOW FARM - 2021-2022 FUNDRAISING DRIVE

Level of Support:

- \$1,000 \$ 100
 \$ 500 \$ 50
 \$ 250 _____

Online via: www.casebarlow.com/giving
OR

Mail form with a check made payable to:
Case-Barlow Farm
P.O. Box 2143
Hudson, Ohio 44236

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CBF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Donations are tax-deductible.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Big Red Has a New Floor

Do you remember the old plywood flooring that was installed to cover all the holes and rotted floor boards, well it is no longer visible! Thanks to the generosity of you, our donors, and Senator Kristina Roegner, who secured a State of Ohio Historical grant, the floor has been replaced with Tulip Poplar wood. The Tuliptree, found throughout all of Ohio, is named for the appearance of its showy flowers that resemble tulips. Tuliptree is the tallest tree of the eastern forests with the straightest trunks, achieving heights of well over 100 feet with 4-foot diameters. It once covered a large portion of our area and was used by many farmers for flooring. The second floor of the farm house is finished with Tuliptree wood.



Mark Your
Calendar Now

Turkey Tot Trot— Saturday, November 20

Santa in the Barn—Saturday, December 11

A Christmas Tea—Friday, December 3; Saturday, December 4,
& Sunday December 5

Watch for more details of these exciting events at
Casebarlow.com

Is a Party in Your Future?

Are you planning a wedding, shower, reunion, graduation party, corporate event or anniversary next year? Now is the time to start planning. Come tour the newly renovated historical 1890 barn with its authentic beams, iron chandeliers, unique atmosphere and towering roof line, and decide for yourself what a special setting CBF can offer.

CBF has received rave reviews on recent events held on site.

Be sure to log into Casebarlow.com and see pictures of recent events. The possibilities are endless. For more information about events at *Big Red* or the historical farm house, please visit casebarlow.com or call 330.650.0591.

Summer of Fun at Busy Open Houses

CBF hosted 2nd Sunday open houses allowing families and friends to enjoy the beautiful, sunny weather and have some outdoor fun activities. They were a great success this year.

On June 13 Hudson Historian, Tom Vince spoke on the connection of Case-Barlow Farm and John Brown who was raised in an abolitionist household in Hudson and Akron. Brown served as a conductor on the Underground Railroad and harbored freedom seekers on the journey north.

The July 11 open house got a little messy as young children ages 6 to 12 years gathered to conduct a day of fun with the Mad Scientist. They performed hands-on experiments with smoke, balloons and GAK.

After the rain delay on August 8, families came to CBF to discover if they could have been a farmer when Chauncey and Cleopatra Case and other pioneers came to Ohio. It was a difficult life for the pioneers, but the children and families had fun milking the wooden cow, sawing the logs to make their home, planting the garden and more.

Charming Country Entrance

Installation of a brick patio was completed just in time for exciting events at *Big Red*.

Thanks to the generosity of a local foundation, CBF was able to create a patio to adjoin the decking and safety rails. The patio and deck were installed over the uncovered nineteenth century cistern, adding protection and providing a level surface for guests to enter and exit the barn.



CBF Root Beer



When you are shopping at Hudson Ace Hardware, be sure to pick CBF Root Beer to take home!

Engineered Permeable Driveway Installed

Last fall, through generous donations, a 195' long x 20' wide driveway from the CBF Park apron to the bank of *Big Red* was installed permitting trucks to deliver items to the barn without worrying if the ground is dry and solid. The company removed existing soil, installed limestone base for drainage, then laid the grid paver system and topped it with soil and grass seed. CBF is now contracting to have the same system installed to reach the caterers door and emergency staircase on the east side

Cupola Standing Proud

The mighty CBF cupola was in dire need of repairs. The roof was leaking onto *Big Red's* beautiful new flooring. Sugar Creek Builders came to the rescue and removed the rotted wood, installed new framing and created new water tight louvers.



Help Us Raise Funds!

Shop at any Acme Fresh Market store, including the one in Hudson, and collect your receipts from August 5 through December 25, 2021. Acme generously gives to the local non-profit organizations, five cents for every dollar that is marked at the bottom of the receipts as a "Community Cash Back". Invite your friends and family to save their receipts for you!

You can send your receipts to Case-Barlow Farm at P.O. Box 2143, Hudson, OH 44236 or drop them off at the farm's back porch, where a large canning jar is waiting for your receipts.

It is so easy with the holidays coming. We know that you will be creating your specialty dishes and visiting Acme often. So, watch for those Community Cash Back dollars when shopping.

The Country Barn

It stands in quiet solitude,
Yet tells a story true,
Of life and love and rural charm;
That's how our country grew.
It once was used to house the stock,
And hold sweet smelling hay,
So often, too, a sheltered place
For children at their play.
It mostly holds nostalgia now
About the Countryside,
A good barn enhanced the farm,
And was the farmer's pride.

By Eunice Boyd Hackward
(sister-in-law of Hudson residence Louise Boyd)

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Milk Wagon Tales by Heather Gandy in *Farewell to Farms*

“Living in Hudson as a dairy farmer in the forties was very different for Merrill Mills from life in Hudson today. Merrill would get up at two or three a.m., have a cup of coffee and some cake, start the milk route and then take a break and come home to have a good breakfast and then complete the route. To catch up on sleep, he would nap from four to six in the afternoon—the usual daily routine. He remembered such a schedule when his own father was a dairyman.



“Merrill’s father, Frank Howard Mills, had operated a dairy, F. H. Mills, in 1919, on Streetsboro Road, about a mile east of Stow Road. The cows were hand-milked. His dairy produced raw milk, meaning it was not pasteurized or homogenized. Merrill wore overalls while he helped his dad to deliver the milk in a horse and wagon to about 100 customers, all in Hudson.

“One day, when Merrill was delivering milk for his dad, he made a stop at the A&P Grocery on Main Street in Hudson. When Merrill and his horse, “Tommy”, arrived at the store, the manager came out and gave the horse an apple. This became such a habit for Tommy, that he would not wait for the manager, but would just step up on the sidewalk and take an apple out of the crate. This horse was well-trained. When Merrill would climb out of the wagon to deliver milk, Tommy would proceed to the next house, pulling the milk wagon behind him and wait for Merrill. Sometimes when the Mills delivered milk on Clinton Street near the trains, and the trains or “steamers” built up too much pressure in the boilers, there would be a terrific explosion. That boom always scared Tommy and made him run off with the wagon.

“After helping his father deliver milk in the early morning, Merrill went off to school. At the district school house on the west side of Stow Road, not far from Streetsboro Road, he remembers receiving a couple of lickings. One day after Merrill and some friends had made a large snowball, they stuck it on a broom handle. When they found out that some girls were in the school outhouse, they decided to bar the door with the snowball. After discovering that they could not get out, the girls started to yell for help. That was one of the lickings.

“Eventually, I started my own dairy on the family farm in Hudson. That was around 1942. Mills Dairy Farm, which included a bottling plant for the milk, offered such items as milk, cream and cottage cheese. Merrill explains that the milk bottles were originally closed off with plug caps, flat cardboard covered with wax. These caps were eventually replaced with hooded caps which came over the lip of the bottle. In 1968, after selling the family farm, the Mills bought a small farm in Carrollton, Ohio.”