

# Case-Barlow Farm

## *MASK-ER-AID Saturday, October 3rd* *An Outdoor Barbeque Fundraising Event*



Case-Barlow Farm, founded in 1814, is hosting a fundraiser to aid the historic farm's operating funds, which have been affected by the pandemic. We unfortunately had to cancel the Fall Fest this year, our premiere fundraising event so CBF is hosting MASK-ER-AID, an adult event at the farm. The October 3rd event features an outdoor backyard barbeque complete with a mouth-watering dinner, prepared by Brandt Evans of Comida and Blue Canyon Tavern. In addition to the barbeque, there will be a cash bar, music, raffle and a fun evening to enjoy. It will also offer a chance to view the newly renovated *Big Red* barn, a prime location for weddings, corporate events, and banquets.

Masks are required, and patrons are strongly encouraged to be creative with the now-standard face covering. It will be a fun opportunity to embellish your face masks and raise money for a great cause. Prizes will be awarded for originality.

The Farm's five-acre site allows for generous spacing of tables and appropriate Covid distancing. CBF is confident that it can provide a safe, physically distanced spaced event that will be enjoyable for those in attendance.

MASK-ER-AID will take place Saturday, October 3rd from 5 pm to 10 pm at the farm, located at 1931 Barlow Road in Hudson. The cost is \$40 per person or \$75 per couple. All tickets will be sold in advance. A take-out option will be available with advance notice for those who are unable to attend.

Thank you to The Kaulig Foundation, Simplay3 and Heinen's of Hudson for their generosity as our top event sponsors. For more information about MASK-ER-AID and to purchase tickets, visit [facebook@casebarlowfarm](https://facebook@casebarlowfarm); or [www.casebarlow.com](http://www.casebarlow.com) or <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mask-er-aid-tickets-117180705645>. You can also mail your information and check to CBF, P.O. Box 2143, Hudson, Oh 44236. Hope to see you at the Farm for this great event.

## *Wonderful Volunteers Help Out on CBF Clean-up Day*



On a sunny Saturday, May 30th, several volunteers answered the call to CBF. The volunteers, ranging in age from 15 to 70+, pulled weeds, spread mulch and did general cleaning projects on the Farm's five acres during its annual Spring Work Day. Farm work is hard work, and these volunteers were fantastic; they finished all of the spring clean-up projects in just one day, helping to make the Farm beautiful. The CBF volunteer board simply could not have done the work without the help of these kind, giving area residents. While everyone has been distancing and staying at home, more

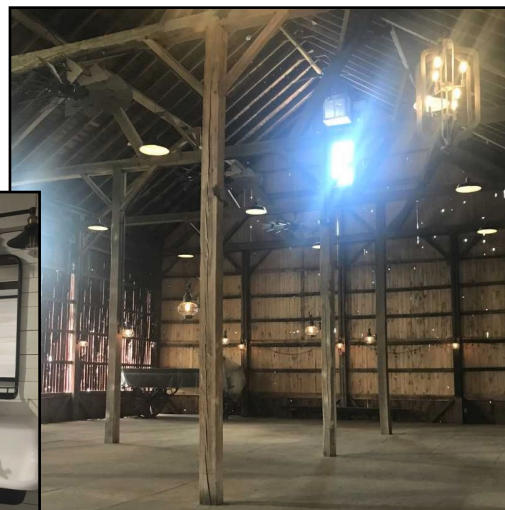
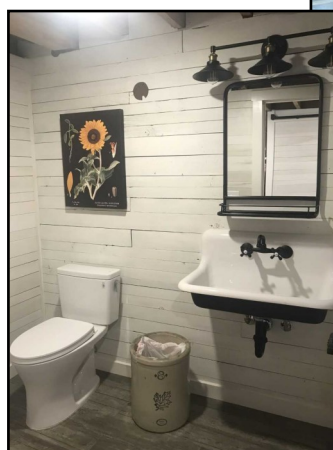
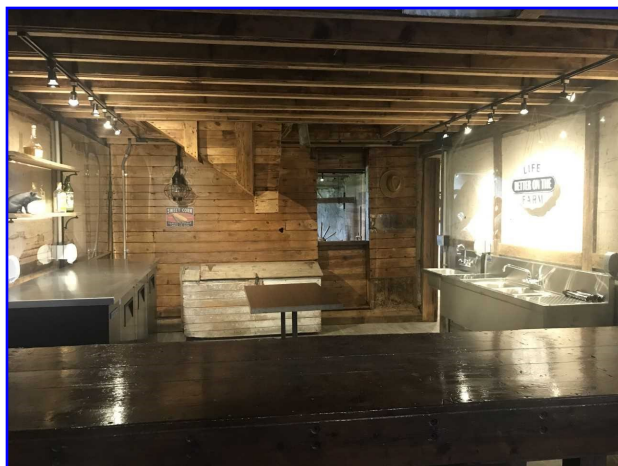
than one volunteer commented about how great it felt to be outdoors putting in a full day's work. CBF welcomes volunteers to assist year round at the farm. For more information about lending a hand, visit [www.casebarlow.com](http://www.casebarlow.com).



## Big Red is Ready to Rent

Renovations are complete and *Big Red*, the iconic red barn and centerpiece of Case-Barlow Farm, enjoyed Sunday, July 12 afternoon with visitors that marveled at its size and amenities. Community members had the opportunity to meet the new and improved yet historic barn, while learning a little history about the Farm. CBF board members were on hand to share some of the stories of the Farm, tell of the complex renovations while guests toured the massive 100 x 50 foot barn. The guests saw the love and ingenuity that went into turning a historical barn into a very special event center. From the equipment and hay storage area, three beautiful bathrooms, and a bar serving area were created. Much of the old wood was preserved in place and new wood was added where needed. A museum loft highlights the back stairwell. Unique sconces, iron chandeliers and up-lighting add to the charming atmosphere while preserving the authentic barn with its towering roof line. *Big Red* is now ready for your wedding, family or school reunion, company party and meeting. In fact, those with events that need to be scheduled quickly may be surprised to find some dates are still available for rent.

For more information about Case-Barlow Farm as well as to book events, visit [casebarlow.com](http://casebarlow.com) or email [casebarlowevents@gmail.com](mailto:casebarlowevents@gmail.com).



## Summer of Fun at CBF

CBF hosted Sunday open houses, allowing families and friends to enjoy the beautiful, sunny weather and have some outdoor fun farm activities. On August 9th, guests viewed and petted small farm animals, took part in an outdoor scavenger hunt for a sweet prize, learned about “rain barrels”, raised gardens and toured the gardens with the CBF gardeners. Attendees also made their own root beer floats and took home some farm produce grown right at the farm.

“Come on Down! The Price Is Right” Open House on Sunday September 13th, was a great experience for young and old alike. Everyone had a chance to test their knowledge, or make good guesses on what the price of farm items were in 1950! Did you know that a dozen eggs was 60 cents, or about \$6.40 in today’s dollars, while grape jelly/jam was 60 cents a jar? Pumpkins were 2 cents a pound and milk cost \$0.95 a gallon. Federal minimum wage was only \$0.75 per hour! Guessing was such fun.

Who knew prices could be so different today? Farm members were on hand to teach the children about the farm and how prices have changed. Fresh produce from the garden was offered, and the popular make your own root beer floats were once again a great hit!





## Agricultural Status of Case-Barlow

In 2019, Case-Barlow Farm petitioned the City of Hudson and Summit County to apply Agricultural Status to the farm. This status was recommended by the Summit County building official to allow for greater flexibility when applying modern day building codes to renovations of our nineteenth century barn. The AG status was granted, and now CBF is required to sell a minimum of \$2,500 of agricultural products each year to maintain that status.

## Jacob Cox Eagle Scout Project at CBF

Jacob Cox, a Life Scout in Troop 333 of Hudson, completed his Eagle Scout project at Case-Barlow Farm. Jacob's project was to build and install raised garden beds and gravel pathways for the Farm. In order for the beds to have a long, useful life, cedar was used for the frames. The raised beds are being used to grow vegetables and other food items to be used in local Hudson restaurants and businesses and also to sell to the community. Robinson Lawn and Garden Center helped Jacob with the design and also furnished the correct soil mixture. Local chefs have expressed interest in purchasing products and lending support for this effort. The *Chef's Garden* will complement our existing *Pollinator Garden*, *19th Century Garden*, *Community Garden*, grape cultivation, and apple orchard. All helping to achieve and maintain the AG status.

Thank you, Jacob, for your dedication to Scouting and for the wonderful raised garden beds.

## Calhoun Foundation Matching Grant Challenge

While CBF has completed significant interior renovations of the iconic barn, *Big Red*, it is time to also focus on making the exterior of the barn as safe and inviting as possible while preserving its historic character.

The second-floor main level is now our primary event space where all guests will visit. The bank of the barn is sturdy and protects the uncovered nineteenth century cistern, which is partially exposed as an exhibit of the operation methods of early Western Reserve farms. CBF is adding a deck platform at the top of the bank to provide a level surface for guests to enter and exit the barn. The project also includes safety railings along both sides of the bank. The cost of this project is \$11,000. CBF has received a matching grant challenge from the Kenneth L. Calhoun Charitable Trust. The trust is donating up to \$5,500 to CBF for this safety project with the understanding that the remaining \$5,500 will be secured from other sources. CBF accepted this generous challenge. With a wonderful donation from Taste of Hudson, "Race to the Taste," and other supporters, CBF has received over \$2,300 of the needed \$5,500. Considering the long lead time in obtaining the cedar wood needed for this project, and in anticipation of meeting the Calhoun challenge grant, the CBF Board of Trustees voted to authorize the contractor to proceed with the much needed deck and railing.

If you would like to help us meet this goal, please go to [casebarlow.com](http://casebarlow.com) and donate or mail your check to P.O. Box 2143, Hudson, Ohio 44236. Thank you so very much; your help is truly appreciated!

## Hudson Community Foundation Grant

To properly showcase the CBF's agricultural products, a produce stand is needed. Hudson Community Foundation has partnered with CBF and granted funds to build the produce stand. The stand will be a shed-like structure with a display counter and attractive awning. It will be affixed to a small trailer so that it can easily be moved. The use of the stand will be incorporated into programming through presentations, field trips and hands-on volunteering. The stand will be built this winter and will proudly stand ready for the garden produce in 2021.

Thank you to the Hudson Community Foundation for your generous grant and allowing CBF to move one step closer to completing our AG status requirements.



### Help us Raise Funds!

Shop at any Acme Fresh Market store, including the one in Hudson, and collect your receipts from August 6 through December 26, 2020. Acme generously gives to the local non-profit organizations, five cents for every dollar that is marked at the bottom of the receipt 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 and 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.

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### Bookmobiles In Hudson

Around the world and through the centuries, libraries have delivered books to their communities with mobile libraries on bicycles, carts, motor vehicles, trains, watercraft, and wagon, as well as camels, donkeys, elephants, horses and even mules.

The Hudson Library and Historical Society provided a bookmobile service to Hudson area families in the 1940's and 50's. HLHS Librarian Marjorie B. Clelland started the bookmobile with over 2,000 books available for checkout. According to the 1950 census, the population of Hudson was only 1,538 residents with many living in rural areas without easy access to the library.

Richard Grell grew up near the Barlow Farm on Norton Road. He recalls the bookmobile made stops at clusters of homes in the rural areas to promote reading during the summer. When he checked out a book, it was from a box truck that you walked into with shelves of books on each side to choose from. It was both a novelty and a big deal to check out books during the summer.

Although the HLHS no longer offers the bookmobile option, archivist Gwen Mayer said the practice of providing off-site service continues. The HLHS's Outreach Services provides library materials on a regular basis to preschools and retirement communities in Hudson. CBF has been a recipient of library materials for short and long term displays.

If you have lived around CBF when it was a working farm, please share your memories by contacting Case-Barlow Farm by email or phone. Photos and other memorabilia would be most appreciated.

*Picture of Hudson Bookmobile on Barlow Road is from the Facebook Group, "I Grew Up in Hudson, Ohio".*

