The Ashland County Agricultural Society is planning to replace the Rabbit Barn with a new structure. The existing building has too many items in need of repair. Fundraising got its start with the Ashland County Community Foundation making the initial grant of $7,500.

After securing the grant from the Ashland County Community Foundation, the family of Thomas J. McDonough stepped forward with a memorial grant that is currently at $11,966. The building will be named in his honor.

McDonough dedicated himself to agriculture, education, family and community involvement. As a youngster he was involved in 4-H and his children all participated in it as well. His children said “County fairs were a major part of dad’s life. He eagerly looked forward to attending fairs throughout Ohio every year. Being able to help sponsor the Rabbit Barn at his “hometown” fair under his name is a meaningful way to project that enthusiasm into the future”

The Ashland County Fair Auxiliary, the Livestock Sales Committee, the 4-H Horse Committee and some individual donations have put the total commitment at $28,166. The building cost is estimated to be about $50,000.

This building is one of several continuous improvement projects completed at the Ashland County Fairgrounds. If you or your organization has an interest in donating to this project please call the Fair Office at 419-289-0466.