

Farm Bureau Tailgating at ISU Fall Football Events

Look for the McLean County Farm Bureau tent at two Illinois State University tailgating events this fall.

The IMPACT committee will sponsor a tent at ISU Ag Weekend on Sept. 10 and at CommUniversity on Sept. 24.

The tent will feature hands on learning activities including the combine cab simulator from the Food and Family Farmers exhibit at the McLean County Fair.

Visitors will be able to experience corn harvest from the driver's seat and learn more about McLean County's top crop through the video.

ISU Ag Weekend on Sept. 10 will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Agriculture Department. The special tailgating event starts at 3:30 p.m. and the game begins at 6:30 p.m.

CommUniversity is sponsored by the McLean County Chamber of Commerce. Tailgating begins at 3 p.m. with the game to follow at 6 p.m.

If you are interested in volunteering to help in the Farm Bureau tent, please contact Anna Ziegler at (309) 663-6497 or anna@mcfb.org. All volunteers will receive free tickets to the football game.



McLean County Farm Bureau Board members presented a gift basket to Rep. Thaddeus Jones on July 14 during their visit to the urban legislator's district to welcome him to the Adopt-A-Legislator program. Pictured from left: Mark Hines, Rep. Jones, Fred Grieder, Scott Hoeft and Carl Neubauer



Barns of McLean County Tour

Visit some of McLean County's historic barns on Sat., Sept. 10 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. as part of the Sixth Annual Barn Keepers Tour.

The driving tour features barns near Ellsworth and LeRoy, plus a stop at Twin Groves Wind Farm.

Attendees can register and pick up their map and tour booklet at the United Methodist Church in Ellsworth. Breakfast and lunch will be available for purchase at the church.

The cost for the tour is \$15 per carload or attendees can purchase

a one year membership in the McLean County Barn Keepers for \$25 and enjoy the tour for free.

Attendees can complete the tour at their own pace. Guides will be available to answer questions.

The tour is sponsored by McLean County Barn Keepers, a group that works to document and share information about local barns and promote barn preservation and restoration.

For more information about the tour or McLean County Barn Keepers, contact Jim Hanlin at (309) 662-0101.

Board Members Visit Adopted Legislator

Four members of the McLean County Farm Bureau Board of Directors visited the legislative district of our adopted legislator, Rep. Thaddeus Jones, on July 14.

The Adopt-A-Legislator program provides opportunities for farmers to build personal relationships with urban legislator. The goal of the program is to educate urban legislators about agriculture, and rural life, while also helping Farm Bureau members better understand the needs and concerns of an urban district.

Board members Scott Hoeft, Carl Neubauer, Mark Hines and Fred Grieder traveled to Calumet City, Ill. to learn more about the major issues facing Rep. Jones' urban district and talk about legislative priorities.

Ruth Zeldenrust, Cook County Farm Bureau Member; Ann Larson, Cook County Farm Bureau intern; and Christina Nourie, Northeast Legislative Coordinator for the Illinois Farm Bureau, also participated in the district visit.

After a brief stop at the district legislative office, the group toured Thornton Township Food Pantry, where Rep. Jones worked as a caseworker for 17 years.

While at the food pantry, the group discussed food related challenges facing the urban district including food desserts, unemployment and poverty.

Rep. Jones took the group on a driving tour of his current district and areas that will be in the district once the new legislative maps take effect.

The board members also met with the mayor of Ford Heights, an impoverished village in the district, and discussed economic development challenges.

After dinner with Rep. Jones and his staff, the group attended the Calumet City Council meeting. Rep. Jones, who serves as an alderman on the city council, introduced the group during the meeting.

McLean County Farm Bureau President, Scott Hoeft spoke briefly about the Adopt-A-Legislator program and extended an invitation to participate in visit to the McLean County Fair scheduled for Aug. 4.

Rep. Jones was elected in Nov. 2010 to the Illinois House of Representatives from the 29th District.



NASCAR Tickets Member Discount

Save on tickets to the Dollar General 300 at ChicagoLand Speedway in Joliet on Sat., Sept. 17 as a member of McLean County Farm Bureau.

Tickets are \$40 each through a discount available exclusively to Farm Bureau members.

To purchase tickets call Blayne at (815) 722-4865 or e-mail bsim@chicagoland Speedway.com.

Stroke Detection Plus Screenings

Stroke Detection Plus will conduct stroke and vascular screenings at the Farm Bureau building (402 N Hershey) in Bloomington on Wed., Aug. 24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The four screenings are stroke, abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease and osteoporosis.

Show your Farm Bureau membership card and receive all four tests for \$90, a savings of \$35. Appointments are necessary and can be made by calling toll free (877) 732-8258.



Member Discount

Rader Family Farms is offering a discount to McLean County Farm Bureau members.

Show your Farm Bureau membership card and receive \$1 off admission per person for up to four people. This offer will be good Sept. 17-30, 2011.

Rader Family Farms is located west of Normal on Ropp Road. Visit www.raderfamilyfarms.com for more information.

Upcoming Events:

August		
Wed. 24	9 a.m.	Stroke Detection Plus Screenings
Thurs. 25	11:30 a.m.	Prime Timers Meeting at Denny's
Sept.		
Sat. 10	3:30 p.m.	ISU Ag Weekend - FB Tailgate
Tues. 13		Farm Bureau Board Meeting
Sat. 24	3 p.m.	CommUniversity at ISU - FB Tailgate