

Farmer's Breakfast Aug. 3

McLean County Farm Bureau members are invited to the Farmer's Breakfast at the McLean County Fair on Wed. Aug. 3.

Join us for a hot breakfast buffet of pancakes, biscuits and gravy, bacon, eggs and hash browns from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. in the Main Expo building on the fairgrounds. Breakfast will be served by board members and committee members.

The breakfast costs just \$1 per person for Farm Bureau members and their families. Reservations are required. Please call the McLean

County Farm Bureau office at 309-663-6497 to register.

Be sure to show your Farm Bureau membership card at the gate on Wed. Aug. 3 to receive free admission to the fair.

During the Farmer's Breakfast, the Young Leader committee will be sponsoring a raffle and bake sale to benefit the McLean County Fair and 4-H Show.

The Farmer's Breakfast is sponsored by the Member Services and Governmental Affairs committees.



More than 40 golfers hit the links at Prairie Vista Golf Course on June 20 to benefit the McLean County Fair and 4-H Show. Pictured (from left): T.J. Weber, Darren Davis, Steve Herbert and Todd Runge.

Golf Outing Benefits McLean County Fair and 4-H Show

The 2nd Annual McLean County Farm Bureau Foundation Golf Outing held on June 20 raised more than \$4,000 to benefit the McLean County Fair and 4-H Show.

Despite a thunderstorm delay, more than 40 golfers played the course and competed for prizes. The group enjoyed a ribeye dinner to conclude the day.

Dave Wilson, Pat and Sheri Bane, Mark Hines and Scott Hoef

took home honors for the top team after a tie-breaker.

Prizes were awarded in the men's and women's divisions for the longest drive and the longest putt. Golfers could also compete in a Beat the Pro contest.

Thank you to all of the sponsors and contributors who helped make the event successful.

Mark your calendars and save the date for next year's golf outing on June 18, 2012.

Upcoming Events:

July

Tues. 12	7 p.m.	FB Board Meeting
Fri. 22	6 p.m.	Ag Night at the CornBelters & Young Leader Pedal Tractor Pull for kids
Wed. 27	8:45 a.m.	ILFB Commodities Conference

August

Wed. 3 - Sun. 7		McLean County Fair
Tues. 9	7 p.m.	FB Board Meeting
Wed. 24	9 a.m.	Stroke Detection Plus Screenings
Thurs. 25	11:30 a.m.	Prime Timers Meeting at Denny's

McLean County Fair Aug. 3-7

Open 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily
Gates close at 9 p.m.

Wednesday - Ag Day

-Everyone \$1
-Farm Bureau members get in free

Thursday - Young at Heart Day

-Seniors (60+) get in free all day

Friday - Merchant's Day

-Kids get in free with coupon from participating sponsors

4-H Show information: Call (309) 663-8306 or visit www.mcleanextension.org

Admission Prices:

Advance & Gate:	Season Armbands:
5 & under - Free	Child (6-12) \$6
Child (6-12) - \$3	Adult (13+) \$15
Adult (13+) - \$6	

Grandstand Entertainment:

Wed. Aug. 3 - 6 p.m.

Tobin's Pizza Big Smoker's Tractor Pull
- \$5 grandstand seating

Thurs. Aug. 4 - 7 p.m.

U.S. Freestyle Motocross Jump Off
- \$10 grandstand seating

Fri. Aug. 5 - 5 p.m.

FREE Country Concert
-featuring Brett Eldredge & Darryl Worley

Sat. Aug. 6 - 7 p.m.

Nationwide Demolition Derby
- \$15 grandstand seating

Sun. Aug. 7 - 2 p.m.

Tobin's Pizza Tractor & Pickup Truck Pulls
- \$5 grandstand seating

Visit www.mcleancountyfair.org or call (309) 663-6497 for more information.



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 over the phone call Blayne at (815) 722-4865 or e-mail bsim@chicagoland Speedway.com for online ordering instructions.

ILFB Commodity Conference

The Illinois Farm Bureau Commodity Conference will be Wed. July 27 at the Marriott Hotel in Normal. The cost is \$35 per person including lunch.

Sessions start at 8:45 a.m. and conclude at 4:15 p.m. The conference covers a wide range of topics related to marketing and risk management.

For registration information visit www.ilfb.org or call the McLean County Farm Bureau office at (309) 663-6497.

Farmers Needed for Food and Farm Exhibit at Fair

Step up and share the story of agriculture as a volunteer at the Food and Farm Exhibit at the 2011 McLean County Fair Aug. 3-7.

We are especially looking for farmers to share their knowledge and help bring the exhibit to life. Farmers are the experts who can provide credible information.

Volunteers are needed to fill three hour shifts each day at the fair from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Each volunteer will receive free admission, meal voucher and a t-shirt. Volunteers who work at least two shifts can receive tickets to the carnival or to a grandstand event.

To sign up, please contact Shelly at (309) 433-3453 or shanover@normal.org by July 24.

Volunteers should plan to attend one of the training sessions on Mon., Aug. 1 at 2:30 p.m. or

at 5:30 p.m. in the Main Expo building on the fairgrounds.

The Food and Farm Exhibit demonstrates the tools and technology farmers use to grow safe, healthy food for a growing population.

The goal is to provide accurate information, answer questions and bridge the gap between farmers and the nonfarm public.

Visitors can experience corn harvest in the combine cab simulator, learn about precision farming with the GPS simulator and test their knowledge with a Farm Ag Trivia game.

Videos and life-size photo cutouts with quote boards showcase McLean County farmers and their farms.

The exhibit also offers a corn play table, a make and take activity station and real farm animals.

DOT Farm Trucking Rules

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) is reviewing its farm trucking regulations.

Farmers are encouraged to weigh in and submit comments about how the regulations affect their farming operation. The deadline to submit comments has been extended to Aug. 1.

The FMCSA is accepting comments on three issues:

- Interstate v. Intrastate
- For Hire Carrier designations
- Implements of Husbandry

For more information about how to submit comments visit www.mcfb.org or call the McLean County Farm Bureau office at (309) 663-6497.