



# Messenger

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## JOIN US! @ AG AFTER HOURS

Networking & Professional Development  
for young farmers & agribusiness professionals.

**TUES., JAN. 30 @ ASMARK AGRICENTER**  
14171 Carole Drive, Bloomington

Speaker: Jean Payne, IL Fertilizer & Chemical Assoc.  
Nutrient & Pesticide Issues

**TUES., FEB. 13 @ GROWMARK LEARNING CENTER**

2908 County Road 925 North, Bloomington  
Speaker: Eric Wilcox, GROWMARK  
FS Custom Applicator Training Simulator  
Sponsored by Evergreen FS

**THURS., MARCH 22 @ EVERGREEN FS**

402 N Hershey Road, Bloomington  
Speaker: Sean Ariens, The Climate Corporation  
Precision Ag Technology

**DOORS OPEN @ 5:30 P.M. • SPEAKER @ 6 P.M.**  
Appetizers Provided • Cash Bar

## Landowner 101 Series Offers Leasing, Management Training

Expand your understanding and skills for managing your farmland with a series of Landowner 101 classes to be offered by McLean County Farm Bureau. Topics to be covered include:

- Feb. 15 - Farmland Leasing
- March 1 - Basic Agronomy
- March 8 - Grain Marketing

Classes will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the McLean County Farm Bureau building, 2242 Westgate Drive in Bloomington.

Sessions will be led by Don Meyer and Dr. Maria Boemgen of the Illinois State University Department of Agriculture.

Cost for each class is \$20 per farm or \$50 per farm for all three Landowner 101 sessions. More than one person per farm may attend the sessions.

Farm Bureau members will receive a 25 percent discount on registration fees.

The registration fee covers all class materials and light refreshments during each session.

To sign-up, please contact McLean County Farm Bureau at (309) 663 - 6497 or register online at [www.mcfb.org](http://www.mcfb.org).

Whether you recently inherited farmland or are a long time owner, the Landowner 101 classes will offer practical information to help you manage your productive assets.

Topics covered will include lease types, farmland values and productivity, soil health and grain marketing tools.

A minimum of 15 farms must register for each class to be held.

## Upcoming Events

January		
Wed. 17	5:30 p.m.	Young Leader ISU Basketball Night
Thurs. 18	5 p.m.	MCFB Annual Meeting
Tues. 23		MCFB FFA Acquaintance Day
Tues. 30	5:30 p.m.	Young Leader Ag After Hours
February		
Tues. 6	8 a.m.	COUNTRY Crop Seminar
Wed. 7	7:30 a.m.	On the Road Seminar at ASMARK
Tues. 13	5:30 p.m.	Young Leader Ag After Hours
Thurs. 15	6:30 p.m.	Landowner 101
Tues. 20		MCFB Board Meeting
Thurs. 22	11:20 a.m.	Prime Timers Meeting at Denny's
Thurs. 22	6:30 p.m.	Food Evolution Screening at ISU
Sat. 24	6 p.m.	MCFB Foundation Trivia Night

## MCFB Board Election Results

McLean County Farm Bureau members Brian Dirks, Ellsworth; Carl Neubauer, Downs; and J.C. Zimmerman were re-elected to serve on the Board of Directors.

Matt Witte, Heyworth, was elected as a new member of the board. All board members are elected to three year terms.

## Annual Business Meeting Jan. 18

Notice is hereby given that the McLean County Farm Bureau will hold the organization's 104th Annual Business Meeting Thurs., Jan. 18 at 5 p.m. at 2242 Westgate Drive in Bloomington.

The business meeting will include financial and program reports as well as any other business that may be properly presented.

All voting members are welcome to attend. Reservations are not required.

## Ag Scholarships Opportunities

McLean County students pursuing ag-related careers are eligible for a number of scholarship opportunities including:

**McLean County Farm Bureau Foundation Ag Leadership Scholarships** - Up to five \$1,000 scholarships. Two will be awarded to high school seniors, one to an Illinois State University student and two to students at a college, university, technical or trade school. Postmark deadline is Feb. 1, 2018. Applications available at [www.mcfb.org/scholarships](http://www.mcfb.org/scholarships).

**McLean County Beef Association Scholarships** - Up to four \$500 scholarships awarded. Two will be awarded to high school seniors and two to students already in college. Postmark deadline Feb. 1, 2018 Applications available at [www.mcfb.org/scholarships](http://www.mcfb.org/scholarships).

**IAA Foundation Scholarships** - 74 scholarships from \$1,000 to \$7,500 will be awarded, postmark deadline: Feb. 1, 2018. Details and application available at [www.iaafoundation.org](http://www.iaafoundation.org).

**Balloon Association of Greater Illinois (BAGI) scholarships** - \$500 scholarships. The application deadline is March 15, 2018. The application and eligibility requirements are available at [www.bagiballoon.org](http://www.bagiballoon.org).

## McLean County Farm Bureau Foundation



Join us for a fun night of friendly competition to benefit ag education!



**Team Spirit Theme: Winter Olympics**

Go for the Gold! Celebrate your favorite Olympic winter sport or team with costumes or table decorations!



**Cash Bar • Prizes • 50/50 Raffles Silent Auction & more!**

Register at [www.mcfb.org](http://www.mcfb.org) or call (309) 663-6497

**Sat., Feb. 24**  
GE/Union Park Clubhouse  
1750 GE Road, Bloomington  
**6 p.m. - Doors Open**  
Light supper/snacks provided  
**7 p.m. - Trivia Starts**  
**\$160 per team**  
(up to 8 people)  
All participants must be 21+

## COUNTRY Crop Update Feb. 6

To help you plan for the 2018 growing season and address your insurance needs, local COUNTRY Financial crop experts will offer a free Crop Update Meeting Tues., Feb. 6 at Evergreen FS, 402 N Hershey Rd in Bloomington.

Hear important updates on crop and farm insurance products, precision ag technology plus a grain marketing outlook from AgriVisor.

Doors will open at 7:45 a.m. and the event begins at 8 a.m.

Complimentary breakfast will be provided along with freebies and door prizes.

Registration deadline is Tues., Jan. 30.

To sign-up, contact a local COUNTRY Crop Representative:

- Jim Hanlin (309) 662-0101
- Kevin Keighin (309) 662-8452
- Darren Davis (309) 874-2751

## On the Road Transportation Rules Seminar Set for Feb. 7

Take a look at the latest farm trucking rules and transportation regulations at the On the Road Seminar Wed. Feb. 7 at 8 a.m. at the ASMARK Agricenter, 14171 Carole Drive in Bloomington.

Illinois Farm Bureau staff Kevin Rund and Kirby Wagner will cover the complexities of licensing requirements and farm exemptions.

Additional topics include Harvest Season Emergency permits, longer trucks on local roads, Electronic Logging Devices, Universal Carrier Registration

filing deadline, anhydrous ammonia nurse tank movements and proof of citizenship requirements.

Doors will open at 7:30 a.m. with coffee and donuts provided.

The program is free, but reservations are required. Please contact McLean County Farm Bureau at (309) 663-6497 or sign up online at [www.mcfb.org](http://www.mcfb.org) to register.

The event is sponsored by the McLean and Livingston County Farm Bureaus and Prairie Central Co-op.