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McLean County Farm Bureau board member, Arin Rader (right), and Pike-Scott County FB member, Andy Sprague (left), discussed issues with Congressman Darin LaHood R-Dunlap during the Illinois Farm Bureau Leaders to Washington trip March 12-14.

Rader Talks Trade, Key Farm Issues on Leaders to DC Trip

Trade, infrastructure funding and Farm Bill implementation served as key discussion topics during the recent Illinois Farm Bureau Leaders to Washington trip held March 12-14.

McLean County Farm Bureau board member, Arin Rader, traveled to the nation's capital along with 20 Illinois farmers to advocate for agriculture.

Rader met with Congressman Darin LaHood, R-Dunlap, as well

as U.S. Sens. Tammy Duckworth, D-Hoffman Estates, and Dick Durbin, D-Springfield.

The group also visited with officials at the USDA and the Canadian Embassy.

Illinois Farm Bureau offers the Leaders to Washington trip for farmer members twice a year.

To join Illinois Farm Bureau's advocacy efforts, sign up for the Farm Bureau Agriculture Contact Team at www.ilfb.org/fbact.

New Advisory Board Members

Keith Detwiler of Flanagan, Kristen Faucon of Bloomington, Rachel Hawk of Bloomington, and Tyler Deal of Danvers, have been appointed to serve as advisory members on the McLean County Farm Bureau Board of Directors.

As advisory members, they will participate in the monthly McLean County Farm Bureau board of directors' meetings as non-voting members and have the opportunity to attend other Farm Bureau programs like the IAA Annual Meeting.

The McLean County Farm Bureau board created the advisory positions in 2015 to serve as a leadership development program.

The program promotes active participation in McLean County Farm Bureau as well as train and equip emerging leaders to serve in agricultural leadership positions.

Advisory board members are appointed to a one year term with an option to serve a second year based on interest and satisfactory completion of the first year.

Grandin to Speak at ISU April 10

Animal science expert and autism advocate, Dr. Temple Grandin, will speak at Illinois State University Wed., April 10 at 7 p.m. in the Brown Ballroom at the Bone Student Center.

The event is free and open to the public. Grandin's address "The World Needs All Kinds of Minds," will serve as the keynote for ISU's Science and Technology Week.

Grandin, considered the most accomplished and well-known adult with autism, holds a Ph.D. in animal science from the University of Illinois. She has designed livestock handling facilities around the world. Almost half of the cattle in North America are handled using a center track restrainer system that she designed for meat plants.

Today, she teaches courses on livestock behavior and facility design at Colorado State University and consults with the livestock industry on facility design, livestock handling, and animal welfare.

She is also the author of several books. A book signing will be offered immediately following the lecture. The event is sponsored by the College of Applied Science and Technology.



Team 'After School Specials' took home bragging rights as the winning team at the 2019 McLean County Farm Bureau Foundation Trivia Night. Nineteen teams competed in the event March 15 and helped raise more than \$5,000 to support ag education.

Trivia Night Raises Funds for McLean County FB Foundation

Nineteen teams competed at the 2019 McLean County Farm Bureau Foundation Trivia Night March 15.

The event raised more than \$5,000 to support local agriculture education efforts.

McLean County Farm Bureau Foundation provides support for Ag in the Classroom programs, FFA chapter grants, ag science grants for teachers, Ag Leadership Scholarships, and the educational exhibit at McLean County Fair.

Team 'After School Specials' racked up the most points to win the trivia competition and Team 'Cowabunga' placed second. The After School Specials also won the team spirit competition with 1980s themed costumes, table decorations and props.

The event also included a silent auction, raffles, games and prizes through out the evening.

Thank you to all of the sponsors, donors and attendees who helped make the event successful.

2019 McLean County FB Officers



McLean County Farm Bureau Board of Directors elected officers at their January meeting. From left: Carl Neubauer, Treasurer; Mark Hines, President; Brian Dirks, Vice-President; and J.C. Zimmerman, Secretary.

Upcoming Events

April		
Wed., 10	9 a.m.	Stroke Detection Plus at Evergreen FS
	7 p.m.	Temple Grandin, ISU Bone Student Center
Tues. 16		MCFB Board Meeting
Fri. 19		Office Closed - Happy Easter!
Thurs. 25	11:30 a.m.	Prime Timers Meeting at Denny's
May		
Tues. 21		MCFB Board Meeting
Mon. 27		Memorial Day - Office Closed

BIG Thank You!

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