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Young Leaders Donate Milk



McLean County Farm Bureau Young Leaders donated milk to Midwest Food Bank as part of the social media based #10GallonChallenge. The group also volunteered by packaging food for distribution to local agencies Dec. 20.

MCFB Young Leader Activities

McLean County Farm Bureau Young Leaders are invited to attend these upcoming events:

Ag After Hours - Jan. 29

Joins us after work Tues., Jan. 29 for Ag After Hours at the McLean County Museum of History.

Guest curator, Don Meyer, will share leadership lessons from local farm history at 6:30 p.m. in the Governor Fifer Courtroom on the 2nd floor.

Admission is free. Appetizers will be provided and families are welcome to attend. A kids activity will be provided during the

program. Guests age 21 and older can join us for drinks afterwards.

ISU Basketball - Feb. 24

Save the date and plan to join us for an Illinois State University Basketball game Sun., Feb. 24.

Game time will be 1 p.m. or 3 p.m. pending final scheduling. Families are welcome to attend and pizza will be provided either before or after the game.

Cost is \$10 per person for pizza and a ticket to the game. Reservations required by Feb. 22. To sign up, please contact anna@mcfb.org or (309) 663-6497.

Nutrient Management Seminar

Check out ways to maximize your fertilizer use and reduce losses with a Nutrient Management Seminar Wed., Feb. 13 at the McLean County fairgrounds.

Cost to attend is \$15 for Farm Bureau members or \$20 for non-members. Doors will open at 8 a.m. and the program will conclude with lunch.

Topics include updates to the Maximum Return to Nitrogen

formula and 10 Ways to Reduce Nitrate Losses from Tile Drained Fields.

Jeff Boeckler of Northwater Consulting will also offer a look at what's at stake for farmers in the Lake Bloomington and Lake Evergreen Watershed Plans, scheduled to be updated starting in 2019.

To register visit www.mcfb.org or call (309)663-6497.

Upcoming Events

January

Thurs. 17		FFA Acquaintance Day
Tues. 22	9 a.m.	On the Road Seminar at ASMARK
Wed. 23	5:30 p.m.	Beef Talk & Brewery Tour, Destihl
Thurs. 24	5 p.m.	MCFB Annual Business Meeting
Fri. 25 & Sat. 26		IFB Young Leader Conference
Tues. 29	5:30 p.m.	Young Leader Ag After Hours

February

Thurs. 7	8 a.m.	COUNTRY Crop Seminar
Fri. 8	9 a.m.	Anhydrous Safety Training at ASMARK
Wed. 13	8 a.m.	Nutrient Management Seminar
Sun. 24		Young Leader ISU Basketball Game
Thurs. 28	11:30 a.m.	Prime Timers' Meeting at Denny's



MCFB Board Election Results

McLean County Farm Bureau members Darren Davis of McLean; Mark Hines of Downs; and Kyle Rafferty of LeRoy were re-elected to serve on the Board of Directors.

David Schuler of Chenoa, was elected as a new member of the board. All board members are elected to three year terms.

Annual Business Meeting Jan. 24

Notice is hereby given that the McLean County Farm Bureau will hold the organization's Annual Business Meeting Thurs., Jan. 24 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.

COUNTRY Crop Seminar Feb. 7

To help you plan for the 2019 growing season and address your insurance needs, local COUNTRY Financial crop experts will offer a free Crop Seminar Thurs., Feb. 7 at Evergreen FS, 402 N Hershey Rd in Bloomington.

Hear important updates on crop and farm insurance products, plus a look at the new 2018 Farm Bill and a grain market outlook.

Farmers can learn about a new product for the 2019 growing season called Soil Type Plus coverage. This coverage can be purchased in addition to federal crop coverage and will be tied to a farm's soil productivity index.

Doors will open at 7:30 a.m. with breakfast served at 8 a.m.

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

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

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

On the Road Transportation Rules Seminar Set for Jan. 22

Get the latest information on farm trucking rules and transportation regulations at the On the Road Seminar Tues., Jan. 22 at 9 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.

Trucking laws have been reshaped in recent years with more changes yet to come.

Recent changes include: farmer exemptions, Harvest Season Emergency permits, longer trucks on local roads, Electronic Logging Devices (ELDs) and waivers for insulin-related diabetic drivers.

Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. with coffee and donuts provided.

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

MCFB Members Invited to Beef Research Talk & Brewery Tour

McLean County Farm Bureau members are invited for a Beef Research Talk & Brewery Tour Wed., Jan. 23 at Destihl Brewery 1200 Greenbriar Drive in Normal.

Cost is \$10 per person for Farm Bureau members or \$15 for non-members. The event includes a brewery tour and heavy appetizers will be provided. Cash bar will also be available.

Illinois State University professor, Dr. Justin Rickard will join us to share research results from beef cattle feeding trials using spent grains from Destihl.

Advance reservations are required and the deadline to sign-up is Jan. 21. To register, call (309) 663-6497, e-mail anna@mcfb.org or sign-up online at www.mcfb.org.

Farmer Anhydrous Ammonia Safety Training Offered Feb. 8

Brush up on your knowledge of how to stay safe while transporting and applying anhydrous ammonia Feb. 8, 2019 from 9 a.m. to noon.

The training is geared for farmers and seasonal farm workers.

Training will be provided by the Illinois Fertilizer & Chemical Association at the Asmark

Agricenter, 14171 Carole Drive in Bloomington.

Cost for the class is \$5 per person for Farm Bureau members or \$10 per person for non-members.

Registration fee includes breakfast refreshments and lunch. Sign-up online at www.mcfb.org or call (309)663-6497.

Scholarship Opportunities for Students Seeking Ag Careers

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 a student at a college, university, technical or trade school. Postmark deadline is Feb. 1, 2019. Applications available at 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, 2019 Applications available at www.mcfb.org/scholarships.

IAA Foundation Scholarships - 74 scholarships from \$1,000 to \$7,500 will be awarded, postmark deadline: Feb. 1, 2019. Details and application available at www.iaafoundation.org.

Balloon Association of Greater Illinois (BAGI) scholarships - \$500 scholarships. The application deadline is March 15, 2019. The application and eligibility requirements are available at www.bagiballoon.org.