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IFB Legislative Reception



McLean County Farm Bureau members met with elected officials during Illinois Farm Bureau's statewide legislative reception Feb. 19 in Springfield. From left: Fred Grieder, Mark Hines, Illinois Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton, Mitch Ernst and Brian Dirks.



John Sullivan, Acting Director of the Illinois Department of Agriculture, (center) visits with David Meiss, Illinois Farm Bureau board member (left), and Brian Dirks, McLean County Farm Bureau Vice President at the Governmental Affairs Leadership Conference.



Senator Bill Brady (R), Bloomington was one of several local legislators who attended the reception. Representatives Dan Brady (R), Normal, Dan Caulkins (R), Decatur and Keith Sommer (R), Morton also stopped by. Pictured from left: Matt Witte, Carrie Bangert, Brian Bangert, Sen. Brady and Brian Dirks.

Upcoming Events

March
 Fri. 15 5:30 p.m. MCFB Foundation Trivia Night
 Tues. 19 MCFB Board Meeting
 Wed. 20 6:30 a.m. Chamber Ag Breakfast, Chateau

April
 Tues. 2 Consolidated Election - Go Vote!
 Wed., 10 9 a.m. Stroke Detection Plus at Evergreen FS
 Tues. 16 MCFB Board Meeting
 Thurs. 25 11:30 a.m. Prime Timers Meeting at Denny's

Farm Trucking Rules Resource

Do you need a DOT number for your farm trucks? Is a CDL required for hauling grain or livestock with a semi?

Illinois Farm Bureau offers a guide with fact sheets to help farmers untangle the regulations, learn what rules apply and understand the exemptions available.

The 2019 version of "Motor Vehicle Rules for Illinois Farmers" is available online at www.ilfb.org. Click on "Resources" and then "Transportation Resources."

McLean County Farm Bureau also has a limited number of hard copies available at our office 2242 Westgate Drive, Bloomington. Please call to confirm copies are still available (309)663-6497.

Topics covered in the guide include:

- Farm Vehicle Driver & Covered Farm Vehicle Exemptions
- Driver Qualifications
- DOT Physical
- USDOT Number & the UCR
- Hours of Service
- Size & Weight Limits
- Harvest Season Permit
- Licensing Farm Trucks
- Drug & Alcohol Screening
- Implements of Husbandry
- SMV Emblem
- ATV Use on Public Roads
- Driver's License Types and Classifications

Illinois Farm Bureau produces the guide annually. Fact sheets are updated with the most recent changes, but regulations can change without notice.

Stroke Detection Plus Screening

Check your risk of stroke with a Stroke Detection Plus wellness screening Wed, April 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Evergreen FS, 402 North Hershey Rd, Bloomington.

Farm Bureau members can receive four screenings for \$100, a \$35 discount!

Screenings include stroke/carotid artery, abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease and an osteoporosis/bone density test.

An EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation can be added to your screening for \$35.

Advance appointments are required. Please call (877) 732-8258 to schedule your appointment.

McLean County Farm Bureau Foundation

TRIVIA NIGHT

Join us for a fun night to benefit ag education!

Team Spirit Theme:

BACK TO THE 80S

Celebrate the music, movies, fads & fashions of the 1980s with your team name, attire & table decor!



Fri., March 15
 New Lafayette Club
 107 E Lafayette St, Bloomington
5:30 p.m. - Doors Open
 Light supper/snacks provided
6:30 p.m. - Trivia
\$160 per team
 (up to 8 people)
 All participants must be 21+

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

Register at www.mcfb.org or call (309) 663-6497



Dr. Emerson Nafziger, University of Illinois Crop Sciences Professor Emeritus, presented on nitrogen rate and application timing research at the Nutrient Management Seminar held Feb. 13.

Managing Nutrients, Reducing Losses Focus of Seminar

The 2019 Nutrient Management Seminar offered ways to maximize fertilizer use and reduce nutrient losses, plus a look at what local watershed planning efforts will mean for McLean County farmers.

Lyndsey Ramsey, Illinois Farm Bureau, shared an update on the Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy and the organization's environmental efforts.

Attendees heard about using data to better manage nutrients and new technologies on the horizon from Brendan Bachman, GROWMARK.

Dr. Emerson Nafziger, Professor Emeritus, University of Illinois, presented the latest research on nitrogen rates and trials.

Lake Bloomington and Lake Evergreen Watershed Plans are scheduled for updates starting in 2019. Jeff Boeckler, Northwater Consulting, discussed data collection, analysis and implementation.

Haley Haverbach, University of Illinois Extension, wrapped up the program with a presentation on 10 Ways to Reduce Nitrogen Losses from Tile Drained Fields.