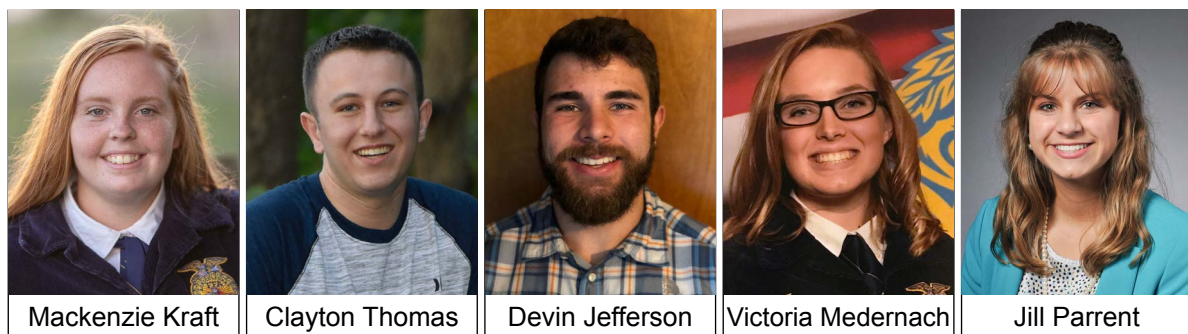




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MCFB Foundation Scholarship Winners

McLean County Farm Bureau Foundation is pleased to announce five local students selected to receive a 2019-20 Agriculture Leadership Scholarship.

Normal Community High School senior, Mackenzie Kraft, plans to study Animal Science at Iowa State University.

Clayton Thomas, a senior at Normal Community West High School, plans to major in Agricultural Science Education at the University of Nebraska.

Devin Jefferson will be a senior at Illinois State University studying Agronomy Management. Jefferson graduated from Normal Community West School.

LeRoy High School graduate, Victoria Medernach, will be a sophomore at Parkland College studying to be a Power Equipment Technician.

Iowa State University senior, Jill Parrent, is majoring in Agricultural Communications and is a graduate of Normal Community

West High School.

Each student will receive \$1,000 to be used for educational expenses as they pursue ag-related careers.

Recipients are selected based on leadership, involvement in school and community and interest in agriculture.

The Foundation is funded by voluntary donations from Farm Bureau members, local supporters and fundraising efforts including our annual golf outing.

McLean County Farm Bureau Foundation

Golf Outing

Monday, June 17, 2019
@ The Den Golf Course
9:30 a.m. shotgun start



- \$90 per golfer, teams of 4, best ball
- Includes golf cart, snacks, ribeye dinner & prizes
- If you don't golf...join us for the ribeye dinner, auction & raffles for just \$20!



Register online at www.mcfb.org/foundation

All proceeds benefit the agricultural educational efforts of the McLean County Farm Bureau Foundation!

Industrial Hemp Forum to Look at Research, Licensing June 25

Check out the challenges and opportunities for growing industrial hemp in central Illinois at an upcoming informational forum, hosted by McLean County Farm Bureau.

The event will be Tues., June 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the Mini Expo building at the McLean County Fairgrounds. The program is free and light refreshments will be provided.

Please call (309)663-6497 or visit www.mcfb.org to RSVP.

Dr. Win Phippen of Western Illinois University, will share insights from his 2018 industrial hemp research trails in Mason and Warren counties.

The event will also include Bill Bodine of Illinois Farm Bureau to provide an overview of the legal requirements and regulations for growing industrial hemp.

As of April 30, 2019 Illinois farmers can apply for a license to grow industrial hemp from the Illinois Department of Agriculture. Growing industrial hemp without a license is illegal.

Hemp seed must be certified to ensure the hemp grown will not contain more than 0.3 percent THC (tetrahydrocannabinol).

Growers must also supply GPS coordinates for the field or fields, acreage, variety and/or strain of hemp to be planted, the crop's intended use as seed, fiber and/or cannabidiol, also known as CBD.

Industrial hemp fields will be subject to periodic inspection by the Illinois Department of Agriculture for THC levels.

For more information, visit the Industrial Hemp page on the Illinois Department of Agriculture website at <http://bit.ly/2DQFtIW>.



FFA Service Award Winners

McLean County Farm Bureau is pleased to announce the winners of the 2019 FFA Service Awards.

The awards are given annually to one member from each local FFA chapter. Winners include:

- Kathryn Cole, Blue Ridge
- Kate Henkel, El Paso-Gridley
- Sara Ingels, Heyworth
- Jerred Grussing, LeRoy
- Carly Groth, Lexington
- Georgia Merkle, Normal Community
- Jaden Thompson, Normal West
- Cavit Schempp, Olympia
- Levi Zimmerman, Ridgeview
- Cole Neubauer, Tri-Valley

Golden Clover Nominations

McLean County Farm Bureau is accepting nominations for the 2019 Golden Clover Awards to recognize individuals for outstanding service to 4-H and the McLean County Fair.

Find details and the nomination form online at www.mcfb.org/goldenclover or call (309) 663-6497 to request a hard copy. The nomination deadline is June 1.

IFB Leadership Program Graduates



McLean County Farm Bureau members Tori Streitmatter and Kristen Kubsch developed leadership skills in communication, political process, ag economics and global issues in the Illinois Farm Bureau Agricultural Leaders of Tomorrow (ALOT) program. Pictured (from left): Steve Stallman, IAA District 16 Director; Streitmatter; Kubsch; and Randy Poskin, IAA District 6 Director.

Baseball Game Bus Trip to St. Louis for Cards v. Cubs June 1

Enjoy a day of baseball and watch the St. Louis Cardinals play the Chicago Cubs at Busch Stadium in St. Louis Sat., June 1 with area Farm Bureau members.

The cost is \$125 per person for Farm Bureau members or \$150 for non-members (four ticket limit). The price includes your ticket to the game and round-trip charter bus transportation from Peoria.

The bus will leave at 1 p.m. and game time is 6:15 p.m.

Return time will depend on the length of the game, but will likely

be midnight or later.

Participants will have time in the afternoon on their own to explore Ballpark Village, visit the St. Louis Arch or watch batting practice before the game.

Seats will be located in Section 235 which is in the second level on the right field side of the stadium.

For more information or to sign up for the trip, contact the Peoria County Farm Bureau at (309)686-7070. You can also register online for tickets at www.peoriacountyfarmbureau.org.

Upcoming Events

May		
Mon. 27		Office Closed - Honoring Memorial Day!
June		
Sat. 1	1 p.m.	Cards v. Cubs Baseball Bus Trip
Sat. 1		Golden Clover Nomination Deadline
Tues. 4 - Fri. 7		Ag in the Classroom Teacher Workshop
Mon. 17	9:30 a.m.	MCFB Foundation Golf Outing
Tues. 18		MCFB Board Meeting
Tues. 25	6:30 p.m.	Industrial Hemp Forum
Thurs. 27	11:30 a.m.	Prime Timers Meeting @ Denny's