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McLean County Farm Bureau President (left) Mark Hines presents Larry and Mary Mohr with a 2020 Golden Clover Award.



Members of Tom Young's family (left) received the 2020 Emerald Clover from McLean Farm Bureau President Mark Hines.

2020 Golden Clovers Honored

dedicated supporters of 4-H and the McLean County Fair received recognition as 2020 Golden, Emerald and Special Clover Award winners.

Larry and Mary Mohr were honored as Golden Clovers for serving as leaders of the Udder Club in Normal for many years. The Mohrs provided opportunities for youth to show livestock, participate in judging contests and promote dairy products.

The late Tom Young received the Emerald Clover for serving

as a long time volunteer in the Swine Barn. He also served as President of the McLean County Pork Producers and was involved in many 4-H related events.

Linda Smith received a Special Clover for her work as an Extension staff member from December 2002-May 2013.

Smith served as the fiscal secretary and worked behind the scenes to support all 4-H activities including the county fair. She will be presented with her award at a

McLean County Fair Association

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Dan Guth, Swine

Bryan Hoffman, Sheep & Goats

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Ken Schwoerer, Beef & Dairy

Thank you to all of the superintendents, announcers & show ring volunteers who helped make the 2020 McLean County Fair Junior Show possible. Congratulations to all of the youth exhibitors on a great show!



Normal Community High School teacher, Daniel Higby (right) and ISU Horticulture Center Coordinator, Jessica Chambers show off a new Little Free Library constructed by high school students and sponsored by McLean County Farm Bureau.



McLean County Farm Bureau Vice President, Brian Dirks (left) delivered more than 1,000 ears of fresh sweet corn to be distributed in our adopted legislator, Representative Thaddeus Jones' area.



Tyler Deal (left) and Arin Rader load pallets with food products for distribution to area agencies during a McLean County Farm Bureau volunteer night at Midwest Food Bank.

Davis Awarded Friend of Ag



Congressman Rodney Davis (R-13), center, earned an Illinois Farm Bureau ACTIVATOR Friend of Agriuchture award for his support and voting record on ag-related issues. McLean County Farm Bureau members (from left) Brian Dirks, Clarence Thomas, Mark Hines and Fred Grieder presented the award.

You have three ways to cast your votes in the 2020 General Election: 1. Vote by Mail - Mail in an application now through October 29. Completed ballots can be mailed in starting Sept. 24

2. **Vote Early** - Sept. 24 - Nov. 2

3. Vote Election Day - Nov. 3

Find polling locations and times at www.mcleancountyil.gov/ elections or call (309) 888-5190.

Farm Bureau Gives Back

Sponsoring a new Little Free ag-related books to fill it. Library, donating sweet corn and volunteering at Midwest Food August.

A new Little Free Library shaped like a barn gives visitors to the children's garden at Illinois State University's Horticulture Center the chance to read or share a book. Built by Normal Community High School students, McLean County Farm Bureau sponsored the building materials and donated

McLean County Farm Bureau donated more than 1,000 ears Bank are all ways McLean County of fresh sweet corn to Thornton Farm Bureau gave back to the Township Food Assistance Center community during the month of located in our adopted legislator, Rep. Thaddeus Jones' district.

> The sweet corn was grown by Lay Farms west of Bloomington and delivered by McLean County Farm Bureau Vice President, Brian Dirks, and his wife Linda.

> Local Farm Brueau members also volunteered at Midwest Food Bank Aug. 25 to load pallets for food distribution.