



News and Notes for Board, Committee Members and Friends of LaSalle County Farm Bureau

DATEBOOK

August

- 6 District 4 Young Leaders Cook Out - Mendota 4:00 p.m.—?
- 10 Legislative Breakfast 8:00 a.m. - Sunfield Ottawa
- 13 Riverfest Ag Day 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Downtown Ottawa
- 16 IFB Young Leaders Agri-Quiz Bowl State Fairgrounds
- 17 Prime Timer Committee Mtg., 12:00 (noon) Sunfield - Ottawa
- 17 Young Leader Mtg., 7:30 p.m.—Farm Credit Bldg. - Ottawa
- 18 Finance Committee Mtg.—7:00 p.m.—FB Bldg.
- 18 Board Meeting—7:30 p.m.—Extension Office
- 22 District 4 Meeting, 6:30 p.m.—Mendota, IL
- 24 Jr. Fair Board Meeting - 7:30 - p.m. - TBD



Young Leaders Agri-Quiz Bowl  
The Young Leader Agri-Quiz Bowl Contest is scheduled for Tuesday, August 16, at the Illinois State Fair. The Agri-Quiz Bowl is for “MM”, “AM”, and “A” members,

ages 18 to 35. Locally organized county Farm Bureau teams compete against each other for prizes and personal development. The contest is designed to test the knowledge of young farmers in areas of agriculture and Farm Bureau as well as to encourage teamwork and increase involvement. LaSalle County Farm Bureau has a team competing this year. The Young Leaders representing LaSalle County Farm Bureau are: Justin Durdan, Jake Warner, Bill and Lisa McDonnell. Good Luck!

Thank You Volunteers at Lemonade Stand

We extend our sincere thank you to everyone that volunteered their time and joined us to help at the Lemonade Stand during the La-Salle County and 4-H Jr. Fair. This year we had over 40 volunteers that contributed their efforts to make this project a success!!

Pardon our Dust

If you have been to the LaSalle County Farm Bureau building, recently, you have noticed a lot of construction going on. Well, we started with the remodeling of the Grainco office and have moved west, including the restrooms and the LaSalle County Farm Bureau office. We are scheduled to be done with the restrooms and the LaSalle County Farm Bureau office before August 26. We will then move on to the flooring in the entrance, kitchen and auditorium, as well as the ceiling. Through these improvements we have improved the professional appearance of our building and have definitely added to the value of the building.

Two New Local Benefits for Farm Bureau Members  
LaSalle County Farm Bureau is pleased to add 2 new local discount benefits for our members.

They are as follows:

1. Corner 230  
230 W. Madison St.  
Ottawa, IL 61350  
(815) 434-0000  
Discount: \$2.00 off any one food menu item.  
One discount per table.
2. Classic Cleaners  
604 Columbus St.  
Ottawa, IL 61350  
Discount: 25% discount on all dry cleaning.  
\$1.65 for laundered shirts  
Drive thru service available.

LaSalle County Farm Bureau continually strives to add benefits that will appeal to our membership. We hope you will patronize the businesses that offer our members a discount.

2011 GRASSROOTS ISSUE TEAMS  
APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

Farm Bureau members interested in policy issues related to Illinois agriculture have until August 11 to apply for the Illinois Farm Bureau Grassroots Issue Teams (GRITs) program. GRITs is made up of eight teams that explore ideas, issues, and concerns that affect Illinois agriculture. GRITs serves in an advisory role to the IFB Board of Directors and the recommendations you develop may be used to enhance IFB's existing policy development process. Members are appointed to a one year term. Teams meet twice a year for the one-day meetings. If needed, those meetings will be supplemented with mailings or conference calls. Anyone who would like to work with county leaders, has a passion for agriculture, or wants to explore the different aspects of agriculture should consider completing an application. Applications are available at [www.ilfb.org](http://www.ilfb.org) or at your local county Farm Bureau.