



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

DATEBOOK

January

- 3 Legislative Comm. Mtg.
7:00 p.m. FB Bldg.
- 3 Local Affairs Comm. Mtg.
8:00 p.m. - FB Bldg.
- 4 Viewpoint Comm. Mtg.
7:00 p.m. - FB Bldg.
- 4 Membership Comm. Mtg.—8:00 p.m.—FB Bldg.
- 8 - AFBF Annual Convention
- 11 Honolulu, Hawaii
- 18 Prime Timer’s Breakfast Mtg.—9:00 a.m.
Sunfield Restaurant, Ottawa
- 18 Young Leaders Kick-Off Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
Bianchi’s - Ottawa
- 19 Finance Comm. Mtg.—6:30 p.m.—FB Bldg.
- 19 Board Member Mtg.—7:00 p.m.—FB Bldg.
- 23 Marketing Comm. Mtg. - 7:00 p.m. - FB Bldg.
- 24 Jr. Fair Annual and Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
FB Bldg.



Young Leader Kick-off Meeting

The LaSalle County Farm Bureau Young Leader Committee hosts an annual meeting to invite potential members to join them for an evening to learn all about the committee. The date for the meeting will be on Wednesday, January 18 at Bianchi’s Pizza at 6:30 pm in Ottawa. If you know of any young farmer/leader **under the age of 35**, ask them to attend and please contact our office so that we can contact them as well. To have a viable committee, we need to have new members join.

COMMITTEES TO MEET IN JANUARY

Each standing committee will be meeting in the month of January to plan their program of work for 2012. A POW is an outline of activities that each committee is planning to accomplish/sponsor. *Input from every Committee member is essential to producing new and unique activities*

FUNDS RAISED FOR EDUCATION

To date, we have received **\$11,604.00** for the Foundation from the voluntary contribution added to the dues notices this fall. The amount of \$9,684.00 was received from “A” members and \$1,920.00 from “M” members.

FARM BUREAU OFFICERS ELECTED

The LaSalle County Farm Bureau Board of Directors elected its leadership team for the coming year at its December board meeting. Utica farmer Monty Whipple was re-elected as president of the organization. He will serve a one year term. Monty will begin his eighth year as President. Also elected to fill the vacancy of retiring director Jerry Enger of Serena, IL was Steve Wilson of Utica. The Board also elected Bill Gray of Tonica as Secretary. Bill has served on the Board since 2007. Darren Walter was re-elected as Vice-President and Mike Stone was re-elected as Treasurer.

IFB \$1,000.00 Reward Program

It is possible for LaSalle County Farm Bureau members to collect a possible \$1,000 reward for a felony conviction for rural theft. According to the October 17 edition of *Farm-Week*, scrap metal thefts are on the rise in Illinois. County Sheriff Robert Hertz said he doesn’t think there’s any area of the state that has not been affected. Farmers and other rural residents are encouraged to be vigilant and re report any metal thefts to law enforcement. LaSalle County Farm Bureau is enrolled in the IFB \$1,000 Reward Program. An informant who provides a tip leading to a felony theft conviction (against a Farm Bureau member’s ag production related property) will be paid a \$1,000.00 reward. 45 counties are currently enrolled in the program and four payouts have been made since the program’s inception, the latest in April, 2011.

Jr. Fair Board Director Position Available

The Jr. Fair Board of Directors which is comprised of 9 Members (5 from LaSalle County Farm Bureau and 4 from Extension serve one year terms. Ken Tyrrell who served as a representative from LaSalle County Farm Bureau has announced that he will not be seeking another term. The Annual Meeting in which the board members are elected will take place on January 24. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please call Jeff Hartman at the Farm Bureau office.

\$500 Ford Exclusive Cash Bonus Extended for Farm Bureau Members

Illinois Farm Bureau members can get \$500 Bonus Cash saving off vehicle MSRP toward the purchase or lease of any eligible 2011/2012/2013 Ford or Lincoln vehicle. Take advantage of saving on your choice of vehicles from Ford’s hard working technologically advanced new lineup of cars and trucks, including the 2012 Ford F-150. To find more information on these offers, visit www.fordspecialoffer.com/farmbureau/il