



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

DATE-BOOK
February



- 3-4 Young Leaders Conference, Bloomington
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 16 Finance Committee Mtg.—6:30 p.m.—FB Bldg.
- 16 Board Member Mtg.—7:00 p.m.—FB Bldg.
- 19-25 Food Check Out Week
- 22 District 4 Director Orientation - 10:00 a.m., Bureau County Farm Bureau, Princeton
- 22 Young Leaders Committee Mtg. - 7:00 p.m. FB Bldg.
- 27 FFA Chapter to visit Caterpillar Parts Distribution and Caterpillar Tractor Assembly Plant sponsored by Grainco FS and LaSalle County Farm Bureau
- 29- Governmental Affairs Conference
- 1 Springfield, IL

Looking For Your Perspective

The LaSalle County Farm Bureau Viewpoint Committee is looking for members who would be willing to share their opinions on agriculture issues for our bi-monthly newspaper, the Agri Source. The column titled "My Perspective" would be authored by an individual member to share their ideas, comments, and perspective on issues affecting agriculture. A set of guidelines have been established and can be obtained from the Farm Bureau office at 433-0371. We would need writers for the May, July, and September issues. If you would like more information, please contact the LaSalle County Farm Bureau Viewpoint Chairman, Bob Beutke.

Food Check-Out Week

Food Check-out week, February 19-25 commemorates the time of year when the average American will earn enough income to pay for the entire year's food supply. In honor of this week, the LaSalle County Farm Bureau Young Leaders Committee is sponsoring a Food Drive competition between GraincoFS and Northern Partners. Each entity is collecting non-perishable food items that will be donated to local food pantries that greatly need food during these difficult economic times. The winning company will be determined by the weight of the food collected. The winning plant will receive a cook-out party for their employees.



FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2012



The LaSalle County Farm Bureau Foundation is offering two \$1000 scholarships for those students who will be or are currently enrolled in an Agriculture related field of study for the 2011-2012 school year. One scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior who will be enrolling in an Ag-related field of study. A second scholarship will be awarded to an individual who is currently enrolled in an Ag related field of study. To be eligible for consideration, an applicant must be a LaSalle County Farm Bureau member, spouse of a member, or a member's child. To pick up your application stop by the LaSalle County Farm Bureau office at 4201 N. Columbus Street in Ottawa, call (815) 433-0371 or download it from our website at www.lasallecfb.org. All applications need to be returned to the LaSalle County Farm Bureau Office before 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 23.

ADDITIONAL AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

Applications for the 2012 Agricultural Scholarship provided by 1st Farm Credit Services for graduating high school students are now available. A total of 24 individual \$1,000 scholarships are available for graduating high school seniors who have been accepted into an agriculture curriculum or a career area that contributes to the quality of rural life at a university, college or community college and either reside or attend high school within 1st Farm Services territory. Selection will be based on a combination of academic achievement, community, and agricultural youth involvement and a brief essay. Applications will be judged by a panel of independent agribusiness, education, youth and farm organization leaders. Completed applications, with typed essays, high school transcripts and a recent photo (to be used in publication of the program), can be sent to local 1st Farm credit Services Scholarship Program, Attn: Karen Blatter, 2000 Jacobssen Drive, Normal, IL 61761. Applications are due February 15, 2012. For applications or more local information, visit your local 1st Farm Credit Services office, or online at www.1stfarmcredit.com.