

# McHENRY COUNTY FARM BUREAU FARMER'S NEWS



## McHenry FB honored

McHenry County Farm Bureau President Dan Ziller accepts a recognition plaque awarded to the county for its achievements during the past program year. The award was presented during the Illinois Farm Bureau Annual Meeting and calls attention to the comprehensive nature of county Farm Bureau programs.

Awards were received in these program areas: Ag Literacy, Communications & Promotions, Commodities & Marketing, Health & Safety, Legislative & Political Process, Local Affairs, Member Relations, and Policy Development.

MCFB and McHenry U of I Extension's Farm Stroll program received the designation of Most Outstanding Project in the Commodities & Marketing division.

MCFB also received recognition for its Foundation, Women's Committee, Young Leaders Committee, Multi-County projects, and a Top Five Membership Award for growth in voting members.

**THANKS!** McHenry County Farm Bureau Foundation would like to recognize the 2018 memorials of Gary Aavang, Robert (Bob) Fritz and Helen Stroner. The generous gifts from their friends and family will help us fund Ag in the Classroom activities and scholarships for students pursuing agriculture-related degrees.

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## Internship available

McHenry County Farm Bureau is excited to once again offer an agriculture-related summer internship.

The selected intern will gain valuable experiences in program planning, Ag in the Classroom, media, governmental affairs and public relations. The selected individual will receive valuable work experience, money to further their education and the opportunity to receive college credit.

The internship is open to McHenry County residents who will be a sophomore, junior or senior at a college or university this fall. Preference is given to applicants who have a farm background and/or are studying an agriculture-related field.

Interested applicants need to apply by March 15, 2019. Additional information regarding the internship is available on our website at [www.mchenrycfb.org](http://www.mchenrycfb.org). To apply, simply email your cover letter and resume to Dan Volkert at [mcfbmgr@att.net](mailto:mcfbmgr@att.net).

## Ag Institute for teachers

Join us for a three-credit summer class and meet local farmers and explore the local farmland. Our motor coach will visit several farms and ag-related sites. Staff specialists will provide in-class activities set to Common Core and Next Gen Standards. Teachers can receive credit through St. Francis University. CPDUs are also available. Course dates: June 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26. Visit [www.mchenrycfb.org](http://www.mchenrycfb.org) for more information.



## Living snow fences find way into county

Multiple meetings with local and state organizations and governmental bodies opened the door for our first living snow fences within McHenry County.

The basic idea is to use farmer-grown crop vegetation to minimize drifting snow. Farmers are compensated fairly for the crop they leave standing.

The living snow fence replaces the traditional snow fence that requires the County Department of Transportation to

utilize fencing materials, machinery and paid laborers to install it.

Living and traditional snow fences minimize plowing and salting needs and provide the traveling public with clearer roads.

McHenry County Farm Bureau and MCDOT would like to thank the three farmers who participated this year and we hope to work with more farmers in future years.

## Group travel opportunities

Northern Illinois County Farm Bureaus have teamed to offer two wonderful group trip options in 2019. They include:

### Pacific Coast Journey, June 22-30, 2019

Revel in the natural beauty of the Pacific Coast experiencing the wonders of the Columbia River Gorge, glorious mountains, magnificent redwood trees, lush vineyards, and the exciting "City by the Bay."

### California's Gold and Wine Country, July 22-27, 2019

Two nights' stay in San Francisco, four California wineries, tour Jelly Belly Co. & Gold Bug Mine, three nights' stay in Sacramento.

Trip brochures and pricing available at [www.mchenrycfb.org](http://www.mchenrycfb.org).

For trip details or bookings, please contact Tony at 815-398-8888 or email him at [tony@lindstromtravel.com](mailto:tony@lindstromtravel.com).

## EDIBLE PRODUCTS AVAILABLE AT THE FARM BUREAU OFFICE

Honey (3 lbs.)	\$11	Bratwurst (1 lb.)	\$4.50
Pork Barbeque Spice (12 oz.)	\$9	Breakfast Sausage (1 lb.)	\$4
Pork Burgers (2 lbs.)	\$9	Italian Sausage (1 lb.)	\$4

Items are produced locally.

Farm Bureau Office is at 1102 McConnell Rd., Woodstock.  
Office hours M-F 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Office is closed noon to 1 p.m.)  
815-338-1520

## Scholarship available

McHenry County Farm Bureau Agricultural Education Foundation is offering a \$1,000 scholarship. The scholarship is available for high school seniors pursuing continuing education in agriculture or agriculture-related fields. The applicant or the applicant's family must be a member of the McHenry County Farm Bureau to qualify. Additional scholarships may be awarded if funding is available at the time of judging.

All scholarship applications need to be received by March 15, 2019.

If you need an application or have any questions regarding this scholarship, please call our office at 815-338-1520 or email [mcfbmgr@att.net](mailto:mcfbmgr@att.net).

# Thank you!

We would like to thank the following individuals who supported our Foundation's year-end fundraising letter campaign.

Harry and Geri Alten	Leo and Jean Golda	Ethel McKay	John Marcia Seiler
Dennis Alten	Lorna Gosswein	James and Patricia	Thomas Selzer
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James Finch	John and Theresa	Michael and Sandra	Daniel Ziller
Ross and Carol Fruin	McConnell	Schroeder	Betty Zirk
Cynthia Gardner	Mary McGuire	Mary Schultz	

In addition to those listed above were several anonymous donors. We also would like to recognize those who support us with direct contributions, memorials, fundraisers, give on their annual dues notice, and donate their time and talents to our organization.

## Safe driver course

McHenry County Farm Bureau Women's Committee will offer the AARP Safe Driver Course on Monday, Sept. 9, and Tuesday, Sept. 10. The course will be held at the Farm Bureau building at 1102 McConnell Rd., Woodstock. Course hours will be from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., with a half-hour lunch break. Class size is limited to 25 participants and early registration is encouraged.

This eight-hour course will cover many aspects of driving safely. Upon completing the AARP Driver Safety Program, you will receive a certificate that may then be presented to your insurance agent. Depending on the state where you live and your insurance company's policies, you may be eligible for an automobile insurance premium reduction or discount.

AARP members need to bring their AARP membership card with them the first day of class. McHenry County Farm Bureau requires a \$10 fee per-person for members and \$15 fee per-person for non-members. The fee includes course materials, two lunches and refreshments. For more information and to register, please call McHenry County Farm Bureau at 815-338-1520.

## Martinelli named 'All American'

"The All American" is awarded each year by Country to financial representatives and agency managers who have excelled in identifying insurance products and financial solutions that fit the needs of their clients. Agency managers and financial representatives who receive the award provide outstanding service to their clients.

Rocco Martinelli from the McHenry County Agency was recipient of this honor.

The All American is one of the highest honors a Country financial representative or agency manager can receive.



Martinelli

# Club Town mission remains

McHenry County Club Town Inc. was created in 1946 to promote and advance agriculture, home economics, 4-H, and civic and community involvement within McHenry County. It owns and operates 7 acres of land within the McHenry County Fairgrounds. The organization provides facilities for club meetings and shows, as well as activities of agriculture, home economics, and other community interests. Club Town also makes financial contributions to U of I Extension in support of their 4-H program.

Club Town and the collective groups raised \$15,000 (\$150,000 in today's dollars) in their first three years of operation. By 1952 land was purchased and shortly after that the livestock buildings were constructed. Since then volunteers and organizations have worked together to maintain and enhance the property.

The board decided to launch a building sponsor program to bring back community partners, much like what was done decades ago. Five businesses stepped up to fill those sponsorships: Channel, Country Financial, Conserv FS, Sauk Valley Bank, and McHenry County Farm Bureau.

At the recent Annual Meeting, directors were elected. Voting directors include: Barbara Freeman, Florence Spesard, Carol Giammattei, Dave Popenhagen, Judy Peterson, and Chris McKee. Non-voting directors include: Dan Volkers, McHenry County Farm Bureau manager and Dan Ziller, McHenry County Farm Bureau president. Advisory members include: Michele Aavang, 4-H program coordinator and Ken Bauman, McHenry County Fair president. Judy Peterson will lead the organization and Carol Giammattei will serve as vice president.



## WELCOME PACKS

McHenry County Farm Bureau Women's Committee donated 20 welcome packs to homeless veterans who are in the process of rebuilding their lives at New Horizons in Hebron.

## Give so others can learn

McHenry County Farm Bureau and its Foundation provide the Ag in the Classroom program with financial and in-kind support.

Your donation benefits Summer Ag Institute, AITC Newsletters, Ag Expo, FFA Acquaintance programs, agriculture scholarships, teacher grants, teacher workshops and in-class presentations.

We would be glad to work with you on estates, memorials and planned giving. Donations can be sent to McHenry County Farm Bureau Foundation, P.O. Box 1530, Woodstock, IL 60098.

Please feel free to call us for more information at 815-338-1520 or email Dan Volkers at [mcfbmgr@att.net](mailto:mcfbmgr@att.net). McHenry County Farm Bureau Foundation is a 501C3 charitable organization.



Illinois Farm Bureau members get \$500 Bonus Cash toward the purchase or lease of any eligible 2018/2019/2020 Ford vehicle.

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If you need assistance getting your required Farm Bureau Membership number, please contact McHenry County Farm Bureau office at 815-338-1520 or call Illinois Farm Bureau at 309-557-2689.