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2023 Mercer County Farm Bureau Love Tree Silent Auction

Board members and insurance agent Libby Stocker shopped for two families with 6 children with money raised from our Silent Auction. We were able to raise over \$1,200.



KENTUCKY FARM BUREAU MISSION STATEMENT

Farm Bureau is a voluntary organization of farm families and their allies dedicated to serving as the voice of agriculture by identifying problems, develop solutions, promote economic success, and enhance the quality of life for all.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Mercer County Conservation District Programs to Assist the Community



The conservation district will have its annual spring tree seedling giveaway approximately March 25 for all Mercer County landowners. In addition, don't forget to get your Tree Rebate Certificate. Each landowner can receive 50% of the cost of a tree (with \$75 cap). Trees must be purchased from Reynolds Nursery or Garden Scapes. For more information call Linda at the local Conservation Office at 859-734-4326 ext. 3. The Mercer Co. Conservation District, along with the Mercer Co. Extension Service, pays 100 % of the cost for soil testing. Call Logan Steele, Equipment Manager, at 859-613-2668 for equipment rental. Equipment includes 4-Haybuster No-till drills, 1-Truax No -till drill, 1 - Grass Works Weed Wiper, 1 - Wheatheart Post Driver, 1- John Deere Corn Planter, 1-200 gal Round-up sprayer, 1 -300 gal 2-4D sprayer. There is a continuous State Cost-share sign-up. Applications are normally cut-off Sept. 30 of each year. Landowners can receive up to \$20,000.00 at a 75% cost-share rate for practices completed. For more information call Linda at 859-734-4326 Ext. 3. They are on Facebook as Mercer County KY Conservation District.

Planning a Vacation? Check Out These Farm Bureau Member Discounts

Save 15% on the best available room rates at **Great Wolf Lodge** in Mason, Ohio. Visit my.kyfb.com.

GET 10% off the regular rate for lodge or cottage accommodations at Kentucky State Parks. Show Farm Bureau membership card at time of registration. Visit parks.ky.gov.

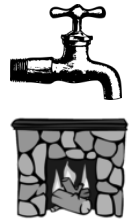
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Winter Safety Tips

- Remove the garden hose from the outside water faucets and insulate
- Know where your main water shut off-valve is located along with your water meter and insulate your water meter
- Turn hot & cold water taps to a trickle during extreme cold temperatures
- Have your gas furnace or stove inspected by a licensed professional yearly



College Scholarships Available due February 29, 2024

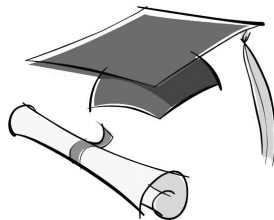
\$1,000 Charlie Ison Scholarship

For several years, Mercer County Farm Bureau has awarded \$1,000 to a selected Mercer County senior each year to help pay for their college. Applications are available from high school counselors at MCSHS and Burgin and at the local Farm Bureau offices. One application makes a student possibly eligible for the county scholarship as well as over 30 state-wide Kentucky Farm Bureau scholarships for high school seniors.

Eligibility requirements include:

1. Membership in Mercer Co. Farm Bureau
2. A Minimum 3.5 GPA or 23 ACT Score
3. Graduating High School Senior

Applicants are not required to be active in agriculture or farming. Winners are selected by Kentucky Farm Bureau in Louisville.



\$1,000 Bill Waggener YOUNG FARMER Scholarship

This will be the 12th year for the Mercer County Farm Bureau Young Farmer Scholarship. This scholarship is designed to be awarded to a Mercer County student who is pursuing a college degree in Agriculture. Applicants are required to be a graduating high school senior from a member household and hold a minimum GPA of 2.5. This scholarship requires a separate application from the Charlie Ison Scholarship. This year we have **TWO SCHOLARSHIPS FOR \$1,000** available.

The application is available at both of the Mercer County Farm Bureau offices (838 N. College St & 691 S. College St. Contact Beth Kelly at Mercer County Farm Bureau for more details, or email Beth at Beth.Kelly@kyfb.com for a copy of this application.



Mercer County Farm Bureau *Local Membership Discount Program*

The Mercer County Farm Bureau Federation has partnered with several local businesses to offer significant discounts to our members. Please give the merchant your member number on your membership card in order to take advantage of the valuable discounts listed at kyfb.com/mercer.

Farm Bureau – it pays to be a member!

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IDENTITY THEFT PROTECTION SERVICE

As a Kentucky Farm Bureau member, you and your family are offered a proactive detection product that informs you instantly of potentially fraudulent activity related to your credit report, scans the dark web to track down any personal data identity thieves are trading and selling and a host of additional monitoring/protection services for a discounted, low monthly fee.

IDENTITY THEFT CONSULTATION AND RESTORATION

As part of the many benefits included with your Kentucky Farm Bureau membership, you have access to Identity Theft Consultation and Restoration Services with IDX for FREE. All eligible family members in the household are covered and the service is included in your annual membership dues.

There are many more statewide KFB discounts at kyfb.com. Also, check out the **LOCAL DISCOUNTS** at kyfb.com/mercer.



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Food Check-Out Day

Food Check-Out Week is a national campaign led by the American Farm Bureau Federation commemorating America's healthy, nutritious, abundant, & affordable food supply. Mercer Co. Farm Bureau will hold events to help heighten awareness of these aspects of our food supply and help bring thanks and recognition to the farmers. Americans currently spend, on average, just over 10% of their disposable, personal income for food—THE LOWEST IN THE WORLD. Applying that statistic to the calendar year means the average household will have earned enough disposable income to pay for its annual food supply in about 7 weeks. In recognition of this, Kentucky Farm Bureau is celebrating February 7, 2024 as Food Check-Out Day.

FAYETTE COUNTY FARM BUREAU'S
In Person & Online
41ST ANNUAL
FARM EQUIPMENT CONSIGNMENT AUCTION



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SATURDAY MARCH 16TH, 2024
 WWW.FAYETTECOFARMBUREAU.COM

Some Important Dates to Remember . . .

- Mercer Co. Cattlemen's Educational Meeting, Jan. 22
- Ag Expo, January 31st in Owensboro
- National Farm Machinery Show Feb. 14-17
- College Scholarship Applications due Feb. 29
- KFB Beef Expo, March 1-3, Louisville
- KFB State Women's Leadership Conference, March 8-9
- KY Ag Literacy Week, March 17-23
- Primary Election Day is May 21, 2024



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