

JACKSON COUNTY FARM BUREAU NEWS

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KENTUCKY FARM BUREAU'S ANNUAL MEETING AND CONVENTION IN LOUISVILLE, KY

KENTUCKY FARM BUREAU held their annual meeting at the Galt House in Louisville on November 29 - December 2, 2017. The theme of this year's meeting was **LEAD WHERE YOU STAND.**

This four day annual meeting is a time to honor individuals and families who have made significant contributions to Kentucky agriculture throughout the state. These are the people who "lead where they stand."

Jackson County Farm Bureau received several awards including the Growth Incentive Program Award and the Safety Challenge Award for their work with 5th grade students on ATV Safety.

John Sparrow, Harry Wilson, David Beck



Todd Bright, Phyllis Purvis, David Beck



Jackson County was well represented at this year's annual meeting. Those attending from Jackson County were: President, Harry Wilson; Douglas Wilson and wife Jenny; Johnny Purvis and wife Phyllis; Eddie Joe Madden and wife Sue; Agency Manager, Brenda Ayers and husband Gene.



AMERICAN FARM BUREAU ANNUAL CONVENTION 2018

The 99th Annual American Farm Bureau Convention was held January 5-10 in Nashville, TN. This meeting is held each year to elect officers and recognize states for their excellent work in agriculture across the country. Attending from Jackson County were Mike and Shannon Montgomery; Brenda and Gene Ayers; President, Harry Wilson; Douglas and Jenny Wilson; Sue Madden; and Chris and Andrea Boggs.

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**FOOD CHECK OUT WEEK
FEBRUARY 18-24, 2018**

Food Check-Out Week is a national campaign led by the American Farm Bureau which commemorates America’s healthy, nutritious, abundant and affordable food supply. According to the United States Department of Agriculture, on average, American consumers spend approximately 10% of their disposable income for food. When applied to the calendar, that comes out to around 40 days. That’s a positive message especially when you consider the average American has to work until early May before they earn enough to pay their taxes. With a focus on affordable food in the United States, this campaign provides an excellent opportunity for county Farm Bureaus to show the value of local farmers.

Farm Bureau’s throughout the nation promote “Food Check-Out Week” to underscore farmers as the heart of the world’s most efficient food system.

Jackson County Farm Bureau will supply literature to our local grocery stores to give to their customers at the check-out counters and post information in the county Farm Bureau office. The county will also award two winners a \$25 dollar gift certificate to a local grocery store.

Come into the Jackson County Farm Bureau office to register for the gift certificate. The drawing will be held on Friday, February 24th. Winners will be notified by phone.



Thank a farmer!!

Jackson County Farm Bureau wins Gold Star Award of Excellence

Recognized for the achievements of its women’s program this year, Jackson County Farm Bureau received the 2017 Gold Star Award of Excellence during Kentucky Farm Bureau’s annual meeting in Louisville.



Vickie Bryant, State Women’s Chair; Phyllis Purvis, Jackson County Women’s Chair

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The merchants listed here have agreed to extend discounts to Kentucky Farm Bureau members. These discounts can be obtained by presenting your membership card when a purchase is made.

Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance offers a full line of insurance products including auto, home, farm, business, and life. Offices are conveniently located in every county in Kentucky. Visit kyfb.com to learn more and to locate an office near you.

ID Theft Consultation and Restoration: As part of the many benefits included with your KFB membership, you have access to identity Theft Consultation and Restoration Services. All eligible family members in the household are covered and the service is included in your annual membership dues. If you suspect your identity has been stolen call 866-827-4355. An Identity Recovery Advocate will work on your behalf to restore your credit and good name.

Credit Monitoring: a proactive detection tool that informs you instantly of potential fraudulent activity related to your Trans-Union credit report. Individual monitoring is just \$50 a year; family monitoring is \$80 a year. To sign up, go to kyfb.com/idtheft.

KFB SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Deadline's for KFB's scholarships are fast approaching. KFB has several scholarship programs for college students.

KFB Educational Foundation – high school seniors pursuing a 4 year degree – **Deadline is February 28.**

Young Farmer Scholarship for college or Votech schools – Deadline is April 28.

Paul D. Everman Scholarship for non-traditional students – Deadline is April 28.

Louis F. Ison Memorial Scholarship for students in Agriculture/Food/Environment – Deadline is April 28.

Women's Educational Grant for non-traditional women- Deadline is October 21.

Jackson County also offers a \$1000 scholarship to a local high school senior.

Anyone interested in any of these scholarships may pick up an Application in the County Farm Bureau or you may go online at kyfb.com/scholarships.



CALENDAR OF UP-COMING EVENTS

COUNTY PRESIDENTS/VICE PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE.....FEBRUARY 13-14

FOOD CHECK OUT WEEK.....FEBRUARY 18-24

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE.....MARCH 09-10

KY AG LITERACY WEEK.....MARCH 18-24