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KENTUCKY FARM BUREAU'S 2015 ANNUAL MEETING AND CONVENTION IN LOUISVILLE, KY

KENTUCKY FARM BUREAU held their annual meeting in Louisville on December 3-6, 2014. This year's theme was "People Purpose Progress."

The annual meeting is a time to honor individuals and families who have made significant contributions to Kentucky agriculture and to recognize counties who do an outstanding job representing Farm Bureau Federation and Farm Bureau Insurance Companies. The convention includes meetings designed to discuss Farm Bureau policies and legislative and agricultural issues affecting Kentucky's farmers.



Guest speakers this year included The Honorable Mitch McConnell, Republican Leader, U.S. Senate and Kentucky born humorist, Carl Hurley who entertained the crowd with his homespun stories.



Jackson County was well represented at this year's annual meeting and was presented with several awards.



Harry Wilson receives award for Jackson County from Brad Smith and David Beck, Federation Executive President.

Those attending from Jackson county were: President, Harry Wilson and Judy; Vice President, Warren Lakes and Faye; Johnny Purvis and Phyllis; Mike Montgomery and Shannon; Eddie Joe Madden and Malta Sue.



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FOOD CHECK OUT WEEK FEBRUARY 15-21, 2015

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 11% 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 are promoting the 20th annual "Food Check-Out Week" to underscore that farmers are at 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. They will also hold a drawing for a \$25 gift certificate to a local grocery store.



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 2014 Gold Star Award of Excellence during Kentucky Farm Bureau's annual meeting in Louisville.



Presented by Betty Farris, KFB Women's Chair to 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.

AMERICAN HEARING BENEFITS

Members can purchase hearing instruments produced by Starkley Labs and its subsidiaries at discounted prices. For details, call 1-800-925-1287 or visit www.ahbbenefits.com.

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As a member you will receive a 10% to 60% discount off regular prices on eyeglasses or contact lenses. Call 1-800-800-EYES for the participating provider nearest you. Use discount code 111.

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Members save 40% to 50% off the national average charge for LASIK from a NCQA credentialed ophthalmologist. Members call 888-733-6693 or visit www.qualsight.com for more information.



Kentucky and Jackson County Farm Bureau offers scholarship to high school seniors

Kentucky Farm Bureau has several scholarships to offer High School Seniors. You may stop by your local office to pick up an application.

The KFB Education Foundation will award college scholarships ranging from \$400 to \$4000 to 83 high school seniors pursuing a four-year degree. To be considered, students must complete the application and return the requested material to KFB postmarked by February 28, 2015.

Jackson County Farm Bureau also offers a \$1000 scholarship to 2 high school seniors. Applications can be picked up at the Farm Bureau office in McKee and must be returned before May 1st.

CALENDAR OF UP-COMING EVENTS

- AMERICAN FARM BUREAU NATIONAL CONFERENCEJANUARY 9-13
- YOUNG FARMER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE.....JANUARY 23-24
- COUNTY PRESIDENTS/VICE PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE.....FEBRUARY 10-11
- FOOD CHECK OUT WEEK.....FEBRUARY 21-26
- NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL WEEK.....MARCH 15-21
- WOMEN’S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE.....MARCH 27-28