

JACKSON COUNTY FARM BUREAU NEWS

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

KENTUCKY FARM BUREAU ANNUAL MEETING

Kentucky Farm Bureau held their annual meeting in Louisville on December 2-5, 2015. This year's theme was "A GOOD THING GROWING."

Each year during the Annual Meeting, Kentucky Farm Bureau celebrates many things. During this time, individuals, families and county Farm Bureaus are recognized for their contributions to Kentucky Agriculture. Members who attend are informed and challenged by messages from excellent guest speakers. Farm Bureau leaders are elected to serve the membership as they set policy and prioritize legislative issues for the coming year. Ideas and projects are shared with new and old friends from around the state to be carried back to their local communities and implemented there.

Jackson County Farm Bureau was the recipient of several awards.

Those attending from Jackson County were: President, Harry Wilson and Judy; Johnny Purvis and Phyllis; Mike Montgomery and Shannon; Eddie Joe Madden and Malta Sue and Gene and Brenda Ayers.



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**FOOD CHECK OUT WEEK
FEBRUARY 28 – March 5, 2016**

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 7 weeks. 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 “Food Check-Out Week” to underscore that farmers are at the heart of the world’s most efficient food system. America’s food is the most nutritious, wholesome and affordable in the world. This fact is true because of the tremendous production and efficiency of the American Farmer.

Jackson County Farm Bureau plans to call attention to Food Check-Out by holding a drawing for a \$25 gift certificate to a local grocery store along with posting information in the county Farm Bureau office and articles in our local newspapers.



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 2015 Gold Star Award of Excellence during Kentucky Farm Bureau’s annual meeting in Louisville.

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**JACKSON COUNTY FARM BUREAU
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

**2016 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE
AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE AT THIS
TIME. HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ARE
ELIGIBLE TO APPLY.**

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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.

- GM - \$500 off on a new vehicle
- ENTERPRISE RENTAL – 15% OFF
- BUDGET TRUCK RENTAL – 15% OFF
- BUDGET CAR RENTAL – 20% OFF
- AVIS CAR RENTAL – 5-25% OFF
- CHOICE HOTELS – 20% DISCOUNT
- WYNDHAM HOTEL GROUP – 20% DISCOUNT

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JACKSON COUNTY SELECTED AS WINNER OF SAFETY CHALLENGE AWARD FOR DISTRICT 8

This award was accepted by Women’s Chair, Phyllis Purvis at the 2015 Annual Meeting in Louisville. The award was presented for Jackson County Farm Bureau’s work in the Annual Environmental Field Day which is presented to the county’s 5th grade classes each year in September.

Jackson County Farm Bureau has presented a program on ATV safety for the past several years. The Field Day is sponsored by the USDA/NRCS and several other local organizations.



IDENTITY THEFT FARM BUREAU MEMBER BENEFIT

Seniors vs Crime sees a lot of scams directed toward those over the age of 50. Crooks know that people of a certain age prefer to use their checkbooks instead of debit cards or credit cards. With all the changes in electronic banking, there are a few things anyone who writes personal checks should know.

First, everything needed to set up an electronic transfer of funds is printed on your check: your name, address, account number, the banks name and address and the banks routing number. Even if you were to write VOID over the check, your check can still be used to set up an account and transfer funds from your account to another, or to use online banking sites like PayPal because all your information would still be legible.

Second, be wary of a check that you were not expecting. Some are rewards, some are from winnings, some may seem like rebates. These checks will have your name and address printed on them and you are supposed to endorse them.

But look closely. Many of these checks will have a disclaimer in tiny writing that informs you that, by endorsing and depositing, you have enrolled yourself into some kind of program and the originator is now authorized to transfer payment from your account for said service. These fees are typically monthly and can range from \$5 to \$50.

One of the benefits of membership in Kentucky Farm Bureau is Identity Theft Consolation and Restoration. If a member suspects that they have been a victim of Identity Theft, they may call 866-827-4355 to have an identity recovery advocate assigned to work on their behalf, at no cost to them.

CALENDAR OF UP-COMING EVENTS

- YOUNG FARMER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE.....JANUARY 22-23
- COUNTY PRESIDENTS/VICE PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE.....FEBRUARY 09-10
- FOOD CHECK OUT WEEK.....FEBRUARY 28 – March 5
- WOMEN’S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE.....MARCH 4-5
- NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL WEEK.....MARCH 13-19