Frances Fisher Memorial to Cover 4-H Member Fees

The Mother of FCFB President Barry Fisher, Frances Fisher, passed away in late December 2020. She was a 41-year 4-H Leader here in Fulton County. Her sons and some of her grandchildren were long time exhibitors at the Fulton County Fair.

Through a generous donation from a family member, a donation has been made in Frances’s memory that is to cover 4-H livestock entry fees for this year’s fair for all Fulton County 4-H members. The donation will cover junior exhibitor fees, animal stall or cage fees, and class entry fees for 4-H livestock members. Members will still need to pay for parent passes, any extra stalls, and any non-livestock entry fees.

4-H members needing assistance in making entries may go to the Extension Office in Lewistown, or can call 547-3711 or email iblout@illinois.edu with questions.

FCFB County Fair Queen Candidate Jenna Schleich

The Fulton County Farm Bureau is proud to introduce our candidate for Miss Fulton County Fair. Miss Jenna Schleich of Fairview will represent our organization in the Queen Pageant to be held on the opening night of the Fulton County Fair, Monday, July 26th.

Jenna is the 16-year-old daughter of Jesse and Lora Schleich. She will be a senior this fall at Spoon River Valley High School. She currently works as a cashier at County Market in Farmington.

Jenna’s hobbies include snowboarding, skiing, reading, gardening, four-wheeling, and boating. She also helps on the family farm. She is involved in volleyball and Dance Force and is a member of National Honor Society.

Come cheer for Jenna on July 26th. The pageant begins at 6:30 pm.
June Board Highlights

The Fulton County Farm Bureau Board of Directors met in regular session on Thursday, June 10, 2021, at the Farm Bureau office in Lewistown starting at 7:00 p.m. pursuant to due notice given. The meeting was called to order and presided over by President Barry Fisher. Other board members present were Robin Fisher, Linda Rock, Seth Vohland, Levi Porter, Keely Egelhoff, Bob Vohland, David Tolley, and Nick Cleer. Also present was Farm Bureau Manager Elaine Stone and West Central FS General Manager Jim McNelly.

In correspondences, letters from our adopted classroom were distributed; there were thank you notes from FCFB Foundation Scholarship recipient Audrey Farchoine, from the family of Pat Shoop for a memorial contribution, from the Graham Hospital for the Ag Week baby basket, and a memorial contribution, from the Graham Foundation Scholarship recipient Audrey Taros. Adopted classroom were distributed; there were trying to get fertilizer in for this fall. They are looking to hire individuals with CDL’s. The minutes from the April and May meetings were emailed and mailed out before the meeting for the board members to read. These were approved with no corrections. Treasurer Linda Rock discussed the financial statements for April and May. These were placed on file for audit.

Bob Vohland gave the Membership Report. At the time of the meeting, we had 996 Regular members in April and 993 Regular Members in May. 8 Professional Members in both April and May. 1,526 Associates in April and 1,521 in May for a total of 2524 in April and 2522 in May. The report was approved as presented.

Committee Reports were given as follows:

Young Leaders – No Report

Ag in the Classroom – Our program received over $18,000 donation from the Pat Shoop memorial.

Local Issues – Directors discussed the referendum on CAFOs that had been presented by the Property Committee. The referendum vote failed at the June Board Meeting. IFB has assisted two FCFB members on a Right of Way issue. IFB will develop some talking points and educational materials for members to use when dealing with fiberoptic companies’ rights and landowner rights when it comes to installing fiber optic. Discussion was held on the Farmington-area proposed wind farm.

Legislative – Directors discussed the imminent domain Action Request from IFB. Nurses will be fully opening (tomorrow) after changes of the COVID-19 Pandemic. COVID19 vaccines will be available at the Cruise-In in Canton. The new mayor of Evergreen Park, Illinois is Kelly Burk, our Adopt-A-Legislator!

Marketing – Seth discussed current market prices. Directors discussed FSA deadlines.

Business service – The new A/C is not working well in the basement. The installers will cover the repairs, but it will take a week or so to get the replacement compressor. There had been a leak from a unit upstairs, due to a plugged drain line.

Promotion and Education – Our committee met, and is continuing to work on food pantry ideas to help promote commodities each month. Several members helped with Farm safety day, and a new career development day is being discussed. Elaine provided a written manager’s report.

Old Business:

The Policy Development survey was discussed. There have been over 100 return. Elaine will compile the results when it looks like most have been received. Adopted Class Plans- Directors discussed continuing with the current class or finding a different one. Country Appreciation Event was discussed. Elaine will poll our Reps to see how many will go to which of several activity/gathering options.

New Business:

Directors discussed changes to the “suggested donation” level towards Activator when members pay their dues. IFB is asking to change the $1 voluntary donation to $5. Directors voted to approve this increase.

Directors chose to cancel the July board meeting. Directors were reminded of the Nutrient Management Field Day on Monday June 28th at the MWRD Cuba property. Three trailers are needed to move attendees and everyone needs to be there by 9:00.

Directors discussed the amount to spend during the Fulton County Fair Livestock. $3000 to be split evenly with West Central FS was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m. The next meeting of the FCFB will be Thursday, August 12th.

June is National Dairy Month

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5 Ways to support dairy farmers

1. Grab and freeze yogurt. Make a yummy smoothie.
2. Make sure you have milk and cream. Enjoy an iced coffee or a cream cocktail at home.
3. Buy a variety of cheese. Make it a date night with wine and cheese.
4. Stock up on sliced cheese for grilling. Grilled cheese or cheese burgers anyone?
5. Purchase ice cream and don’t forget whipped cream. Throw an ice cream sundae party with your family.

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Farm Safety Camp

Personnel from ADM Grain in Havana are shown speaking to a group of kids on grain bin and confined spaces safety. We were SO GLAD to be back at Farm Safety Camp this year! Fulton County Farm Bureau, Mason County Farm Bureau, Fulton County Extension, and Mason County Extension hosted nearly 100 kids on June 4th, this year at the Mason County Fairgrounds in Havana. Kids 6 years of age and older from both Fulton and Mason counties were invited to take part in the annual event, which rotates between the two County Fairgrounds. This year the kids visited the following stations/safety topics during the day: fire, weather, animal, firearm, farm equipment, poisonous plants, and hiking/survival. All activities were free and each participant received a “Farm Safety Camp” beach towel. Lunch was provided by the Fulton County and Mason County Farm Bureaus.

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