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# Mercer County Farm Bureau Federation Quarterly News

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## 2018 Mercer County Farm Bureau Federation Board Chili Supper

Board members and insurance agents, Libby Stocker and Bobby Smith, raised money for the Harrodsburg Herald Love Tree on November 17 at the Mercer County Extension Office. There were over 125 people in attendance raising over \$2,200 to assist 5 families with eight children in need. Thanks to everyone for contributing to this effort!



### 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, developing solutions, and taking actions which will improve net farm income, achieve better economic opportunities, and enhance the quality of life for all.*

# HELPFUL INFORMATION

## Mercer County Conservation District Programs to Assist the Community



The Mercer County Conservation District will honor all winners of the 2018 Art & Writing Contest at an awards banquet on Tuesday night, April 16, 2019 at the Lions Park Community Center. 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 \$50 cap). Trees must be purchased from Reynolds Nursery or GardenScapes. 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 Johnnie Bailey, Equipment Manager, at 859-613-6889 for equipment rental. The district now has a post driver for rent.

## Did You Know That Farm Bureau Has A Bank ?

Ask Beth or any CSR about the Farm Bureau Bank, which offers loans for vehicles, motorcycles, boats, recreation, equipment, mortgage, sport vehicles along with certificates of deposits, rewards MasterCard and much, much more. Flexible Financing with low competitive rates as low as 2.99 APR\* for vehicle loans. For more information log onto [farmbureaubank.com](http://farmbureaubank.com).



## Free Signs at MCFB

**\$5,000 REWARD**

FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST AND CONVICTION OF PERSONS COMMITTING THEFT, VANDALISM, ARSON, OR INSURANCE FRAUD ON THIS PROPERTY.

**FARM BUREAU MEMBER**



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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
- To prevent fires, have your chimney cleaned for your wood stove/fireplace



## FOOD CHECK-OUT WEEK®



## Food Check-Out Week

Food Check-Out Week is a national campaign led by the American Farm Bureau Federation commemorating America's healthy, nutritious, abundant, and affordable food supply.

Mercer County 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 percent 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 3-9, 2019, as Food Check-Out Week.

## KY Farm Bureau Credit Monitoring Service



As a KFB member, you & your family automatically receive identity theft recovery services. KFB is offering a credit monitoring service for \$50 for an individual & \$80 for a family yearly. You will be notified by an email within 24 hours of any changes to your TransUnion credit report. To sign up, go to [kyfb.com/idtheft](http://kyfb.com/idtheft).

## PAY YOUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES WITH MEMBERSHIP EASYPAY®

Enroll simply by visiting the local office or register online at [kyfb.com/easypay](http://kyfb.com/easypay). When your 2020 Membership is due, it will be deducted from your bank account via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). No check to write, no stamps to buy, no envelope to mail.



# 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](http://kyfb.com/mercer).

**Farm Bureau – it pays to be a member!**



## Planning a Vacation?

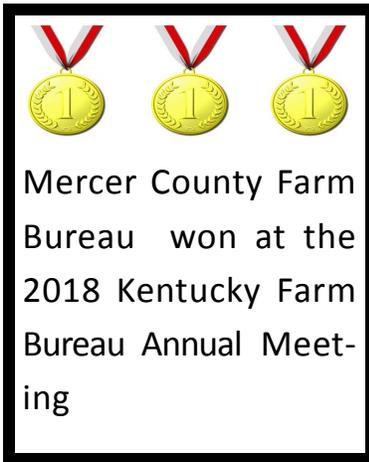


### Check Out These Farm Bureau Member Discounts

- Save **15%** on the best available room rates at **Great Wolf Lodge** in Mason, Ohio. Use code KENT402B when booking.
  - GET **10% off** the regular rate for lodge or cottage accommodations at Kentucky State Parks. Show Farm Bureau membership card at time of registration. <http://parks.ky.gov>
  - Participating **Choice Hotels** give KFB members **20%** off. Use special rate ID #00209600. KFB members will receive up to **20%** off the best available rate at participating **Wyndham Hotels** with discount #8000002234.
  - Enterprise Rent-A-Car and Avis Rent-A-Car give KFB members special discounted rates.
  - KFB Members save at Biltmore in the mountains of Asheville, NC. Go to [biltmore.com/farmbureau](http://biltmore.com/farmbureau). Promo code: farm.
- There are many more statewide KFB discounts at [kyfb.com](http://kyfb.com). Also, check out the 30 LOCAL DISCOUNTS at [kyfb.com/mercer](http://kyfb.com/mercer).**



State Women's Chair, Vickie Bryant (left) presented Megan DeHart, the Mercer County Women's Char with a Women's Gold Star Award.



Mercer County Farm Bureau won at the 2018 Kentucky Farm Bureau Annual Meeting



Tiffany & Zack Ison received the Young Farmer's Gold Star Award from Mark Haney, the President of Kentucky Farm Bureau (left), Drew Graham, the Executive VP (right) & John Sparrow, CEO KFB Insurance



Libby Stocker



Bobby Smith



Mercer County Farm Bureau has two insurance offices to help serve our customers better. Libby Mayo Stocker is the agency manager at the Morris Drive Agency, and Bobby Smith is the agency manager at The Summit Center Agency.



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**CHEMICAL ORDER**

Farm Bureau is offering the Chemical Program for the 8th year. The chemicals have a discounted price for KFB members. The order forms will be available in late January and deliveries will be made late March or early April. For more information, please call 734-4341 for Beth at the MCFB office.

**College Scholarships Available due February 28, 2019**

**\$1,000 Mercer Co. Farm Bureau 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 office. 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 Mercer County Farm Bureau YOUNG FARMER Scholarship**

This will be the seventh 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 Mercer Co. Farm Bureau Scholarship. The application is available from the high school counselors, the MCSHS website, or the Mercer County Farm Bureau office on Morris Drive. Contact Beth Kelly at Farm Bureau for more details, or email Beth at Beth.Kelly@kyfb.com for a copy of either of these scholarship applications.

**Some Important Dates to Remember . . .**

- Mercer Co. Cattlemen's Educational Meeting, Jan. 21
- KY Cattlemen's Annual Meeting, Jan.17-18, Owensboro
- KFB Young Farmer Leadership Conference, Feb. 1-2
- Ag Expo, Jan. 30 in Owensboro
- KFB Food Check-Out Week, Feb. 3-9
- College Scholarship Applications due Feb. 28
- KFB State Women's Leadership Conference, Mar. 8-9
- KY Ag Literacy Week, Mar. 17-23

