

MARION COUNTY FARM BUREAU

# NEWS

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## MARION CFB AT SOUTH CENTRAL FS APPRECIATION DINNER

Marion County Farm Bureau (CFB) staff had the opportunity to attend South Central FS's Member Appreciation event on December 10th at the Marion County Fairgrounds. The event provided a great opportunity to strengthen our affiliate relationship and connect directly with members.

During the event, staff promoted the benefits of FS patronage and shared information about the valuable advantages available to members. Attendees enjoyed some free Farm Bureau swag, and members were entered into a drawing for prizes,

including a cooler and other giveaways.

The Marion CFB Board of Directors drew a winner at their December board meeting. Congratulations to Doug Telford, whose name was selected as the winner of the cooler.

If you have not received patronage and would like more information, please reach out to your local FS Representative or contact the Marion CFB office for assistance.

We appreciate the opportunity to partner with South Central FS and thank all members who participated in the event.



Marion CFB's Director of Engagement Makayla Karrick is pictured at the Farm Bureau booth during South Central FS's Open House.



Doug Telford, winner of the Marion CFB branded cooler and swag.

## YOUNG LEADERS HOST FIRST TRIVIA NIGHT, RAISE FUNDS FOR TRADES SCHOLARSHIP

The Marion County Farm Bureau (CFB) Young Leaders Committee hosted its first-ever Trivia Night on January 16th, bringing community members together for an evening of friendly competition and meaningful fundraising.

A total of seven (7) teams participated in the event, competing through 10 rounds of trivia covering a wide range of topics including general agriculture, music, celebrities, sports, and more. The fast-paced rounds kept participants engaged while creating an energetic and fun atmosphere throughout the night.

The event successfully raised more than \$600 to establish the committee's first Young Leader Scholarship, which will focus on supporting students pursuing careers in the skilled trades. This scholarship initiative reflects the group's commitment to investing in workforce development and providing opportunities for local youth.



Awards were presented for first place, last place, and Team Spirit, recognizing both competitive achievement and outstanding enthusiasm.

Organizers emphasized that the success of the evening would not have been possible without the continued support of the Marion CFB Board and the local community. Their contributions, participation, and encouragement helped make the inaugural event a memorable and impactful one.

With strong turnout and positive feedback, the Marion CFB Young Leaders Committee looks forward to making Trivia Night an annual tradition and continuing to grow its scholarship program in the years to come.

## Wellness Program

Discount provided to Marion County Farm Bureau members for Executive Blood Profile\*

Vouchers available in the Farm Bureau office March 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>

\*All testing completed at the Salem Township Hospital with results mailed directly to individual's home address.



## MARION CFB OFFERING ANNUAL WELLNESS VOUCHERS

The Marion County Farm Bureau, in cooperation with the Salem Township Hospital, will again be offering a Wellness Program in March at the Farm Bureau office in Salem. Testing vouchers will again be available for purchase and pickup at the Farm Bureau office from March 2nd-6th. Payment will be due when you pick up vouchers for your desired testing, with discounts provided on the Executive Blood Profile for Marion CFB members. After purchasing the vouchers, participants simply take them to Salem Township Hospital to complete their testing.

Tests/vouchers available for purchase include: Executive Blood Profile - \$30 (\$40 for non-members), PSA Test - \$25, and Hemoglobin A1C - \$25. After testing, laboratory results are sent to the individual only and will be mailed to his/her home address within a week.

Be sure to stop in the Marion County Farm Bureau office between March 2nd-6th to pick up your vouchers and call us at (618) 548-2100 for any questions.



## MARION CFB'S "AG WEEK" BREAKFAST ON MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>

To celebrate "National Ag Week" and highlight the affordability of food in America, the Marion County Farm Bureau (CFB) will host their annual Ag Week Breakfast on Tuesday, March 17th at the Farm Bureau office in Salem. Breakfast will be available for dine-in or carry-out from 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. from the office in Salem. While this year's breakfast is free of charge, donations are welcome to support the Farm Bureau's scholarship program and Agriculture in the Classroom initiatives.

The Ag Week Breakfast celebrates the


important role agriculture plays in everyday life. America's farmers and ranchers provide a safe, abundant, and affordable food supply, helping support our nation's rising standard of living. In fact, Americans spend more of their time earning money to cover housing, federal taxes, and medical care than to pay for food.

Mark your calendars and join us for a delicious, free breakfast on March 17th as we celebrate National Agriculture Week at the Marion County Farm Bureau!

## Apply **NOW**


# FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

**Application period:**  
January 1 - March 15, 2026



Scan the QR Code to access application.

**COMPLETE** applications must be submitted online by March 15, 2026.



In 2025, ten (10) students received a total of \$17,750 from scholarships ranging in value from \$1,000 to \$2,750. To date, the Marion CFB Foundation has awarded 265 scholarships totaling over \$307,000 to 170 different students!