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FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

John W Hoffman Memorial Scholarship

John Hoffman was a long-time member of the Northeastern Illinois Twin Cylinder Club (NEITCC) and served on its board of directors. He was an integral member of the Club, a 41-year employee of Alliance Contractors, Inc., a tractor restoration expert, and a member of the agricultural community.

NEITCC previously decided that a scholarship benefiting someone from the next generation of farmers or tradesmen was a fitting tribute to a man who volunteered constantly and was always willing and able to help. It would be John's hope that a scholarship in his memory would go to someone with the same love of farming and/or the trades that he had.

Gabrielle Christopher of Marengo is this year's recipient of the \$1,500 scholarship that is administered through the McHenry County Farm Bureau Foundation. Christopher will continue her education in Agricultural Crop & Soil Sciences. Gabrielle is the daughter of Todd and Jennifer Christopher.

Honorary Women's Committee Scholarship

This scholarship honors the years of service that our Women's Committee has provided McHenry County Farm Bureau and its Foundation. Our Women's Committee is excited to announce that their \$1,500 scholarship winner is Kyle Ainger of Harvard. He will continue his education in Dairy Science Technology. Kyle is the son of Alan and Katie Ainger.

McHenry County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarships

In addition to the named scholarships above, McHenry County Farm Bureau Foundation selected four additional students for general scholarships bringing this year's total funding to \$7,500.

Lillian Behrens of Huntley who will continue her education in Agribusiness and Ag Communications. Lillian is the daughter of Ron Behrens and Michele Aavang-Behrens.

Brooke Slepceвич of Harvard who will continue her education in Animal Science. Brooke is the daughter of Ben and Mary Slepceвич.

Kate Weber of Wonder Lake who will continue her education Agricultural and Biological Engineering. Kate is the daughter of Kenneth Weber and Melissa Backe.

Sayla Wilken of Burlington who will continue her education in Landscape Architecture. Sayla is the daughter of Richard Wilken and Michelle & Bill Davis.

TRACTOR TREK

McHenry County Farm Bureau and McHenry County Antique Farm Equipment Association are co-sponsoring their 24th Annual "Tractor Trek" on Saturday, July 18.

Participants will have the opportunity to share the day with other antique tractor enthusiasts as they travel from Woodstock up to Hebron. The morning kickoff

will be held at McHenry County Fairgrounds (11900 Country Club Road Woodstock) and will include a free T-shirt, hat, donuts, and refreshments. Our lunch will be held at Crandall's Restaurant (10441 Route 47, Hebron) and they will offer all you can eat broasted chicken or a ½ lb. burger. Water will be provided throughout the day, and an ice cream stop is

On June 24, bring your blankets and lawn chairs to the Historic Park on the Square and enjoy a traditional band concert and ice cream social as the Woodstock City Band presents its 142nd season of concerts.

In honor of Dairy Month (June) McHenry County Farm Bureau Women's Committee will serve free dairy products and allow the public the opportunity to interact with some dairy calves. The dairy products, educational materials and animals will be available at 6:30 p.m., the concert begins at 7:00 p.m.

Donations to McHenry County Farm Bureau's Agriculture Education Foundation will be accepted to help offset the cost of the program.

EDIBLE PRODUCTS

Items are produced locally.

Edible products available at the Farm Bureau Office:

- Honey (3 lbs.) \$16.00
- Pork Barbeque Spice (12 oz.) \$13.00
- Pork Burgers (1 lbs.) \$7.00
- Bratwurst (1 lb.) \$7.00
- Italian Sausage Links (1 lb.) \$7.00
- Breakfast Sausage (1 lb.) \$6.00
- Italian Sausage (1 lb.) \$6.00

Curbside pick-up is available 815-338-1520.

Farm Bureau Office is located at 1102 McConnell Rd Woodstock.

Office hours Monday - Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm (Office is closed 12:00-1:00 pm)

planned for the afternoon.

The registration fee is \$85.00 and drivers are allowed lunch guests for an additional fee.

Proceeds raised from this event are donated to the Agriculture in the Classroom program, to promote agricultural awareness in McHenry County. Additional details as well as the registration

forms will be made available on our website www.mchenrycfb.org.

For more information, please call McHenry County Farm Bureau at 815-338-1520 or email Dan Volkers at manager@mchenrycfb.org.