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CALENDAR

Office hours

Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to noon and 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, noon

Deadline for Spokesman ads and articles.

October

No regular board of directors meeting due to fall harvest.

Monday, Nov. 6

Board of directors meeting, Farm Bureau building meeting room, 7 p.m.

New members in September

The Butler County Farm Bureau would like to welcome the following new members to the organization during the month of September: Nathan Wickwire, Ted Miller, Barry Freerks, Dawn Luck, Nicholas Phillips and Joe Tyler. Thank you to these people and the other members that have renewed their 2018 Butler County Farm Bureau membership dues in the past month.

Students learn about farm safety



On her visit to the North Butler Kindergarten classes, AITC Coordinator Ruth Seehusen is demonstrating with a toy grain wagon how fast a person can be pulled down in a wagon full of corn. It only takes two to four seconds to become helpless in a flow of grain in the wagon and in less than seven seconds a person can be completely covered by grain. This was part of a farm safety presentation that Ruth used in the schools during Farm Safety Week Sept. 17-23.

New 4-H Cooking Club is being organized

The 4-H Cooking Club is looking for members to join the new project club for members in grades 4-8. Members will learn about all things cooking. Lots of hands-on opportunities. Come check out the

4-H Cooking Club's first meeting on Oct. 16, from 6:30—7:30 p.m., at the Allison Public Library. RSVP suggested to Holly Merritt at 319-267-2707 or email hmerritt@iastate.edu.

September board meeting held

September's meeting of the Butler County Farm Bureau was held Monday, Sept. 11, at the Butler County Farm Bureau building in Allison. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by President Brad Feckers with the following in attendance: Brad Feckers, C. Dale Boelman, Dennis White, Dave Bolin, Kim Junker, Todd Kalkwarf, Pete Jensen, Clint Swick, Sherm Needham and Regional Manager Randy Heitz.

The Charitable Giving Committee met at 6 p.m. to review current requests received. The committee will give priority to donation/grant requests that include positive relations and for the promotion of agriculture for Butler County and also requests that will impact a large number of members/people in the county.

Dave Bolin made a motion to nominate Jim Willson as the Farm Bureau Partnership Award. Dennis White seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board of directors discussed involvement with the other county farm organizations and decided to send a letter to all commodity groups asking them to have dialogue with us about activities and events that we could do together to be advocates for Ag in Butler County. Randy Heitz will develop the letter.

The Centennial Committee will be meeting later this year. It was suggested to invite all past presidents to be part of that committee. Randy Heitz will have Ruth Seehusen assemble the names and addresses of all the past presidents still living that we have information on.

Todd Kalkwarf made a motion to adjourn. Pete Jensen seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned. There will be no regular meeting of the Butler County Farm Bureau Board of Directors in October due to the harvest. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 6, at the Farm Bureau building meeting room in Allison.

Aquatic, Forest and Right-of-Way Continuing Instruction Course is Oct. 18

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Butler County office will host an Aquatic, Forest and Right-of-Way Continuing Instruction Course (CIC) for commercial pesticide applicators on Wednesday, Oct. 18. The program provided by the ISU Extension and Outreach Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP) can be seen at office locations across Iowa.

The local attendance site for the Oct. 18 CIC is Butler County Extension Office at 320 N. Main St, Allison, IA. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. followed by sessions from 9-11:30 a.m. The registration fee is \$35 on or before Oct. 11 and \$45 after Oct. 11. To register or to obtain additional information about the CIC, contact Beth Heckman at the

ISU Extension and Outreach Butler County office at 319-267-2707.

The course will provide continuing instruction credits for commercial and public pesticide applicators certified in categories 2 (Forest Pest Control), 5 (Aquatic Pest Control), 6 (Right-of-Way Pest Control) and 10 (Research and Demonstration). Topics to be covered are: safe handling and storage of pesticides; laws and regulations; personal protective equipment; lotus and purple loosestrife control; updates on bur oak blight and emerald ash borer; and managing Japanese stilt grass. Additional information and registration forms for this and other courses offered through the PSEP Program can be accessed at www.extension.iastate.edu/PSEP.



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