

YOUNG LEADERS SUPPORT SECOND STORY TEEN CENTER



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The Bureau County Farm Bureau Young Leaders recently supported Second Story Teen Center by donating more than 100 items, including hygiene products and scientific calculators.

The project began when Young Leader Walker Menzel learned the teen center was seeking donations of these items. Four committee members, Ryan Jagers, Walker Menzel, Kaleb Smith, and Ella Thacker, went shopping to gather supplies for the donation. The committee also included a pack of Illinois Ag in the Classroom Soybean Ag Mags to help connect everyday products to agriculture and highlight the many ways soybeans are used in everyday life.

Following the shopping trip, the group visited Second Story Teen Center, where Executive Director Jaimie Pinter provided a tour and shared information about the facility, the teens it serves, and how donations like theirs make a difference.

Thank you to Rick and Kris Menzel for their monetary donation and support, and another thank you to Jaimie for taking the time to welcome them and share more about the impact that the center has on local youth.

HAVE WINTER GEAR TO SPARE?

Scan the QR code to find box locations to donate gently used hats, coats, and gloves.



L-R: Illinois Farm Bureau Regional Manager Jill Frueh, Mrs. Claus, Santa Claus, Bureau CFB Ag Literacy Coordinator Jodi McMillan, and Payton Frueh

REINDEER FEED STORE AT CHRISTMAS WALK

Bureau County Ag in the Classroom will kick off the fun holiday season by hosting a free Reindeer Feed Store at the Princeton Christmas Walk on November 14 & 15 in the Prouty Building on Main Street from 11am-2pm.

Have you ever wondered what Santa's reindeer eat to make the grand trip each year? We will show you what farmers grow in order to supply the feed ingredients for a well-balanced ration. Children will get to identify the variety of grains and hay and make their very own feed bag to take home for Christmas Eve.

Stop by to see Santa and don't forget to make a snack for Santa's reindeer thanks to farmers in Bureau County!

GUIDANCE FROM THE IRS REGARDING PRESIDENT TRUMP'S EXECUTIVE ORDER ON DYED DIESEL FUEL

On October 14, the IRS provided guidance regarding President Trump's Executive Order on dyed diesel fuel. Members considering using dyed diesel in highway vehicles should review the IRS guidance, along with applicable Illinois requirements.

The guidance states that the IRS will not impose any penalties related to the excise tax for dyed diesel fuel sold for use or used in diesel-powered vehicles on highways nationwide during the relief period of Oct. 1, 2026 to Dec. 31, 2026. The guidance also states that taxpayers do not need to maintain records to substantiate eligibility for federal relief from penalties during this time. The IRS guidance also states that they anticipate issuing further guidance as to the postponement of payment of taxes imposed and will continue to explore ways to eliminate the obligation to pay any amounts deferred. IFB reminds members that this temporary relief does not permanently eliminate fuel tax obligations.

Illinois documentation requirements remain in effect. The federal recordkeeping relief does not change the requirements in the Illinois Department of Revenue (IDOR) guidance shared last Friday. Members seeking Illinois penalty relief must continue to maintain the required documentation for qualifying agricultural transportation during the state relief period of October 6 through December 31, 2026. IDOR requires these records to be retained for four years.

To assist with recordkeeping, a printable dyed diesel truck log is available through the county Farm Bureau and may be provided to members upon request. Providing this form is not an Illinois Farm Bureau endorsement or recommendation to use dyed diesel in highway vehicles. It is simply an optional tool to help members document their fuel use and agricultural hauling. Members should continue to refer to current Illinois Department of Revenue guidance for required documentation. Completing the form alone does not guarantee compliance.

IFB's recommendation continues to be: If you choose to use red dyed diesel in on-road trucks for farming and agricultural purposes, document everything and have a plan to transition back to clear diesel.

IFB will continue to monitor developments at both the federal and state levels and provide additional information as we have it. Please reach out to Brittany Slightom at (815) 875-6468 or bslightom@bureaucountyfarmbureau.org with questions.

CHECK YOUR MAIL - DUES RENEWAL NOTICES SHOULD HAVE ARRIVED FOR 2026-2027!!

It is membership renewal time, Bureau County Farm Bureau voting members! By now, all voting members should have received their dues notice in the mail. If you have not received your notice, please contact our office.

Again, this year, your dues notice form includes the dues notice AND your membership cards at the bottom of the page. Payment is required to activate your membership card. Please note, this will be the only membership billing you will receive from us.

You have the option of paying your dues with a credit or debit card if you choose. You can do so by calling the county Farm Bureau office or by logging into your MyIFB account.

As a reminder, Bureau County Farm Bureau members can create an account and sign in to MyIFB at your convenience. While in the system, you can update your membership information, pay dues electronically, and print new membership cards. Visit www.myifb.org today to access your membership account!

On your dues statement, you will notice line items for optional donations:

- Foundation donations are tax-deductible and will enable the Foundation to continue to provide agricultural education programs to students, as well as provide college scholarships to students pursuing degrees in agriculture.
- ACTIVATOR is the Farm Bureau's political involvement fund, and through ACTIVATOR, Farm Bureau can support legislators that support rural living and agricultural issues.
- Donations to Extension will help support local programs through the Bureau County Extension office.

Membership in the Bureau County Farm Bureau carries many tangible and intangible benefits. One of the tangible benefits of being a member of the Bureau County Farm Bureau is the opportunity to save dollars at area businesses who participate in the organization's Membership Discount Club program. As a member, you receive this benefit free along with your yearly dues.

Your payment is due by December 1. As voted on by the delegate body in December 2025, the cancellation window has shortened from 120 days to 60 days. This means you now have 60 days after the December 1 due date to pay your dues before your membership is canceled.

If you have any questions about your billing or about your membership benefits, please feel free to contact us at **(815) 875-6468** or email your question to **catkinson@bureaucountyfarmbureau.org**.