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Friday, Sept. 28, 2018
Game time – 1:20 p.m.

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FOOD|EVOLUTION



FREE SHOWING FOOD EVOLUTION

Wednesday, April 11

6:30 p.m. | Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Putnam Museum | 1717 West 12th St. | Davenport, Iowa

RSVP TO GUARANTEE A SEAT

<https://foodevolutiondavenport.eventbrite.com/>



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‘Food Evolution’ screening

You are invited to take part in a screening of “Food Evolution” on April 11 at Putnam Museum in Davenport.

With the polarized debate marked by fear, distrust and confusion and the controversy surrounding GMOs, “Food Evolution” sparks a fact-based public dialogue about today’s food system.

Why

Traveling from Hawaiian papaya groves, to banana farms in Uganda, to the cornfields of Iowa, “Food Evolution” from Academy Award-nominated director Scott Hamilton Kennedy wrestles with the emotions and the evidence driving one of the most heated arguments of our time, GMOs.

The film, now streaming on Hulu.com and available on iTunes or Amazon, is a fully independent investigation into biotechnology, interviewing experts on both sides of the aisle and including all points of view. Commissioned by the Institute of Food Technologists, “Food Evolution” shows how easily misinformation can over-

whelm objective analysis, touching on the following topics.

► Are consumers capable of applying science to emotionally charged topics?

► How do we ensure that GMOs and our food supply are safe for your health?

► Can we produce enough food to feed the world without harming the planet?

► Has genetically engineered food and fiber increased or decreased pesticide use?

► What data, evidence and sources are we using to approach these important questions?

In The New York Times’ review of “Food Evolution,” Daniel Gold says, “With a soft tone, respectful to opponents but insistent on the data, ‘Food Evolution’ posits an inconvenient truth for organic boosters to swallow: In a world desperate for safe, sustainable food, GMOs may well be a force for good.”

What

Illinois Farm Bureau will host a complimentary screening of “Food

Evolution” beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11, at the Putnam Museum, 1717 W. 12th St., Davenport, Iowa. The screening is complimentary for members of the community and media to attend.

Following the film, a panel will commence to discuss society’s perception of GMOs and agriculture’s role in sharing the story of biotechnology’s environmental, nutritional and economic impact. Reservations for the showing are requested by registering at: <https://foodevolutiondavenport.eventbrite.com> or calling 309-736-7432.

Who

Panelists include:

► **Joel Stafstrom**, associate professor of biology, Northern Illinois University

► **Lia Nightingale**, associate professor of nutrition, Palmer College of Chiropractic

► **Megan Dwyer**, conventional and non-GMO farmer in Henry County, Illinois

► **Todd Stegmiller**, conventional and organic farmer in Rock Island County, Illinois

Calendar of Events

APRIL

- 3 4th Annual Board Machine Shed cookout with elected officials
- 11 Food Evolution viewing – Putnam Museum 6:30 p.m.
- 16 Board Meeting 7 p.m. – Exec at 6:30 p.m.
- 21 KWQC Women’s Health and Lifestyle Fair; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Davenport RiverCenter – Farm Bureau will be there connecting with consumers!

Save the date for Celebrate Agriculture Night at QC River Bandits on Friday, July 6!

JULY 6

Be there to see WRMJ’s Jim Taylor throw out the first pitch!

Fuhr part of group looking at health care

You may be aware that delegates to the Illinois Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in December asked Illinois Farm Bureau to identify affordable health care options for farmers. They did so as premiums and other health care costs continue to increase, and farm families have trouble finding affordable coverage.

IFB is responding with a two-pronged approach; focusing on what can be done for members from a practical standpoint while also taking a long-term policy approach.

IFB hosted a health care summit in Bloomington on March 13. The summit explored the history between IFB and health insurance, how other farm bureaus are addressing health insurance for their members, what’s currently available for farmers under the Affordable Care Act, the ways in which professional associations might be helping their members with health coverage, and health-sharing programs.

Two groups within IFB are working on the issue. A health care working group includes representatives from all 18 IFB districts and a Young Leader. Rock Island County Farm Bureau Board member Phil Fuhr is part of that group, which is charged with finding solutions for our members based on what is available in the marketplace.

A SWAT team will look at the issue longer-term. That will include a review of IFB policy on health insurance to understand whether it is relevant in today’s world and whether it meets members’ needs.

Both groups will consider and analyze information presented at the March summit.

The working group will meet in July. Based on material presented at the recent summit as well as an ongoing stream of information, the group will work toward a report for both the board of directors and for delegates at the 2018 annual meeting.

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2017-2018

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\$19,243.71

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\$202,476



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Don’t let momentum falter!

Stay focused on continued efforts to resolve conservation cost share reimbursement delays

A reminder if you are still waiting on cost share reimbursements from FSA, please work diligently to get this resolved and completed. We must keep the momentum to resolve these inefficiencies. Thanks to the USDA staff who have tried to help us move the needle.