

Annual Golf Scramble

The Peoria County Farm Bureau Golf Scramble is scheduled for Saturday, June 21, at Oak Run. The address of Oak Run is 1468 Knox Road 1725 N., Dahinda, IL 61428. It will be a shotgun start beginning at 8 a.m.

The cost for members will be \$50 which includes 18 holes of golf, a cart, and a meal. The non-member price is \$70. Checks should be made payable to the Peoria County Farm Bureau.

The meal will include pulled pork, baked beans, au gratin potatoes, Prairie Farms Vanilla Ice Cream, lemonade, and iced tea.

Participants must be at least 12 years old. Teams will consist of 4 people. Members signing up as individuals will be placed with other participants to make up a team of 4.

Prizes will be awarded to members of the 1st and 2nd Place teams with the lowest score. Individual awards for the Longest Putt, Closest to the Pin, and Men and Women's Longest Drive, will be presented at the conclusion of the event. There will also be several door prizes distributed.

Participants should fill out the form or call the Peoria County Farm Bureau office at (309) 686-7070. To sign up and pay online, use the QR code or go to our website www.peoriacountyfarmbureau.org/programs-and-events



Golf Scramble Registration

Please note: A team consists of 4 participants. Those signing up as an individual will be placed with other participants to make up a team of 4

Are you signing up for yourself or a team?

Individual Team

Participant Information

Name _____ Phone _____
 Farm Bureau Member? Yes \$50 FB# _____ No \$70

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Please remit payment to Peoria County Farm Bureau
 1716 N University St. Peoria, IL 61604

Tour a Forest Restoration Project

By: Shirley Johnson

Have you ever noticed in the springtime that a bush-like plant greens up in our woodlands before anything else? And it holds onto its leaves in the fall longer than anything else. That's invasive bush honeysuckle and it causes a host of problems. It can form a dense monoculture in the mid-story that shades out everything underneath, leaving bare soil that just erodes away. It destroys native habitat and biodiversity. It stops forest regeneration because tree seedlings can't survive under its heavy canopy. Furthermore, it significantly stunts growth of overstory trees. Bush honeysuckle is a huge threat to Illinois forests.

But what to do? Some folks turn to herbicide, but there is an environmentally friendly alternative: biological control using intensive goat grazing along with mechanical removal.

My farm in Mapleton has 48 acres of certified organic row crop, eight acres of prairie strips, and 110 acres of woodland. Unfortunately, my woodland is choked with invasive bush honeysuckle, but I am in the process of restoring native oak savanna using the power of goats. Come to a habitat tour at 10am, Friday, June 6 to see this work in progress. There is no cost for the tour, but advance registration is required at tinyurl.com/habtour.

Market Outlook Meeting

The Peoria County Farm Bureau Marketing Committee will be hosting a market outlook meeting on Tuesday, June 17th at 6 pm at the Farm Bureau Park. This event will feature Logan Kimmel an Ag Consultant from Roach Ag Marketing LTD with a discussion on crop markets. To wrap up the program, Peoria County Farm Bureau director Michael Gill is going to show members the drone that he uses and a demonstration of how the drone operates.

A catered meal by Rabers will be made available to members and there is no cost to attend.

To register please sign up through our office at 309-686-7070 or online at www.peoriacountyfarmbureau.org/programs-and-events.

Beekeeping Class

The Peoria County Farm Bureau marketing committee is hosting a beginner beekeeping program on Wednesday, July 16th from 10:30 am-11:30 am. Luke Harvey from the Heart of Illinois Beekeepers will lead the program. All farm bureau members are invited to attend this program. Please RSVP to the Farm Bureau office at 309-686-7070.