



# Champaign County Farm Bureau News

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## CCFB Displays Leadership at Illinois Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

by: David Fulton

*The 2014 Illinois Farm Bureau Annual Meeting may have been the same meeting for most, but not for Champaign County.* The 2014 Annual Meeting was originally planned to be in St. Louis – due to hotel reconstruction, the meeting venue had to be changed at last minute. Once again the meeting was held at the Palmer House in Chicago, IL. The meeting started on Friday December 5th and went through Tuesday December 9th, although the meeting officially adjourned on Monday December 8th. On another note, this year’s weather was much more pleasant in the “Windy City”. Last year’s event was one for the weather report, to say the least. The 2014 Illinois Farm Bureau Meeting

### Renew Your Membership Online!

Farm Bureau members can now go to the Champaign County Farm Bureau website at [www.ccfarmbureau.com](http://www.ccfarmbureau.com) and click on **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL** and pay their membership dues 24 hours a day! Please note that this is only for “renewals.” If the membership is a new, delinquent or reinstating member, you’ll still need to contact the office to pay by credit or debit card.

was indeed a different year, but very successful (especially for our very own grass roots organization). Champaign County Farm Bureau (CCFB) was rewarded with numerous honors and recognition. Amongst these awards were: 2014 Group V President’s Award, 2014 Group V Liberty Bell Award, Friends of Young Leaders Award (This is the third year for a Champaign County Farm Bureau staff member to win this award), Young Leader Outstanding Program Award (a part of this year’s farm forums) and we are happy to have proudly supported Reid Thompson while he represented CCFB at the 2014 Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leader Discussion Meet. Apart from these outstanding awards and program recognition, Champaign County had two resolutions that made it through the Delegate Voting Session. Champaign County Farm Bureau also hosted a Meet & Greet with Illinois State Senator Chapin Rose, Illinois State Senator Jason Barickman, State Representative Elect House District #106 Tom Bennett, for their residing counties. Champaign County Farm Bureau recognized State Representative Elect Mike Ferichs, and presented him the 2014 Friend of Ag. Award. The 2014 Annual Meeting was concluded with a Delegate Floor Resolutions Session in which Champaign County had two resolutions pass on the state level. This is very exciting for CCFB as it will go on to further discussion on a national level at the American Farm Bureau Meeting. Champaign County also congratulates our members who recieved recognition for recruiting 3 to 5 new Champaign County Farm Bureau Members. CCFB represented Champaign County very well at the 2014 Farm Bureau Annual Meeting, and on behalf of all agriculture platforms, achieved a goal that will surely set a standard for 2015’s goals and achievements.

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## Farming Members Meet With Chicago Adopted Legislator

by: David Fulton



### The Importance of Maintaining A Good Relationship

While Champaign County Farm Bureau members were attending Illinois Farm Bureau Meeting in Chicago they were able to meet with adopted legislator, Greg Harris. When in Chicago or Springfield, Champaign County Farm Bureau (CCFB) does their best to meet with Harris. CCFB’s adopted legislator plays an important role when trying to voice opinions or ideas. While visiting with Harris in Chicago J.C. Reitmeier, Mark Pflugmacher and Brad Uken were able to ask him some questions and his opinion on upcoming issues in the Legislation Session. The three wanted to gauge Harris’s opinion on Governor Elect Bruce Rauner and how he would be able to handle the new role leading the state of Illinois. Discussion pointed back to what Rauner stated in the Delegate Session at the State Annual Meeting, “It will be a rough couple of years...” Illinois is in debt and as Harris mentioned the state could cut the 3 most major offices in Illinois and it wouldn’t solve the state’s budget problems. With funding issues rising, the agricultural industry may have some problems with government funding. There was further discussion on Harris’s opinion and his thoughts of the future in the Illinois Department of Agriculture. CCFB also told Harris of their worries with the sales tax incentive on feed, seed, chemicals and equipment and how they wanted a maintained tax structure for the future. The last item discussed was minimum wage increase and that there was a potential for the increase, but nothing will be for sure until we see it unfold.



CCFB Young Ag Leaders gather for a photo at the 2014 Illinois Farm Bureau Annual Meeting. The Young Leaders were excited to support their own, Reid Thompson, as he competed in the 2014 State Discussion Meet. While in Chicago they were able to converse with other Champaign County Farm Bureau Members and discuss the bright future of 2015!



# Committee News

## PRIME TIMERS

In the month of December the Prime Timers invited Andy Hudson, of Paxton, IL, to speak to their group about his adventures to the Artic Circle. He traveled to Finland and Norway to visit a friend, that was once a foreign exchange student that stayed with his family while in the U.S. He mentioned things were different about their lifestyles, but interesting at the least. Live entertainment consisted of the Martin Luther Men's Choir. Cookies were also baked and brought in to share with those who attended. All extra cookies were donated to Cunningham Children's Home.

## WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

This past month of December, the Women's Committee met to celebrate some Christmas cheer. The gathering consisted of a potluck and concluded with a short meeting. Paula Zwilling handed the Chairman position over to Karen Reitmeier. The ladies also brought in donated infant/child items to give to the Champaign Pregnancy Resource Center before the Holidays.

## MARKETING CLUB

At the December meeting there was a presentation on commodity risk management! Jason Clapp and Sherman Newlin from Risk Management Commodities, INC. presented on this fall's crop numbers and what to look for in the future. The Question & Answer portion of the evening was beneficial to those who attended in a way that they became more aware of external factors on crop prices. Not only were external factors in the U.S. but caused by other countries as well. Please join us on January 26th at the I-Hotel to hear from Premier Coop Board at 5p.m.

## YOUNG AG LEADERS

The Young Ag Leaders decided to meet at Biaggi's for a nice Holiday celebration/party. A couple topics covered at their brief meeting was the exchange of leadership from Kirk Builta to Luke Zwilling. Illini Farm Toy Show was mentioned and was concluded with an outline for the 2014 Illinois Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in Chicago.

# The Ides of January

by: Lin Warfel, President  
Champaign County Farm Bureau



The Roman calendar picked what is the middle of our month as a significant time. Most prominent was the death of Julius Caesar, labeled "The Ides of March". But the ides more often kicked off a period of celebrations! So, with my stepping down as President of the top large county Farm Bureau in Illinois, and from the board, plus the county annual meeting coming up, we have a closing and opening. Both worthy of celebrating!

My father in law sometimes prefaced his remarks to his accounting students with "Along life's highway". I like that expression! The journey the past three years as president has been quite a ride! One presidential blessing is to get a broadened sense of what Farm Bureau is, who the people of Farm Bureau are, and what they are doing. Pretty cool stuff!

Former state President Harold Steele spoke recently at the annual meeting in Chicago. Because the people of Champaign County Farm Bureau have done such remarkable things this past year, our county received the President's Award, so I attended a special dinner. Harold reflected on the values of Illinois farmers, focusing on three areas: Honesty, Integrity, and Leadership. At 90 Harold got pretty animated speaking to those points! We received a nice trophy with an eagle on it you can see at the office.

Our county also received the Liberty Bell Award in recognition of work done by a whole lot of folks! Activities of our legislative committee under the leadership of Mark Pflugmacher were enhanced by leadership from the Women's Committee headed by Paula Zwilling. Phone calls, letters and personal conversations came from our county at critical times prior to Congressional actions. We also made a whole lot of calls to the White House regarding EPA expansions.

I've seen hundreds of members at work! Planting trees at Gifford. Attending teaching and learning sessions with equine and with grade school students via Earth Partners. The whole arena of scholarship recipients and donors at the Pear Tree Estate program was really inspiring.

All 17 committees, plus the Board and Officers, enhanced by Brad, Susie, Deidra, Brenda, Donna and Leslie, pull together to recognize and deal with issues where cooperation can move the mountains that face us.

At his retirement. General MacArthur gave a famous speech at West Point. He opined; "Old soldiers never die, they just slowly fade away." Well, I know I will die some day, but I have no interest in slowly fading away! Shifting gears, yes! I'm excited about the Bureau having new officers and the younger generation carrying the ball! Our annual meeting at the I Hotel will be a party! Chris Murray raised an idea with Illinois Farm Bureau, to change STEM to STEAM. Adding an "A" for agriculture to science, technology, engineering and math. I say full STEAM ahead!

Kay has been extraordinarily patient, yielding time after time to my schedules. I have lots of catching up to do at home, with our five kids and six grandchildren. We are not moving to Indiana (lower taxes), Florida, or Arizona!

How can I say "Thanks!" adequately? I believe by stepping down, moving over, and continuing to encourage the new team! See you at the party!

Champaign County Farm Bureau  
Thanks Lin Warfel For His Many Years  
Of Service To The Board  
And To Our Organization.  
We Appreciate Your Efforts And Support!

## Agriculture Leaders of Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow (ALOYTT) Challenges YOU to a hand of Euchre!



ALL FARM BUREAU MEMBERS WELCOME!!!  
Games start at 2 p.m. and last until 4 p.m.  
Champaign County Farm Bureau Auditorium

Mark these dates on your 2015 calendar!!!

January 11  
January 25  
February 8  
February 22  
March 8



## "Check Your Calendar!" January - 2015

8	Prime Timers	10 a.m.
9 - 10	Illini Farm Toy Show	5 p.m.
9 - 14	AFBF Annual Meeting	San Diego
12	Women's Committee	9 a.m.
14	Legislative Committee	7:30 a.m.
25	ALOYTT - Euchre	2 p.m.
26	CCFB Annual Meeting - Marketing	5 p.m.
	CCFB Annual Meeting - Dinner	6 p.m.
29	Full Board	6:30p.m.

## February

3	Marketing Club	7 p.m.
6	Young Ag Leaders	7 p.m.
9	ALOYTT - Euchre	2 p.m.
12	Prime Timers	10 a.m.

# Happy New Year!!!





### *Illinois Treasurer - Elect Mike Frerichs*

*This year the Urban Friend of Agriculture Award was presented to Illinois Treasurer - Elect Mike Frerichs for his help and service to Champaign County Farm Bureau. This award is given to an individual that is close with CCFB but not always from an agricultural background.*



*Congratulations to Kirk Builta, for receiving the Young Leader Outstanding Program Award (a part of this year's farm forums), on behalf of the Champaign County Young Ag Leaders!*



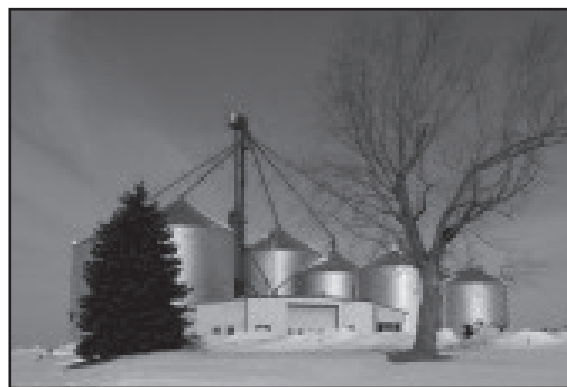
*Congratulations to Reid Thompson, for becoming the 2015 Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leader Representative for District 12! CCFB Young Ag Leaders were also happy to support Reid at the 2014 Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leader Discussion Meet as he represented Champaign County well.*



### *Congratulations to Lin Warfel,*

*on receiving the Group V Presidents Award at the 2014 Illinois Farm Bureau Annual Meeting. The Presidents Award, shaped as an eagle, is an award recognizing the president in the group with outstanding leadership and a supporting board. Lin also received the Liberty Bell Award on behalf of Champaign County Farm Bureau. The Liberty Bell recognizes the county with the most outstanding Governmental Affairs Program. Out of the past six years, Champaign County has held this honor three times for Group V.*

# 2015 Marketing Club



*Joe Burke, Chairman  
CCFB Marketing Club*

## ***Sharpen YOUR Strategy by Attending These Marketing Club Opportunities:***

***Register NOW to Attend the  
2015 Champaign County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting  
on MONDAY, JANUARY 26,  
when the CCFB Marketing Club presents  
Premier Coop Marketing Panel  
beginning at 5 p.m. at the I-Hotel, Champaign!***

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## ***A Word on Annual Meeting With Champaign County Farm Bureau President Lin Warfel***

*by: David Fulton*

*Lin Warfel has been a part of the Champaign County Farm Bureau for 44 years. He mentioned some memories from years past and how agriculture has changed greatly.*

*I asked Lin what he thought of this year's Annual Meeting in Chicago. He said there was less controversy And less submittals for this year's resolutions. Usually the resolutions session will last two days maximum, but finished in one this year. He mentioned how interesting it was to see Governor – Elect Bruce Rauner at the delegate session. Rauner said it would be a rough couple of years for Illinois. CCFB did not let go of these words as they began to apply it to Champaign County agriculture. Warfel said, "Talking issues is a big chunk of the convention." He also said the convention is a great time for him to catch up with old friends, build relationships, discuss and debate on important topics and receive recognition. The awards received at the Annual Meeting reflect the people in Champaign County Farm Bureau. "CCFB has hundreds of active participants that hold 17 committees." Out of the 17 resolutions presented at the Open Resolutions Session at the meeting, Champaign had 2 resolutions to go on. These included STEAM (by: Chris Murray) and an Amendment to add a Sunset on Rules and Regulations (by: Lin Warfel). Lin also mentioned he was truly impressed and happy to have the two ladies, Judi Steriwalt & Nancy Strunk, be delegates this year, representing CCFB.*



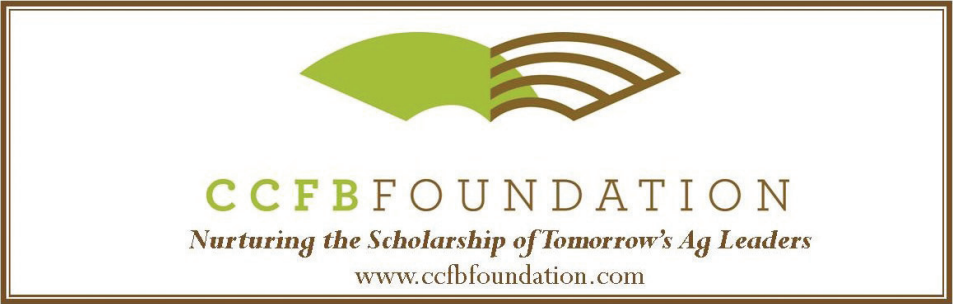
***Congratulations to Judi Steirwalt,  
on receiving the 2014 Ag. In The Classroom Volunteer of the  
Year Award. CCFB appreciates her time and dedication with  
local youth and educating them with classroom aides such as  
the CCFB Learning Barn. Thanks, Judi!***



# Scholarship Program

The goal is to provide financial support to students pursuing an ag related field of study. The scholarship program, starting in 1986, has provided over \$650,000 in scholarship funds to students in Champaign County. This past year we awarded 50 \$1000 scholarships to students across Champaign County. We expect the number of requests for support to continue to grow, but one thing remains constant—the quality of our applicants. Most students will qualify to receive a scholarship each year they are in school.

Your contribution will make a difference. Simply visit [www.ccfbfoundation.com/donate](http://www.ccfbfoundation.com/donate) to pay by credit card. You may wish to ask if your employer matches charitable donations to double your impact. You may designate to either program if you wish. Just check the appropriate box if giving online.



## The 2014 Harvest Gala

*-took place at the Pear Tree Estate. The evening consisted of a silent auction, dinner served by LA Gourmet, a live auction (Reid Thompson Auctioned Items) and live entertainment. The purpose of this event is to raise money for the following year's scholarship recipients.*

**Larry Wood:**  
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Foundation scholarship applications are available at:  
[www.ccfbfoundation.com](http://www.ccfbfoundation.com)  
or at the CCFB office.

### Qualifications:

- \* Live in or attend a high school in Champaign County
- \* Full time student pursuing an ag-related field of study while maintaining a 2.0 GPA

### Application Deadline:

March 1, 2015



In Champaign County, there are 15 public schools and 21 non-public schools for a total of around 23,000 students. With the majority of those students removed from the farm, the need for Agriculture Literacy is great. It takes partnerships of all kinds to provide agriculture education and we are grateful to everyone who contributes.

## Warm Up with Summer Thoughts

Forget this winter business, Earth Partners is already working on our goals for summer programming! The Committee met last week and finalized dates and topics for 2015 Summer Ag Institutes at Parkland College. This year's focus will be on educating Champaign county teachers about the farms and agricultural resources that are in our community through a weeklong training, farm visits and guest speakers. Earth Partners will also host an additional four day workshop specifically focused on water later in the summer.

Earth Partners is also excited to announce a new program to you that we have dubbed, Ag Champions!

The idea behind this program is to locate teachers, or administrators, who are passionate about agriculture that would champion our Earth Partners program in their local school by being a liaison between their school and the resources we can provide. The hope is that this "Champion"

will help Earth Partners supply the right resources and programming to meet each school's unique needs and objectives for agriculture education. Whether that be as a stand-alone program on Illinois prairies or to help supplement existing curriculum for a 5th grade science class studying wind energy. The possibilities are endless! Our goal is to build this relationship with at least one teacher in each school building throughout the Champaign County.

We hope that this program identifies more educators to help share our county wide agriculture literacy message both through the Farm Bureau's Women's Committee's Learning Barn and Earth Partners programs.

If you know a teacher, or administrator, in a local school who already exhibits a passion for agriculture and would be willing to be a "Champion", please call Myla at the Champaign

County Farm Bureau or email her at: [myla@ccfarmbureau.com](mailto:myla@ccfarmbureau.com)

The goal of Earth Partners is to develop a more knowledgeable consuming public that understands that agriculture is an evolving area of the life and physical sciences and an integral part of everyday life.

- Establish a linkage between education and agriculture by coordinating and facilitating interdisciplinary resources for teachers and students, including curriculum and educational kits.

- Create partnerships with businesses, agencies, organizations, and colleges to develop high quality information and field trip/lab opportunities for teacher workshops. Earth Partners has the oldest and largest summer program in the state to facilitate teacher understanding of the diverse world of agriculture through classes providing field trips and in class agriculture/environmental education.



Myla Munro, Earth Partners Coordinator

- Help teachers, students, and their parents become aware of how agriculture affects their lives. This is primarily accomplished through classroom presentations and special events.
- Recruit, train, coordinate and collaborate with volunteers to help provide development of curriculum materials, classroom activities and field trip opportunities.
- Create an awareness of agricultural career opportunities in science, math, and communication through education of counselors and teachers.

**Agriculture** in general covers everything from planting seeds to the delivery of food to your table, and everything that goes on in between; from harvesting, storage, manufacturing and distribution. This whole process is important to all of us and broadening our public knowledge and supporting ag education will only lead to making better decisions when meeting the challenges that face us now and our growing demand for food. The agriculture industry needs well educated, talented, and innovative leaders now more than ever. The Earth Partners program opens up that world to many students and teachers who otherwise would not be aware of what agriculture is all about.





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### **COUNTRY Financial COO Announces Retirement** **Dec. 9, 2014**

Barb Baurer, chief operating officer for COUNTRY Financial, announced she will retire in January 2015.

“Our employees and agency force have been like a family for me over the past 37 years, but after 25 years in executive leadership I’m excited to explore this next chapter,” says Baurer. “I’ll leave knowing COUNTRY is in excellent hands and will continue to be the most trustworthy and customer-focused organization in our industry.”

“For more than 37 years, Barb’s leadership has been an asset to the Illinois Farm Bureau Family of Companies,” says Chief Executive Officer Kurt Bock. “Over the course of her career, she played an instrumental role in the growth of COUNTRY Financial. We appreciate Barb’s extreme dedication to not only improving COUNTRY, but also her voice and efforts for our industry and our communities. I know I can speak for the employees, financial representatives and customers of COUNTRY who will certainly echo our thanks for Barb’s leadership.”

Baurer has served as chief operating officer for COUNTRY Financial since September 1999.

### **Americans’ Wallets Aren’t Ready For** **The Holiday Shopping Season** **Dec. 11, 2014**

The weaker-than-expected start to the holiday shopping season might have less to do with the quality of the deals than the struggling state of many Americans’ savings.

Since its inception in 2007, the COUNTRY Financial Security Index® continues to track a downward trend in Americans’ ability to save. The most recent index reveals just 42 percent of Americans were able to set aside money for savings or investments over the past two months. That’s down from a pre-recession saving rate of 55 percent in October 2007.

- The most savings strapped are Americans age 40 to 49, with only 32 percent of them saying they were able to set aside money in advance of the holidays. Americans might be paying down debt with the funds they do have. Seventy-five percent of Americans were confident in their ability to pay down debts as they are due.

- Millennials don’t seem as hopeful, with about 62 percent of 18 to 29 year olds expressing confidence in their ability to pay down debts.

Having less debt may be making Americans more positive about their financial security heading into the New Year. A quarter of survey respondents say their financial security is getting better, up five points since June this year. Overall, Americans’ financial confidence is holding steady as 42 percent rate their financial security as excellent or good, a slight increase from 41 percent in June of 2014.

“With a holiday shopping season that’s lasting longer each year, Americans might find themselves facing more pressure, and temptation, than before,” says Troy Frerichs, director of Investments-Wealth Management at COUNTRY Financial. “Your holiday shopping shouldn’t be determined by the best deals, but rather by your level of savings. The holidays are an opportunity to spend more time with friends and family, and they don’t have to be an occasion to overspend.”

#### **The Financial Security Salary Threshold**

On a majority of key financial security measures, Americans with a household income of \$50,000 or more are more confident and optimistic.

“Americans have the fundamentals in place to achieve financial security,” adds Frerichs. “It’s great to see that a growing number are optimistic. Establishing a budget for holiday expenses, as well as a long-term plan, can help people get their

savings back on track as we head into the New Year.”



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# Join Illini FS at the Midwest Ag Expo

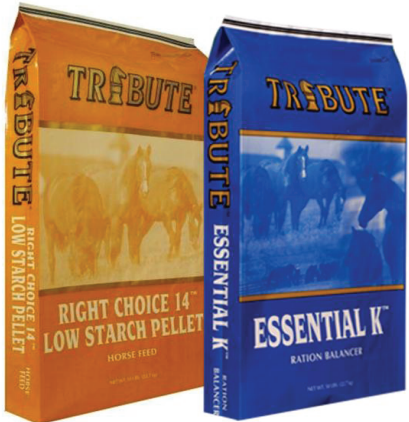
You are invited to join Illini FS at the Midwest Ag Expo, January 28 and 29, 2015, at Gordyville USA. Illini FS will have a 40 X 40 booth located in space #452. Several staff members will be at the booth during the two day event promoting Illini FS products and services. Come out and learn more about Agronomy, Energy, Seed, Farmtown, Propane and Construction Services. Expo visitors can stop by the Illini FS booth for drawings, giveaways, and popcorn. Illini FS has been participating in the Midwest Ag Expo for several years and looks forward to meeting with new and existing customers. Come out and see Illini FS lighted displays, pop up banners, walk through a building constructed by the Construction Services Department and visit with friendly and knowledgeable staff! Hope to see you there!

by: Lesley Gooding

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Check out GROWMARK Careers on the go and start sharing our opportunities with people you know. Available for free in the iPhone/iPad App Store. Download our new recruiting app now!

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*The Illini Fs Booth At The 2014 Midwest Ag.  
Expo. This Year The Booth Will Be Located  
At Space #452, Stop By and See Us!*



## Celebrate 2015 with Prime Timers! February 12 starting at 10 a.m.

Concerned about  
Weather Cancellations?  
- Watch for notices on WCIA  
- Tune in WDWS for news  
- Call the office at 352-5235



Ken Roellig, Prime Timers Chairman

- Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month
  - Cost is \$5 to attend
  - Call 352-5235 ahead of each meeting to reserve your spot
- Mark your calendar - Don't miss a single Prime Timer date!

Prime Timers 2015:

March 12

April 9

May 14



## 2015 Plat Books Will Be Available This January Look For Official Announcement\*

**\$20 CCFB Members  
\$45 Non-Members**



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Life Line Screenings

JANUARY 29, 2015  
10:00AM TO 05:00PM

CCFB Auditorium  
801 N Country Fair Drive  
Champaign, IL 61821

Pre-Registration required for screenings by  
calling 1-800-772-8260.



March 21, 2015 - "American Passion  
Play" at Bloomington Center for the  
Performing Arts

Cost per person: \$62  
Deadline: 1/23/2015

HIS LIFE changed our World. The experi-  
ence could change YOURS  
You'll travel with Christ, seeing the world  
as He saw it. You'll follow His ministry and  
life from the Sermon on the Mount to the  
Resurrection and Ascension. You'll hear  
His words, as vital to you now as they were  
to the people of his time.

The American Passion Play, unlike other  
passion plays, dramatizes Jesus' entire  
ministry, rather than just the events from  
the Passion Week onward. His teachings  
on faith, love, justice and righteousness are  
still our best hope for solving today's com-  
plex problems. The message of his three-  
year ministry has a larger meaning for our

daily lives than do the emotions of Passion



May 13, 2015 - "The Last  
Potluck Supper" at CIRCA'21

in Rock Island, IL

Cost per person: \$76  
Deadline: 4/20/2015

ALL NEW SHOW! The latest and  
final installment in the uproarious  
series, the lovely ladies of the church  
kitchen serve up a rib-tickling pan-  
orama of the Church's changes,  
without spilling a drop of their egg  
coffee!

## CCFB Annual Meeting Registration Deadline January 19.... Give Us A Call!

"We Now Accept Credit Cards"

The 103rd Champaign  
County Farm Bureau  
Annual Meeting will take  
place at the I-Hotel again this  
year. CCFB was very pleased  
with last year's event and looking  
forward to another great year.  
Marketing Club at 5p.m. with  
the Premier Coop Marketing  
Board, dinner served at 6p.m.  
and our keynote speech pre-  
sented by Cody Morris, Illinois  
FFA State President. The cost is  
\$15 per person, we hope to see  
you there!

February 5-13, 2015 - Tropical Costa Rica  
For more information pick up your brochure in the  
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make your reservations

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ARROW AUTO GLASS  
BARD OPTICAL  
BRT AUTOMOTIVE  
C.A.R.'S AUTO DETAILING  
COUNTRY SQUIRE CLEANERS  
DRIVEWAY CHIMES, OGDEN  
HEALTH ALLIANCE  
INTERSTATE BATTERIES  
LOUIE'S DIXIE KITCHEN  
GREEN PURPOSE  
FASTENAL, CHAMPAIGN  
THE FITNESS CENTER  
FURNITURE WORLD OF RANTOUL  
GARBER'S CLEANERS  
HOUCHENS HEATING & A/C GROUP  
NANCY'S CREATIONS  
NAPA AUTO PARTS  
NICK'S PORTERHOUSE OF PAINTS  
O'BRIEN TOYOTA  
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS  
PEACE OF MIND ALERT  
PERSONAL CARE HEALTH PLANS  
RAHN EQUIPMENT COMPANY  
RAINBOW INTERNATIONAL  
RANTOUL GOODYEAR TIRE CENTER  
RANTOUL PIZZA PUB  
REFINERY HEALTH CLUB  
ROSATI'S PIZZA & CATERING  
SAFELY FILED  
SAM'S CLUB  
SERVICE MASTER  
SHOOTER'S BAR AND  
GRILL - RANTOUL  
SNELL CHIROPRACTIC  
RED WING SHOES  
SHELBY MOTORS - DENNIS RIGGS  
SIDNEY DAIRY BARN  
SPRINT - CU LOCATIONS ONLY  
SUNSINGER WINERY  
SULLIVAN-PARKHILL AUTOMOTIVE  
WYLDEWOOD CELLARS  
ZA'S



# Champaign County Farm Bureau Wishes You and Your Family A HAPPY New Year!

## Champaign County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting Notice

Notice is hereby given that the 103rd Annual Meeting of the Champaign County Farm Bureau is called for Monday, January 26, 2015, at the I-Hotel & Conference Center, 1900 South First Street, Champaign, IL.

**Registration begins at 5 p.m.**  
**Marketing Club meets at 5 p.m.**  
**Dinner will be served at 6 p.m.**

*The business meeting will begin at 7 p.m. for the purpose of consideration of any business which may be properly presented. Directors from the following townships will be elected: Harwood/Kerr, Ayers, Stanton, Champaign, Condit, Sidney, Pesotum, Brown, Colfax, & Mahomet.*

## 2015 CCFB ANNUAL MEETING SPEAKER Cody Morris, Illinois State FFA President



The Coles County native was a former chapter president of Mattoon High School FFA and served on the parliamentary procedure team as well as public speaking and livestock judging. Cody is carrying on the family tradition as his father, Rodney, served as Illinois State President from 1982-83. Mark your 2015 calendar and plan now to join us on January 26, 2015!  
“AGRICULTURE:  
THE FUTURE IS OURS!”

## The 103rd Champaign County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

Monday, January 26, 2015 – Dinner begins at 6 p.m.

The I-Hotel and Conference Center  
1900 South First Street  
Champaign, Illinois  
Cost: \$15 per person

### Registration Deadline: Monday, January 19, 2015

Return your check with this order form to:  
Champaign County Farm Bureau  
801 N Country Fair Dr.  
Champaign, IL 61821

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL INCLUDED WITH ORDER: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit card payments (Visa, MasterCard, Discover)  
accepted over the phone  
or at the CCFB Office, 217-352-5235.

## Join us @ Parkland College

AGB 723

### BASIC GRAIN MARKETING

A short course for those who need to know some basics



#### When

Every Thursday from  
February 2 to March 2  
6:00 to 8:45 pm

#### Where

Tony Noel Agricultural Center on the  
west side of the Parkland campus

#### Cost

\$136.50 (includes materials)  
(those aged 65+ pay only \$10!)

#### Instructor:

Bruce Henrikson  
Agriculture instructor since 1975 and former farm marketing consultant

#### How to register

Call Bruce (or Terri Jones) at 217/351-2213 or complete and mail the  
attached form (also available in the back of the Parkland "505" booklet mailed to district residents in January).



#### Topics included:

1. Cash grain markets and factors that affect your net price
2. How the futures market affects the cash grain market
3. Fundamental factors that affect price
4. Technical analysis and the affect on price
5. Farm market planning

### Owning Farmland - The Basics

The topics will be covered in an easy to understand format. Ag industry and university professionals will present on a variety of topics that every landowner should know to maximize their farmland investment. Topics include what you need to know about protecting your farm from fertility loss, soil erosion, weed resistance, and legal issues. Other speakers will provide practical suggestions on leasing trends, buying or selling a farm, and improving yields through farm drainage. Also included will be updates on farm land values, cash rent, farm profitability, grain marketing, and making the most out of Government programs. There is a \$20 registration fee and pre-registration is required, but lunch will be provided. Questions should be directed to Bruce Henrikson at Parkland at bhenrikson@parkland.edu or 217.351.2435.

- Tuesday February 10th
- 8am-4:30pm
- Deadline: Feb. 3
- Location: The Anderson Room in the Tony Noel Agriculture Technologies Center on the west side of the Parkland College campus.



Greg Cahill, United Praire LLC, helps CCFB with the 2014 citrus sale!



The Women's Committee Donating To  
The Pregnancy Resource Center



Young Ag Leaders Gather For A Christmas Party