



# Champaign County Farm Bureau News

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“Champaign County Farm Bureau will strive to assist families in agriculture by recognizing and responding to issues of concern while strengthening partnerships and improving farm family life for this and future generations.”

## Getting to Know Champaign County Government

By: Lesley Gooding



Katie Blakeman

**Katie Blakeman** has been serving as your Champaign County Circuit Clerk since 2012. Katie is a native of Champaign, graduating from Centennial High School before attending Augustana College in Rock Island, IL. Graduating from Augustana with a B.S. in Business led Katie to jobs in Chicago, Pittsburgh, and Baltimore before heading back “home” to Champaign in 2004.

Settling back in Champaign, Katie began working for the University of Illinois and took on the challenge of enrolling as a student again. She worked towards and obtained a

Masters in Library and Information Science with an end goal of working in Public Library Administration. Being elected to Circuit Clerk set Katie on a different career path, but one that is strikingly similar to library administration. “Libraries and the Circuit Clerk’s office both organize information and make it accessible to the public,” says Katie.

The Champaign County Circuit Clerk’s Office employs 40 staff members who are responsible for connecting the judicial system to the public. Circuit Clerk staff are often the first faces you see when you enter the courthouse. These are the people who help the public understand and access the courts. It is a big undertaking, but the Circuit Clerk’s Office is dedicated

to providing great customer service to the residents of Champaign County. Did you know a file viewing room and public terminals are available at the courthouse for use by residents?

Responsibilities of this office include recording and collecting all court-related fines and fees. A great deal of information is also maintained by this office including notices and information about court cases. The Clerk’s office successfully carries out its duties by annually receipting \$9 to \$10 million through the collection and dispersing of fines and fees. A budget of approximately \$1.5 million is spent on salaries.

Challenges come with the job and Katie says one of the biggest challenges over the past few years has been “the dramatic change in technology. As of January 2018, the Supreme Court mandated electronic filing for all civil proceedings. This has been a fairly seamless transition for our county. Coming up next, probably within 6 months, we are anticipating mandatory electronic filing for criminal cases.” On the horizon, Champaign County residents can expect to see electronic filing for citations as

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### Attention Veterans: Champaign County Farm Bureau is saluting you!



In celebration of Veteran’s Day, 2018, The Champaign County Farm Bureau is saluting our own Farm Bureau veterans by recognizing you on Monday, Nov. 12, 2018 at 8AM at the CCFB auditorium. A catered breakfast will be provided in your honor. In addition, a program featuring a panel of our own FB members will share their personal involvement in the military. Our panelists include Ken Roellig (WWII), Robert Siuts and Marvin Lee (Korea), Gerald Henry and Lin Warfel (Vietnam), Jane Hogan, Women’s Committee member representing women veterans, and David Cluver (Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom). We will also have another

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## CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FARM BUREAU SALUTES OUR VETERAN MEMBERS



Monday | Nov. 12 | 8 AM  
801 N. COUNTRY FAIR DR.  
**CHAMPAIGN, IL**  
RSVP REQUIRED: (217) 352-5235

**Veterans: The Champaign County Farm Bureau Women’s Committee will be hosting a breakfast in your honor for your service and protection of our country and freedom. 50 Veterans will receive a specially designed Farm Bureau veteran hat as a token of our appreciation.**





# November Report



**President, Mike Briggs**

As we approach the beginning of November I hope everyone is getting close to finishing harvest. Please remember to be safe as the harvest season winds down. It sounds like most of the county has been blessed with a bountiful harvest this year. The weather has made a pretty dramatic change in the last few weeks and now it feels like fall.

There are a couple of important items I wanted to mention in closing. First, Champaign County had the opportunity to host Congressman Rodney Davis and Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue on October 24. This was a great opportunity to visit with our leaders. Finally, on a closely related matter I wanted to ask everyone to make sure they get out and vote in November.

Sincerely,  
Mike Briggs

**Join the Prime Timers!**  
**November 8 starting at 10 a.m.**

*Speaker: Grace Khachaturian,  
Miss Illinois*



*Gerald Henry, Prime Timers Chairman*

*Entertainment: Boots Fulton*  
**Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month**  
**Cost \$8 to attend**

**Call 352-5235 ahead of each meeting to reserve your spot**  
**Mark your calendar for future meetings!**

*December 13  
January 10  
February 14*

## WOMEN’S COMMITTEE

*The Champaign County Farm Bureau Women’s Committee is open to all women members of the Champaign County Farm Bureau. The women’s committee meets every second Monday of the month (except May and October) at 9:30 a.m. with lunch to follow.*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

*November 12- Veteran’s Breakfast @ CCFB, 8 a.m.  
November 14- Web Workshop @ CCFB, 6:30 p.m.  
December 10- Holiday Brunch @ CCFB, 9:30 a.m.*

## Young Ag Leaders November Event

**Thursday, November 8th- 6:30 pm**

### Business Meeting

*Scotty’s Brewhouse – 2001 S. Neil St, Champaign, IL*

## Do you know someone who could benefit from a Professional Membership?

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

**Pave Your Path.**

**Take advantage of becoming a Professional Member!**  
**Network with successful agriculture professionals in your county and the state.**

**Explore the endless opportunities:** Education | Advocacy | Networking  
Visit [www.myifb.org](http://www.myifb.org) to join today!

## WEB WORKSHOP

**November 14th @ 6:30 p.m.!**

**Open to all Champaign County  
Farm Bureau members!**

### Champaign County Farm Bureau Auditorium

*Tricia Campbell will be teaching a workshop on how to use iDevices, such as I-pads and I-phones. The workshop will include how to use apps on your device and how to navigate the internet! At the end of the workshop she will answer any questions you may have! Call the CCFB office today to sign up at 217-352-5235!*



**Tricia Campbell**

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well. Officers will be able to scan a driver’s license or license plate. The scanned information will be automatically transmitted which makes tickets easier to read and extremely accurate.

Drainage District Elections, falling under the responsibilities of the Circuit Clerk’s office, is very important to farm bureau members. Drainage District elections, handled by the courts, are held the 1st Tuesday in September from 2 to 4 p.m. In order to vote in this election or hold a position in a district, one must be a landowner. Katie says, “It is very important for people to have a say since they own land.”

### On a personal note Cubs or Cardinals?

We are a Cubs family, but we have some White Sox fans too!

### Favorite Dessert?

I love to bake! My mom passed down her great pie making skills to me. My mom has a great apple pie recipe!  
**Anything exciting going on in your life?**

We just welcomed our 3rd girl to the family. We are in survival mode right now with a 7 year old, 4 year old, and a 3 month old. Our kids keep us feeling young!

### Do you have any childhood memories of agriculture?

My father grew up on a farm and received a degree in ornamental horticulture from the University of Illinois. My dad moved off the farm but has an amazing home garden. I have wonderful memories of eating and canning great food from his garden. We would also go berry picking in the summer. Living in central Illinois I have always felt connected to agriculture.

## CCFB Calendar of Events November 2018

November 8	Prime Timers	10 a.m.
November 8	Young Ag Leaders @ Scotty’s Brewhouse	6:30 p.m.
November 12	Women’s Committee	9:30 a.m.
November 13	Legislative Committee	7:30 a.m.
November 13	Premier Ladies Marketing	9:30 a.m.
November 14	Women’s Committee Web Workshop	6:30 p.m.
November 15	Full Board	6:30 p.m.
November 22-23	Office Closed – Holiday	

## December 2018

December 6	Young Ag Leaders	
December 10	Women’s Committee	9:30 a.m.
December 11	Premier Ladies Marketing	9:30 a.m.
December 13	Prime Timers	10 a.m.
December 18	Legislative Committee	7:30 a.m.
December 20	Full Board	6:30 p.m.
December 24-26	Office Closed – Holiday	
December 31	Office Closed - Holiday	



# FFA Highlight - Urbana High School



Urbana High School's FFA Chapter has been hard at work. The chapter recently had Miniature Therapy Horses in the school to teach students about different kinds of therapies available to hospitals, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers and, anti-bullying campaigns. Heartland

Mini Hoofs brought in the horses from Taylorville. 150 students were able to experience these mini giants!

The chapter has recently been working on a project involving building beehives. The school has a beehive in Urbana at a nearby home. The chapter extracted honey this week



from a box that was donated to the school since our hive didn't have a surplus.

Finally, the chapter has been raising money to go to the National FFA Convention which is held in Indianapolis. The convention will take place at the end of October. The Chap-

ter Members have been working hard to raise money to go to the convention!

For more information contact Urbana's advisor at [jwhite@usd116.org](mailto:jwhite@usd116.org)

*Darian Younggren-Halliday*  
Chapter Reporter

## CCFB: Behind the Scenes

*By Brad Uken, Manager*

Over the last several months the Champaign County Farm Bureau, the Farm Bureau's Political Involvement Committee, Illinois Farm Bureau and ACTIVATOR – Illinois Farm Bureau's political action committee have all been working on your behalf to help educate you on the issues impacting the industry and meeting candidates for the various offices up for election.

Last month, I spent three days in Washington D.C. with Illinois Farm Bureau. We made a number of stops including the American Farm Bureau Federation, the Canadian Embassy, and Capitol Hill to name a few. The focus of the trip was to enhance our organization's overall political effectiveness, gain an appreciation for the nuts and bolts of the federal government, and to network with federal legislative staff and regulatory policy makers. Ultimately, we left D.C. with a deeper appreciation and understanding for the "process." Additionally, we learned of the latest news and rumors surrounding issues like the Farm Bill, WOTUS, Trade,

ethanol, the United States Mexico Canada Agreement (USMCA). This is an outstanding trip that helps give me further insights in the workings of D.C. and the thought process behind some of the critical decisions that are being made regarding our industry. It also provides me some additional resources for present and future issues and helps solidify relationships with those policy makers.

Within the political arena, relationship building is vital. One avenue that the CCFB utilizes to build these relationships is our monthly Legislative Committee meetings. It's at these meetings that we have State Representatives and Senators, county-wide elected leaders, county board members, and staff from our federal elected offices. These folks are all busy but see the value in meeting with our members and learning more about the issues that are important. Additionally, they are there to help provide information to us about those same issues, it truly is a two-way street. We in agriculture must continue to foster these relationships. Simply put, the

issues impacting agriculture on all levels are going to come faster and have larger impacts on our industry as we move forward. We can't afford not to have relationships with the individuals who can help us address these issues. So make sure you take note of when this committee meets this month – Tuesday, November 13th at 7:30 a.m. at the Farm Bureau.

In order to build relationships, we have to elect candidates that are willing to listen and act on agricultural issues. The Champaign County Farm Bureau Political Involvement Committee has evaluated several of the candidates that are vying to represent parts of this county on the county board or as a countywide office holder. They've made their endorsements of candidates who they feel will best represent the voters of the county using a common sense approach to governing while being fiscally responsible and listening to the voters. The committee was diligent in seeking out the thoughts and views of candidates in these particular races and taking them into consideration prior to making

our endorsements. That committee's endorsements are on the back page and we hope that you support these candidates on November 6th.

Speaking of November 6th, please make sure to take advantage of the privilege that we have here in the United States – voting. I realize that many of us get fed up with all the mail we receive from candidates and the never ending TV commercials about who is the right candidate and who is the wrong candidate. The end result is often that we throw our hands up in the air and say I don't know and don't care anymore. While I've been in your shoes before, we in agriculture can't afford to take that approach any longer, we have to continue to stand up for our industry, let our voices be heard and hope that we put the best candidates in office that will represent our industry, one who takes a common sense approach.

The Farm Bureau continues to work on behalf of our members through a busy harvest season and into what appears to be another challenging winter.





**KIRK BUILTA**  
Executive Director



**SARAH KAPER**  
Earth Partners Director

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## 11th Annual Harvest Gala Set for November Plant Seeds This Fall!

### Planting Seeds For Our Future

#### Seed & Chemical



#### Chemical Packages



#### Seed Packages



Harvest is coming to a close in Champaign County and that means local producers are already preparing for their 2019 crop year. Thanks to a collaborative group of suppliers, the CCFB Foundation is providing farmers the opportunity to jump start their crop planning; and to plant seeds for our future by impacting the CCFB Foundation!

Local suppliers are showing their support for tomorrow's industry by providing live auction items for the Foundation's November 16th Harvest Gala. You're going to buy it anyway, why not support the CCFB Foundation and make a true impact on the future of our industry while you farm!

#### Seed Packages

- 12 bags of AgriGold Seed donated by Joe

Cannon and AgriGold

- 12 bags of Pioneer Seed donated by our friends at Murray Seed

#### 40 Acre Premium Corn Program Generously Donated by Illini FS & Syngenta

- Pre-Emergence: Acuron with Atrazine and Oil -Application Included
- Post-Emergence: Acuron with Atrazine, Glyphosate and surfactant - Application Included
- Plant Health: Miravus Neo Fungicide at full tassel - Application Included

#### 80 Acre Premium Soybean Program Donated by our Friends at Nutrien and BASF

- Pre-Emergence: Matador plus Verdict
- For Burndown add MSO with Lecitech, AmazeGold, Makaze - Application Included
- Without fall burndown: Salvo -Application Included
- Post-Emergence –
- Option 1: Liberty with Outlook, AmazeGold, Intensity and Radiate -Application Included
- Option 2: Engenia, Zidua, Makaze Yield Pro and Intensity One - Application Included

#### 40 Acres TOTAL Corn & Chem Package donated by Bayer & DeKalb

- 40 Acres of DeKalb Corn Seed
- 40 Acre Premium Chemical package
- Voucher to be redeemed at your favorite Champaign County retailer!**

These packages will truly help us plant seeds for our future, together! We're honored to be trusted with this responsibility

by our partners at the following companies: AgriGold, Joe Cannon; BASF, Matt Reinhart; Bayer, Aaron Ehler; DeKalb, John Wienke, Illini FS, Mark Thornsborough; Murray Seed, Jack Murray; Nutrien, Sidney location staff; Syngenta, Jeff Dollahon.

Check our website [www.ccfbfoundation.com](http://www.ccfbfoundation.com)

tion.com in the coming days as we add more details! Or call CCFB Foundation Executive Director Kirk Buita for more information: 217-352-5235

**Bid on these items and more at the November 16th Harvest Gala!**

## The Auction Block

The 2018 Harvest Gala truly has something for everyone. Networking with industry leaders, an amazing dinner by LA Gourmet, a dessert auction which will leave your mouth watering, and silent and live auctions full of great items for your home and farm. This year's 11th Annual Harvest Gala is one you won't want to miss!

Thanks to our sponsors we're able to provide another great list of live auction items. Were excited to announce a sampling of items below. Follow us on Facebook or visit our website [www.ccfbfoundation.com](http://www.ccfbfoundation.com) to stay up to date on this growing list of live auction items.

#### Live Auction

**Pheasant Hunt with the Hannagan's**

**Green Mountain Pellet Grill**, Donated by Illini FS

**The Bourbon Trail**, Yes, its back again! Enjoy a 2 night trip for 4 to the famous Bourbon Trail

**Illini Men's Basketball Tickets**  
Premium Seating for 4 Courtesy of Litchfield Farms to watch your choice of Big Ten opponents

Nebraska (February 2), Michigan State (February 5) or Rutgers (February 9)

#### Kansas City Road Trip

A Trip for 4 Donated by the CCFB Foundation Board of Directors

#### Illini Tailgate Makeover

Everything you need for a fun tailgate!

Illini Tent, Treager Tailgate Grill, Gizzly Cooler, Chairs, Games and More!

Donated by Warner Farm Equipment,

Freedom Firearms & other friends of the Foundation

#### John Deere vs. Case

Red or Green, which is more popular?

We'll find out with these ride-on toys!

#### Seed & Chemical Packages

See "Plant Seeds This Fall" for more information

More to Come! Watch for updates at [facebook.com/ccfb\\_foundation](https://facebook.com/ccfb_foundation)

Bid High! Bid Often! Your Donation

Directly Impact the students of Champaign County!

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## Earth Partners Is Taking Agriculture To A Classroom Near You

The beginning of the school year is always an exciting and hectic time for parents, teachers, and students. Routines and expectations are established, supplies are gathered, and then teaching begins. During those beginning days and weeks, Earth Partners was able to make contact with each elementary school in the county- -that means that 35 schools were visited and resources for the 565 teachers were delivered. The primary purpose was to introduce our program by dropping off sample AG MAGS, Ag in the Classroom calendars, and a free apple or pumpkin book for the school library. Since those initial visits, a monthly newsletter has gone out to the county teachers giving lists of Earth Partner's resources, opportunities to request Earth Partners to prepare lessons for them to teach, or for Earth Partners to present lessons to their classes.

After the tour of the county, Earth Partners has been busy bringing agriculture programming to Champaign County. We started with a big event, Where Does Our Food Come From? This event was hosted at Parkland College and with the help of volunteers from the Earth Partners committee, Parkland College faculty, the Unity FFA, the Fisher FFA, and several other community members, we were able to teach over 800 Unit 4 kindergarteners about where their food really comes from...our farms! The students and teachers rotated through seven stations and learned about corn, pigs, vegetables, cows, pumpkins, goats, and chickens. The station leaders shared facts as well as offered some hands-on experiences. There were many smiles and squeals throughout the day as the students touched animals, shelled corn, and learned new facts about their food.

Earth Partners traveled to Klein Farms to deliver a lesson on where our pizza comes from for 40 students and teachers from St. Matthew's Catholic School. The students spent the morning touring the farm. Then they returned to the learning area to talk about what they saw on the farm. Even though they saw cows and corn, amazingly, no one saw a pizza growing of the farm! We were able to build a pizza from the bottom up and talk about how each ingredient comes from a farm. The best part was ending the session with some Papa Johns pizza!

The month is full of other activities on the calendar:

- Earth Partners prepared lessons, supplies, and training so that the Heritage FFA can teach apples, pumpkins, and corn lessons to the K-4 students in their district.
- Earth Partners visited Mahomet-Seymour first grade classes to teach a pumpkin life cycle lesson before they went to the Pumpkin Patch for a field trip.
- Pumpkin, apple, and other lessons will also head to Unity East, Ludlow, Robeson, Gifford, St. Thomas, Urbana Early Childhood, and King School in the coming weeks.

Fall is where the fun is! Earth Partners is bringing great fall agriculture lessons to the classrooms in Champaign County. If a teacher in your community is interesting in hosting Earth Partners lessons, or borrowing materials, please have the school contact Earth Partners Director, Sarah Kaper at [sarah@ccfarmbureau.com](mailto:sarah@ccfarmbureau.com).



**Earth Partners Director Sarah Kaper visits Mahomet-Seymour Schools where she taught students about the life cycle of a pumpkin. Students even made their own pumpkin!**



**Kindergarten Students from Champaign Unit 4 schools enjoyed a day learning about agriculture and where their food comes from. The piglets were a big hit with the kids.**





**MARK THORNSBOROUGH,**  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

## From The Field

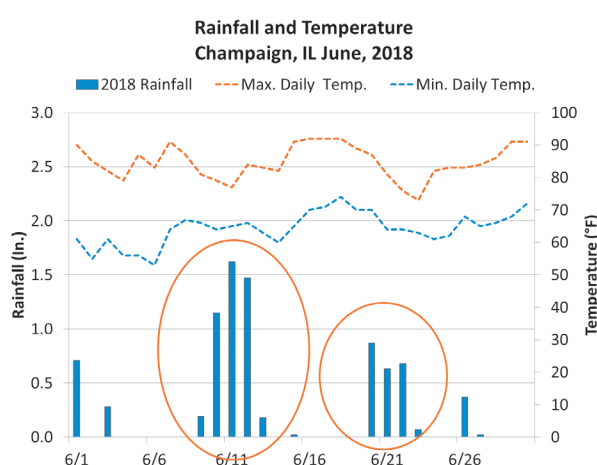
by Dr. Howard Brown

Questions about the 2018 crop year and what contributed to yield outcome are common. Here are just a few of such questions:

### *Did some areas receive too much rain?*

The 2018 growing season provided an ideal environment for corn and soybean growth in most areas. However, two wet periods in June were the primary cause of yield disappointment when harvesting the lower, wetter areas of many fields. Roots need oxygen to survive and grow.

A saturated environment (no air) for over 24-48 hours made respiration difficult. Although plants may have survived periods of saturated soil, permanent root damage from a lack of soil oxygen had likely occurred. Expression of damage to plant roots was expressed during the fill period. An inadequate supply of needed nutrients resulted in nutrient remobilization from older plant tissue to meet the demand of the developing grain. Early remobilization of nutrients usually results in pre-mature plant death.



**Rainfall and daily temperatures for June, 2018.**

*Did the saturated soil cause nitrogen loss?* Most of the plant-available N detected in the upper 2 feet of the soil profile (N-TRACKER) is normally in the nitrate-N form by early June. The 2018 corn crop had just started the stage of rapid growth at this time, leaving a significant amount of the soil N in a form vulnerable to loss through denitrification (saturated soil) or leaching (movement with soil water). Post-emerge N applications and/or the spring use of nitrification inhibitors may have minimized any impact on harvest yield. The use of anhydrous ammonia post-emerge may have also minimized N loss, since some of the applied N was in the ammonium-N form (stable) during the wetter parts of June. Unfortunately, N-TRACKER sampling ended the first week of June prior to the period of suspected loss. Modifications to the 2019 N-TRACKER Program are designed to help detect potential periods of N loss well into June.

*Was leaf disease an issue?* Leaf disease was a challenge to the 2018 crops. The environment provided periods of extended leaf wetness (heavy, prolonged morning dews), an ideal environment for spores to germinate and enter the leaf through openings (stomata). Dry periods that followed provided an environment for the spread of mature spores to other leaves (spore showers) awaiting the next period of leaf wetness. If a producer ever wanted to test the value of fungicide applications to either corn or soybeans, this was the year to give it a try.

Are there any other issues that need to be considered for 2019? High harvest yields are common throughout the area served by Illini FS. It is not uncommon to hear reports of 85+ bushel soybean yields (field average) or 230 bushels of corn (field average). An outcome of high yielding corn and soybean crops is high removal rates of phosphorus, potassium as well as the other 11 essential nutrients. Producers need to consider what is being removed and where it is being removed if we want to maintain high-yielding areas of the field. Visit with your local Illini FS crop specialist about a new approach to making nutrient recommendations utilizing technology and your field-specific data.

## Welcome to the Illini FS Energy Team

Brian Neukomm is the newest member of the Illini FS Energy team. Brian joined Illini FS in April 2018 as an Energy Sales Specialist. Illini FS Energy covers five counties and serves over 4,000 customers. The Energy team is comprised of 19 people, including Brian.

Over the past six months, Brian has been learning the ins and outs of the Illini FS territory. The Energy team is expanding its business into Indiana, Brian says “with an extremely competitive market there is plenty of competition. I am striving to educate our clients about our products and what makes Illini FS products superior to our competitors.”

“I want to work with customers and provide them with the best service and best product for their needs,” says Brian. GROWMARK provides quality products at quality prices from blending its own oil at a facility in Iowa to producing quality diesel exhaust fluid at a facility in Havana, IL. Brian points out that this allows GROWMARK to control the process from the raw materials to the finished product.

Currently, Illini FS is focusing on keeping their customers full so harvest can keep moving forward. As harvest wraps up and the region hits colder weather, Illini FS will begin promoting a Winter Oil Sale for its customers. Forecasts are currently



**Brian Neukomm**

calling for an average winter, but with cold weather on the horizon energy markets have seen prices steadily climbing. The best part of the new job according to Brian has been “meeting new people and interacting with the community.”

Born and raised on a dairy farm in Iroquois County, Brian and his family currently reside in Cissna Park. Brian is no stranger to the FS system and agriculture. He has farmed, worked for Heritage FS, and sold advertising for the Illinois Agri-News. In his free time, Brian and his wife, Shannan, chase their three daughters around. Brian has been an athletic official for 25 years officiating basketball, volleyball, and softball.

## GROWMARK Announces 2019 Essay Contest Theme

The theme for the 2019 GROWMARK Essay Contest is: “What does the future of agriculture look like to you, and what skills will you need to play a part in it?” The contest is open to all high school FFA members in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

This is the 26th year for the program, sponsored by the GROWMARK System and FS member cooperatives, in conjunction with state FFA leaders, to help young people develop their writing skills, learn about current issues affecting agriculture, and understand the unique role of cooperatives.

Students will write about their goals for a career in agriculture and explain the skills they will need to develop to be successful.

Essays will be submitted online. The deadline for all submissions is midnight Central time on November 9, 2018. Additional program details

have been sent to agriculture teachers and are online at [www.growmark.com/company/youth-young-farmers/pages/essay-contest.aspx](http://www.growmark.com/company/youth-young-farmers/pages/essay-contest.aspx)

Each state’s winner earns a \$500 award and the winner’s FFA chapter receives a \$300 award. Four runners-up per state each win \$125 awards.

The program is offered annually and many agriculture teachers use it as part of their class curriculum. Past topics have included sustainability, careers in agriculture, and the cooperative principles.

GROWMARK is a regional cooperative providing agronomy, energy, facility planning, and logistics products and services, as well as grain marketing and risk management services, in more than 40 states and Alberta and Ontario, Canada. GROWMARK owns the FS trademark, which is used by affiliated member cooperatives.





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## Catching Up With Jessie DeHaan



This month we are catching up with COUNTRY Financial Representative Jessie DeHaan. Jessie is a native of Great Falls, Montana. In 1991, Jessie made the move to Mahomet with her husband Randy, who was a COUNTRY Financial Representative at the time. In 2005, Randy passed away from a brain tumor and Jessie was presented with the opportunity to take over his book of business. Jessie jumped at the opportunity and has been helping clients meet their goals ever since.

Jessie was highlighted in the CCFB's February 2017 newsletter. Things have changed some since then including a new addition to the family. Jessie says, "My daughter graduated from the University of Illinois this spring and is now working in Chicago. I'm very proud of her and so pleased to see her finding her way and becoming a contributing member of society. My son is now a junior at U of I studying sports journalism – looking for a summer internship.... I have a new dog as of last fall and he (and my adult black lab) keep me busy outside of work!"

Working with and protecting clients for the past 13 years has been rewarding and challenging. Jessie strives to stay in contact with her clients and stay on top of life changes and policy changes. Her big piece of advice to all her clients is, "Stop procrastinating when it comes to life insurance and retirement planning. Life happens – we all know it. But don't let that keep you from meeting

with your trusted advisor and putting a real plan in place. I see far too often when a young person passes prematurely and the family has not planned for the financial effects. It's NOT that expensive and does not take a long time to do. Take care of planning NOW."

As a COUNTRY Financial Representative Jessie has developed relationships with people from all walks of life. She has learned a lot about her clients and really enjoys sharing stories and experiences with them. Jessie says the most rewarding part of her job is "when I know I have put together a solid plan for my clients. Whether it's just good coverage for their home & auto or if they've taken care of protecting their family with life insurance. I tell all my clients – when they walk out the door, I don't want them to worry about their insurance coverage – I want them to know I've put together a good plan that protects them and if something happens – they know I have their back."

Clients just hitting the ground running after graduating from high school or college should meet with their COUNTRY Financial Representative and set a plan in action. Part of that plan, according to Jessie, is avoiding making a big mistake with finances.... "Spending too much money, or spending too freely. It's so easy to get credit these days, and too many people rely on that credit and spend way beyond their means. Set up a budget and stick with it. And make sure you are saving within that budget. A good rule of thumb I use is the 50/20/30 rule. 50% to your needs, 20% to your wants, and 30% to savings. If you start that when you are young and follow it throughout your life – you will be surprised at how financially secure you will be."

### Getting to know Jessie

#### **Who has inspired you in your life and why?**

A friend of mine named Michelle. She has faced many obstacles in her life and has faced each one with grace and humility. She always has a smile on her face and loves her job teaching. She's a fantastic mom, friend, and mentor to many.

#### **Name one item on your bucket list.**

Travel to Australia or go on a safari in South Africa.

#### **Cubs or Cardinals?**

CUBS!!!!

#### **What's the best advice you've received?**

Carpe Diem! This was the motto that my late husband Randy lived by, and as a family we have continued to embrace it. Don't ever pass up an opportunity to make a memory with your family or friends. Tomorrow is not promised and we do not know what our future holds. Take time to slow down, smell the roses, spend time with friends & family and make those memories. This is something you will NEVER regret.

#### **What's your favorite thing to do in Champaign County?**

Go to Curtis Orchard in the fall and get apple donuts!

#### **Looking back 15 years ago, what is the one piece of advice you would give yourself?**

Stick to your plans and continue to prepare for the future. Work hard. Play hard.

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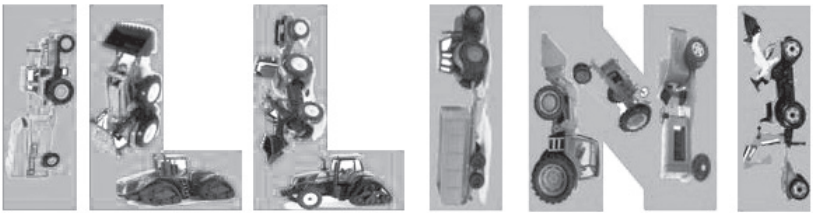


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# FARM TOY SHOW AND AUCTION

**Friday, Jan. 4th, 2019 4 PM – 8 PM\***

*\*Room vendors may be open later at vendor discretion.*

**Saturday, Jan. 5th, 2019  
9 AM – 3 PM, Auction 10:30 AM**

**Adults: \$3, Kids 6-12: \$2, Under 6: Free**

**Garden Hotel, 1001 W. Killarney St. Urbana, IL 61801  
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*Lynn Doran spoke to the Prime Timers in October. She discussed cheese making.*



*The CCFB would like to thank the Waters Family for allowing Scott Beatty of WDWS to ride along during harvest.*

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special guest, Jawdy, David's Marine service dog.

In addition to our panelists, local community veterans, Bill and Susan McLane, will display military memorabilia. They will be on hand to share specific information about their memorabilia as well. You will enjoy perusing their display. We are also asking each attending veteran to bring a picture of yourself, labeled with your name on the back of the photo. We will display these photos on a table. It should be fun to see if you can match

these photos with audience members. To round out our day, we will also enjoy some patriotic music, provided by Marvin Lee.

As a gesture of appreciation for your service, the Champaign County Farm Bureau, will present you with a specially designed hat that you can proudly wear as a veteran of the US military, and also as a member of our Champaign County Farm Bureau.

You will not want to miss this special day of celebration. We hope to see Farm Bureau veterans of all ages and eras of service. You may bring your spouse. The only thing that is required of you is to call Brenda at 352-5235 to make your reservation by November 8th.

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## Dessert Auction Back By Popular Demand

Attendees of this year's Harvest Gala are in for a treat! The 11th Annual Gala will again feature our famous dessert auction. Pies, Cakes, Cinnamon Rolls and more; all lovingly handmade by a group of the best bakers in Champaign County!

The Dessert Auction has been a fun and exciting part of the Gals since it's beginning. Anchored by the incredible support of the CCFB Women's Committee membership, the auction has also included many other friends of the CCFB Foundation over the years. We're excited to again feature these true friends of the CCFB Foundation as they present the desserts which have made them famous, and our Gala such a tremendous success.

Below is a sampling of the desserts that will be featured at this year's Gala. Bring a friend and share a dessert or keep it all for yourself – we won't tell!

Brown Sugar & Bourbon Pumpkin Cheesecake by Paula Zwilling; Carrot Cake by Shirley Berbaum; Lemon Blueberry Layer Cake by Myla Munro; Strawberry Rhubarb Pie by Mary Keith Stocks; Homemade Cookies by Sharon Duitsman; Red Velvet Ho Ho Cake by Robin Cruse; German Chocolate Cake by Ronda Scott; Double Chocolate Bundt Cake by Cheryl Mitchell; Cherry Pie By Elizabeth Rothermel; Coconut Cake by Pam Berbaum; Blueberry Pie by Susie Smith; Brownies by LA Gourmet; Kentucky Derby Pie by Tracy Ehler; Mixed Berry Pie by Sara Tondini; Pats Famous Apple Dumplings by Pat Smith; Enhanced Pumpkin Pie by Bonnie Compton; Caramel Apple Pie by Paulette Brock; Rhubarb Pie by Ronda Scott; Cinnamon Rolls by LA Gourmet; Lemon Pie by Sharon Duitsman

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