



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.”

Champaign County Submits Resolutions At IFB Annual Meeting

The Champaign County Farm Bureau is a grassroots organization with local farm bureau members driving and setting the tone for the broader statewide organization as it pertains to policy. Changes and ideas for policy start at the local level with a local farm bureau member and an idea. This is an idea that is brought to life and makes changes to better reflect the needs and wants of the agriculture community. Policy change can begin with an idea that starts in a toolshed, coffee shop, or even around the kitchen table.

Bringing an idea to fruition can take a great deal of time and collaboration. Over the past several months, Champaign County Farm Bureau members worked together to submit four proposed resolutions for change to Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) policy which were voted on at the IFB Annual Meeting. The process for creating change begins early in the year with ideas from Champaign County Farm Bureau members. It is a process that requires a great deal of teamwork between county and state farm bureau staff and volunteers.

Four resolutions submitted by Champaign County worked their way through the lengthy resolutions process. Only, three of the four resolutions though were supported by the tentative resolutions committee, a statewide committee of county presidents. Delegates took time to discuss, debate, and vote on the proposed resolutions that could become part of the organization’s policy book for 2019.

Champaign County Farm Bureau volunteers were seeking to make the following ideas part of the policy book:

1. Stating support for the development of food hubs and define them in IFB policy. Also, policy needs to support the devel-



Lynn Doran

- opment of more online sales of local food products.
2. Establishing guidelines for county health departments to follow as it pertains to farmers markets and refrigeration, freezer, and hand washing stations. Support a consistent permit and fee schedule statewide. Support interstate commerce as it pertains to farmers markets.
3. Amend current IFB policy to reflect the issues surrounding new seed technology that is coming onto the market.
4. Support a process that would allow for a request for a refund on seed technology (herbicide, insecticide, or pesticide) that farmers are planting but not using.

Volunteer Lynn Doran was the voice behind the two resolutions related to farmer’s markets. Her passion and ideas for these resolutions come from her past work experience stating, “I ran into issues with the way farmer’s markets are regulated across the



Carl Smith

state while working for Prairie Fruits Farm where farmer’s markets are a major income source for us. I organized a Food Freedom Act informational session about a new Illinois law that expanded farmer’s market access and at that session, there was a lot of talk about all the barriers to entry for new and young farmers that still existed. It inspired me to use the Farm Bureau resolutions process to try to help lobby to remove some of those barriers.”

Carl Smith’s passion for farming led him to the resolutions pertaining to seed technology. His interest in these resolutions was driven by “the pesticide use of dicamba impacting our farm as well as many other farm bureau members and farmers in general.”

Not all resolutions intended to become policy pass the delegate body. This is disappointing to all involved, but the process is one where wisdom is gained by each and every volunteer who participates. Seed technology resolutions were debated on the floor

in 2017, but didn’t pass with Carl stating “the resolutions generated lots of interest so it was worked on by Champaign County and went back and forth between Champaign & IFB until ultimately a compromise was reached that could be presented to the voting delegates this year...though it wasn’t what we started out with, it is a step in the right direction and gives us some things to continue to work on in the coming year.”

The two issues regarding farmer’s markets thrust Lynn into the resolution process. The lengthy process is designed to make resolutions 100% perfect before being presented to the delegates. Lynn was able to navigate the resolution process by pulling knowledge gained from her previous experience at the 2017 IFB Annual Meeting and a recent IFB Leaders to Washington trip. Lynn says the process was pretty smooth, but “the most challenging part is finding the wording that will satisfy and represent all Farm Bureau members across the state.” The wording of resolutions can be tricky in that while you

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107th Champaign County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting



Featured Speaker - Habeeb Habeeb.

Monday, January 28, 2019 at 6 p.m.
Registration deadline is January 4.

Habeeb is the founder of the H-Squared Leadership Institute, an organization focused on helping people take the good in life to a higher level and to inspire them to pursue excellence while making the world a kinder, gentler, and more positive place. He is featured on the radio with his Motivational Minute featuring uplifting messages and with his Devotional Minute featuring scriptural messages. The registration form can be found on page 8 of the newsletter.

Nafziger Awarded Illinois Farm Bureau’s Highest Honor

Emerson Nafziger, professor emeritus in the Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics at the University of Illinois, received the 2018 Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) Charles B. Shuman Distinguished Service Award. The award, the highest given by IFB, was presented during the organization’s annual meeting in Chicago, Dec. 1-4.

Nafziger is best known for his work in developing the Maximum Return To Nitrogen (MRTN) calculator, which provides farmers guidelines in applying nitrogen and helps farmers make key nutrient management decisions. Nafziger also is well known for his work in crop production research, focusing on a variety of areas, including effects of crop rotation; cropping sequence and practices as they affect crop yield and yield stability; nitrogen rates guidelines and on-farm corn nitrogen rate trials; weed management in corn and soybeans; and planting date and plant population effects on corn yield.

Nafziger was nominated for this award by the Champaign County Farm Bureau. The IFB’s Distinguished Service Award honors the memory and service of Charles B. Shuman, a revered Moultrie County farm leader who served as president of both IFB and of the American Farm Bureau Federation.



Illinois Farm Bureau President, Richard Guebert, awards Emerson Nafziger with the Charles B. Shuman Distinguished Service Award

January Report

President, Mike Briggs



I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday season. As we start the new year I am looking forward to the opportunities that come with another crop season. There always seems to be a number of meetings during this time of year and I hope you can take the time to attend a few and continue the constant learning that goes along with farming these days. I will have the opportunity to meet with other County Presidents from the area at the end of the month and that is always a good opportunity to learn what other counties are doing to be successful.

We will be having our annual meeting this month and I hope to see many of you there. It is always nice to see so many of our members in one place.

Sincerely,
Mike Briggs

Join the Prime Timers!
February 14 starting at 10 a.m.

No January Meeting



Gerald Henry, Prime Timers Chairman

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!

February 14
March 14
April 11

Young Ag Leaders Schedule of Events

YAL Meeting with dinner to follow
Thursday, January 3rd, at 6:30 pm @ Urbana
Garden Hotel
Illini Toy Show
January 4 & 5
Urbana Garden Hotel

2019 Women's Committee

Jan. 14: Regular Meeting 9:30 a.m. @ CCFB
Lunch: Biaggi's following meeting

Feb. 11: Regular Meeting 9:30 a.m. @ CCFB
Lunch: Red and White Potluck

March 4: Mental Health Awareness 6:30PM
Light Supper Served- Watch for information -Feb. newsletter
All Farm Bureau members invited for this informational meeting

CCFB Calendar of Events January 2019

January 1	Office Closed - Holiday	
January 3	YAL Meeting/Garden Hotel	6:30 p.m.
January 4-5	Illini Farm Toy Show @ Garden Hotel	
January 8	Premier Ladies Marketing	9:30 a.m.
January 13	Euchre	2 - 4 p.m.
January 14	Women's Committee	9:30 a.m.
January 15	Legislative Committee	7:30 a.m.
January 17	Full Board	6:30 p.m.
January 27	Euchre	2 - 4 p.m.
January 28	CCFB Annual Meeting	
January 29	On the Road/Crop Insurance Seminar	7:30 a.m.

February 2019

February 4	Marketing Club	6:30 p.m.
February 10	Euchre	2 - 4 p.m.
February 11	Women's Committee	9:30 a.m.
February 12	Premier Ladies Marketing	9:30 a.m.
February 12	Succession Planning Seminar	5:30 p.m.
February 14	Prime Timers	10 a.m.
February 19	Legislative Committee	7:30 a.m.
February 21	Full Board	6:30 p.m.
February 24	Euchre	2-4 p.m.

Marketing Club

Join us for a Market Outlook meeting prior to the CCFB Annual Meeting!

Speakers:
Dean Killian, Premier Cooperative & Robert Carlson, CEO of Premier Cooperative
January 28 @ Pear Tree Estates at 5:15 PM

Register for Annual Meeting using the form in this newsletter!

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

All CCFB Members welcome! Games start at 2pm and last until 4pm in the CCFB Auditorium

January 13 & 27
February 10 & 24
March 10

Unity FFA Community Service

By Shannon Flavin- Unity FFA Chapter Reporter

Community service is an integral part of the Unity FFA Chapter. So far this school year, the Unity FFA Chapter has participated in three major community service projects. Our projects that have been completed thus far, include fighting food hunger, supporting our troops, and the children in our community.

The Unity FFA Chapter partnered up with Operation Gratitude in a candy collection for troops overseas. Boxes for donations were placed at the Unit Seven Schools and flyers were sent home to all students and placed in businesses throughout Tolono, Sidney, Philo, Pesotum, and Sadorus. Items collected during this time included Halloween candy, travel size toiletries, drink mix, and thank you letters started on October 22nd, 2018 and lasted for two weeks. After the FFA members sorted and boxed up all of the goods, each box was weighed and inventory lists were created of all items that weren't candy. The Treats for Troops drive ended in a huge success as the chapter collected and shipped over 400 pounds of candy and other need-

ed items to our troops overseas. This collection was held so that our chapter could show appreciation to our troops that allow us to be free.

Unity FFA members also volunteered at the Crisis Nursery Holiday Shop at the Round Barn Shopping Center in Champaign, Illinois. On Wednesday, December 5th, 13 high school FFA members helped children age 12 and under shop for everyone on their Christmas list. During this event, our high school students were assigned buddies as they came in the door and we assisted them in finding the perfect gift for their friends and family. Each kid is given a certain budget to spend on their gifts, and the tables were arranged with presents ranging from \$2-\$10. Our goal was to help the children find the perfect gifts while still staying in budget. After the children have all their gifts picked out, they pay for them and wrap them in shiny bags. When the children leave the shop, they are full of joy and so excited to give their gifts. Our chapter loves participating in this event because it allows the Crisis Nursery's



Students gather for a quick photo before assisting with the Crisis Nursery Holiday Shop.

doors to stay open year-round to provide a safe place for children and families in our community. This night was very rewarding and after seeing the children's faces light up, our hearts were filled with joy.

The largest community service project that we have accomplished thus far is meal packing. On December 14th, Unity FFA partnered the yearbook and student council groups

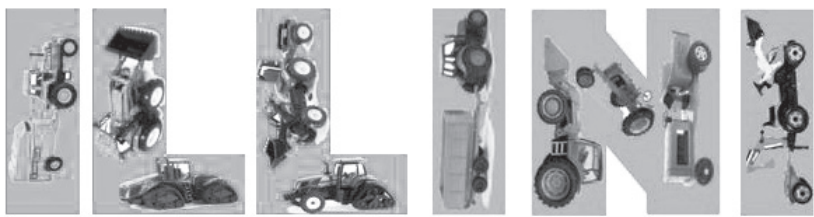
at school to pack over 10,000 meals for local families through the Eastern Illinois Food Bank. This food packing lasted two hours and we split into groups to make the process as quick and efficient as possible. With all three clubs involved, there were 83 students and three teachers packing meals, along with Eastern Illinois Food Bank employees.



FFA members pose for a quick photo with over 400 pounds of candy, toiletries, and other items sent to veterans and troops.



Students listen to instructions about how to complete the food packing.



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
I-74 to Exit 183, South on Lincoln Ave, Hotel on the West**

**For additional information contact Lynn
at (970) 420-4765 or lynnann85@gmail.com**

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KIRK BUILDA
Executive Director



SARAH KAPER
Earth Partners Director

Foundation Launches 2019 Scholarship Program

Driven to support an industry thirsty for agricultural professionals, the Champaign County Farm Bureau Foundation provides scholarships to local students pursuing a degree in an agricultural or related field of study.

“As the cost of college continues to skyrocket, today’s college graduates enter the workforce with both a degree, and a large amount of student debt. That’s why what we’re doing at the Foundation is so important” says Farm Bureau Foundation Executive Director Kirk Builda.

In addition to enrollment at an accredited college or university in an agricultural or related curriculum, successful applicants must maintain exceptional academic performance as well as community and school involvement. Applicants must be Champaign County residents and/or graduates (or graduating High School Seniors) of a High School located in Champaign County. Ultimately, the most qualified applicants will work to make a positive impact on future of the agricultural industry.

Builda says it’s important for

all college-bound students to consider studying agriculture and applying for Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarships. “Agriculture has always been more than combines, corn, and cows. The industry is thirsty for new hires in a variety of different career paths. This year our students are studying food science, engineering, meteorology and other agricultural-related degree paths.”

Scholarships of no less than \$1,000 will be awarded to top candidates. Scholarship applications are available and can be found on the Farm Bureau Foundation’s website. Complete applications are due no later than February 1st, 2019. Visit www.ccfbfoundation.com to complete the application.

Additional scholarship opportunities exist for Champaign County students pursuing a degree in agriculture. Children of farm families throughout Champaign, Ford and Vermilion Counties are qualified for the Freese Memorial Scholarship provided by the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Flatville. This scholarship is administered by the CCFB Foun-

ation and awarded by the Church. The Freese Scholarship applications can be found on the CCFB Foundation website at www.ccfbfoundation.com.

The CCFB Foundation will again be co-sponsoring scholarships to the Ag Future of America or AFA program.

These applications can be found at www.agfuture.org and are due March 13th. The Illinois Farm Bureau Foundation also has an extensive list of scholarships available to agriculture leaders. These opportunities can be found at www.iaafoundation.org

ARE YOU...

a graduating high school senior or college student?
pursuing a degree in Food & Agriculture?
from Champaign County?
trying to pay for college?
passionate about Agriculture?
Apply to become a Foundation Scholar!



Complete your application at
www.ccfbfoundation.com
Applications due February 1, 2019

Giving with Impact

12 out of the box ideas to leave your mark on the CCFB Foundation

This 12-part series will highlight creative ways to provide real impact to the future of agriculture in our community. From Earth Partners to our Farm Bureau Scholars; Together we can provide life changing impact to students throughout Champaign County.

Time



Often the costliest way to give; your time can make a real impact on our agricultural community. We recognize that your time is valuable, and we hope that any time dedicated to our mission will benefit both our community, and our volunteers. We like our volunteers to choose their level of involvement. This means your commitment could be as little as a one-time experience, to joining one of our programming committees.

Earth Partners Director Sarah

Kaper is often in need of assistance with preparing lesson materials, delivering supplies to schools, or even teaching lessons at field trips, or in the classroom. If you’re looking for ways to interact with children and promote the agricultural industry; volunteering with our Earth Partners programming is right for you! Contact Earth Partners Director Sarah Kaper sarah@ccfarmbureau.com to explore how you can help make this impact.

The Foundation Scholars

program continues to seek volunteers with a passion for mentoring college-bound students in our county. From reviewing scholarship applications to forging relationships with students, our scholarship program is a way to give back, and have real impact on student development and success in college, and beyond.

Do you have a passion for connecting people, and working towards a common cause? Join our fundraising efforts by volunteering for different causes. Events like our

Golf Outing and Harvest Gala take the work of passionate and fun-loving volunteers. Put your ideas and creativity to work!

Time is a valuable thing and we’re honored that you trust us with this precious resource. If you’d like more information on how you can help make a difference please contact CCFB Foundation Executive Director, Kirk Builda at kirk@ccfarmbureau.com or by calling our office at 217-352-5235.





MARK THORNSBROUGH,
GENERAL MANAGER

On-Farm Discovery – 2018

The rules governing input use have changed over the past two decades. No longer is 180 bushels of corn/acre and 50 bushels of soybean/acre a goal. No longer is applying all the corn crop's nitrogen (N) need in the fall a standard practice. Multiple N applications are applied over a time span between harvest and pre-tassel with many farmers limiting the amount of N applied in the Fall. Waiting for insects or disease to reach economic thresholds are uncommon, with many farmers making insecticide and fungicide applications from a preventative perspective. Changing farm practices creates new questions. Add-in several new products that claim to increase harvest yield that remains relatively unproven, we have an expanded list of questions that need addressed.



Source: Craig Bloomer, Kemp Facility

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FARMER FIELDS
FARMER DATA

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Illini FS
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Illini FS On-Farm Discovery is a local tool that makes addressing farmer questions in farmer fields, using farmer data possible.



2018 Yield Trial Reports

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Combining the Illini FS On-Farm Discovery trials and several other geographic areas with the GROWMARK Mi-Field Report, expands the learning process. The GROWMARK Mi-Field Research Summary combines similar trials from across a three-state geography comparing crop response across growing environments and different farming practices. Whether the five-county area served by Illini FS or the three-state geography covered by GROWMARK, Inc., On-Farm Discovery

and Mi-Field Applied Research helps address farmer questions, in farmer fields, utilizing farmer data and technologies.

2018 TRIAL RESULTS

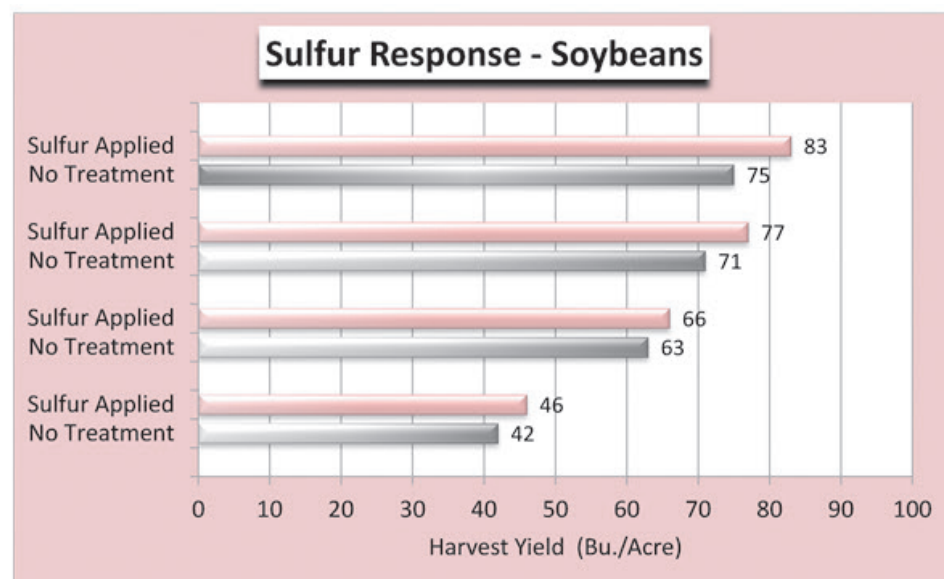
Illini FS On-Farm Discovery addressed several questions in 2018 with over 68 field trials in local farm fields. Common questions addressed included:

1. Biological enhancements
2. Micronutrient use in corn
3. Nitrogen management
4. Sulfur management
5. Fungicide use
6. Planting rate management
7. Pursuit of higher-yields

Harvest yield results from the various 2018 trials provided many learning opportunities. Whether it was the consistency of yield response to sulfur applied to soybeans (Figure 1) or the lack of response to multiple treatments applied to enhance soybean yield (Figure 2), each specific trial reinforced or challenged anticipated crop response.

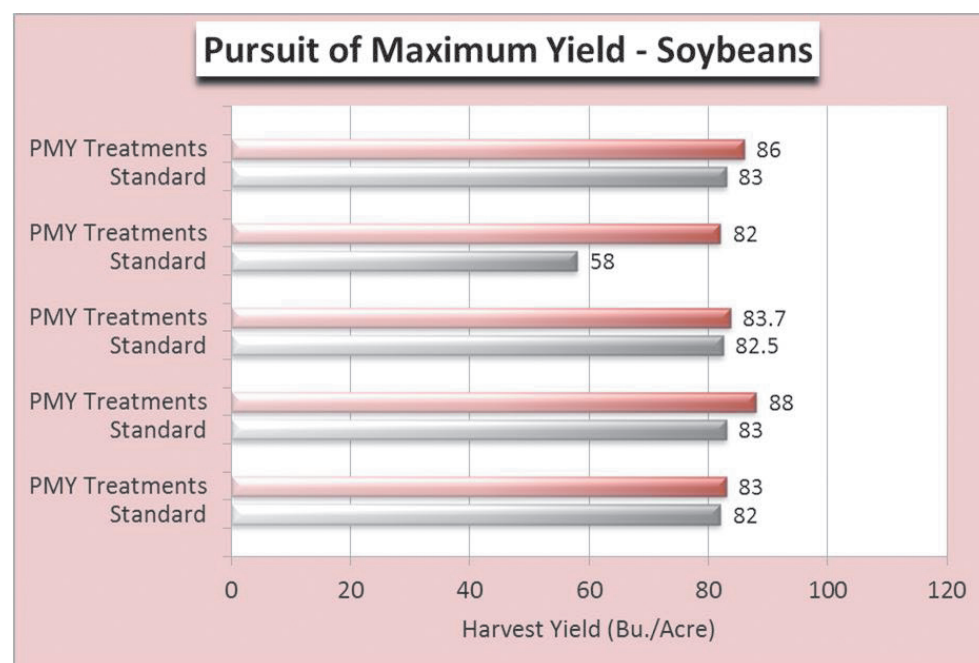
ON-FARM DISCOVERY - 2019

Trials in 2019 will address specific micronutrients in both corn and soybeans along with biostimulants and microbial enhancements. Over 10 trial protocols are ready for 2019 including site-specific N rate evaluations for corn.



Source: 2018 Illini FS On-Farm Discovery Summary Report

Figure 1. Trial results from five On-Farm Discovery Trials testing soybean harvest yield response to sulfur treatments. Aerial imagery is included for some sites in the 2018 Illini FS On-Farm Discovery publication. See your local Illini FS Crop Specialist for a copy of the results.



Source: 2018 Illini FS On-Farm Discovery Summary Report

Figure 2. Trial results from five On-Farm Discovery Trials testing soybean harvest yield response to additional crop inputs and practices. Specific treatments and some aerial imagery are included in the 2018 Illini FS On-Farm Discovery publication. See your local Illini FS Crop Specialist for a copy of the results.

If you have a specific question and would like some help determining how to design a trial or would like to review the list of proposed projects contact your local Illini FS Crop Specialist.

The improved version of N-TRACKER for 2019 (N-TRACKER Plus) will include tracking boron and sulfur each sampling date. Samples will be collected from each registered On-Farm Discovery Trial to inventory soil nutrients and to track Plant-Available N throughout the growing season. Sampling will start after the Spring thaw and will continue through most of June.

"The illiterate of the 21st Century will not be those that cannot read or write, but those that cannot learn, unlearn and relearn."

Alan Toffler

SEARCHING FOR ANSWERS IN 2019

Curious about what On-Farm Discovery participants learned in 2018? Interested in the specific treatments tested or specific site results? Want to be a part of the learning process in 2019? Visit with your local Illini FS Crop Specialist for more information or to sign-up for Illini FS On-Farm Discovery for 2019 and gain an opportunity to evaluate the new tool to track plant-available N and other mobile nutrients, N-TRACKER Plus.

Make sure to follow Illini FS on Facebook to keep up with everything going on. Not a frequent user of social media? Don't have a reason to take a look? By simply "Liking" the page you'll be able to remain up to date on news and offerings as well as be eligible to win various items given away monthly. Find us on Facebook as "Illini FS" or enter the following link: www.facebook.com/IlliniFS



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Catching Up With Dan Punkay



Dan Punkay, a Champaign native, has 3 years under his belt with COUNTRY Financial. Dan lived and worked in California for several years prior to moving back to Champaign. He owned and operated DWP Golf & Soccer World for 15 years. Dan closed DWP, made a career change, and brought a wealth of knowledge and experience with him to COUNTRY Financial serving Champaign, Urbana, and the surrounding communities.

Dan is dedicated to serving and helping others, something he learned from his parents. Dan says, “My parents inspire me. I was born and raised in Champaign and my parents still live here. I grew up in a caring and loving household. I am truly blessed. They taught me good values and have always been there for me.”

Meeting with and getting to know each and every client is an important part of the job. Dan stresses the importance of meeting with clients to review their coverage. Dan says “My one big piece of advice to clients is...don’t assume you have coverage. Be sure to ask. Strive to keep things updated and accurate.” As things constantly change in people’s lives including new jobs, children, grandchildren, promotions, job loss, new homes and cars it is important to know clients are properly protected. When meeting with clients, questions quickly arise about a wide variety of issues. Dan says when he began the job he didn’t want to come off as pushy when asking the tough questions. He received some advice from a co-worker that he hasn’t forgotten, “Don’t feel pushy, we are asking very difficult questions because we care. That’s what we do!”

“We are here for our clients and it is so rewarding. We are helping clients with their long-term insurance and financial needs,” says Dan. Looking back 20 years, Dan would have issued himself some advice that carries over to his clients at COUNTRY Financial. What is it? “Save, Save, Save. I wish I would have started saving earlier in life. I pass this onto my clients. Find ways to save whether it is bringing lunch to work or grabbing a coffee two days instead of three. Find ways to SAVE.”

Visit Dan’s office today, 1717 Philo Road in Urbana, and start a long lasting relationship. Dan stresses “It is important to me that you and your family are protected for all of life’s expected and unexpected events.”

Dan and his wife, Timmie, have been married since May of 1994 and have 3 children. Dan is a homebody who enjoys chasing his kids around and doing everyday life stuff. Dan and his family enjoy the movies, attending Fighting Illini games, cheering on the St. Louis Cardinals, and eating at Monical’s Pizza.



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Behind The Scenes

What a year 2018 was! We offered and hosted a lot of events for you, our members, last year. Our program of work is always based on trying to meet the needs and demands of a rapidly changing agricultural industry. It was a lot of work but also a lot of fun! This past month, as we wrapped up the year, we continued to work for you our members on a number of fronts.

During our recent Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) Annual Meeting we had a great opportunity to meet with our adopted legislator Rep. Greg Harris. Rep. Harris represents the 13th House district and his district doesn't include a single farm field. This is a great program put together by IFB that has had tremendous success building relationships with urban legislators. Those legislators are able to share their urban based concerns, and we as the CCFB can educate legislators on issues impacting agriculture.



Mahomet Seymour Drivers Education classes learning about rural driving.

Most recently, we were able to meet over lunch in Chicago on next year's legislative session including the state budget and its importance overall; specifically, with the Department of Agriculture, the Extension Service, County Fairs and the Soil and Water

Conservation District. It also gave us the opportunity to reinforce our support for the sales tax exemption on feed, seed fertilizer, and chemicals along with a discussion on the farmland assessment law, which seems to have a bigger target on it each year. Finally, we had the chance to discuss animal agriculture in the state of Illinois and the importance of the balance between protecting the environment and livestock producers growing their herds. Lastly, we had an opportunity to visit with Rep. Harris on some issues important to his district including health care and costs associated with it, homelessness, educational opportunities, and violent crime. Through the last several years we've built an outstanding relationship with Rep.

by Brad Uken, CCFB Manager

Harris and look forward to continuing our dialogues with him on issues critical to us and the issues that he is passionate about.

December also brought us the opportunity to talk with 60 plus new drivers on the hazards and challenges of rural driving. We had the chance to visit the Mahomet-Seymour driver's education classes and talk with these young drivers about SMV symbols, blind rural intersections, stop signs in the country, passing farm equipment, the hazards of rural roads, and farm equipment markings. Thanks to Paul Hunsinger and his tractor, we had each of the kids get a birds eye few of what a farmer can actually see as they are going down the road. This was a real eye opener for many of the kids who had never had the opportunity to sit in a tractor before. Rural driving can be hazardous for all of us but especially for these new drivers. I think what



CCFB's adopted legislator Rep. Greg Harris

makes that hit home the most is the fact that if a car is travelling 55 mph and you're going 15 mph in your tractor they'll close the distance of football field in less than 5 seconds! All of us need to remember to slow down and enjoy the ride through the country.

Finally, within the office, Brenda Wood has been working diligently on our trips for next year. Trips you may say, what trips, I didn't know the Farm Bureau offered trips. Well each year we offer to our members five to seven one day and multi day trips. Our destinations have included excursions to dinner theaters for a meal and a show, or multi day trip to Shipshewana IN, Branson MO, and many others. It's thanks to the work of Brenda and Lois Wood, our Tour Director, that these wonderful trips get scheduled, contracts get signed, and that makes these such a success. Without the two of these individuals, I'm afraid we simply wouldn't do this programming for our members. So be on the lookout soon for our destinations for 2019, I'm sure you're going to enjoy travelling with us.

So thanks for a great 2018, thanks for being a member, and I look forward to another prosperous year in 2019.

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FARM BUREAU AND COUNTRY FINANCIAL PRESENT:

PASSING ON THE FARM TO THE NEXT GENERATION

FEBRUARY 12, 2019 AT 5:30 PM

DR. RON HANSON, NOTED FARM SUCCESSION SPEAKER, WILL DISCUSS:

- CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR FARM SUCCESSION
- IDEAS TO KEEP THE FARM IN THE FAMILY
- COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES FOR FAMILY MEMBERS
- HOW TO MANAGE DIFFERING INTERESTS IN THE FAMILY

PROGRAM DESIGNED FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

RSVP BY FEBRUARY 7 BY CALLING 352-5235

HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT CROP INSURANCE AND THE NEW FARM BILL?

OR ON TRUCKING REGULATIONS?

JOIN THE CCFB FOR A:

CROP INSURANCE AND TRUCKING REGULATIONS UPDATE

JANUARY 29TH, 2019 AT 7:30 AM

FEATURED SPEAKERS:

DOUG YODER, COUNTRY FINANCIAL

KEVIN RUND, IFB

KIRBY WAGNER, IFB

IN THE CCFB AUDITORIUM

PLEASE RSVP BY 1/22 BY CALLING THE CCFB OFFICE AT 352-5235

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Champaign County Farm Bureau Members Taking Part in the Illinois Farm Bureau Annual Meeting



Champaign County Farm Bureau President, Mike Briggs, accepts a recognition plaque awarded to their county for its achievements during 2018. The award was presented during the Illinois Farm Bureau Annual Meeting and calls attention to the comprehensive nature of county Farm Bureau programs.

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want to be specific with your idea you need to leave it broad enough for the organization to work on it while in the halls of Springfield or Washington D.C. In fact, the resolutions committee while they maintained most of the wording eliminated and reworded several points that were submitted. “Hopefully, after further isolating the issue and possible solutions and talking to more members we’ll be able to reword it and try again next year,” stated Doran.

Experienced volunteers and those new to the process enjoy the learning experience and have good things to say about becoming involved. Lynn states, “Getting the opportunity to see how Farm Bureau policy is constructed at the Annual Meeting and then getting to see the role that policy book plays

while talking to my legislators in Springfield and D.C. really inspired me to be part of the policy writing process. I highly recommend that any Farm Bureau members who have the opportunity to go on the Leaders to D.C. trip take it.”

Carl also found the process to be positive saying, “have perseverance and patience. It can be a very rewarding experience that can impact agriculture in very important ways whether big or small!”

IFB policy has been constructed by hundreds of volunteers over the years. It is rich with history and members working to stay up to date with agricultural issues. Through their efforts, members can make changes locally, statewide, and on the national level.



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