

# Champaign County Farm Bureau Meets Membership Quota



Women's Committee outreach event focusing on agriculture education.

Champaign County Farm Bureau and COUNTRY Financial hosted a succession planning workshop featuring Dr. Ron Hanson.

As a membership-based organization, it's critical that we strive to maintain and grow our membership rolls, and this isn't always easy. Thank you for continuing your membership in the Champaign County Farm Bureau this year, we truly appreciate it!

While retaining our members is important so are efforts to grow the organization. August 31st marked the end of our membership year and for 19th straight year, we saw an increase in our voting membership.

A special thank you goes out to all CCFB members and board members who worked hard to help recruit new Farm Bureau "M" members. Everyone worked hard promoting the importance

of being a Champaign County Farm Bureau member and it really paid off. A huge shout out to Kristi Pflugmacher, CCFB board member, who recruited the largest number of new members! We also thank COUNTRY Financial for signing members, providing great products, and exceptional customer service!

Meeting the mark for membership quota is a big deal! This is important to our local agriculture industry because adding members allows us to be an inclusive, well-rounded organization that truly represents agriculture in Champaign County. The diversity of our membership allows us to incorporate views from all aspects of the industry including livestock farmers, grain farmers, and agribusiness. Our membership includes large farmers, small farmers, agribusiness people, and absentee landowners all with different issues and concerns.

Throughout the year, CCFB strives to provide members timely, relevant information related to agriculture through a variety of workshops, meetings, educational opportunities, and advocacy opportunities. Succession planning, Agriculture in the Classroom presentations, legislative action requests, and meetings are some of the ways members have been involved in the organization. Creating a large, active Farm Bureau allows the voices of all CCFB members

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## Recent Rural Break-ins Require Diligence

Rural safety is always a concern for Champaign County Farm Bureau Members. Recent conversations with Champaign County Sheriff Dustin Heuerman and Patrol Lt. Tony Shaw indicated a spike in rural theft over the past few months. Suspects are entering homes and stealing items of value. Protecting yourself and your property from theft is priority number one.

Champaign County Sheriff Heuerman says "One of the biggest things is to make sure property is secured. Some burglars rely on the fact that people in rural parts of the county are trusting of their neighbors so they don't lock their doors. Securing property is a big way to help prevent theft. It is also important to be aware of your surroundings. Many times burglars will weigh the odds of getting caught against the odds of getting something good from a property. So, they might choose houses or sheds that are secluded by corn or woods, buildings that are unlocked, and/or buildings where they can see something they want. So, make sure you report any suspicious activity, lock your buildings and houses, and blinds or curtains and barn doors so valuable belongings aren't as easily seen.

Many times you will be familiar with vehicles who frequent your area. If you see an unfamiliar vehicle acting suspicious (for example, driving slowly



Dustin Heuerman,  
Champaign County Sheriff

down the road or parking at the end of a driveway), don't be afraid to call MET-CAD at 333-8911 so they can give deputies the information. Don't put yourself in danger, but the more information you can provide about the vehicle (example, license plate number) and the occupants, the better."

According to the Champaign County Sheriff's Office, there has been an increase in burglaries in the southwest part of the county leading to an increased presence of deputies in that area. Rural residents have shared some good information and the break-ins are being investigated. Sheriff Heuerman does encourage residents to share any information they have saying, "If you happen to have video cameras on your property or have a video doorbell, and see something

that looks suspicious, don't hesitate to pass it along to the Sheriff's office."

While there is no single, simple solution to deter thieves there are several steps you can take to make it more difficult for thieves to succeed. The Champaign County Sheriff's Office shared the following tips...

### SAFETY TIPS

- Be on guard for unknown individuals who knock on the door. If the resident answers the individual may use an excuse such as looking for someone who does not reside there, looking for a lost pet, etc. They could be checking to see if the residence is unoccupied.
- Close blinds on windows, to include the basement and garage.
- Install motion lights and/or other home security type items. Video security is relatively affordable now.
- Dogs can be a deterrent.
- Let trusted neighbors know if you will be gone for an extended period of time. Call to be placed on the vacation watch list.
- Be cautious of solicitors and be wary of allowing individuals into your home. Sometimes individuals who perform home repairs, painting, or driveway repairs have targeted and taken advantage of individuals in rural areas.



# October Report

## President, Mike Briggs



While things might have been slow to get started the 2019 harvest is finally underway. There have been quite a few events at the Farm Bureau over the summer and I want to thank everyone again for attending. I hope we were able to provide you with valuable information during an eventful year. We will be cutting back slightly during harvest before things pick back up with the Illinois Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in Chicago.

During the Farm Progress Show in Decatur I, along with a few other Farm Bureau members had the opportunity to meet with Alexandra Dunn from the USE-PA. It was an excellent opportunity for us to share with her our side of farming and also to learn more about the EPA. I feel like both sides walked away from the meeting with a better understanding of each other's issues.

As we work through harvest please remember to slow down and be safe. This has been a challenging year and we all need to look out for one another. Best wishes for a safe and bountiful harvest.

Sincerely,  
Mike Briggs

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

**SPEAKER** – Dustin Heuerman, Champaign County Sheriff

**ENTERTAINMENT** - Teenagers Kitchen Band



Gerald Henry, Prime Timers Chairman

**Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month**

**Lunch cost - \$8**

**Call 352-5235 ahead of each meeting to reserve your spot**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

**November 14**

**December 12**

**January - No Meeting**

## CCFB Calendar of Events

### October 2019

October 10 Prime Timers 10:00 a.m.

*Most committees do not meet in October due to harvest.*

### November 2019

November 4	Marketing Club	6:30 p.m.
November 7	Young Ag Leaders	6:00 p.m.
November 11	Women's Committee	9:30 a.m.
November 12	Premier Ladies Marketing	9:30 a.m.
November 14	Prime Timers	10:00 a.m.
November 19	Governmental Affairs Committee	7:30 a.m.
November 21	Full Board	6:30 p.m.
November 28-29	Office Closed - Holiday	

## WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

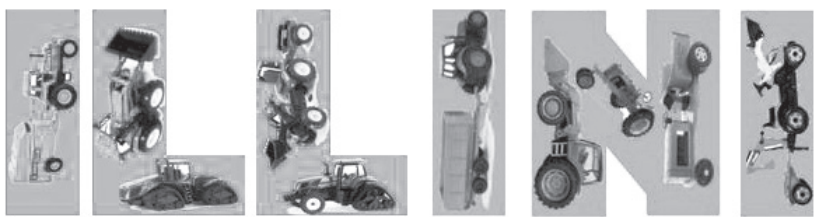
*The Champaign County Farm Bureau Women's Committee is open to all women interested in agriculture.*

### \*SCHEDULE OF EVENTS\*

*October- No regular meeting*

*October 22 Steering Committee Meeting*

*2pm-Farm Bureau Conference Room*



## FARM TOY SHOW AND AUCTION

**Friday, Jan. 3rd, 2020 4 PM – 8 PM\***

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

**Saturday, Jan. 4th, 2020**

**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**

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## HARVEST SEASON IS NOW



**DRIVERS:**  
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**Watch out for farmers & their equipment**





## FFA Highlight- Rantoul Township High School

Rantoul FFA was busy this summer planning activities for the upcoming year with the help of 2nd year advisor Nick Cotter and 1st year advisor Cara Thiems. Our goal this year is to put more responsibility on you guys the officers, to plan and act out on our events, says advisor Nick Cotter. Our officer retreat was led with leadership activities by pairs of officers, updated our bylaws and constitution, as a group discussed our Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats, or SWAT, and established an annual budget. We are excited to tap into our potential that our

chapter and members hold.

Summer Fair is not only work on fair weeks but feed and care all year long. Their hard work does not go unnoticed. Adam Crites exhibited beef cattle, Leah Warner also exhibit beef cattle, and Anna Crites exhibited dairy goats all receiving “A” placings. Also member Kaitlyn Miles helped show wherever her help was needed.

12 members attended the Half Century of Progress Show to work as food vendors. Many compliments were received and it was a great way for our members

to show our presence in the Agriculture communities in Rantoul in such a great way.

The same members who attended Half Century also had the option to visit Farm Progress Show in Decatur. While in attendance members voted at Growmark for our FFA State Association and local chapters and at Country Financial we voted between State FFA, State 4-H, and Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leaders. The winning organization would win a cash prize. Along with free loot chapter members came home with more knowledge of

*By Kaitlyn Miles, Rantoul Reporter*  
agriculture companies and universities,  
and free ice cream!

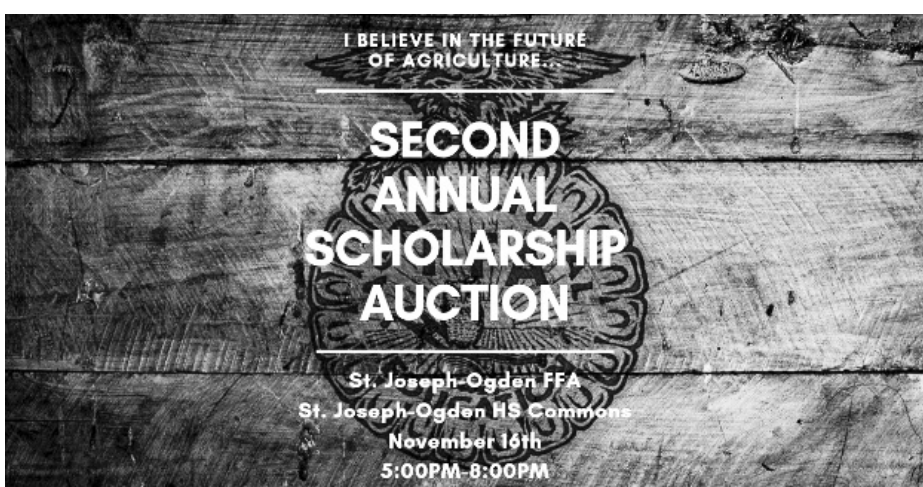
Rantoul Officers were hard at work all summer preparing for the upcoming year including Welcome Back Cookout. Parents and the incoming freshmen along with current members were invited to our local park for a potluck and yard games. Our officer team introduced themselves, brief information was given to parents, and we voted on our t-shirt and homecoming float design.



# St. Joseph-Ogden Auction

St. Joseph-Ogden High School FFA Chapter welcomes you to attend our second annual scholarship auction! The auction will take place on November 16, 2019 at 5:00PM in the St. Joseph-Ogden High School Commons. The auction will begin with dinner and silent auction, with the live auction to follow. If interested in donating to the auction, please contact Mrs. Darcy Nekolny at

nekolnyn@sjok12.il.us. All proceeds of the St. Joseph-Ogden FFA Auction will be used to support the Agricultural Education Program/FFA Chapter. This money will be used specifically for scholarships to leadership camps, state and national conventions, and sending teams to compete at various Career Development Events. We hope to see you all in attendance!



## FFA – DID YOU KNOW?

- Illinois schools have had high school agricultural organizations since 1912.
- The Illinois Association of Future Farmers of America was founded in 1929, one year after the formation of the national organization, as a club for high school farm boys.
- The Illinois FFA had over 4,000 members in its first year of existence. State dues were set that year at 25¢ per member.
- Females were allowed into the FFA organization in 1969.

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## MRS. KAPER'S CLASSROOM

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### CHAMPAIGN COUNTY AG IN THE CLASSROOM

#### *It's All in the Numbers....It's a Big Mission!*

Each new school year is an opportunity to visit the schools of Champaign County with the message of agriculture. Below is a graphic that shows just how many districts, schools, teachers and students there are to reach.

Number of Districts	14
Number of Elementary Students	14, 520
Number of Schools:	75
Elementary	32
Middle School	13
High School	9
Non-public Schools	21
Elementary School Teachers	660

#### October Lessons:

- Corn and Beans, Oh my! (a look at the lifecycle of these crops, with a focus on harvest)
- Who Grew My Pizza (October is National Pizza Month!)
- We are #1...in Pumpkins (Pumpkin lifecycle, Pumpkin pie in a bag, pumpkin science-10/26 is National Pumpkin Day)

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS SIGMA ALPHA

### *Ag in the Classroom!*

What: A 30-minute lesson about Temple Grandin, a leading woman in the animal sector of agriculture. There will be learning, a read aloud, and a fun craft!



**Sigma Alpha**  
SORORITY

Sigma Alpha is a professional agricultural sorority that promotes scholarship, leadership, service and fellowship among its members. The U of I chapter supports Ag in the Classroom by preparing a lesson for the fall and spring semesters. These lessons are offered to Unit 4 teachers. Teachers can then choose from a selection of dates and times to have this lesson taught in their classroom. This fall there is an exciting lesson that not only has powerful information about the livestock industry, but also provides great information on autism. Big thanks to our intern, Mikayla Busby, and her sorority sisters for taking this message to the classrooms!

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## FOR THE 12th ANNUAL HARVEST GALA

Friday  
NOVEMBER 8 2019

Pear Tree Estate | 2150 CR 1000 E  
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5:30pm Silent Auction & Cocktails

7:00pm Dinner by L.A. Gourmet

7:30pm Live Auction

**Tickets - \$75 each**

Don't get put on the "wait list" ....BUY YOUR TICKETS EARLY!

**\$800 - Reserved Table for 10**

Available until October 15th or until sold out, whichever is first.

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# Simple Tips To Keep Farmers And Other Drivers Safe On The Road This Harvest Season

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## 5 Tips to Safely Share the Road

Harvest season is upon us, which means you'll be on the road more frequently in your farm tractors.

Before you take your farm equipment on public roads, make sure you follow these five simple tips to keep you, your equipment, and others as safe as possible.

### 1. Understand your local laws

There are rules and regulations around what pieces of equipment can and can't be on public roads. Before you hit the road with your tractor, make sure you check the guidelines at <http://nasdonline.org>.

### 2. Check your equipment

It's important to know how wide and tall your equipment is, so you're prepared when you come to an under- or overpass. Also, make sure your turn signals, headlights and flashers are all working properly. If you're hauling a trailer, double check to ensure the signals on the trailer work, too!

### 3. Add a "slow-moving vehicle" sign

Most farm implements are required to have a reflective "slow-moving vehicle" sign attached to their rear. Make sure yours is properly attached and visible to cars traveling behind you.

### 4. Don't drive distracted

There are a lot of distractions in your cab – but it's important to keep your eyes on the road. Roads are unfortunately not made for farm equipment, so it's your responsibility to keep yourself and others as safe as possible.

### 5. Check your protection

Unfortunately, there are frequent accidents involving farm equipment on rural roads. Most of the time, it's other drivers not having enough patience which results in sideswiping or rear-ending a tractor. Accidents do happen, which is why you need to have proper coverage to help pay for repairs.



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## From The Field

by Dr. Howard Brown

**Dry, hard soils may cause an issue with soil sampling depth.** Changes in tillage practices over the past 2-3 decades has resulted in an accumulation of nutrients within the upper 3-6 inches of the soil surface. Sampling a soil to five rather than seven inches will likely have a significant impact on the test results. If soils are too hard to push a probe to the proper depth, delay sampling until conditions are favorable for collection

**A new technology eliminates the issue of variable sampling depth.** *Smart Core* by Rogo Ag, LLC is the name used to describe an autonomous field robotic sampler that travels across a field and collects soil samples at a uniform depth (high speed auger) and precise location (Figure 1). Illini FS is working with Rogo Ag, this Fall to collect soil samples. The number of acres that can be sampled by the autonomous sampler is limited. Contact your local Illini FS Crop Specialist for more information about the new sampling technology and to sign-up for sample collection.



Figure 1. (Left) Cores removed during two different sampling passes utilizing the same collection path. (Right) High speed auger that removes soil sample at precisely the same depth.

### **Smart Core Robotic Soil Sampler (Rogo Ag, LLC)** **Four Star Rating (★★★★)**

Rogo Ag, LLC has earned a 4-Star endorsement with it comes to new technology that is ready-to-go, my highest when evaluating new technologies for farm use. This unit (Figure 2) will be a strategic part of data gathering, whether it be routine soil sampling or sampling at 0-2 feet to determine plant-available N. You will be hearing more about this technology as we move into the next decade.



Figure 2. September 13, 2019 field demonstration of Smart Core Robotic Sampler.

**ENTRY INTO VARIABLE RATE N.** Illini FS plans to utilize N-TRACKER Plus and the Smart Core Robotic Sampler in selected fields this spring to generate variable rate N maps. Fields will be split into variable vs. standard rate. The concentration of plant-available N (PAN) of N in the field will be determined on a 2 ½ acre grid using N-TRACKER Plus before making an application. Testing soils for plant-available N for the past 6 years with N-TRACKER Plus provides a level of confidence actual PAN is the direction to pursue when it comes to variable rate applications and improving the utilization (and farm profitability) of the 2nd greatest input cost with corn production, nitrogen.

**Production agriculture is moving through a period of rapid technology development.** Yield expectations have changed dramatically over the past two decades. New hybrid and variety genetics, whether from traditional plant breeding efforts or development of transgenic crops (insect/herbicide resistance) have significantly changed. Roots systems explore well beyond the soil profile's acre furrow slice. New cropping practices, whether tillage, row spacing, planting rate, use of biologicals or cover crops continue to add new questions to the already long list that need to be addressed. Answer your questions, in your fields, utilizing your data, give ON-FARM DISCOVERY a try.

**ON-FARM DISCOVERY.** Adopting changes to crop inputs or practices, based upon a neighboring field or farmer, may not provide the same economic return. Consider all the practices that are different, whether tillage, input use, or cultural practices. Giving some credit to the concept of the "Seven Wonders of High-Yielding Corn" (Dr. Fred Below), improving corn yields is about which input is the most limiting to high yields and the level of importance of each stave (staves in a barrel). If N management is the 2nd most important factor to high yields, and planting rate is 4th, increasing planting rate without optimizing N management may result in no yield response. The lack of response may be caused by N management masking a possible yield response to population. This may help explain why some farmers can use the same treatments and give different outcomes. Let Illini FS help answer your questions with On-Farm Discovery (Figure 3). The best place to answer your questions is by testing products and practices in your fields, utilizing



Figure 3. On-Farm Discovery is about addressing farmer questions in farmer fields utilizing farmer data. On-Farm Discovery is part of the GROWMARK Mi-Field Network of field-scale trials.

your harvest data. Visit with your local Illini FS Crop Specialist about participating in an On-Farm Discovery Project. Let them help set-up the trial and track crop response.

**Consider adding the test for sulfur, zinc and boron when collecting soil samples this Fall (Figure 4).** Although the three tests are not considered standard routine, Illini FS On-Farm Discovery work over the past two years suggests they deserve attention when pursuing yields in excess of 200 bushels/acre. A concentration of sulfur, zinc and boron on a grid or management zone basis may help make critical management decisions in 2020 (to apply or not to apply). Consider adding sulfur, boron and zinc to the requested soil tests. Learning the dynamics of these nutrients on a within-field basis should help when deciding to make an application. Visit with your local Illini FS Crop Specialist to use the automated Smart Core sampler, assuring a uniform sampling depth.

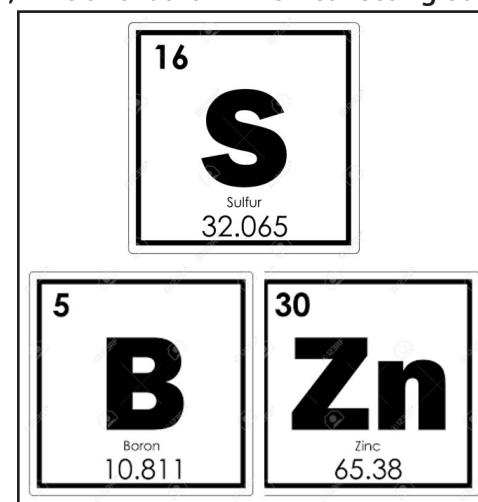


Figure 4. Sulfur, Boron, and Zinc are the focus of 2020 On-Farm Discovery Trials at Illini FS.

**Illini FS will offer Wolfrax micronutrients as an option this Fall.** The benefit of using Wolfrax micronutrients is with application distribution. An application of 15 to 20 pounds of a conventional micronutrient source results in a significant distance between fertilizer granules once applied. Spreading out 20 to 25 pounds of fertilizer over 43,560 square feet (1 acre) helps visualize how far apart the micronutrient granules end up. If there is any separation in the dry fertilizer blend on the way to the field, the distance between micronutrient fertilizer granule could be greater. Wolfrax is a fine powder that sticks to the surface of each granule of a blended fertilizer by electrostatic charge (static electricity). Each granule of fertilizer blend delivers a dose of micronutrient, making distribution uniform across the soil surface, minimizing the distance between granules carrying the micronutrient. Powder dispensers to accurately added Wolfrax micronutrients to fertilizer blends were installed at our Hayes Facility this summer. The units are calibrated and ready to dispense the pulverized powder on requested fertilizer blends this fall season. Visit with your local Illini FS Crop Specialist for more information about what micronutrients are available and how recommendations are made.

**The best time to surface apply fertilizer (P and K) fertilizer** (without incorporation) is when there is about 1 to 2 weeks without any significant rain events, conditions quite common during the post-harvest time of the year. Most of the phosphorus and potassium in common dry fertilizers are water soluble. A significant rain event (surface water runoff) soon after application may dissolve applied nutrients, making it easy for some to be lost with surface runoff. Allowing the applied fertilizer to stay in contact with the surface soil tends to fix the nutrients in a less soluble form within a short time period (1 to 2 weeks), making nutrient loss with surface water runoff less likely.

**Plan now to avoid any application of nutrients to frozen and/or snow-covered soil** unless it is an application to winter wheat or other dormant crop (alfalfa, cover crops, etc.). Work with your Illini FS Crop Specialist to determine the rate of fertilizer to apply when each field is ready. There is no benefit great enough to offset the risk associated with winter fertilizer applications to bare soil. Tilled, frozen soil, along with the freezing temperatures, is also hard on application equipment and the operator that must make the application. Plan for post-harvest or Spring fertilizer applications if possible.

**Dry fertilizer applicators are ready for Fall.** Illini FS has checked the distribution pattern of all dry fertilizer applicators in preparation for a busy fall fertilizer application season (Figure 5). Both spinner and air-flow patterns were checked by capturing the fertilizer applied within the designated application width of each applicator using evenly spaced plastic pans. Regardless, whether spinner or air-flow, spread patterns are even and our equipment is ready.



Figure 5. Illini FS pan-tested the spread pattern of 10 dry fertilizer applicators for uniformity of spread pattern during a two-day calibration event.

**Illini FS congratulates four new remote Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) pilots.** Four crop specialists recently passed the exam to become licensed, bringing the total number of authorized Illini FS UAV pilots to six. Drones provide crop specialists will a new tool to use when evaluating crop stands or diagnosing field issues. Viewing the crop from above allows a way to view changes in crop growth and/or color that are not apparent from the surface. Congratulations to Nick Barnes, Craig Bloemker, Kurt Clapper, and Tanner Saltsgaver for becoming our newest remote UAV pilots.



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to be heard when educating the public about the importance of agriculture and visiting with legislators.

The path to change views or pass agriculture friendly legislation can be a long road. CCFB members looking for an immediate impact on the value of their membership can see this in the 302,000 money-saving, member benefits that are available. Farm Bureau members utilizing these benefits save money and make an immediate impact on their bottom line. Farm Bureau member Benjamin Rice can attest to these savings, “We have saved hundreds if not thousands of dollars on our farm buying parts at NAPA over the past few years because of their Farm Bureau discount.”



CCFB members visit Springfield and meet with legislators to discuss ag issues.

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# CCFB Members in Action



CCFB hosted a Fall Outlook Marketing Meeting with Gale Cunningham serving as moderator. Panelists included Todd Hubbs - U of I ACES; Randy Boland - IL Commodities; Greg Johnson - The Anderson's; Dave Chatterton – Strategic Farm Marketing.



Parkland College and CCFB hosted a meeting to discuss hemp as a growing commodity.

## Women's Committee Outreach at Curtis Orchard



On September 7th, the CCFB Women's Committee hosted an agriculture education event at Curtis Orchard. 141 children participated in the event and were educated about the importance of agriculture. Hands on activities included the use of crafts at a variety of learning stations focused on corn, apples, pollinators, and Illinois Commodities. Many positive comments were received from parents and grandparents. Each family took home an Ag Mag filled with ag facts and information.

## WOMEN'S COMMITTEE RECIPE OF THE MONTH *Submitted by Joann O'Connor*

The original recipe was ran maybe 15 years ago in the Champaign County Farm Bureau News. I always looked forward to trying out these recipes because I knew they'd already been kitchen tested and were yummy! Marie Herriott was one of my favorite people. She always had a kind word, a broad smile and when asked, some very sage advice! Her caramel rolls are company special and a most asked for family favorite.

### Marie Herriott's Caramel Rolls

- 24 frozen bread dough balls
- 1 package instant butterscotch pudding mix
- $\frac{3}{4}$  C. Brown Sugar (I like the dark brown best!)
- $\frac{1}{4}$  C. melted butter or margarine (butter is better!)

Generously grease a Bundt pan or a 9" x 13" oblong baking dish. Place frozen bread dough balls. Note: do not use more than 24... funny story... just don't do it!

Mix brown sugar and pudding mix. Sprinkle over the frozen bread balls. (Sometimes I add a bit of cinnamon!)

Pour the melted butter over the top. Place in the oven overnight and forget! In the morning, turn on the oven to 350 degrees and bake for 20 minutes. Remove from oven and turn upside down onto serving dish.

