

# Engaged Members Make a Difference in Farm Bureau and Agriculture

Champaign County Farm Bureau members represent the first line of action in our organization. Being a member of the Farm Bureau is about more than farming. Being engaged in the Farm Bureau is about the food on your plate, the fuel in your car, and the clothes on your back. Engaged members make a huge impact on the agriculture industry by giving their voices to issues that matter. Member engagement comes in many forms from participating in events, taking an active role on a committee, participating in an Action Request, or simply by paying membership dues and accessing over 302,000 member benefits.

2019 was a big year for member involvement. Champaign County Farm Bureau members took an active role in Action Requests impacting legislation on a state and national level, Champaign County’s Agriculture in the Classroom program was in local classrooms to educate youth about the importance of agriculture, the Women’s Committee and Prime Timers continued to provide quality programs and workshops to educate and impact member’s lives. The list is quite extensive in regards to CCFB member activities and is successful because of member engagement.

Farm Bureau strives to grow its membership base from year to year and includes different types of membership. “M” members are people who are involved in production agriculture as an operator or landowner, owns land enrolled in conservation practices, has

a financial interest in production agriculture or is part of a farming operation. “M” members also have voting rights. “Associate” members are Friends of the Farm Bureau, are not involved in agriculture, and do not have voting rights, although we welcome their insights and involvement in our organization.

In 2016, Illinois Farm Bureau delegates approved a new level of member-

ship called “Professional Membership” (PM), giving non-farmers working in ag-related fields voting rights. Professional members include community members involved in some aspects of agriculture such as your seed salesmen, accountant, or ag lender. Bringing more PM members into our organization is important to agribusiness and the entire agriculture industry. PM members bring

with them new connections, different points of view, and valuable networking opportunities. We are continually working to engage with and grow our PM membership through efforts like “Ag After Hours” where PM members get the chance to network and learn from their peers in agribusiness industry.

Recruiting new members is a challenge, but it is vital to the Farm Bureau’s success in an ever-changing industry. New voices and different ideas keep members on their toes when it comes to policies, bylaws, issues tackled at meetings, legislative issues, and the list goes on. CCFB needs YOUR help as the agriculture industry continues to evolve. Farmers deal with a wide variety of people daily and these people have the potential to impact the Farm Bureau. Bringing new members into the fold can help the Farm Bureau continue to grow from the roots up!



PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JANUARY 3RD, 2020

THE 108TH

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FARM BUREAU ANNUAL MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2020 - DINNER BEGINS AT 6 PM

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2150 CR 100 E, CHAMPAIGN

COST: \$15 PER PERSON

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CHAMPAIGN, IL 61821

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Champaign County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting Notice

Notice is hereby given that the 108th Annual Meeting of the Champaign County Farm Bureau is called for Monday, January 27th, 2020 at the Pear Tree Estate 2150 CR 1000 E, Champaign, Illinois.

Registration begins at 5 p.m.

Marketing Club begins at 5 p.m.

Dinner will be served at 6 p.m.

The business meeting will begin at 7 p.m. for the purpose of consideration of any business which may be properly presented.

Directors from the following townships will be elected:

- Crittenden
- East Bend
- Hensley
- Ogden
- Rantoul
- South Homer
- Tolono
- Urbana

To make reservations, see the official registration form in this newsletter.

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Minutes of the 2019 CCFB Annual Meeting are also printed in this edition of the CCFB Newsletter.



# December Report

## President, Mike Briggs



I hope that everyone had a chance to spend some time with family and friends over the Thanksgiving holiday. While it has been a challenging farm season there is still plenty to be thankful for. Almost all of the crops are out of the fields and we'll have to see what Mother Nature has in store for any remaining field work.

This next weekend we will be in Chicago for the Illinois Farm Bureau annual meeting. This will be a good opportunity to talk with farm bureau members from around the state as well as work on setting the direction for IFB in 2020.

I'd like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Holiday season and hope to see you at our annual meeting in January.

Sincerely,  
Mike Briggs

**Join the Prime Timers!**  
**December 12 starting at 10 a.m.**

SPEAKER – Jessica Lopez  
TOPIC - Touring South Africa  
ENTERTAINMENT – TBA



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**

*January - No Meeting*  
*February 13, 2020*  
*March 12, 2020*

## CCFB Calendar of Events December 2019

December 7-10	IFB Annual Meeting – Chicago	
December 9	Women's Committee	10:30 a.m.
December 10	Premier Ladies Marketing	9:30 a.m.
December 12	Prime Timers	10:00 a.m.
December 17	Governmental Affairs Committee	7:30 a.m.
December 19	Full Board	6:30 p.m.
December 24-27	Holiday Office Closed	
December 31	Office closing @ noon	

## January 2020

January 1	Holiday Office Closed	
January 2	Young Ag Leaders – Location TBA	
January 13	Women's Committee	9:30 a.m.
January 14	Governmental Affairs	7:30 a.m.
January 14	Premier Ladies Marketing	9:30 a.m.
January 27	CCFB Annual Meeting	
January 30	Full Board	6:30 p.m.

## WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

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

### \*SCHEDULE OF EVENTS\*

*December 9*

10:30 a.m. - Christmas Brunch Potluck @ Farm  
Bureau Auditorium  
A-L: Meat or Vegetable  
M-Z: Salad or Dessert

*January 13*

9:30 a.m. – Regular Meeting

*January 17*

10 a.m. – Sewing Day @ Farm Bureau Auditorium.  
Bring sewing equipment and your own beverage.  
Lunch will be ordered.

## FARM BUREAU MEMBERS

*"My husband and I have been long-time fans of the Sidney Dairy Barn. It is a bonus to receive the discount from this Farm Bureau member owned business."*

– Paulette Brock

*I use my Farm Bureau discount at Culver's because it saves me 10% on my whole bill."*

– Mitch Heap

*"I used Bard Optical because they offered the Farm Bureau discount that saved me 25%"*

– Derek Harms

*"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."*

– Benjamin Rice

*"When travelling we check out the hotels and rental cars that are on the Farm Bureau discount program. We've saved hundreds of dollars annually just by being a Farm Bureau member."*

– Deidra Ochs

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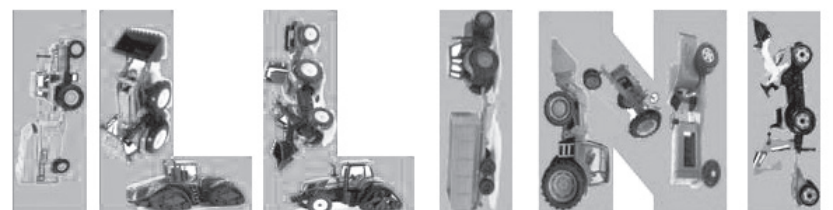
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Champaign, IL 61821



## 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**

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

**Sponsored by Champaign and Vermilion Young Ag Leaders**



# Fisher FFA Semester in Review

The Fisher FFA Chapter has been busy this semester! We have attended many Career Development Events, including Horse Judging, Forestry, Agronomy, and Dairy Foods. The chapter team placed third in Section 17 at the Agronomy CDE with Lacey Cotter placing eighth individual, Will Shook--eleventh, and Dylan Zwilling--thirteenth. Beyond Career Development Events, the Fisher FFA also attended the 92nd National FFA Convention. Eight members including Dominick Casten, Dane Denny, Katie Landers, Mia Musick, Adam Nash, Felicity Schaffer, and Will Shook had the privilege of attending the convention. While there, members had the opportunity

to attend the Opening Session and the Fifth General Session where they were welcomed to convention and heard from a keynote speaker. Students also spent a day at Fair Oaks Farm where they learned about dairy, swine, and crop production. They even got to see a live birth of a calf! Furthermore, students developed their leadership skills and teamwork skills by participating in an escape room! Good news--students all escaped their rooms with seconds to spare! Sophia Hortin also received her American FFA Degree at convention--the highest honor the FFA has and the first member from the Fisher FFA to receive the American FFA Degree!

FFA members have also been busy piloting the Ag Discovery Program with the Champaign County Farm Bureau and the University of Illinois Extension. Through this program, Fisher students become 4-H Teen Teachers and are trained to teach six STEM based agriculture lessons to Fisher Grade School Students. So far, Fisher FFA members have learned about the 4-H Teen Teacher program and have taught an AgBot Harvest lesson to Mrs. Remington's fifth grade class. The chapter is very excited about this new program and looks forward to what more it brings! Looking forward, the Fisher FFA has many exciting events throughout the

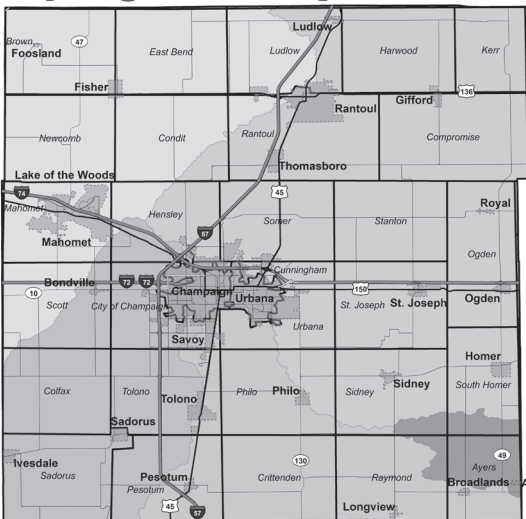
rest of the school year. The most exciting event is our Fourth Annual Ribeye Dinner Fundraiser. The event will include dinner served at 5:30pm and games beginning at 6:15pm on January 16th in the Fisher High School Cafeteria. Tickets will be on sale for \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door. They are available from any Fisher FFA member or contact Mrs. Jennifer Banda at [jennifer.banda@fisherk12.org](mailto:jennifer.banda@fisherk12.org). Other activities will include a silent auction, raffles, and a pie-in-the-face contest! We look forward to a bigger and better event than ever before and hope everyone can join us to support the Fisher FFA!

## Fisher FFA in Action



## EMBARRAS RIVER WATERSHED FARMER MEETING

### Champaign County



### Do you farm or own ground in the Embarras River Watershed?

We want your input to identify resource concerns and solutions in the watershed to aid with an update of the 2011 Embarras Watershed Plan.

**What to expect:** Group discussions of your water quality concerns, and the opportunity to identify locations for voluntary conservation practice implementation in the watershed.

**When:** Thursday, January 16, 2020 from 3:30 - 5:30 PM (meal provided)

**Where:** Champaign County Farm Bureau - 801 N Country Fair Drive, Champaign IL 61821

**Who:** Farmers and landowners in the Embarras River Watershed in Champaign County

Register online at [extension.illinois.edu/cefi](http://extension.illinois.edu/cefi) or call Jennifer Woodyard (University of Illinois Extension) at 217-347-7773; Erin Bush (Champaign County Soil and Water) at 217-352-3536; or Brad Uken (Champaign County Farm Bureau) at 217-352-5235



The University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please contact our office.



- 4TH ANNUAL -

## FISHER FFA RIB-EYE DINNER

Dinner, Games, Raffles and Auctions, and Give Your Favorite Officer a Pie In The Face!

JANUARY 16TH, 2020  
DINNER @ 5:30 PM  
GAMES START @ 6:15 PM

@ THE FISHER HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA



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## MRS. KAPER'S CLASSROOM

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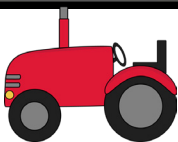
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## AG IN THE CLASSROOM

### Where We've Been...



St. Matthews / Yankee Ridge / Wiley: Corn

Lincoln Trail: Pumpkin Genetics, Monocots / Dicots, Pizza

Fisher / Barkstall / Robeson / Booker T.: Pumpkin Lifecycle

Middletown Prairie: Pumpkin Lifecycle, Corn

Eastlawn: Boy Who Harnessed the Wind (Natural Resources on the Farm)

Stratton: Pumpkin Pie / Southside: Temple Grandin: Beef

Edison: Ag Careers / St. Thomas: Pumpkin Lifecycle

Judah: Water-Don't Use it Up! / Unity East: Faculty Presentation, Corn



**87 CLASSES - 1,967 STUDENTS**  
**110 Teachers Received Resources**



### Nov/Dec Topics...

Thanksgiving Feast: Making Pumpkin Pie & Butter  
Christmas Tree Farms: Prickly Pines, Flat Firs & Spiky Spruce  
Where does my pizza come from?

### Scholarships Available to Summer Ag Institute!

Thanks to many generous donors at the 2019 Harvest Gala, we will be offering scholarships for teachers to attend Summer Ag Institute! For a \$100 donation, Gala donors were able to select a teacher/school who they would like to sponsor for SAI. Keep watching for more info on scholarship availability!

**Want to provide a \$100 SAI scholarship for your favorite teacher or school? Contact Sarah!**

**Sarah Kaper - 217-352-5235 / sarah@ccfarmbureau.com**

## What Do....



**45 Agriculture  
Scholars & Student  
Leaders...  
at 9 Colleges...  
with \$62,500 in  
Scholarships  
Awarded....**

and

**16,794 K-12 Students...  
at 23 Grade Schools...  
...in 14 School Districts**



and

**1,100 Teachers  
Receiving Ag  
Learning  
Resources...  
125 Agriculture  
Learning Topics  
and Experiences...**

## Have in Common? Your CCFB Foundation!

To everyone who donated, volunteered, and supported the CCFB Foundation in 2019...THANK YOU!  
Your incredible generosity made possible another very successful year for the CCFB Foundation and its programs. Together, we are feeding our future and fueling our industry!

## Know a college student majoring in an agricultural related discipline?

**Scholarship Applications Open December 1, 2019  
Must be submitted in full by 11:59 pm - January 31, 2020.**

### Requirements

Graduate of a Champaign County High School  
Pursuing a Degree in Agriculture  
(Tech Certificate - Associates - Bachelors - Masters)  
Passionate About Agriculture

**Apply Online At: [www.ccfbfoundation.com/scholarships](http://www.ccfbfoundation.com/scholarships)**



Joe Cannon presents Emily Bluhm with her 2019 AgriGold Scholarship at the annual scholarship luncheon.





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# 6 Ways to Protect Your Home When You Travel

by Valerie Hawkins



You have enough to worry about before traveling. You're busy wrapping up things at work, washing oodles of laundry, and packing suitcases. So, adding six more tasks to your to-do list may seem overwhelming.

But don't fret! To help you get started, we outlined six simple tips for prepping your home before you hit the road! Check them out:

## 1. Stash your stuff in a safe

Before you leave, place your valuables in a locked safe or safe deposit box. If those aren't options for you, make sure valuables aren't in plain sight or in an obvious place.

## 2. Hire a sitter

If you have a pet, you can either hire a pet-sitter or drop Fido off at the local doggie daycare. Expect to pay around \$11 per hour\* for their services. For pet-free homes, consider hiring a house sitter to help water plants and check in on your home every couple of days. Websites like [Rover](#) and [TrustedHousesitters](#) can help you find people for both!

## 3. Stop your mail

A tell-tale sign no one's home, is when a mailbox is overflowing and packages are stacked on the porch. Before you leave town, swing by your local post office or fill out their online form to put a hold on your mail.

## 4. Smart home technology

Burglars aren't the only thing to worry about while you're away. Installing safe home technology can help you keep an eye on your home from afar. Many companies offer a variety of smart home technology like smoke and carbon alarms, garage sensors, and water detection – so if water is detected in your basement or a smoke alarm is going off, your smart phone is alerted immediately. Simply search online for "smart home technology" for some options.

## 5. Keep your landscaping tidy

If you're going on an extended trip, hire a landscaping company to cut your grass or shovel your driveway. Anything you can do to keep your property looking fresh can deter thieves from breaking in.

## 6. Be careful on social media

This is nothing new, but something that's definitely still happening. If you post you're on vacation, online predators know your house is empty and waiting for them. Try not to post your vacay pics until you're back.



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**KORY KRAUS,  
GENERAL MANAGER**

**November fertilizer applications.** Weather during the month of November introduced us to what winter is all about, snow and cold temperatures. Fortunately, a warming trend toward the middle of the month offered one last opportunity to complete field work, whether it be harvest, fertilizer applications or tillage. Whether anhydrous ammonia with a stabilizer, dry fertilizer or soft lime, Illini FS was working hard to take advantage of what was considered the last window-of-opportunity to do field work in 2019.

**Was mid-November a good time for nutrient applications?** You bet! Cold soil temperatures minimize soil microbial activity, some which are responsible for the conversion of stable ammonium-N to unstable nitrate-N. Applications made to cold soils extends the period-of-time the applied ammonium-N remains in a form that tends to resist movement. Adding a nitrification inhibitor extends the conversion process even greater, once we start to experience the warmer, wet Spring soils. An application of phosphorus and/or potassium to a thawed soil surface, even if only thawed in the afternoon, allows for a nutrient/soil interaction that minimizes any movement of soluble nutrients with surface water.

**Soil erosion is the primary avenue of phosphorus and potassium losses.** Nutrient interactions with thawed surface soil do not eliminate the possible loss of nutrients with soil movement (soil erosion). The best answer to minimize surface soil movement is with conservation tillage practices, and/or use of cover crops. Soil is a non-renewable natural resource, at least in terms of our lifetime. We can take better care of it, but we will not see it recreated. Watch other farmers that utilize conservation practices and determine whether they are worth a try in 2020.

**Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy (INLRS) and 2025.** The year Illinois EPA expects production agriculture to reach loading reduction targets is not far away. Even with all the efforts to achieve nitrogen and phosphorus nutrient loss targets, there is a chance that we will fall short. Now is the best time to try new strategies that can be found in the INLR Strategy publication. Make time and read Chapter 6: *Nutrient Loss reduction Strategies for Agricultural Non-Point Sources* (pgs. 6-1 to 6-22). Evaluate the various practices listed and see if any could fit into your farming practices. Farmers may soon be asked to adopt one or more of the practices to qualify for government programs. Don't like any of the strategies listed? Get involved with any revision of the strategy to make it better. The Illinois EPA is always looking for better ideas to help agriculture hit the reduction targets. Want to learn more about the Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy? Visit the following website for more information and download a copy of the most recent revision of the strategy. <https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/Documents/iepa/water-quality/watershed-management/nlrs/nlrs-final-revised-083115.pdf>

**N-TRACKER Plus is the new and improved N-WATCH mentioned in the INLR Strategy.** N-TRACKER Plus provides a set of eyes into the upper soil profile to track plant-available N (PAN) over time. N-TRACKER Plus includes tracking PAN up to tassel-time by establishing two sampling sites (with and without crop). The difference in PAN between the two sites will be an estimate of N loss. Additional information gathered over the past three years has provided insight to the relationship of other plant-available nutrient concentrations according to sampling depth (7", 12" and 24"). Visit with your local Illini FS Crop Specialist for more information about N-TRACKER Plus or to sign-up for a site in 2020. The first variable rate N applications based upon N-TRACKER Plus and detected PAN (2 ½-acre grids) will be applied to a limited number of fields by Illini FS in 2020.

**Soil Testing beyond 7 inches.** Crop root systems remove nutrients from the upper soil profile beyond the standard 7-inch sampling depth. Exploring soil test levels beyond 7 inches may uncover a stronger relationship between soil test level and crop yield. The 2020 N-TRACKER Plus nutrient management tool will allow a closer look at relationships between nutrient test levels in the upper 2 feet of the soil profile and the concentration of nutrients found in the plant at specific stages of growth. What was learned in 2019 will help modify nutrient management in 2020 and beyond.

**Soybean response to Illini FS Soft Lime.** Several split-field treatments were applied this fall to test for soybean response Illini FS Soft Lime. The trial was created to determine if soybeans will respond to the application, regardless of soil pH. Trials were established in fields having an optimum soil pH (6.0+). Visit with your local Illini FS Crop Specialist to learn more about this premium liming source or to sign-up for field applications the fall of 2020.


**The 2019 Illini FS On-Farm Discovery Report will soon be released.** Even with a challenging 2019 cropping season, over 80 trials were placed in area fields testing a variety of nutrients and fungicides. Visit with your local Illini FS Crop Specialist for a report summary or to request a copy of the complete 2019 Trial Report.

**Participate in On-Farm Discovery Trials in 2020.** Here are some of the trials we have in place for 2020. Trials include both corn and soybeans unless specified otherwise. Visit with your local Illini FS Crop Specialist if you would like to learn more about our On-Farm Discovery Program or to participate in a 2020 trial.


- Sulfur applied pre-plant and early post-emerge
- Zinc applied pre-plant and early post-emerge
- Boron applied pre-plant and early post-emerge
- Soft Lime applied ahead of soybeans
- Variable N rate application based upon plant-available N
- Soybean response to fungicides
- Corn response to fungicides




**It is time for a change.** New technologies have allowed many farmers to collect within-field data for over a decade. Whether variable rate seeding, planter row down-pressure or nutrient applications, technology is available to adjust on-the-go just about every crop management input or practice. Unfortunately, the ability of variable rate technology and the management of the data collected are well ahead of how such technologies can help make management decisions that demonstrate a consistent return-on-investment. It is time to take another look at how we decide the rate of nutrient applications. What got us to where we are may not get us to where we need to go. We need to revisit the depth of soil sample collection. The plow layer had significance over 50 years ago, but its relevance is significantly diminished in an era of conservation tillage. The standard phosphorus and potassium nutrient applications for 180 bushel/acre corn and 50 bushel/acre soybeans will no longer sustain yields beyond 220 bushel/acre corn and 80 bushel/acre soybeans. What role with sulfur, zinc and boron have with sustainable higher yields? What is the best way to determine the amount of phosphorus and potassium to apply? How much nitrogen is needed to optimize yield within the field and when should it be applied? These and many other questions drive Illini FS to discover new and better ways to manage crop inputs to provide a consistent return-on-investment. Not an easy task, but we are trying. Visit with your local Illini FS crop specialist about technologies we have tested and have adopted to make input management decisions or about new approaches to old ideas to find increased farm profitability. Is it easy to find a way to consistently increase farm profitability? It is not about "easy", but "needed". Not purchasing crop inputs from Illini FS? Give us a try. We won't disappoint you.

*What got us to where we are may not get us to where we need to go.  
(Inspired by Marshall Goldsmith)*



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# 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes

The 107th Annual Meeting of the Champaign County Farm Bureau was held on Monday, January 28, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at Pear Tree Estate, 2150 CR 1000 E, Champaign, IL.

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Briggs. Young Ag Leader Chairman, Lynn Doran, led the pledge of allegiance. Mike introduced legislators that were at the Annual Meeting who serve us in Springfield. Mike thanked all our federal, state and local elected officials that have supported the priorities and programs of the Champaign County Farm Bureau. Mike recognized past presidents of our organization. Mike thanked every single person who has given so much time to this organization over the past year

### Call of the Meeting by Brennon Breymeier

Brennon gave the call to the meeting at 7:08 p.m. Notice is hereby given that the 107th Annual meeting of the Champaign County Farm Bureau is called for Monday, January 28th, 2019 at the Pear Tree Estate, 2150 CR 1000 E, Champaign, Illinois. Registration begins at 5:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. The business meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of consideration of any business that may be properly discussed.

### Credentials Committee Report by Brennon Breymeier

The Credentials Committee consisting of Don Wood and Ken Kesler has informed the president that a quorum was present. Therefore, the president declared that the 107th Annual Meeting of the Champaign County Farm Bureau was legally convened.

### Secretary’s Report by Brennon Breymeier

Brennon reported that minutes of the 106th Annual Meeting of the Champaign County Farm Bureau was published in the December 2018 edition of the Champaign County Farm Bureau News. It is the recommendation of the Board of Directors that we dispense with the reading of the minutes. A Motion was made by Brennon, seconded by Mitch Heap and

carried to dispense with the reading of the minutes. . Hearing none, he moved that the minutes be approved as presented; motion was seconded by Paul Berbaum. The motion carried.

### Treasurer’s Report by Lee Waters

Lee Waters stated that Treasurer’s report for the Champaign County Farm Bureau was available inside of your program booklet located on pages 4 and 5. It was moved that the financial statement be approved as printed. Motion was made by Lee Waters seconded by Mitch Heap motion carried.

### Membership Report by Kristi Pflugmacher

Kristi Pflugmacher reported that Champaign County has made quota for membership since 2004 and this year was no exception. We ended the 2018 Membership Year with a total of 2,506 “M” Members and a Total Membership of 10,758. Champaign County Farm Bureau Volunteers and affiliates signed 89 new “M” members and 670 new Associate members. Board members Kristi Pflugmacher and Dale Franzen both signed 5 new “M” members and Steve Hammel, Mike Briggs and Paul Hunsinger all signed 3. thanked Country Financial Representatives for their work in signing a total of 627 new Associate members and 19 “M” members; Travis Heath lead the way this year signing 82 Associate members and 3 “M” members, Chris Greenwold signed 62 Associates and 1 “M” members and Jon May signed 52 Associates and 3”M” members. Kristie thanked all volunteers and affiliates who participated in signing members this year.

### Introduction Current Board Members by Mike Briggs

Mike Briggs introduced the current Board members and asked them to stand as their name is called.

### Introduction of Retiring Board Members by Adam Watson

Adam Watson introduced the retiring Board members and presented them with a gift of appreciation: Lee Waters, Christie Delaney, Loretta Stoeger, Paul Berbaum and Lynn Doran.

### Introduction of Nominating Committee by Adam Watson

Adam Watson introduced nominating committee which consisted of Paul Hunsinger, Dale Tharp, Lee Waters, Christie Delaney, Gerald Henry, Loretta Stoeger, Paul Berbaum and himself.

### Members Running for an additional term by Adam Watson

Members running for an additional term: Mike Briggs, Ludlow Township, Virginia Busboom, Compromise Township, Andy Hughes, Philo Township, Justin Leerkamp, Raymond Township and Steve Hammel, Somer Township.

### Candidates nominated for the First Time by Adam Watson

Candidates nominated for the first time: Greg Knott, St. Joseph Township, Craig Anderson, Newcomb Township, Ryan Musson, Sadorus Township and Joann O’Connor, Scott Township.

President Mike Briggs appointed three tellers consisting of Jim Esworthy, Dennis Riggs and Jeff Fisher. He asked for nominations from the floor and there were none. Motion was made that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot, motion was seconded by Mitch Heap, and motion carried to cast a unanimous ballot.

### IAA Annual Meeting by Mike Briggs

Mike Briggs asked for a motion to authorize the Board of Directors to select the delegates for the 2019 IAA Annual meeting and to approve the actions and deeds of the Board of Directors of 2018. The motion was made by Lee Waters, seconded by Lin Warfel, and carried to allow the Board of Directors to select delegates to the 2019 IAA Annual meeting and approve the actions and deeds of the Board of Directors of 2018.

### Urban Ag Leader of the Year by Lynn Doran

Lynn Doran introduced Pattsy Petrie as the 2018 Urban Ag Leader of the Year and presented him with a plaque.

### Deputy of the Year by Adam Watson

Adam Watson introduced Investigator Dwayne Roelfs as the 2018 Deputy of the Year and presented him with a plaque.

### CCFB Presidents Message by Mike Briggs

President Mike Briggs thanked everyone for attending the 107th CCFB Annual Meeting and thanked Brad, staff and all those who helped with making this evening a success. Mike also thanked his family and members for supporting him. Mike stressed the importance of getting the word out to help others understand agriculture and how technology can help in better serving our members.

### CCFB Manager Message by Bradley Uken

Brad thanked members and engaged volunteers and staff for all their work. Brad thanked the Board of Directors and Committee Chairs for all their work making it a successful year.

### CCFB Volunteer of the Year Award by Bradley Uken

Bradley Uken presented the Ken Roellig “Volunteer of the Year Award” to Paul Berbaum for going above and beyond in serving the Champaign County Farm Bureau.

### CCFB Foundation/Earth Partners Report given by Kirk Bulta & Sarah Kaper

Kirk gave an update on Foundation and Earth Partners.

### Adjournment of Meeting by Mike Briggs

President Mike Briggs asked for a motion to adjourn the 107th Annual Meeting of the Champaign County Farm Bureau. Motion was made by Eric Suits, seconded by Dale Tharp and motion carried to adjourn the meeting. Mike Briggs declared the Annual Meeting of the Champaign County Farm Bureau adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Mike Briggs introduced the speaker for the evening Habeeb Habeeb, CEO and Principal of BPC, an employee benefits administration firm.

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## SOCK DRIVE

*supporting Senator Scott Bennett’s efforts to keep our friends at local shelters warm this winter*

**DONATE NOW through DECEMBER 16**

- Champaign County Farm Bureau is collecting donations of unused socks for men, women, and children.
- Drop off at 801 N Country Fair Dr, Champaign.
- Local homeless shelters are in need of socks, but they are the least donated item!

# Women’s Committee Recipe of the Month

*Submitted by Jackie Watson*

“I decided on this one because soup season came early this year!”

### Olive Garden Pasta e Fagioli Copycat Recipe

- 3 tsp. Oil
- 2 lb. Ground Beef
- 12 oz. Onion, chopped
- 14 oz. Carrots, slivered
- 14 oz Celery, diced
- 48 oz. Tomatoes, canned, diced
- 1 can Red Kidney Beans
- 1 can White Kidney Beans
- 2 – 3 boxes of Beef Stock, 32 oz. size
- 48 oz. Spaghetti Sauce
- 2T Brown Sugar, optional
- 3 tsp. Oregano, or to taste
- 2 ½ tsp. Pepper, or to taste
- Tabasco Sauce to taste – **Start light on this one!**
- 5 tsp. Parsley – fresh chopped
- 8 oz. dry pasta small Shell Macaroni

### DIRECTIONS:

Sauté beef in oil in large 10 qt. pot until beef starts to brown. Add onions, carrots, celery, and tomatoes and simmer for about 10 minutes. Add beans, beef stock (I start with 2 boxes and add more if soup needs thinned), spaghetti sauce, brown sugar, oregano, pepper and Tabasco. Simmer until celery and carrots are tender, about 45 minutes. Add pasta and parsley at the end of simmering time and cook until desired consistency. Make 9 quarts of soup – just cut recipe in half for smaller family needs.





# CCFB Members hosted several local leaders for combine rides on the farm.



Champaign County Auditor George Danos



CCFB Member Lee Waters hosted Champaign County Executive Darlene Kloeppel



CCFB Member Jeff Fisher hosted Urbana City Administrator Carol Mitten



CCFB Member Craig Anderson hosted Lynn Canfield, Executive Director at Champaign County Mental Health Board and Champaign County Developmental Disabilities Board.

## Women's Committee



CCFB Women's Committee welcomed Leia Flure to the November meeting. Leia spoke about cooking oils and health alternatives!

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