

## Luke Zwilling Named Chairman of Environmental Advisory Team



Luke Zwilling

Champaign County Farm Bureau is proud to have a large number of active members that are dedicated to making a difference in agriculture. Luke Zwilling,

current CCFB member, has been elected as Chairman of Illinois Farm Bureau's Environmental Advisory Team. The team held its first meeting of 2020 on March 3.

Lauren Lurkins, IFB's Director of Natural and Environmental Resources says, "the vision for the team is to develop a team of farmer members who are interested in taking a deep dive in environmental topics in order to create more knowledge within our membership on these complicated issues and to advise the staff on general direction. The team may also serve as a focus group for scientific researchers and visit regulatory agencies in order to learn more about programs and authority, as well as advocate for changes, if necessary."

The Environmental Advisory Team is not a new concept to the Illinois Farm



The team shares questions and feedback with Dr. Trent Ford (IL State Climatologist, Illinois State Water Survey), Dr. Kaiyu Guan (University of Illinois), Dr. Andrew Margenot (University of Illinois), and Dr. Amir Sadeghpour (SIUC) were also featured speakers for the focus group.

Bureau. It was previously known as the Conservation and Natural Resources SWAT. The group has always stayed on top of the latest environmental issues affecting agriculture including Waters of the US, Swampbuster, and multiple aspects of the Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy. The team draws on knowledge and expertise from researchers and organizations from around the state. Collaborations and information comes from researchers at University of Illinois, Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC), Purdue, Illinois State University, and the state scientific surveys, as well as administration and staff at USEPA Region 5, Illinois NRCS, Illinois Department of Agriculture, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, and Illinois Department of Transportation. "The team was also the inspiration – and

many times the content – of our Farming for the Future social media campaign to tell the story of IFB members' work on environmental issues and conservation to the general public ([www.ilfarmersconserve.com](http://www.ilfarmersconserve.com))," adds Lurkins.

The team's meeting on March 3 allowed the team to receive updates on issues worked in the past. Lurkins also pointed out that the team meeting allowed them to serve as a focus group for four researchers working in the areas of climate science, remote sensing technology and phosphorus management, and chart a path forward for 2020.

Special thanks to all the members of the Environmental Advisory Team. We applaud your efforts and are proud of our local CCFB Member Luke Zwilling for taking the lead and promoting agriculture.



August 2019 – Environmental Advisory Team visits Region 5 USEPA in Chicago.

### COVID-19 ANNOUNCEMENT

As of printing, the Champaign County Farm Bureau office is closed to the public. The office is closed to ensure the health and safety of both our members and our staff. We will attempt to reopen the office when the governor's stay at home order expires. If you need to pay membership dues, please visit [www.myifb.org](http://www.myifb.org) to either join the CCFB as a new member or to renew your dues. Please stay safe, wash your hands, and we'll get through this turbulent time together (but don't stand too close together!) Also, before you head out to the office or any event listed in this publication please check [www.ccfarmbureau.com](http://www.ccfarmbureau.com) or call the office at 217-352-5235 for updates.

# April Report

**President, Mike Briggs**



Given the speed at which things are changing with the current situation I'm not sure what to write. These times are unprecedented but I am confident that we will get through them together. I hope that by the time this reaches your mailbox we have more certainty on how to move forward. Please be confident that the Farm Bureau on the local, state, and national levels are working to ensure that the impact on agriculture is minimized as much as possible.

Hopefully, as you read this you are ready to hit the fields when Mother Nature allows. It's that time of year again and I know the planters are ready to roll. Please be careful as the season fires up and make sure to look out for one another. Have a safe and productive planting season.

Sincerely,  
Mike Briggs

## Join the Prime Timers!

**April Meeting is Canceled**



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**

*May 14, 2020*

*June 11, 2020*

## CCFB Calendar of Events

**Due to COVID 19 many meetings have been canceled or postponed.**

**Please call the office at 217-352-5235 to check on the status of April/May meetings currently listed.**

### April 2020

All April Events Are Canceled Or Postponed

### May 2020

*\*Committees do not meet during this month due to planting\**

May 12	Premier Ladies Marketing	9:30 a.m.
May 14	Prime Timers	10 a.m.
May 20 & 21	Defensive Driving	8 a.m. - noon

## Women's Committee

### Schedule of Events

**Due to COVID 19 the following Women's Committee meetings have been canceled or postponed.**

**Stay tuned to [www.ccfarmbureau.com](http://www.ccfarmbureau.com) or call the office for additional updates.**

**April 8 – POSTPONED TBD**

Spring Fling @CCFB Auditorium

**April 13 - CANCELED**

General Meeting @ CCFB Auditorium

**April 13 – POSTPONED TBD**

CCFB Auditorium

**Jim Roberts, Director of Environmental Health at Champaign-Urbana Public Health District**

**"Everything You Have Wanted to Know About Inspections of Food Service Establishments in Champaign-Urbana and Champaign County"**

## Defensive Driving

*May 20 & May 21*

**8 a.m. to Noon @ Champaign County Farm Bureau Auditorium**

*Cost \$17/per person*

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# SJO Petting Zoo Featured During FFA Week

*By Mallory Ames, SJO FFA President*

The St. Joseph-Ogden FFA hosted the FFA Petting Zoo during FFA week to include the younger students and community! Local Kindergarten and 1st Grade classes attended the event, along with local daycares. Kids were able to visit a wide variety of farm animals, from piglets to llamas, as well as complete some Ag In The Classroom activities, advancing their knowledge about agriculture in Illinois. The Petting Zoo hosted approximately 250-300 students and guests, and was beyond enjoyable for all of the Chapter FFA members who assisted in the planning and execution.



# SJO FFA Thank You

*By Mallory Ames, SJO FFA President*

The St. Joseph-Ogden FFA Scholarship Auction took place in February as an FFA Week kick-off. The auction was beyond successful, raising over \$20,000. Thank you to all community members who came to support the local FFA chapter, your support makes it possible for FFA members to attend conferences and conventions throughout

the year. We look forward to seeing you in the upcoming year as the tradition and support for our chapter continues. All of the money raised during the evening will be used to sponsor FFA members as they attend conferences and conventions, as well as pursue further education after graduation from St. Joseph-Ogden High School.



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## Jan & Feb Headline Lessons



### BEEF & TEMPLE GRANDIN

Temple Grandin, b. Aug 1947, earned a doctoral degree in animal science from the University of Illinois. Her world-changing career has revolutionized the livestock industry. Each year, 50% of calves in the U.S. are handled in cruelty-free facilities she has designed. She is also a passionate advocate for autism, using her experience to prove that people with autism can have great lives.



### POPCORN: FROM SEED TO SNACK

Did you know that IL has a state snack? It's POPCORN! This lesson investigates the phenomenon of popcorn popping. Students learn about the process of planting, harvesting and popping corn!



### WATER: DON'T USE IT ALL UP!

This lesson helps students understand how the demands on natural resources of a large population have more effect than the demands of a small one. Students answer: What will happen if we keep using water at the current rate? What can we do about this situation? How can we conserve or give water back to the environment?

## Where We've Been...

- St. Matthew:** Popcorn - Water
- Ludlow:** Popcorn
- St. Thomas:** Popcorn
- Eastlawn-Rantoul:** Water - Popcorn
- Edison:** Ag Discovery/Careers
- Wiley-Urbana:** Popcorn - Beef
- Barkstall-Champaign:** Popcorn
- Unity East:** Popcorn
- Stratton:** Water - Popcorn
- Pleasant Acres:** Popcorn
- Heritage Elementary:** Water
- Gifford GS:** Popcorn
- Leal:** Popcorn - Water
- MSHS:** Character Pillars - STEM Night
- Lincoln Trail-Mahomet:** Popcorn - Beef - Water
- Fisher:** Teens as Teachers STEM Lessons
- St. Joseph Grade School:** IL State Symbols - Corn - Soil - Beef
- MPE-Mahomet:** Popcorn - Water - Farm Animas vs. Zoo Animals
- Unity West:** Pollination Resource Delivery



### OUR IMPACT A+

	Jan	Feb
# Students	1,786	1,751
# Teachers	80	76



## CCFB Foundation 2019 Awards



### The Steven & Judi Stierwalt Ag Literacy Award

The Stierwalt Ag Literacy Award is presented to individuals whose work demonstrates any or all qualities of visionary leadership, exceptional foresight, creativity, advocacy, and volunteerism that furthers the education of students, and consumers, in the area of food and agriculture.

Reading these qualifications, it is clear to us that Steven and Judi Stierwalt embody all these criteria. Steve, Judi, and a talented team of leaders were instrumental in the creation of the Earth Partners program in the early 1990's. They have been a fixture of the Earth Partners Advisory Committee and today's Agriculture in the Classroom Committee. They have served on the Foundation's Board of Directors, volunteered to educate students, supported teachers attending the Summer Ag Institute, and have tirelessly advocated for agriculture, agricultural education, and consumer awareness.

The 2019 Ag Literacy Award is not only awarded to the Steven and Judi Stierwalt. We're excited to announce; that from this day forward, the award will be known as the Steven & Judi Stierwalt Agricultural Literacy Award. In recognition of the Stierwalt family's long-term commitment to Agricultural Education in Champaign County and Beyond; we are excited to congratulate Steven and Judi Stierwalt.



### Ag Educator of the Year - Becky Benedict 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade - Middletown Prairie Elementary School Mahomet-Seymour School District

We're proud to recognize the CCFB Foundation's Ag Educator of the Year. Presented to teachers or school administrators whose work demonstrates a desire to educate students about agriculture, food, and natural resources. These outstanding educators are innovators and catalysts for student success in agricultural education.

The 2019 Ag Educator of the Year is a second-grade teacher at Mahomet-Seymour's Middletown Prairie Elementary School. Becky Benedict is a veteran teacher who leads and promotes ag in the classroom to a team of 10 teachers and over 250 students. Mrs. Benedict uses Ag in the Classroom resources, and presentations, to enhance and supplement the current science curriculum for her grade level. It is our privilege to award the 2019 Ag Educator of the Year to Becky Benedict. Along with this recognition, Mrs. Benedict received a \$250 cash award to further her efforts in bringing agriculture to students at Mahomet-Seymour.



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## 3 essentials for your farm estate plan

by Valerie Hawkins



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For many farmers, one of their biggest goals is to pass the family farm to their children. Others, who may not have family members interested in inheriting the family farm, look for alternative routes, like passing it on to a neighbor or employee.

Regardless of the recipient, transitioning ownership of your farm requires careful planning, the right protection, and a trusted partner.

### Have a game plan

The USDA reports 70% of U.S. farmland will likely change hands during the next two decades. Even more surprising, it's estimated that half of farm families operate without an estate plan in place.

Estate plans are critical to transition ownership of your farm, but they can seem overwhelming.

#### Here are three essential ingredients to help you get started:

##### 1. Will

If you don't have a written will, the state will decide what happens to your assets. Since you probably prefer to have a say in what happens to your belongings, make sure you have a will and review it every five years or following major life events, like remarriage or increase in assets.

##### 2. Durable Power of Attorney

This document designates a person to make financial decisions for you, should you no longer be able to make decisions for yourself. You can also include a back-up Power of Attorney in case your first choice is unable to perform the role.

##### 3. Financial Go-Bag

Regardless of the size of your estate, designate a spot to organize their financial information. Besides basic items, like birthdates, Social Security or military information, include tax records, banking, investment, insurance, business and real estate information, too. Don't forget to include copies of the documents mentioned earlier (items #1-2) and keep everything in a secure location that family members or trusted individuals can easily find.

#### Take the next step

It's never too early to begin planning for your farm's future, but it can be too late.



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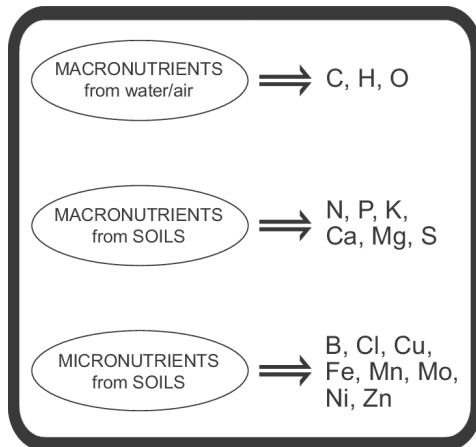
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## From The Field

by Dr. Howard Brown



### NUTRIENTS NEEDED BY PLANTS

We have known for over 170 years that certain nutrients are essential to plant growth. Scientists have agreed to 17 such nutrients. Carbon, hydrogen and oxygen are provided by the environment, whether from air or water. The next three needed in the largest volume include nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium. We have focused most of our research efforts to better define what is needed to optimize crop yields. Two of the next three nutrients, calcium and magnesium, are a significant part of limestone used to neutralize acidity. Sulfur, the third secondary nutrient,

historically was provided through atmospheric deposition (washed out of the air with rain), but efforts to reduce smoke-stack emissions from coal-fired power plants have significantly reduced atmospheric concentrations. Once beyond the top 9 nutrients, only those nutrients needed in small amounts remain, a group of nutrients we refer to as micronutrients. Don't let the name of this grouping fool you for without a minimum concentration necessary for plant growth, crop yield can be limited. "If one of the essential plant nutrients is deficient, plant growth will be poor even when all other essential nutrients are abundant." The "Law of the Minimum" recognizes a certain concentration of each essential nutrient is needed for the plant to complete its life cycle, whether required in pounds/acre or parts per million. Based upon recent soil testing and nutrient trials, there are only two of the seven micronutrients that may be limiting to optimum yield in some area soils, Zinc and Boron. Overall, when looking at the 16 essential nutrients for plant growth, it is time to focus on sulfur, zinc and boron to optimize yield, maximizing utilization of the investment in farm inputs, optimizing harvest yield, while minimizing environmental impact.... It is truly a Focus on M.O.M.!

**CORN EMERGENCE.** Planted corn seeds need approximately 110 Growing Degree Units (GDUs) to emerge, assuming the soil is warm enough for seed germination at the time of planting. Growing Degree Units are calculated by subtracting 50 from the average of the daily high and low temperature. The upper temperature limit is 86° F and the lower limit is 50° F. It is assumed that plants will not grow any faster above the upper limit and will not grow any slower below the lower limit

**CORN ROOT SYSTEM.** A corn plant has two root systems, primary and secondary. The primary system is initiated upon germination. It is comprised of a radicle (first thing to emerge from the seed upon germination) and some seminal roots originating from the seed as well. The purpose of this initial root system is water uptake, although some nutrients enter the plant with soil water. Energy needed to develop the primary root system and the first 2-3 leaves originates from the seed's stored food (endosperm). The secondary or nodal root system (also referred to as the permanent root system), appears soon after the first true leaf is extended and takes over the role of plant support when 3 leaves are fully extended (V3). The primary root system, although still attached beneath the secondary root system, is no longer significant once the secondary root system supports the plant.

**PLANTING DEPTH.** The depth that the corn plant's secondary root system is established is not based upon planting depth if the seed is planted more than 1-inch deep. Once germination occurs, the plants growing point is pushed toward the soil surface by extension of the mesocotyl. Once the tip of the seedling spear (coleoptile) sees light, the mesocotyl ceases to elongate and the protective coleoptile ruptures allowing the rolled leaves inside to unfurl above ground. The length of the coleoptile is about 1/2 to 3/4 inch in length, placing the secondary root system at the same approximate depth regardless of how deep it is planted. Secondary root systems of plants placed less than 3/4-inch deep will be established closer-than-desired to the soil surface, possibly delaying plant development, especially during dry periods.

**UNEVEN CORN EMERGENCE.** Uneven corn emergence may not be the result of uneven germination. Planting in a cooler-than-desired soil provides the opportunity for soil-borne pathogens or insects to injure the seed or young seedling. Injury to the endosperm, mesocotyl, and/or primary root system (seedling roots) will likely result in delayed early growth and uneven emergence. Dig up affected plants, wash off the soil and look for evidence of infection or feeding. A seedling plant injured before nodal root development will have a compromised contribution to harvest yield. Look for chewing on plant parts above or below the seed as well as feeding or injury to the seed itself (loss of endosperm).

**ON-FARM DISCOVERY TRIALS.** In 2019 Illini FS had over 85 On-Farm Discovery Trials with local farmers that will address specific questions. Trials included nutrient, biological and growth regulator applications along with several fungicide comparisons. Visit with your local Illini FS Crop Specialist for more information about our 2020 On-Farm Discovery Trials or to receive a copy of our 2019 On-Farm Discovery Report (while supplies last). Do you have a product that you would like to test in 2020? Let us help.

**NEW REASON TO REVISIT HOW WE LEARN.** With the recent order to "Shelter at home" and the concern of person-to-person transmission of viral pathogens, it may be time to revisit tools available to help us learn and communicate without the need for a face-to-face meeting. The current concern over getting close to anyone other than family will pass. However, new approaches to communicate and learn are here to stay. As the father of two primary school teachers, e-learning has created a new tool to expand the way students learn and teachers teach. Although the authoritative textbook on e-learning is still being written through experiences created each day over the past few weeks, the result will be an expansion of how we all learn. Here are some current websites that may help address questions during this time of "social distancing". The new age of online learning is here

to stay, even when Covid-19 becomes a part of our history.

[www.plantmanagementnetwork.org](http://www.plantmanagementnetwork.org)

**Extension Publications:** This website search engine is one of the most under-utilized tools on the internet when it comes to learning about specific products and/or practices. Visit the website and click on "Ag Practitioners Center". Click on "Extension Publications" and search a database of over 33 Land Grant Universities and learning institutions from across the nation. Select the specific university you prefer to search or allow the search engine to search "All Partner Institutions". Whether a question about nitrogen use in corn or fertilizer needs of strawberries, the search engine will commonly provide several publications to choose from, all from partnering academic institutions.

<https://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov>

Everything you wanted to know about your soils or your neighbor's soils and more can be found at this website. Finding information on any field within the continental U.S. is at your fingertips with a little browsing time and desire to learn. Some of the information may need a little interpretation and exploring. A Google Search would help understand what "Hydrologic Conductivity" is and how it is measured. Spending some time within the tables of information you will discover how to extract specific information related to soil depth. An online course could be offered to help discover all the information packed into the electronic files packed into this website. Shout-out to USDA-NRCS for a job well done!

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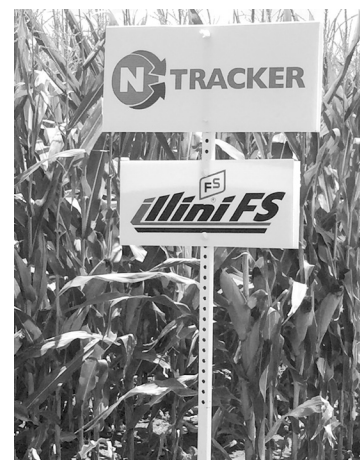
The Chat 'n Chew Café is a one-stop shop for agronomic information. Dr. Robert Nielson is the owner and caretaker of the website. His years of investment, both with field research and scanning the web for informative websites, provides farmers in the Midwest an easy-to-find and comprehensive collection of web-based information. Dr. Nielson has announced his retirement from Purdue University. However, it is our hope that he continues to keep the webpage relevant to current and future needs of farmers and professional ag practitioners.

<https://www.cropnutrition.com/crop-nutrition>

The Mosaic Company's website provides a wealth of production agriculture information. Simply select the area to explore from their landing page. Clicking on "Nutrient Knowledge" takes you to a page that highlights each essential nutrient. Clicking on the nutrient and the "more" link routes you to a page that discusses the importance of the nutrient to plant growth and a library of nutrient deficiency images, specific to multiple crops. Want to learn more about Trending Topics in production agriculture? Click on "Resource Library" and "Trending Topics" to read about how record yields are impacting soil nutrient levels or other current topics.

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This link leads to the free .pdf Building Soils for Better Crops, a well-written, easy-to-read and understand publication on the importance of soil stewardship. Dr. Fred Magdoff is a retired Professor from the University of Vermont.



**N-TRACKER Plus** is a N management tool that provides a window into the soil to track the dynamics of nutrients in both soil and plants over time. Samples collected during the 1st half of the growing season helps determine whether supplemental nitrogen, sulfur or boron is needed at a specific point. Information gathered will help make nutrient management decisions. Does this approach really help with management decisions? Six years of testing and modifying the approach, along with sampling over 1000 sites, has provided confidence that this will be the approach to use as we move into a new decade. It is not the destination, but just a part of the journey to higher sustainable harvest yields and improved environmental stewardship.

**SAMPLING DATE 1:** A pre-plant sampling date to baseline soil nutrients, whether plant-available N, sulfur, zinc, boron, or other nutrients considered essential for plant growth. Soil samples are collected at 0-7 inches, 0-12 inches and 12-24 inches. Samples are tested for both macro and micronutrients. Cation Exchange Capacity and base saturation are also estimated for each sample collected.

**SAMPLING DATE 2:** Samples are collected at Growth Stage V3-V4. Soil samples are collected at 0-12 inches and 12-14 inches and are tested for both macro and micronutrients including nitrate and ammonium-N. Whole plant samples are collected and submitted for total nutrient analysis. A 6' x 6' area is cleared of corn plants adjacent to the site sampled. This site will be used at VT to estimate pounds of plant-available N mineralized and/or lost since the V3-V4 sampling date.

**SAMPLING DATE 3:** Samples are collected at or prior to VT. Soil samples are collected within plants at 0-12 inches and 12-24 inches and are tested for both macro and micronutrients. Ear leaf samples are collected and are submitted for total nutrient analysis. Soil samples are also collected from the bare soil area at 0-12 inches and 12-24 inches. Soil samples are tested for both macro and micronutrients.

Visit with your local Illini FS Crop Specialist for cost and more information about N-TRACKER Plus or to sign-up for a site in 2020. Visit our website to learn more or to request a site in 2020 ([www.n-tracker.com](http://www.n-tracker.com))

# Maggi's Membership Corner

By Maggi Maxstadt, CCFB Membership & Outreach Coordinator



Maggi Maxstadt

Thank you to the members who participated in the Health Fair and Screenings. This event, held on March 13th, was in partnership with OSF Healthcare. Members were screened for cholesterol, lipoproteins, blood sugar, and blood pressure. There were also stations teaching about heart disease, stroke, diabetes, and nutrition. Following the screening, members had a consultation with OSF staff, and their final results were mailed out. Thank you to the staff from OSF that came out to provide this opportunity to our members!

An updated benefit in our office is 2020 Plat Books! The books are now being

redone every three years instead of two. Prices for members like you are \$27.50 per book. If you don't live in the area, call the CCFB office and place an order for your plat book. We will send you your plat book after receiving your payment for the book and shipping cost. There are also a limited number of premium plat wall maps and peel-and-stick wall maps available for purchase (not eligible for shipping).

Even when the office is closed, you have access to your membership and discounts through Farm Bureau!

Head to [myIFB.org](http://myIFB.org), your membership destination! On your account, you can: pay

your dues, update your mailing address, phone number, and email, add interests related to your occupation and/or farming operation, and view your current membership card to use for discounts.

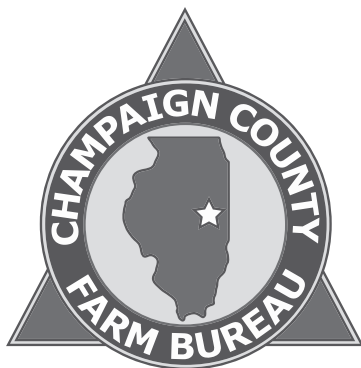
Visit [ilfb.abenity.com](http://ilfb.abenity.com) to see all 302,000+ local and national discounts offered through the Farm Bureau. Have your membership number ready to sign-up!

If you would like more information, contact the Farm Bureau office at 217-352-5235 or by email [ccfb@ccfarmbureau.com](mailto:ccfb@ccfarmbureau.com).

## Thank you to all members and OSF staff participating in the health fair!



Members participate in screenings during the Health Fair on March 13th



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## American Queen Steamboat Upper Mississippi Cruise

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Join the Champaign County Farm Bureau's Lois Wood & Mary Beth Kurasek on Mark Twain's Mississippi. Many would argue that Samuel Clemens, best known by his pen name Mark Twain, is quite simply one of America's greatest authors. On this magnificent journey along the Upper Mississippi River, you will discover the beauty of the region from the unique perspective of the river. This trip includes Hop-on Hop-off tours allowing you to explore Twain's childhood hometown of Hannibal,

Missouri; the town from where much of the inspiration for his beloved classics such as *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* is derived. You will not want to miss this opportunity to share the Mississippi River with Mark Twain.

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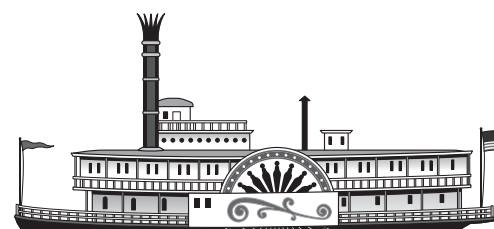
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# 2020 CCFB Trips Filling Up FAST

## Reserve Your Spot Today!

July 1, 2020 (Wednesday)

### **Crazy for You, The Little Theatre–Sullivan, IL**

A zany rich-boy-hometown-girl romantic comedy, Crazy for You tells the story of young New York banker Bobby Child, who is sent to Deadrock, Nevada, to foreclose on a rundown theatre. In Deadrock, Bobby falls for spunky Polly Baker, the theater owner's daughter. But Polly takes an instant dislike to the city slicker, so Bobby vows through cunning, razzmatazz and a hilarious case of mistaken identity to win Polly's heart and save the theatre.

Price per person: \$80.00

Deadline to register, be paid in full or cancel: May 29, 2020



October 14, 2020 (Wednesday)

### **Is there Life After Fifty, The Barn III-Goodfield, IL**

This new comedy flirts with a topical theme: the aging of the Baby Boomer generation. Three couples who all raised their kids on the same street have found a way to keep in touch after they move to new cities. Each year, on Labor Day weekend, the friends vacation together. This year, the ladies have planned a little surprise: a healthy, all-natural weekend at a trendy health resort, complete with organic food and exercise. The men, who really come for the beer and snacks, are not pleased when they find out. Tensions escalate into an all-out battle of the sexes, and the cabin is divided, literally, into the men against the women. They battle over health food, exercise, pizza, The Godfather, rock and roll, hot tubs, hot flashes, tummy tucks and their refusal to become middle-aged!

Price per person: \$92.00

Deadline to register, be paid in full or cancel: September 14, 2020



September 16, 2020 (Wednesday)

### **The Ark, Myers Dinner Theatre–Hillsboro, IN**

This exciting new musical is sure to delight and inspire audiences of all ages as they enter the theatre transformed into an ark only to discover they are the animals and this is not only Noah's adventure, it's theirs. A fresh take on a familiar tale, it's the story of how one family learns to brave life's rough waters by sticking together. The music for the show will have you dancing in the "isles". The Ark proves that, just like the waters, the depth of human emotion knows no bounds.

Price per person: \$85.00 (gratuity included)

Deadline to register, be paid in full or cancel: August 21, 2020

## Conservation Series

Champaign County Farm Bureau in conjunction with The Land Connection and Champaign County Soil and Water Conservation District hosted a series of informational sessions covering the practices used to align with the Nutrient Loss Reduction

Strategy. The final event in the series included a family fun night with BBQ, soil crafts, and a visit to Parkland's cover crop research plots.



## WOMEN'S COMMITTEE RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### **Cherry Cola Salad - Jane Hogan**

Jane Hogan, CCFB Women's Committee member, submitted the recipe for April stating, "this recipe was found in the News-Gazette many years ago. It has been a family favorite and is quick and easy to prepare. Enjoy!"

#### **Cherry Cola Salad**

- 1 c. sugar
- 1 c. water
- 1 6oz pkg. cherry Jell-O
- 1 can cherry pie filling
- 1 can (15 oz) crushed pineapple
- 1 tbsp. lemon juice
- ½ c. chopped pecans
- 1 can cola

Bring the water and sugar to a boil. Add the pie filling and bring back to a boil. Pour onto Jell-O and stir until dissolved. Add pineapple, lemon juice, nuts, and cola. Pour into 9X13 pan and chill until set.