

June Report



Paul Hunsinger, CCFB President

President, Paul Hunsinger

June has arrived and hopefully everyone is close to being finished planting. The end of May was definitely a little wet and difficult to get planting finished up. However, the crops that I have seen up are looking good.

Thank you to those who responded to the FB ACT on the transfer tax and stepped-up basis. Illinois Farm Bureau has said that a strong response has helped make progress with this issue. However, we have to continue to keep a close eye on this considering how important it is to farm families.

With planting finished or close to being finished I'm sure there is a sigh of relief, but I know there is still a lot of work to be done for the crop, so stay safe out there this month!.

Sincerely,
Paul Hunsinger

Prime Timers Meeting

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
by Monday, June 7

Call the CCFB Office 217-352-5235

Meeting Date: June 10 @ 10 a.m.
Program & Entertainment: Ozzie Pearl
Important changes

- Lunch – There will **NOT** be a fried chicken buffet.
- Lunch will consist of a box lunch.
- Mask required for entry.
- No walk-ins.
- Meeting is limited to 35 people. Call to reserve your spot. First come/first served

Women's Committee Schedule of Events

June 14th:

General Meeting 9:30am (Farm Bureau Auditorium)

John Dwyer, Emergency Management Agency, Champaign County

July 12th

General Meeting 9:30am (Farm Bureau Auditorium)

July 20th

Summer Fun Event– informative, fun, food and prizes
cost \$10 per attendee

(advance registration required, see article in this newsletter)
10 am-1:30 pm

Women's Committee Summer Fun Fling

Tuesday, July 20th– starting at 10am

All Farm Bureau women are invited to attend our Women's Committee sponsored Spring Fling, to be held on Tuesday, July 20th. Check-in begins that morning at 9:30AM and the event starts at 10AM, in the CCFB Auditorium.

Registration for the program begins June 15th and ends July 7th or when our capacity limit has been filled. To reserve your seat for the day and make payment, please contact Brenda at the Farm Bureau office 217-352-5235.

A delicious box lunch and bottled water will be provided. Your cost for the day is only \$10.00. Your choices for lunch are ham/swiss sandwich, grilled chicken wrap or spring mix deluxe salad (vegetarian choice). All lunches include pasta salad, fruit and cookie. **You'll make your lunch choice when registering.**

The program opens with Anna Dilger, University of Illinois Animal Sciences Professor. Dr. Dilger teaches courses in animal growth and development, meat science and contemporary issues. She offers facts with a smile and a bit of humor. She hopes with her presentations her audience members leave having learned more about "meat facts" and she's provided facts and explanations they will share with others. Recently she was recognized for her teaching excellent with the Outstanding Young Teacher Award from the Midwest Section of the American Society of Animal Science.

Next, Fred Delcomyn, retired University of Illinois Entomology Professor and graduate of the East Central Illinois Master Naturalist Program. Everyone loves bugs: they love to look at them or they love to hate them! Admittedly, there's a lot to love and even some things to hate – from the beauty of a monarch butterfly to the pests that eat your plants. This talk will give you an overview of the whole gamut of insect types. With any luck it will leave you with a better appreciation not only for their beauty but for the role they play in nature – even if you still dislike them.

Following lunch, the program closes with musical entertainment by the Keenagers Kitchen Band.

This band was first organized and started performing 35 years ago. It now has 20 members from throughout central Illinois. They enjoy performing for residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities as well as at various functions such as Atwood's Apple Dumpling Festival and Tuscola's Spark in the Park.


CCFB Calendar of Events

June 2021

June 10	Prime Timers	10 a.m.
June 14	Women's Committee	9:30 a.m.
June 15	Governmental Affairs	7:30 a.m.
June 15	Full Board	6:30 p.m.
June 17	Foundation Gala	5:30 p.m.

Virtual Meetings are posted at www.ccfarmbureau.com

- **Check in with Jeff Blue, Champaign Co. Highway Engineer and find out where all those orange construction cones are going to be this spring and summer!**
- **Mahomet Aquifer Update**
- **Dr. Trent Ford, Illinois State Climatologist**
- **National Agricultural Statistics Service Update**
- **Raghela Scavuzzo discusses farm diversification and niche marketing opportunities.**
- **Illinois Farm Bureau President Rich Guebert discusses priorities for the IAA Board in 2021.**



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All growers or grower farm operators who transport or apply anhydrous ammonia, or otherwise maintain anhydrous ammonia equipment, shall be certified to understand:

- Properties of ammonia.
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- How to take appropriate actions in the event of a leak or emergency.
- Personal Protective Equipment & First Aid.
- Transportation Safety.

Growers and grower farm operators have until April 1, 2022 to be initially certified, and must participate in refresher training every three years.

Certified grower training will be offered at no cost to the grower or grower farm operator via an in-person or online training program approved by the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA).



Online is now available on the IDOA website at www.Bit.ly/IllinoisNH3. In-person training opportunities will be announced as they are developed.

Who needs to be certified?

"GROWER"
Any individual who produces an agricultural commodity on property he or she owns or controls

"GROWER FARM OPERATOR"
An individual employed by or otherwise authorized by a grower to transport or apply anhydrous ammonia, or to otherwise maintain anhydrous ammonia equipment. These individuals include grower family members, full-time and part-time hired help, and others providing anhydrous ammonia services at no fee.

*This new requirement is found in the IDOA regulations regarding anhydrous ammonia at 8 Illinois Administrative Code 215.



Maggi's Membership Corner

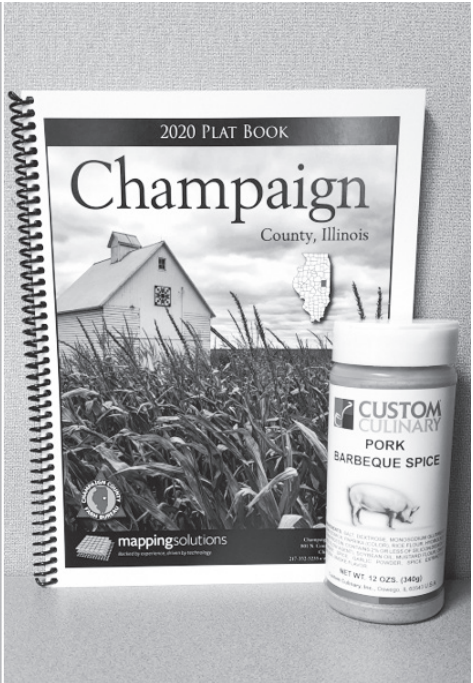
By Maggi Maxstadt, CCFB Membership & Outreach Coordinator

under the membership tab or call the office to sign up.

We have lots of events in the pipeline for this summer (provided CDC regulations allow)! These include trips to The Barn in Goodfield, numerous events around the county, and a new communication effort for all CCFB members.

You can come to visit us in the office any time during business hours! Check out the plat books and pork spice we have available. Everyone who comes in to purchase the pork spice *raves* about it! The pork spice sells for \$9 a bottle. The 2020 plat books cost \$27.50 for Farm Bureau members, plus extra if you want it shipped.

So that is how I am staying busy in June and throughout the summer. Do you have any ideas for future articles? Email me maggi at ccfarmbureau.com. As always, thank you for being a Champaign County Farm Bureau member!



Hello Champaign County Farm Bureau members! This month I am giving you a glimpse into what's keeping me busy as we shift into summer.

One of the things that keep me busiest during any given month is entering dues. When payments get mailed to our office, it is my job to apply those to your membership.

Did you know that you can pay for two years of dues at a time? Whenever you submit payment for your dues renewal, double the amount and note that the rate is for two years. That'll be one less bill for you to worry about next year!

As the membership coordinator, the membership numbers are on my mind constantly. Quota is a membership goal set for each county by Illinois Farm Bureau. They want us to keep growing our membership numbers each year, no matter how challenging the circumstances may be!

If you know of anyone involved in agriculture or an agribusiness that would like to join the Farm Bureau, they can do so on our website ccfarmbureau.com

Women's Committee Hosting Charitable Supply Drive

The Champaign County Farm Bureau Women's Committee will host a charitable supply drive to benefit the Cunningham Children's Home beginning June 15th through July 15th. We will have collection boxes located in the lobby of the Farm Bureau building. We encourage members of the Farm Bureau to donate items from Cunningham's wish list. Our goal is to collect over 300 items.

Each year the Women's Committee is involved in community engagement activities with local non-profit organizations. As a committee, this is a project we felt was well worth our efforts, as so many children are in need in our community and the surrounding area. Last year alone, Cunningham Children's Home served 777 youth and families facing difficult life situations.

"These kids are really in need of so many things that we take for granted each day, whether it is a chapstick, deodorant, towels or clothes."

We all want and need the same things but we haven't all had the same opportunities. At Cunningham Children's Home, a community converges to give hope to those who need it most—youth who suffer from serious emotional and behavioral challenges that have been caused by abuse, neglect, mental illness, and more. Through comprehensive residential programs, special education and community based counseling services; Cunningham provides expert care

to help kids learn positive coping and behavioral skills, to achieve realistic academic goals, and to develop the life skills necessary to be successful in our community.

Farm Bureau members wishing to donate should bring their donations to the Farm Bureau building beginning June 9 through July 15. Collection boxes will be located in the lobby area of the Farm Bureau office entrance. You can just drop your items into the boxes any time between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.

The following items are "MOST NEEDED ITEMS" at this time.

Personal Care Items

Chapstick

Hand Soap with Pump Tops. Due to nut allergies, please avoid coconut scents.

Shower Poufs

Unscented hand lotions - personal size

Unscented stick deodorant

Clothing

Men's Sweatpants, any color, sizes S, M, L, XL

Men's Plain White Crew Neck T-Shirts/Undershirts, Sizes M, L and XL

Men's White Ankle Socks, Sizes 6-12

Slide Sandals - Men's sizes 6-11, Adidas or comparable style/brand

Household Items

Towel and Wash Cloth sets-matching sets of full-sized bath towels and wash cloths (also known as face towels). Hand towels are not needed at this time.

Extra-Large Sized Twin Sheet Sets

Water Bottles - clear, dishwasher safe

Champaign County Farm Bureau Women's Committee Supports Cunningham Children's Home

Cunningham provides a safe community, a good education and a place to call home.

We all want and need the same things—love, security, connection—but we haven't all had the same opportunities. Cunningham Children's Home gives **HOPE** to those who need it most—youth who face serious emotional and behavioral challenges.

Thank you for supporting our kids by providing some of the most needed items from our wish list!

CLOTHING	PERSONAL CARE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">men's sweatpants, any color, sizes: S, M, L, XLmen's plain white crew neck t-shirts/undershirts, sizes: M, L and XLmen's white ankle socks, sizes: 6-12slide sandals - men's sizes: 6-11; Adidas or comparable style/brand	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Chapstickhand soap with pump tops. Please avoid coconut scents due to nut allergies.shower poufshand lotions - personal size and unscentedstick deodorant - unscented

HOUSEHOLD

- matching sets of full-sized bath towels and wash cloths (also known as face towels). Hand towels are not needed at this time.
- twin size sheet sets - extra large size
- water bottles - clear, dishwasher safe

Questions?
Please contact Marilyn Whalen
(217) 369-3309
mkt@illinois.edu

Items may be dropped off Wednesday, June 9 through Thursday, July 15, 2021 in the collection boxes located in the entrance of the Champaign County Farm Bureau Office, Monday-Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

OUR VISION: TO SEE EVERY CHILD THRIVE

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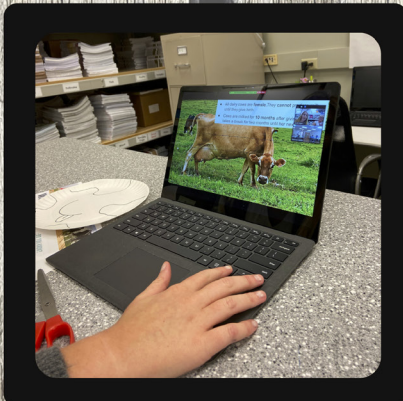


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2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR WRAP-UP



● **Summer Ag Institute**
June 7-9

● **Thomas Paine Camp**
June 14-24

● **Douglass Center Camp**
June 21-25

● **Leonhard Center Camp**
July 13-15

I will see you at:

- 2021 Gala
- Anderson's Golf Outing
- CCFBF Golf for Ag
- FB Family Night



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Mrs. Kaper's
Classroom



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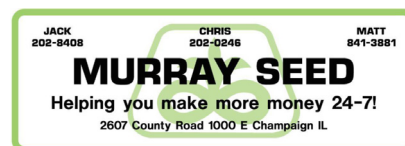
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Coverage for Your Best Friend

by Valerie Hawkins

Meet Tito. Tito is a 6 lb. 2-year-old Cockapoo (that's a Cocker Spaniel-Poodle mix), with an out-of-this-world personality. Her family describes her as happy, energetic, loving and spoiled.

Like most dogs, Tito is a part of the family – the Adams family. John and Kristin Adams and their kiddos Sydney (age 16) and Will (13) added sweet Tito to their crew when she was eight weeks old.

First time for everything

Being first-time pet owners, John and Kristin did some serious research before buying a puppy. John even contacted their COUNTRY Financial® representative about adding pet insurance to their list of policies. But before they signed the paperwork, the unthinkable happened.

Three months after coming home, little Tito was doing what puppies do best...snooping. She found ibuprofen in Sydney's volleyball bag and scarfed them down. Two days and two nights at the emergency vet and \$2000 later, Tito was ok.

Accidents happen

"Immediately after that incident, we got the pet insurance policy," said Kristin. Their policy covers injuries related to accidents (like eating people pills), and they also added preventative care coverage to their plan. "It gives us peace of mind knowing Tito will be taken care of physically, and we will be taken care of financially, if another accident happened." And another accident did happen.

Shortly after purchasing the policy, Tito ate something sketchy in the backyard. The policy covered blood tests and vet care. Tito once again pulled through, but this time without the bill. "This validated our decision to get pet insurance," Kristin said. "The claim process was very easy, and it was nice to have the financial coverage."

"Don't be me"

So what does Kristin want to tell other pet owners? "Don't be me!" she chuckled. "If you're thinking about pet insurance, and it fits into your budget, get it right away. You already invested your money in a puppy.

Invest a little more in pet insurance to make sure she's covered. Because you're going to do whatever you need to do to take care of your pet when they're sick."



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KORY KRAUS,
GENERAL MANAGER

From The Field

by Dr. Howard Brown

The corn plant's reliance on the newly formed permanent root system is a time when differences in the soil environmental conditions can be expressed in plant color and growth. The transition from the seed and primary root to the permanent root system occurs at the V3 stage of growth (three leaves with collars). The above ground plant's demand for nutrients may exceed the newly formed root system's ability to supply, causing a temporary deficiency. Tillage practices, traffic patterns, and differences in nutrient availability are the most common differences that are observed. Once the permanent root system expands and can supply the plant with needed nutrition differences in plant color usually fade away and the field turns a dark green color. If color differences remain for an extended period-of-time or there appears to be a significant difference in plant growth (height and leaf stage), a further investigation into the cause is needed.

Differences in soil supply of plant-available N (PAN) will be very apparent as the plant's begins to rely on the recently developed permanent root system (Growth Stage: V3). Areas of concentrated residues from the fall harvest (behind combine), traffic compaction, and areas that remained saturated for extended periods (leaching/denitrification) are just some of the reasons for differences in plant color and growth. Warming soils and sunny days will allow expansion of the new permanent root system, overcoming micro-environmental differences and the return to normal plant color and growth. How uniform the corn stand will be at tassel emergence will depend upon the length of time there were differences in growth. Plants two leaf stages or more behind in growth may end up under the canopy of neighboring plants resulting in their limited contribution to harvest yield.

Broadcast Urea with ANVOL. Many overlook broadcast urea as an option to supplemental N applications. It provides an effective delivery of N to the soil surface, allowing roots easy access to N following a rain event. A volatilization inhibitor, such as ANVOL¹ **must** be used to inhibit volatilization (loss of N as free ammonia from the surface). ANVOL inhibits the conversion of urea to ammonium-N for approximately 10 to 14 days, allowing time for incorporation (3/4" rain event or mechanically) before loss by volatilization becomes a concern.

The intensity of leaf burn following an application of broadcast urea will be dependent upon temperature, sunlight and humidity following the application. Any burn will appear as a marginal browning of the leaves that emerge after the application. The burn is related to moisture loss from the leaves, not fertilizer dust on the leaves. If hot and sunny conditions follow an application, the appearance of burn will be more noticeable. If it is cloudy and cool following an application, burn may not even occur. Regardless, leaf injury caused by a post-applied broadcast application of urea with ANVOL should not have an impact on harvest yield. An N deficiency may occur if an extended dry period follows the urea application (N applied to surface where it will be dry). Significant N loss due to volatilization may also occur if rainfall is not received for several weeks after application (volatilization).

Sulfur deficiency symptoms are commonly mistaken as anitrogen deficiency. Carefully assess light green corn before making the decision to apply additional nitrogen (Figure 1). A closer evaluation may lead to the use of ammonium sulfate (21-0-0-24) broadcast over-the-top post-emerge. Ammonium Sulfate provides both nitrogen as well as sulfur and can be applied post-emerge. An application rate of 15 to 20 pounds of sulfur is a common recommendation. Ammonium Thiosulfate (ATS) is also an option as a Y-Drop application. Ammonium Thiosulfate is not suggested



Severe sulfur deficiency in corn. North Carolina State University Extension, Sulfur Deficiency Symptoms in Emerging Corn (Updated 2018).

as a post-emerge broadcast application. It can cause significant leaf burn if applied to plant tissues. Ammonium Thiosulfate may also be injected with UAN. However, injected applications between rows may limit or slow visual crop response due to positional unavailability (roots need to intercept band of application).

Many local soybean fields may appear to be a light-colored green. The lack of plant-available N in the upper 2 feet (N-TRACKER Plus finding), along with the cold early Spring temperatures slowing mineralization, have limited the amount of residual N available to jumpstart early growth of soybeans. Soybean plants rely on soil residual N until about 2 weeks after emergence. It takes that length of time for development of soil rhizobia nodules that begin to fix atmospheric N and provide it to the plant. Soybeans should return to a normal green color once soybean nodules start to fix atmospheric N. There are several On-Farm Discovery Trials that applied 100 pounds of Ammonium Sulfate over the top of soybeans. Visit with your local crop specialist about how those trials are progressing.

It is all about perception. Production agriculture provides the packaged energy (grain) that helps feed the World. "I want to leave the land in better condition than when I received it", a common statement made by many area producers/landowners. We need to continue our effort to let the urban public know about our effort to achieve a sustainable agriculture, one that partners enterprise profitability with environmental stewardship. "Focusing on M.O.M." is a message that embraces such a partnership. What comes to mind when making such a statement? Loving, selfless, caring, and nurturing are common responses when asked. It warms the heart to think about MOM. We want the urban public to think of the family farm and production agriculture the same way. "It's all about M.O.M., Minimizing environmental impact by Optimizing harvest yield, and Maximizing input utilization. What better way to represent production agriculture in East-Central Illinois. Want to learn more about M.O.M.? Visit with your local Illini FS Crop Specialist about our effort to focus on M.O.M. Listen to WIXY 99.1 Radio on Saturday mornings (7:45 a.m.) to hear Gale Cunningham share some thoughts about M.O.M.



The secret to making M.O.M. a sustainable approach to nutrient stewardship is the improvement of farm income. If all N fertilizer applied is utilized by the plant, there would be no gaseous loss into the atmosphere (reduce global warming gases) or leaching losses into our water resources (improved water quality). Nitrogen is the second greatest input cost to corn production, and is considered one of the top two pollutants in the Midwest. It is easy to understand why a focus on N can have both economic and environmental benefits. Don't overlook N-TRACKER Plus as a tool to start our journey to a new way of making or modifying our current nutrient management strategy. The tool has been improved and revised over the past six years. Visit www.nutrackrPlus.com to learn more about the origin of Nu-TRACKER and how to participate or learn more. It is a good year to either try or learn about NuTRACKER Plus this growing season.

NuTRACKER Plus is a valuable tool. Don't believe it? Try it. Visit with your local Illini FS Crop Specialist to sign-up for a site now and evaluate soil/plant nutrient relationships between Growth Stages V3 and VT (Tassel emergence). The cost of checking the status of nitrogen and other essential nutrients is only \$125/site/sampling date. With two sampling dates remaining for this year's program, \$250 will provide you a snapshot of nutrient supply and availability at a point. We are learning by characterizing a point in the field rather than aggregating variability with random sampling from within the field. Don't delay to sign-up. We stop taking site registrations beyond V6. It becomes impossible to know how much N has already entered the plant during the plant's rapid stage of growth.

¹ANVOL is a registered Trademark of KOCH Agronomic Services.

Weather demands resiliency, binds farmers everywhere

We mount rain gauges on various fenceposts for measuring rainfall totals. My brother can cite the exact date of the previous year’s last freeze of spring and first freeze of fall as if they were birthdays. And I would predict an 80% chance of weather talk at the dinner table with my family.

Weather binds farmers from coast to coast and generation to generation. Since farming began, this single variable impacts everything from morning chores and mental states to profitability and table talk. Rain makes grain, and wind can take it down. We mow hay when the sun shines, yet never rule out an irritating pop-up shower before the forage is baled. When the weather threatens or improves the global supply of food and fuel, the commodity markets react.

Data shows that over time weather comes with greater variability and extremes from cold to hot and dry to wet. Since 1980, the number of days it has rained more than two inches has doubled in Illinois, a statistic cited in a new docuseries at WatchUsGrow.org. More rain in a shorter time can trigger crop losses and soil erosion, but farmers have adjusted to protect crops and the environment. More than ever on our farm and farms across the state, grass filter strips along streams, fields of cover crops and reduced tillage practices slow and filter water flowing across the land. In fact, Illinois farmers and landowners have dedicated more than 800,000 acres to land and water conservation.

Technology significantly advances resiliency on the farm. On our smart phones, we view subscription weather forecasts and field-specific precipitation totals. From tractor cabs, we watch live radar images for rain that threatens



fieldwork. Bigger or faster planters plant crops quicker, and high-capacity combines gather more crop during windows of favorable weather. Tile drainage systems improve water management within fields. Even the tedder, a farm implement that aerates mowed hay, helps hay cure sooner to bale before a rainfall that could spoil it.

We talk to neighbors about the ground’s frost depth in winter, the soil temperatures in spring and the field-to-field rainfall differences by summer. Those same friends understand the deafening yet therapeutic sound of a much-needed summer rain on the metal roof of the farm shop without discussion. But, several surely will call or text after they’ve seen the rain gauge.

About the author: *Joanie Stiers farms with her family in West-Central Illinois, where they grow corn, soybeans, wheat and hay and raise beef cattle and backyard chickens.*

Exploration Kits
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participated in the expanded project in the spring. With over 1,500 kits requested, one of the biggest challenges of a project like this was taking care that all materials distributed to students, whether in-person or remote, were available and accessible. The kits included a learning guide, various materials to complete hands-on projects, and a string backpack displaying the logos of the CCFB Foundation, The Champaign County Forest Preserve, and the Urbana Park District. Thanks to funds from a Community Foundation of East Central Illinois grant and additional contributions from the Champaign County Farm



Bureau Foundation and the Champaign County Forest Preserve, all teachers who requested kits for their students received them.

It’s no secret that the COVID-19 pandemic has changed the landscape of education. To adapt to these constant changes, representatives from each organization worked together to make the Exploration Kits a reality. Kaper says, “We chose one grade level and one foundational standard to cover and began writing curriculum, planning hands-on activities, and putting together a list of items to order. We planned each activity so that a student could read and complete the tasks with little or no help from an adult. We included all materials for each activity so that

all students could accomplish the tasks and have a better understanding of how the world around them changes.” So that families could be involved in the learning process if they chose, printed materials were translated into Spanish and French. Volunteers assembled the kits over two weeks and distributed them to second-grade classrooms in Champaign, Urbana, Rantoul, Ludlow, Fisher, Prairieview - Ogden Schools, and many other schools in the area.

Sarah Kaper is very enthusiastic about this program and says it fits the mission of Champaign County Ag in the Classroom perfectly. “We are always trying to find ways to educate kids and parents too! We put our spin on these kits while



working in a collaborative environment. The organizations involved all care about the outdoors, nature, and conservation, and these kits are a great way to help spread knowledge about the importance of agriculture and the environment!”

While there are no definite plans for more Exploration Kits, the organizations will wait to see what schools will do in the fall. “We do hope to work together with these partners for our programming for the upcoming school year,” Kaper says.

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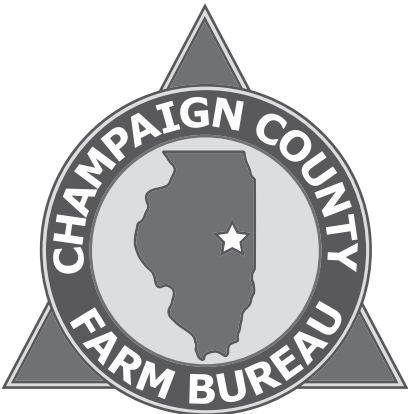
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SPOTS AVAILABLE- CALL TODAY

Champaign County Farm Bureau Trips & Tours

August 12 – Goodfield, IL • October 21 – Goodfield, IL • December 15 – Goodfield, IL

Please feel free to share this information with friends, neighbors and family. We would love to add them to our list of travel friends. Thank you and we look forward to traveling with you.

CCFB Trips & Tours FAQ's

- We have been assured that both theaters and the bus companies we are using will be following proper CDC & Health Department guidelines, as it pertains to COVID 19.
- Please note the deadlines posted for each trip
- Any cancellation, for any reason, must be made on or before the deadline posted for each individual trip to guarantee any refund. We ask that all day trips are paid for in full when you register.
- Gratuity not included in the price unless indicated

August 12, 2021 (Thursday evening)

A Grand Old Country Tribute, The Barn III - Goodfield, IL

This is a trip that will take you to the "Opry" with the greatest classic hits from the biggest stars of country and western music! Each decade's biggest hits will be represented, from all of your favorite stars: Hank Williams, Patsy Cline, Loretta Lynn, Johnny Cash, Dolly Parton, Willie Nelson, Kenny Rogers, Tammy Wynette, Reba McEntire, Garth Brooks and more!

Price per person: \$ - \$88.00 per person - Gratuity included in price

Deadline to register or cancel reservations is – July 5, 2021



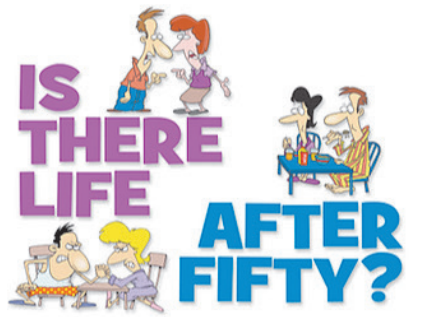
October 21, 2021 (Thursday evening)

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: \$107.00 per person - Gratuity included in price

Deadline to register or cancel reservations is – September 17, 2021



December 15, 2021, (Wednesday evening)

A Christmas to Remember, The Barn III - Goodfield, IL

It's a Wonderful Life or Miracle on 34th Street? Can we even call it Christmas without the Grinch or the Griswolds? Spend some time this season savoring the best the Barn has to offer in song, dance and skit as we walk you through our own renditions of the season's most memorable cinematic moments on stage. Featuring music and comedy performances that will get you in the holiday spirit!

Price per person: - \$88.00 - Gratuity included in price

Deadline to register or cancel reservations is – November 8, 2021



Michael Jeffords, retired education/outreach director of the Illinois Natural History Survey shared many interesting facts and beautiful photos of butterflies at the Women's Committee May meeting. He and his wife, Susan Post, have explored Illinois collecting images and stories of the natural world. You can learn more about them at their website:

<https://photojournalingm-s.smugmug.com/>

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Submitted by Carol Froeschl

Water Chestnut Casserole

- 2 cups diced celery
- 1 cup sliced water chestnuts (8 oz can)
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 small package of slivered almonds
- 1/4 lb butter
- 1 section of Ritz crackers (at least 37) crushed

Boil diced celery in salt water for 7 minutes. Do not overcook. Drain and add water chestnuts (I cut slices in half) and soup. Mix. Pour into a buttered 8x8 baking dish. Sauté crushed crackers and almonds in butter. Place on top.

Bake for 35 minutes at 350 degrees.

Heat Exhaustion



Symptoms

- Faint or dizzy
- Excessive sweating
- Cool, pale, clammy skin
- Nausea, vomiting
- Rapid, weak pulse
- Muscle Cramps

How to Treat

- Move to a cooler location
- Drink water
- Take a cool shower or use cold compresses

KNOW THE SIGNS

Symptoms

- Throbbing headache
- No sweating
- Body Temp above 103 & red, hot, dry skin
- Nausea, vomiting
- Rapid, strong pulse
- May lose consciousness

How to Treat

- Get emergency help
- Keep cool until treated

Heat Stroke