

2022 CCFB Board of Directors

The Champaign County Farm Bureau recently welcomed five new members to its Board of Directors. The Board of Directors, elected by CCFB voting members, provides leadership and direction to the CCFB throughout the year. Members of the board meet monthly, participate in committee leadership, are active with Illinois Farm Bureau workshops and activities, and also represent CCFB at the Illinois Farm Bureau Annual Meeting.

New Board Members

- Casey Hettinger, Philo Township
- Byron Mackey, Scott Township
- Matt Schluter, Ludlow Township
- Adam Sharp, Somer Township
- Parker Smith, Raymond Township

With the election of new board members, CCFB says good bye and job well done to several

retiring directors. These retiring directors have witnessed big changes at the Champaign County Farm Bureau. The COVID-19 pandemic brought restrictions to meetings and activities and changed the way we interact and engage with our membership. The retiring directors rolled with the changes, participating in virtual meetings to conduct business with technology instead of in person. With recent changes to pandemic protocol CCFB mem-

bers and these directors have been bringing in person opportunities back to life. 2021 saw changes to the annual meeting with members voting by proxy but new events were started including the Membership Picnic in August that brought members together for fellowship and food.

CCFB President Paul Hunsinger presented each retiring board member with a personalized sign as a token of appreciation.



Virginia Busboom – 6 years of service



Tanna Suits – 1 year of service



Joann O'Connor – 3 years of service



Steve Hammel – 6 years of service



Justin Leerkamp – 6 years of service



2022 CCFB Officers (Left to Right) – Benjamin Rice, Secretary; Jason Watson, 1st Vice President; Paul Hunsinger, President; Greg Knott, 2nd Vice President; Brennon Brey Meyer, Treasurer.

2022 CCFB TRIPS AND TOURS SCHEDULE

See page 8 for trip details and pricing.

April 27, 2022

Wednesday Matinee – Forever PLAID, Myers Dinner Theatre - Hillsboro, IN

July 21, 2022

Thursday Matinee – The Honky Tonk Angels, – Beef & Boards – Indianapolis, IN

September 15, 2022

Thursday Evening – Kena Clark is Crazy...about Patsy – Beef House Dinner Theatre – Covington, IN

October 6, 2022

Thursday Evening – Run for Your Wife, The Barn III - Goodfield, IL

November 2, 2022

Wednesday Matinee – Doublewide Texas, Myers Dinner Theatre – Hillsboro, IN

December 14, 2022

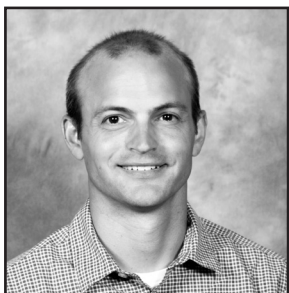
Wednesday Matinee – White Christmas – Myers Dinner Theatre – Hillsboro, IN



Andy Hughes – 6 years of service

March Report

President, Paul Hunsinger



Paul Hunsinger, CCFB President

Back in January we had our annual meeting. I want to thank the Board for voting me in as President for another year. I'm looking forward to another year of serving the Champaign County Farm Bureau as President and helping the Voice of Agriculture be heard around us. I am also excited about our board of directors we have this year. Together as a board I think we are going to have a great impact.

I know it has been a challenge for all of us this spring getting ahold of parts and inputs and the prices that go with them has been hard to swallow. However, I am still excited about how close we are getting to planting season and can't wait to start watching this year's crop start popping up out of the soil.

Hope everyone stays safe and healthy this month

Sincerely,
Paul Hunsinger

Prime Timers Meeting

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

by March 7

Call the CCFB Office 217-352-5235

Meeting Date: March 10 at 10 a.m.

Program-Dave Griffet, Retired Police Detective

Entertainment – Rob Krumm

Meal cost: \$8 per person

Important changes

• FRIED CHICKEN BUFFET IS BACK

- Masks are required in the building.
- No walk-ins.
- Call to reserve your spot.

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

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

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

March 14th – Private Tour of Virginia

Theater, downtown Champaign

Time - TBD

CCFB Calendar of Events March 2022

<i>March 10</i>	<i>Prime Timers</i>	<i>10 a.m.</i>
<i>March 14</i>	<i>Women's Committee</i>	<i>Time TBD</i>
	<i>Virginia Theatre Tour</i>	
<i>March 17</i>	<i>Full Board</i>	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>
<i>March 22</i>	<i>Governmental Affairs**</i>	<i>7:30 a.m.</i>

***Governmental Affairs will now be held on the Tuesday following the Full Board Meeting.*

Women's Committee Spring Fling Thursday, April 7th–Starting at 9:30 am

All Farm Bureau women and their guests are invited to attend our Women's Committee sponsored Spring Fling, to be held on Thursday, April 7th in the Farm Bureau Auditorium. Check-in begins that morning at 9:00AM and the program begins at 9:30AM.

Registration starts **March 14th and ends April 4th** 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 352-5235.**

A delicious lunch and bottled water will be provided. Your cost for the day is only \$10.

The program opens with **Tina Marie Owens-Anderson** who will provide a presentation titled **"Birds in Your Backyard"** – *"I have been watching birds all my life, starting with birds at my grandmother's birdfeeders in her back yard. My mother and two of my sisters join me as avid birders, both at our home feeders and traveling throughout the US, and we contribute to the citizen science project "FeederWatch" run by Cornell University. Most of the photos you will see in the presentation were taken by my mother, Eileen Owens."*

Next, learn how to best care for and make more of your houseplants from a local member of CU Plant People.

Following lunch, the program closes with musical entertainment.

Please plan to join us on April 7th for this enjoyable program—make your reservations!

Women's Committee February Meeting

Allison Donald, Director of atHome with Clark-Lindsey was the featured speaker at the Women's Committee meeting on February 14th. She spoke about Home Care Options including the various services one might need to explore depending on their circumstances and what questions they should be asking when looking at hiring a home care provider.



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Women’s Committee Sewing Group Delivers!

Members participating in the sewing group continue to stitch items, which community organizations welcome.

Over 350 stockings stuffed with candy canes, donated by Women’s Committee members, made their way to food trays delivered through the Peace Meal program in December.

In February, nine burp rags were given to the OSF Pregnancy Resource Center. Illini Heritage Rehab & Health Center appreciated receiving 11 dining protectors.

The seamstresses didn’t stop there, as Valentine pillowcases were presented to OSF Healthcare for cardiac patients to enjoy, as well as more pillowcases delivered to Carle’s pediatric unit. Both institutions representatives said the patients loved receiving them.



Brenda Dively, Illini Heritage Rehab and Nursing Center, welcomes the donation of dining chest protectors sewn by Women Committee’s sewing group.



Members and seamstresses, Sharon Duitsman and Ronda Scott (to the left) present pillowcases to OSF Healthcare Center staff.



The Pregnancy Resource Center staff receive burp rags from Women’s Committee sewing group.

Big Things Happening For Unity FFA

Reece Sarver, Unity FFA Chapter Reporter



After coming from big success in the National Competitions in the fall, Unity High School’s FFA competition teams don’t stop! Recently, UHS’s FFA Horse Evaluation team and the Farm and Agribusiness Management team both placed gold in the National competition along with chapter Secretary, Olivia Shike, placing first in the National Agriscience Fair Animal Systems division! In the coming fall, UHS will be sending an Ag Sales team to the National Competition!

The spring holds many competitions for FFA members to participate in; Public Speaking being one of them. On January 26th, 5 students placed in the top three of their divisions! Many more exciting competitions and victories are in Unity’s future!

Maggi’s Membership Corner

By Maggi Maxstadt, CCFB Membership & Outreach Coordinator

Hey Farm Bureau members! We’re one month closer to spring!

Our first trip of 2022 leaves at the end of the month to see Just Desserts in Rock Island. March 21st is the deadline to sign up for April’s trip to Forever PLAID at Myers Dinner Theater in Hillsboro, Indiana. You can find all of our trips on page 8. Tickets have been going fast, so sign up today over the phone or in the office!

While you’re at the office, check out the plat books. The 2020 plat books cost \$27.50 for Farm Bureau members, plus extra if you want it shipped. So grab one now, or you’ll have to wait another year for the new one!



I mentioned last month we are saying “hello!” to our new board members who were elected at the January Board Meeting. Our board consists of voting members who reside or farm in the township they represent. Townships are significant to the Farm Bureau for record-keeping, as they show us who we are representing throughout the county. It’s my job to make sure Farm Bureau memberships have the appropriate township listed. The full listing of our board is on our website, ccfarmbureau.com, under “About” and “Meet the Board.” We want to congratulate and welcome our newest Board members! Read more about them on page 1.

At the end of February, Brenda and I participated in a statewide meeting for membership. The update was held on Zoom, hosted by the Marketing department and Membership Operations from Illinois Farm Bureau. The Marketing department filled us in on changes to statewide benefits, and Membership Operations outlined the changes they made to our membership system.

One more thing--celebrate National Ag Week March 20-26! Visit agday.org for more details about how you can celebrate at home and in your community. Have a good month!

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What: Over the Edge CU Fundraiser for CCFB Foundation

When: Friday, April 1, 2022

Where: Hendrick House 904 W. Green - Urbana, IL

Why: Ag in the Classroom provides educational resources to students, teachers, and classrooms in Champaign County at no cost. As a certified teacher, I write and present lessons that AITC lessons are ag-accurate, engaging, and hands-on. Your donation will help me achieve my goal of getting to rappel Hendrick House and will ensure that students and their teachers have access to this program for FREE!



Connect with me! sarah@ccfarmbureau.com



Mrs. Kaper's Classroom



Champaign County Ag in the Classroom



Join Us!

Friday - April 1, 2022

Hendrick House
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Thursday - June 16th - 5:30pm

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FROM THE FIELD

by Dr. Howard Brown

Ammonium-N is considered a stable form of N. Nitrogen that remains in the ammonium-N form is not susceptible to loss by denitrification (in saturated soils). It is an ion that carries a positive charge (NH_4^+). This positive charge is attracted to the negatively charged soil surface (Cation Exchange Capacity or CEC) minimizing movement with soil water. Ammonium-N is considered a reduced form of plant-available N (no oxygen, only hydrogens attached to the N). Without oxygen, denitrification (microbial removal of oxygen) cannot occur. Anhydrous ammonia applied last fall with a proper rate of a nitrification inhibitor will likely have a greater percent of ammonium-N remaining yet this spring, minimizing the potential for loss by denitrification.

Nitrogen loss in 2021. A look back at the 2021 growing season provides an example of environmental conditions that promoted denitrification (N loss). Plant-Available N was measured at V5 and tassel emergence on bare soil (Figure 1). Although the amount detected should go up (adding soil mineralization of organic N), most sites declined, suggesting N loss. Overall, a loss of 60 to 80 pounds of N was detected across all sites **before** allowing for any loss of mineralized N from soil O.M.

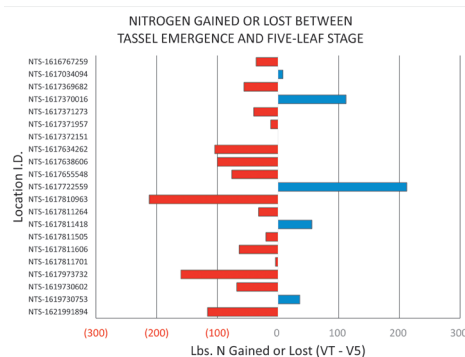
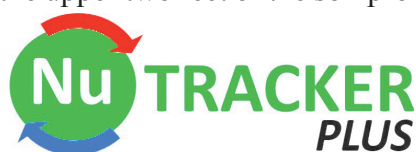


Figure 1. The Gain or Loss of Plant-Available N detected between V5 and Tasseling from bare soil sites (crop removed at V5).

The value of using a spring nitrification inhibitor will depend upon weather following the N application and how many products you will add to the tank mix. If a prolonged wet spring and/or early growing season is anticipated, nitrification inhibitors (N-Serve and Instinct) will provide some confidence that N loss will be minimized). If rains are anticipated to be infrequent and ½ inch or less in volume, it will likely be a challenge to find value in stabilizing applied N. There is a limit to how many products can be added to the same load. If Ammonium Thiosulfate (ATS) will be applied make sure product compatibility is checked before mixing. Testing product compatibility with a jar test is highly recommended prior to mixing any load with two or more products.

Loss of phosphorus (P) and potassium (K) applied to frozen and/or snow-covered soil may have occurred over the past few weeks. Melting snow and rainfall solubilizes nutrients within the fertilizer. Runoff from the frozen soil transports some of the applied nutrients out of the field. The amount of the loss will be nearly impossible to quantify. One way to visualize nutrient loss is to collect a water sample in a ditch at the edge of the field and have it tested for ortho-phosphate, ammonia and water-soluble potassium. Collect another sample from a near-by field where no recent nutrients were applied and compare the nutrient concentrations from each. If nutrient loss has occurred there will be a significant difference between the two samples. Let your Illini FS Crop Specialist help with interpretation of the results.

Nu-TRACKER Plus is a management tool that estimates the concentration of plant-available nutrients in the upper two feet of the soil profile. The tool allows a producer to inventory, track, and verify nutrient concentration over time at a



specific location in a field. This information will be helpful when making management decisions on whether to apply supplemental nutrients.

Nitrogen Management Systems should include a broadcast source of N preplant. Cold or cool soils minimize microbial activity and release of N by mineralization. With little residual N left after the 2021 harvest, seedling plants may experience a temporary N deficiency until roots are well established and microbial activity releases plant-available N. Consider a broadcast N application ahead of planting to get the corn crop off to a good start. An application of approximately 50 pounds of N should be adequate.

Anhydrous ammonia Watch-Out.

Avoid planting directly above where anhydrous ammonia has been applied this spring. Wet soil conditions at time of application may result in side-wall compaction, leaving a vertical gap for free ammonia to collect. If



the seed, young roots or seedling plant comes into contact with free ammonia, plant injury or death may occur. Utilize guidance systems to place the planted row in close proximity to the application of anhydrous ammonia. Limited research out of Purdue suggests a positive yield response when a knifed N application is oriented within a few inches of the planted row.

Start post-emerge N applications earlier rather than later. Post-applied N use continues to be a sound agronomic, economic, and environmentally-friendly practice with effective N Management Systems. Start the post-applied N applications at, or soon following, the V3 stage of growth. The plant begins to rely on the nodal root system for nutrient and water uptake once three leaves are fully extended. Unless planted into a coarse-textured soil (sandy), delaying N applications for a later stage of growth may result in missing an application window due to frequent rain events or having no rain events to get the applied N into soil water and into the plant.

Consider asking for Robotic Sampling when requesting fields to be soil tested this spring. Illini FS has worked with Rogo Ag, LLC (www.rogoag.com) over the past two years improving both accuracy and precision of sample collection. The additional cost of robotic sampling includes additional tests for sulfur, zinc and boron. The additional tests can be used to determine whether additional nutrients need to be applied to optimize harvest yield. On-Farm Discovery trials over the past three years have consistently suggested a Return-On-Investment from sulfur, zinc and boron applications. Ask your Illini FS Crop Specialist for robotic sampling when signing up fields to be tested.

The 2021 On-Farm Discovery Report is ready for distribution. The report includes results from over 64 trials. The Summary Report includes replicated trial results along with single-site trials. The Full Report includes everything in the Summary Report along with individual site results. Ask your local Illini FS Crop Specialist to share the results with you and provide you with a copy of the Summary or Full Report to review at a later time. Do you have a product that you want to test in 2022? Let us help you set-up the trial and collect the information necessary to determine the product's Return-On-Investment.



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A Dozen Ways to Help Erase Your Digital Footprint

by Rick Halberg @ countryfinancial.com

Lydia Caldwell, our Corporate Cyber Security Specialist, offers 12 ways you can protect your privacy online

Every time you go online, you’re leaving a trail of personal information. We contacted our own IT Security Division to see if they had some advice on how to help erase your digital footprint, and Lydia Caldwell shared her expertise with us.

1. Don’t overexpose yourself online, and don’t overshare too much confidential or sensitive information about yourself on the Internet.
2. Tighten up your privacy/security settings on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, etc.
3. Close old accounts...no one needs 10 email accounts. If you have any old email accounts, social media accounts (i.e. MySpace or Friendster), or other online accounts you no longer need or use, delete them.
4. Use a password manager/keeper, such as KeePass or LastPass to store and keep all your account credentials safe. Use strong and smart passwords, and never reuse passwords! Use a different password for every account.
5. Browsers, devices, and especially apps are often automatically set to share your personal information by default. Take the time to check out the privacy settings on each of your apps and see if you’re comfortable with the default settings. Chances are, your privacy settings could be strengthened.
6. Make sure HTTPS is enabled. Look for the green lock at the beginning of your URL bar. Consider installing the HTTPS Everywhere extension for your web browser to ensure you are always using HTTPS on every site you visit.
7. Update your computer, device, apps, and software frequently.
8. Make sure all of your devices (computers, ipads, tablets, phones, etc.) are password protected and/or encrypted.
9. Never share your passwords with anyone...regardless of their relationship to you. No person has the right to ask for or obtain your password for any reason
10. Look out for phishing emails. If you receive a suspicious email that you think may be spam or malicious, do not reply to the email and do not open any attachments. Instead, delete the email from your inbox immediately.
11. Think before you click! Do you really know what link or ad you are clicking on? One wrong click could compromise your device.
12. Make sure all of your devices have an up-to-date Antivirus program installed on them.

Identity theft is a growing problem that can profoundly affect your financial security, so it’s best to implement some of these tips right away. For example, a business owner who receives reviews online can work toward getting good search results and SEO as a result of cleaning up their digital footprint, both personally and for their business.

Taking small steps now can help prevent an invasion of your privacy before it’s too late.

Ag Day Celebrates Impact Of Family-Dominated Industry

Some families gather only for the major holidays.I work every day with the people who raised me.

Dad and I pair as a combine-and-cart duo for 14-hour days during harvest. In the off-season, Mom and I work from facing desks, handling bills and agency reporting requirements as a team. I communicate with my brother daily, together managing the details of running our crop and livestock farm, one of 71,000 such farms in Illinois.

An overwhelming 96% of Illinois farms are family owned and operated, a statistic worth recognizing in this season that honors National Ag Day on March 22 of 2022. That means families, not corporations,make most decisions about how food, feed and fuel are grown. Those farming partners represent any combination of spouses, siblings, cousins, fathers, mothers, sons, daughters and even in-laws and grandparents. My grandpa helped with harvest until he was 85. I soaked in those after-school moments when four generations of our family worked together in the same field.

We plant fields, harvest crops and manage books as a family with critical support from local employees who feel like family. We seek guidance from a variety of industry professionals – including

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my husband’s precision farming expertise – to improve the farm’s economic and environmental viability. We shop local for fertilizer, seed, pesticides, insurances, tractors, trucks and fuel, adding to the collective efforts to support the local community and provide a financial livelihood for multiple households within it.

By nature, farmer’s problem-solve on and off the farm with the passionate intent to make a difference. In rural towns across Illinois, farmers serve as Sunday School teachers, 4-H leaders, sports coaches, school volunteers and FFA supporters. Farm shops host community gatherings, and farmers pool their unique resources to meet needs. A few years ago, farm families in our community provided the equipment and skilled labor necessary to erect a park playground, a volunteer effort that even the governor recognized and awarded.

The value and impact of Illinois agriculture extends beyond the state and even nation’s borders. Blessed with a navigable river system, Illinois ranks third nationally in the export of agricultural commodities, providing feed, food and fuel around the globe from farms owned and operated by families – families like ours who work together and gather around the table for Easter dinner, too.

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

A Look Back...100 Volumes of CCFB History

2022 and the 100th volume of the Champaign County Farm Bureau Newsletter has us blasting back to the past! This month we will be visiting

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2007, 1977, and 1940 to reflect on the events, photos, and articles that made headlines in Champaign County

15 Years Ago – March 2007 – Plant a Seed...grow a mind, an effort of Growmark and Illini FS to raise money for agriculture education, made an impact that is still being felt today through the efforts of the Champaign County Farm Bureau Foundation. (See photo)

45 Years Ago – March 1977 – The CCFB Women’s Committee has a history of hosting informational and educational tours included in this month’s newsletter is an article highlighting a trip to Chicago.

Visit Board of Trade, Mercantile Exchange – Forty-five Champaign County Farm Bureau members visited the Board of Trade and Mercantile Exchange in Chicago, February 9th. The trip sponsored by the Women’s Committee, drew a record interest from members.

The group viewed the opening of the Board of Trade from the viewer’s deck and learned of the function of futures in the national and international market place. Following a movie describing the purpose of the Board of Trade and a speaker on Corn and Soybeans, the group went to the Mercantile Exchange to watch the markets close. At the Mercantile Exchange, a film showing how futures could be utilized helped the group further understand marketing.

The group took a short shopping trip to North Marshall Field’s before returning to Champaign.

82 Years Ago – March 1940 – A look back at this month in history had many farmers facing a threat of Chinch Bugs. *Farmers Warned to be Preparing for Chinch Bugs* – Threatening farm crops throughout central, south central and portions of northern Illinois this year will be the dreaded chinch bug, which caused so much damage throughout the state in 1934 and 1936.

There are more chinch bugs hibernating this winter than in the history of the state, with the exception of 1933, according to W.P. Flint, chief entomologist of the agricultural experiment station of the College of Agriculture, University of Illinois, and the State Natural History Survey.

W.P. Flint said this is the time of year to make a plan to fight the chinch bugs, “The best way to be ready for them is to have the largest number of non-susceptible crops possible this year, arranging corn so it does not adjoin small grains, whenever, this can be done, and to use resistant varieties of corn. There are a number of these resistant varieties which have been quite thoroughly tested, and limited quantities may be obtained from most of the larger breeders of hybrid corn.”

This month’s newsletter also featured a photo of the 1940 Farm Bureau Officers. (See photo)

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FARM BUREAU NEWS

1940 FARM BUREAU OFFICERS



Left to right, front row: Eugene Curtis, first Vice-President; Roy V. Edwards, President; H. F. Love, second Vice-President. Left to right, back row: A. E. Fletcher, Treasurer; G. H. Gordon, Secretary.



Plant a seed ... grow a mind

Roger Read, general manager of Illini FS, presented Robbie Berg, Earth Partners coordinator, with a check for over \$300. Through the Plant a Seed....Grow A Mind program, a portion of the proceeds from the sale of FS seed corn and FS HiSOY soybeans sold during the 2005-2006 sales season was donated to benefit local and state agriculture education efforts. “There was a time when children grew up on or around farms and knew agriculture was the source of their food and fiber,” said Read. “But times have changed. Today, most children don’t know their food comes from the farm or the importance of agriculture. We are working to change that.” Earth Partners thanks Illini FS for their various donations throughout the year and their participation in the Plant a Seed Grow A Mind program.

2022 CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FARM BUREAU TRIPS AND TOURS ARE BACK!

Join CCFB in 2022 as we travel to shows across the Midwest!
Trips fill up fast so call 217-352-5235 today.

April 27, 2022 (Wednesday Matinee)

Forever PLAID, Myers Dinner Theatre - Hillsboro, IN

Four Young Singers Posthumously Take the Stage for One Final Gig In Forever Plaid. Forever Plaid is one of the most popular and successful musicals in recent memory. This deliciously fun revue is chock-full of classic barber-shop quartet harmonies and pitch-perfect melodies! Once upon a time, there were four guys (Sparky, Smudge, Jinx and Frankie) who discovered that they shared a love for music and then got together to become their idols – The Four Freshman, The Hi-Lo's and The Crew Cuts. Rehearsing in the basement of Smudge's family's plumbing supply company, they became "Forever Plaid". On the way to their first big gig, the "Plaids" are broadsided by a school bus and killed instantly. It is at the moment when their careers and lives end that the story of Forever Plaid begins....Singing in close harmony, squabbling boyishly over the smallest intonations, and executing their charmingly outlandish choreography with overzealous precision, the "Plaids" are a guaranteed smash, with a program of beloved songs and delightful patter that keeps audiences rolling in the aisles when they're not humming along to some of the great nostalgic pop hits of the 1950s.

Price per person: \$89.00 – Gratuity included in price
Deadline to register or cancel reservations is: March 21, 2022



July 2, 2022 (Thursday Matinee)

The Honky Tonk Angels, – Beef & Boards – Indianapolis, IN

When three gutsy gals from different backgrounds take charge of their lives, they decide to follow their honky tonk dreams to the city of Nashville. Combining 30 classic country tunes from Dolly Parton, Tammy Wynette, Patsy Cline and Loretta Lynn (including "Stand By Your Man," "9 to 5," and "Harper Valley PTA") The Honky Tonk Angels is a hilarious, foot-stomping good time from the creator of Always... Patsy Cline.

Price per person: \$101.00 – Gratuity included in price
Deadline to register or cancel reservations is: June 13, 2022

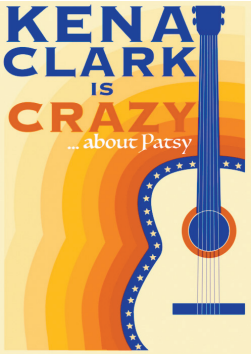


September 15, 2022 (Thursday Evening)

Kena Clark is Crazy...about Patsy – Beef House Dinner Theatre – Covington, IN

Our very own star of Always, Patsy Cline, Kena Clark, tells the story of her love of Patsy, while she sings the late artist's hits. We don't know anyone, besides Kena, who can sing them better than Patsy herself.

Price per person: \$102.00 – Gratuity included in price
Deadline to register or cancel reservations is: August 8, 2022



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 is included in the price unless indicated***

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.

October 6, 2022 (Thursday Evening)

Run for Your Wife, The Barn III - Goodfield, IL

The hilarious tale of John Smith, a London taxicab driver, who literally has two lives...complete with two different wives! Somehow, he manages to juggle them both without arousing suspicion until one fateful night when he wakes up in a hospital which is where his unscrupulous world starts to implode and hilarity ensues. This fast, furious and funny farce will leave you reeling as John Smith does his best to unravel his mess!

Price per person: \$92.00 – Gratuity included in price

Deadline to register or cancel reservations is: August 29, 2022

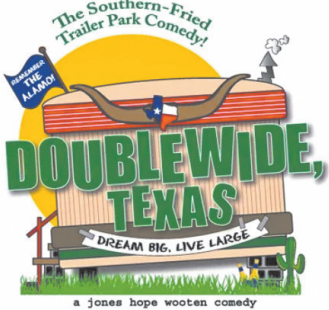


November 2, 2022 (Wednesday Matinee)

Doublewide Texas, Myers Dinner Theatre – Hillsboro, IN

Doublewide Texas Makes Its Myers Dinner Theatre Debut! In this hilarious, fast-paced comedy, the inhabitants of one of the smallest trailer parks in Texas—four doublewides and a shed—are thrown for a loop when they realize the nearby town of Tugaloo is determined to annex them. And it's not as if they don't already have enough to deal with. Joveeta Crumpler has had it up to here, having been passed over again for a promotion at work. On top of this, she has an ongoing battle to keep her feisty mother, Caprice, out of the local bar and worries that her good-ol'-boy brother, Baby Crumpler, is taking his participation in a womanless beauty pageant way too seriously. Joveeta's big-hearted best friend, Georgia Dean Rudd, is struggling to keep her diner and finances afloat, but she just can't curb her impulse to take in every stray cat, possum, and armadillo that wanders by. Then there's Big Ethel Satterwhite, who's nobody's fool. But tough as she is, she's continually frustrated by her clients at Stairway to Heaven Retirement Village as well as her mule-headed husband, O.C., who shows far more affection for his BarcaLounger than he does for Big Ethel. And all the residents are plagued by Haywood Sloggett, the curmudgeon from across the road, who loathes their "trailer-trash" ways, especially their keeping a life-size illuminated nativity scene up year 'round. But these friends, enemies, and neighbors realize they'll have to work together to defeat the encroaching annexation if they—and their way of life—have a snowball's chance to survive being swallowed up by "the big guys." The rollicking mayhem of this flat-out funny Jones Hope Wooten comedy escalates as the residents attempt to secede from Texas, discover a traitor in their midst, and turn the tables in a surprising and side-splitting finale. So grab your Stetson and come on over to Doublewide, Texas, where life is double the fun, double the joy, and where audiences double over with laughter!

Price per person: \$89.00 – Gratuity included in price
Deadline to register or cancel reservations is: October 3, 2022



December 14, 2022 (Wednesday Matinee)

White Christmas – Myers Dinner Theatre – Hillsboro, IN

Based on the beloved, timeless film, this heart-warming musical adaptation features 17 Irving Berlin songs and a book by David Ives and Paul Blake. Veterans Bob Wallace and Phil Davis have a successful song-and-dance act after World War II. With romance in mind, the two follow a duo of beautiful singing sisters en route to their Christmas show at a Vermont lodge, which just happens to be owned by Bob and Phil's former army commander. With a dazzling score featuring well-known standards including "Blue Skies," "I Love A Piano," "How Deep Is the Ocean" and the perennial title song, White Christmas.

Price per person: \$95.00 – Gratuity included in price

Deadline to register or cancel reservations is: November 7, 2022



WOMEN'S COMMITTEE RECIPE OF THE MONTH Submitted by Pam Sisco

Cinnamon Roll Cake

Cake

- 3 c Flour
- 1 c Sugar
- 4 tsp. Baking Powder
- 2 Eggs
- 1 ½ c Milk
- ½ c Butter – melted

Mix all cake ingredients – except melted butter. While mixing ingredients slowly add butter. Mix until just combined. Pour into pan.

Filling

- ¾ c Butter – softened (1 ½ sticks)
- 1 c Brown Sugar
- 2 Tbsp Flour
- 2 Tbsp Cinnamon

In a small bowl mix all ingredients. Drop mixture by spoonfuls onto batter. Use butter knife and swirl into batter to marble. Bake.

Special Notes

*I add a lot more cinnamon than this. I add "to taste"! The eggs and real butter need to be room temperature. Bake at 350 degrees. 35-40 minutes. Spray 9 X 13 pan. Pam says, "Now grab a glass of cold milk, a fork, and enjoy!"

Glaze

- 2 c Powdered Sugar
 - 5 Tbsp Milk (1/2 c)
 - 1 tsp Vanilla
- Whisk together. Pour over warm cake.