

Total Grain Marketing Acquisition Update

In September 2021, Total Grain Marketing acquired the grain assets of The Andersons Inc. located at Route 150 and N. Staley Road in Champaign, IL. The acquisition of this facility made it the northern-most elevator in the TGM system and is the largest grain elevator by upright storage in Illinois with more than 16 million bushels of storage capacity.

Total Grain Marketing has been serving this market for 6 months and we were able to ask Ken Meinhart, TGM’s Grain Division Manager, about changes to the facility and how the transition has affected customers. Ken assured us that customers still see familiar faces around the Total Grain Marketing facility including Greg Johnson, a grain buyer for 30 years, and Ryan Williams who continues to oversee the operations at the facility. Tyler Stewart is a new addition to the team of grain buyers. Ken also stresses that all businesses are struggling to maintain a consistent workforce striving to do more with fewer people. In this day in age busi-



Total Grain Marketing – Champaign, IL Facility

nesses must become as efficient as possible.

Things may look a little different behind the scenes at TGM, yet many things are staying the same for customers including office hours which are Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ken Meinhart notes, “This facility still takes corn, soybeans, and wheat with no plans at the present time to add non-GMO programs. Pricing is also still very comparable

to when The Andersons operated the facility.”

According to Ken, infrastructure changes will be taking place stating, “This facility was built in 1968. The materials and structures are 40 to 50 years old so we will be making upgrades to material handling equipment and upgrades to move grain more efficiently. This includes replacing conveyors under the bins. We are looking into implementing an RFID card system

to automate inbound and outbound grain. Customers would scan their cards speeding up the grain inspection process. We are thinking of ways to increase efficiencies helping farmers get in and out of our facility as soon as possible.”

TGM’s Champaign elevator is located on the Norfolk Southern and CN rail line. The majority of grain this year has been shipped to the Gulf of Mexico. TGM facilities also send grain to the southern states for livestock feed. “Markets on the world stage are crazy right now. We have many logistical challenges from truck to rail. TGM is working hard to become more efficient with people and processes,” says Ken Meinhart.

The Andersons Inc. continues to own and operate the bulk fertilizer business at this location.

Total Grain Marketing is a venture of GROWMARK Inc., Illini FS, South Central FS, and Wabash Valley Service Company. TGM currently has 32 full-time elevators in Illinois and 1 in Indiana.

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April Report



Paul Hunsinger, CCFB President

President, Paul Hunsinger

April has arrived and I know I am excited to be getting into the fields soon. With all the turmoil in the world and prices of inputs getting extremely high I know this has been a stressful spring for all farmers. I am hoping for a decent planting window and no breakdowns for everyone.

We had a great meeting last month covering Rules of the Road and all the changes that happened this year. I am excited for the upcoming events that are planned with the Farm Bureau and the Foundation this summer. I hope you all can get involved in several of the events coming up. It takes a lot to get member events put together and our staff always does an excellent job!

Hope everyone has a safe April and hopefully the planters will be running soon.

Sincerely,
Paul Hunsinger

Prime Timers Meeting

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

by April 11

Call the CCFB Office 217-352-5235

Meeting Date: April 14, 2022

Program-Holly Spangler

Holly is Senior Editor at Prairie Farmer magazine. She is a graduate of the University of Illinois, College of Aces. She currently resides in Marietta, IL.

Entertainment –Kathy Brake

Meal cost: \$8 per person

Important Changes

• FRIED CHICKEN BUFFET

• No walk-ins

• Call to reserve your spot

CCFB Calendar of Events April 2022

April 7	Spring Fling	9 a.m.
April 11	Women's Committee	9:30 a.m.
April 14	Prime Timers	10 a.m.
April 21	Full Board	6:30 p.m.
April 25	Governmental Affairs	7:30 a.m.

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

Farm Bureau Women's Committee Invites You To Enjoy Time With Us At Our Annual Spring Fling On Thursday, April 7th, 2022

9:00 – check-in (advance registration required, see details below)

9:30 – Welcome

9:40 – 10:30 Ryan Pankau, Horticulture Educator for Illinois Extension based out of Champaign, IL. “Spring Ephemeral Wildflowers”. Spring ephemeral wildflowers are among the first plants to emerge in central Illinois woodlands. Their colorful flowers occupy the otherwise-bare forest understory to mark the start of spring each year and provide a much need resource to wildlife. Ryan will discuss these fascinating plants which includes details about their unique lifecycle, the niche they fill in our woodlands and some tips on when and where to find them in our area.

10:30 – 11:15am - Tina Marie Owens-Anderson “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.” Questions follow presentation.

11:30am – Lunch Break

12:15pm – Andy Dallas, local Magician, escape artist, mentalist, hypnotist, award-winning comedy writer and actor, magic teacher and only recently closed his well-known business, Dallas & Company in Champaign, will entertain us with magic and his knowledge of the art.

Registration ends April 4th or when our capacity limit has been filled.

Cost is \$10

To reserve your seat, make boxed lunch selection and payment, please contact Brenda at the Farm Bureau office 352-5235.

Selections for boxed lunch include:

Chicken Salad Sandwich

Chef Salad

Ultimate Veggie Wrap

(Each box lunch will contain: fresh fruit, pasta salad and a cookie.)

Coffee and bottled water will be available as well.

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

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

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

April 7th – Spring Fling

(see article for more information)

April 11th – General meeting

featured speaker Kristina Adams-Smith,

Sliced Right Nutrition

April 22nd – Farmers Feeding

Families

end date for monetary donations

(see article for more information)

May 9th – General meeting

featured speaker, Larry Kanfer



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Maggi's Membership Corner

By Maggi Maxstadt, CCFB Membership & Outreach Coordinator

Happy “official” spring, Farm Bureau members! I’m looking forward to the warmer temps and sunnier days!

In March, the first trip of the year departed, Marketing Club held its first in-person meeting of 2022, and governmental affairs meetings have switched Tuesdays.

Our second trip leaves for the Myers Dinner Theatre to watch Forever Plaid at the end of this month. Farm Bureau is offering five more trips departing in the year from July to December. More information can be found on page 7.

The Marketing Club met on March 10th and included a short crop insurance update and discussion about the markets. Join the Monday Morning Update email list to stay posted on the next meeting!

Governmental affairs moved their meeting dates to the Tuesday after the third Thursday. Let the office know if you want to join the mailing list! Breakfast is provided.

For a list of our committee meeting dates and other events each month, look at the Calendar of Events on page 2.

To stay in the loop about all things Farm Bureau, update your contact info on myIFB.org to hear the latest about programming or contact you with any membership questions!

Also to note for you members: In mid-May, Life Line screenings is having an event in our building. If you have questions or want to schedule a screening, call 1-800-324-1851 or look at the information below.

Information below provided by LIFE LINE SCREENING

Life Line Screening, the nation’s leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Champaign County Farm Bureau on Wednesday, May 18, 2022.

A package of five screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered:

Carotid Artery Screening (Plaque)

An ultrasound is performed to screen the carotid arteries (a pair of blood

vessels in the neck that deliver blood to your brain) for buildup of fatty plaque. This buildup, called atherosclerosis, is one of the leading causes of stroke.

Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening

An Ankle-Brachial Index (ABI) test is performed using blood pressure cuffs on the arms and legs. It is important to screen for PAD because it increases the risk of coronary artery disease, heart attack, or stroke.¹

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA)

An ultrasound is performed to screen the abdominal aorta for the presence of an enlargement or aneurysm. AAA can lead to a ruptured aortic artery, which is a serious medical emergency.

Atrial Fibrillation

A 6-lead electrocardiogram (EKG) is performed by placing sensors on the arms and legs to screen for Atrial Fibrillation. AFib can lead to blood clots, stroke, and heart failure, and other heart-related complications.²

Osteoporosis Risk

An ultrasound is performed to measure the shin bone for abnormal bone mass density. This can help assess the risk of osteoporosis, a disease where bones become weak and brittle.

These 5 vital screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6441, text the word “circle” to 797979 or online at <https://llsa.social/HS>

¹<https://www.heart.org/en/health-topics/peripheral-artery-disease/about-peripheral-artery-disease-pad>

No single screening can detect all risk factors for all conditions, such as and including the presence of coronary artery disease.

²<https://www.heart.org/en/health-topics/atrial-fibrillation>



Farmers Feeding Families

To reinforce current efforts and enhance awareness of Farmers Feeding Families, the Women’s Committee is leading a donation drive to raise awareness of food insecurity. Hunger affects a diverse group of people including seniors, children, hardworking families, single parents, the newly unemployed, and more. To a family in crisis, food bank programs can provide hope and support during a difficult time. According to USDA, 10.5% of American households meet the criteria for food insecurity (uncertainty of having or unable to acquire enough food to meet the needs of their family.)

Our local agency, Eastern IL Foodbank, is part of a consortium under the logo of Feeding America, that utilizes donations from manufacturers and retailers of food that otherwise would go to waste. Eastern IL Foodbank provided 11.7 million pounds of food and 2.2 million pounds of produce last year. Did you know a gift of only \$1 will provide 10 meals to feed a three-person family for a day?

In order to highlight participation in our donation drive, a display with the message, “Farmers Feeding Families” will be placed on the front window as you enter the Farm Bureau building. For every \$10 donation or greater, a barn will be displayed with the donor’s name, and for smaller donations, a grocery sack will be displayed noting the donor’s name.

Donations will be accepted for the Eastern Illinois food bank from March 22nd until April 22nd at the Champaign County Farm Bureau. Our goal, which we hope will be supported by the entire Champaign County Farm Bureau family, is to collect \$365 representing an entire year of feeding a small family. Together, let’s make a difference!



Entrepreneurs Wanted: Apply by April 29 for Farm Bureau Ag Innovation Challenge

The American Farm Bureau Federation, in partnership with Farm Credit, is seeking entrepreneurs to apply online for the 2023 Farm Bureau Ag Innovation Challenge. Now in its ninth year, this national business competition showcases U.S. startup companies developing innovative solutions to challenges faced by America’s farmers, ranchers and rural communities.

Farm Bureau is offering \$165,000 in startup funds throughout the course of the competition, which will culminate in the top 10 semi-finalists competing in a live pitch competition in front of Farm Bureau members, investors and industry representatives at the AFBF Convention in January 2023 in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Applications remain open through April 29, and the 10 semi-finalist teams will be announced Sept. 13. Each of the semi-finalist teams will be awarded \$10,000 and a chance to compete to advance to the final round where four teams will receive an additional \$5,000 each. The final four teams will compete to win:

- Farm Bureau Ag Innovation Challenge Winner, for a total of \$50,000
- Farm Bureau Ag Innovation Challenge Runner-up, for a total of \$20,000
- People’s Choice Team selected by public vote, for an additional \$5,000 (all 10 semi-finalist teams compete for this honor)

Recent winners of the Ag Innovation Challenge include Grain Weevil Corporation, a grain bin safety and management robot that improves farmer well-being by controlling risks and costs (2022 Ag Innovation Challenge Winner) and Harvust, a software platform that helps farmers successfully hire, train and communicate with employees (2021 Ag Innovation Challenge Winner). Other examples of successful Ag Innovation Challenge participants, as well as detailed eligibility guidelines and the competition timeline can be found at fb.org/challenge.

Entrepreneurs must be members of a county Farm Bureau within their state of residence to qualify as top 10 semi-finalists. Applicants who are not Farm Bureau members can visit <https://www.fb.org/about/join> to learn about becoming a member.

Applications must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on April 29, 2022.

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Who: Champaign County Farm Bureau Foundation
What: Over the Edge CU Fundraiser for CCFB Foundation
When: Friday, April 1, 2022
Where: Hendrick House 904 W. Green - Urbana, IL
www.OvertheEdgeCU.com

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Cost to Attend: Early Bird Registration thru April 15th \$100
Registration thru May 13th \$130
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6 Ways to Protect Your Home When You Travel

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

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

1. Stash your stuff in a safe

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

2. Hire a sitter

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

3. Stop your mail

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

4. Smart home technology

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

5. Keep your landscaping tidy

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

6. Be careful on social media

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



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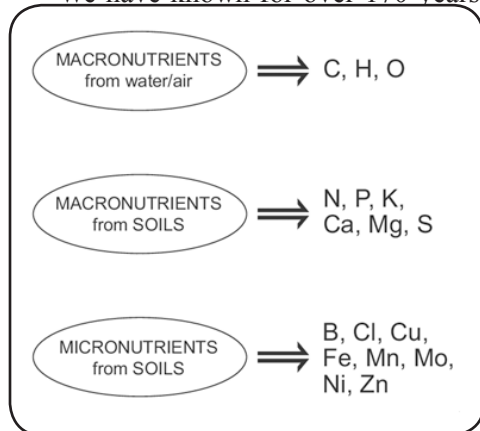
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From The Field

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 include nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium. We have focused most of our research efforts to define better what is needed to optimize crop yields. Calcium and magnesium are significant components of limestone used to neutralize acidity. Sulfur historically was provided through atmospheric depo-

sition (washed out of the air with rain). Still, efforts to reduce smoke-stack emissions from coal-fired power plants have significantly reduced atmospheric concentrations, resulting in sulfur deficiencies. The nutrients needed in the least amount are referred to as micronutrients. Don't let the name of this grouping fool you. Crop yield can be limited without a minimum concentration necessary for plant growth. The "Law of the Minimum" recognizes a specific concentration of each essential nutrient is needed for the plant to complete its life cycle, whether required in pounds/acre or parts per million. Recent soil testing and nutrient trials suggest that two of the seven micronutrients may limit optimum yield in some soils, zinc and boron. It is time to focus on sulfur, zinc, and boron to optimize yield.

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 daily high and low-temperature average. 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 (the 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. The energy needed to develop the primary root system and the first 2-3 leaves originate 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 three leaves are fully extended (V3). Although still attached beneath the secondary root system, the primary 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 seedling plant and growing point are 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 coleoptile ruptures, allowing the rolled leaves inside to unfurl above ground. The coleoptile length is about ½ to ¾ inch in length, placing the secondary root system (growing point) at the same approximate depth regardless of how deep it is planted. Secondary root systems established less than ¾-inch deep will be closer than desired to the soil surface, possibly delaying plant development, especially during dry periods. Rootless Corn Syndrome is the outcome when the nodal root system is above the soil line, usually caused by shallow planting and surface water erosion.

UNEVEN CORN EMERGENCE. Uneven corn emergence may not be the result of uneven germination. Planting in cooler-than-desired soil allows soil-borne pathogens or insects to injure the seed or young seedling. Injury to the endosperm, mesocotyl, and 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 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 and feeding or injury to the seed itself (loss of endosperm).

Nu-TRACKER Plus is an 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 help determine whether supplemental ni-



trogen, sulfur, or boron is needed at a specific point. Information gathered will help make nutrient management decisions. Does this approach help with management decisions? Seven years of testing and modifying the process and sampling over 1500 sites have provided confidence that this will be the best approach 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. \$125/Site

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 complete 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 lost since the V3-V4 sampling date. \$150/Site

SAMPLING DATE 3: Samples are collected at or before VT. Soil samples are collected within plants at 0-12 inches and 12-24 inches and are tested for macro and micronutrients. Ear leaf samples are collected and are submitted for complete 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. \$150/Site

Visit with your local Illini FS Crop Specialist about programs that discount the cost of Nu-TRACKER Plus or to sign-up for a site in 2022. It is a great year to try it and discover the value!

ON-FARM DISCOVERY TRIALS. In 2021 Illini FS had over 65 On-Farm Discovery Trials with local farmers that addressed specific questions. Trials included nutrient, seed treatments, and several fungicides and insecticide comparisons. Visit with your local Illini FS Crop Specialist for more information about our 2021 On-Farm Discovery Trials or to receive a copy of our 2021 On-Farm Discovery Report (while supplies last). Do you have a product that you would like to test in 2022? Let us help.

BORON IS THE NUTRIENT TO TEST IN 2022. Nu-TRACKER Plus results in the past three growing seasons, coupled with On-Farm Discovery Trials, suggest there will be a possible yield response to boron, whether corn or soybeans. Remember that boron has the most-narrow range between deficiency and toxicity of any plant-essential nutrient. Too much boron can have a negative effect on harvest yield. Exposure to germinating seeds may result in reduced stands. An easy way to test for boron response is to make a broadcast application preplant with herbicides or a broadcast application of dry fertilizer. Visit with your local Illini FS Crop Specialist about a systems approach to boron use. We discovered the value of boron. Let us show you how to use it to improve harvest yields.

IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE to have the potential for a great year, only to have leaf disease cause premature plant death and disappointing harvest yields. Whether corn or soybeans, protect the investment made for a good 2022 crop by making fungicides a part of your Crop Management System. It is not too early to book your fungicide for application. Visit with your local Illini FS Crop Specialist before the planting season is in full swing. Decide on the fungicide to use and get your name on the list for application. Once planting starts, it will be sometime in June before plant health is a primary consideration. Waiting until the time fungicides will be needed may be too late in 2022. Ag retailers will keep low inventories due to the high prices to avoid write-downs (selling products below costs) once the price drops. It may be challenging to find the best product-of-choice. Once you find a fungicide to apply, there may be significant delays with the application since many acres will be scheduled before planting season. Place your orders now. Be proactive, not reactive.

ANHYDROUS AMMONIA WATCH-OUT. Avoid planting directly above where anhydrous ammonia has been applied this spring. Wet soil conditions at the time of application may result in side-wall compaction, leaving a vertical gap for free ammonia to collect. Plant injury or death will likely occur if the seed, young roots, or seedling plant is exposed to free ammonia. Make applications at a significant angle to the direction of planting. Utilize guidance systems to place the planted row close to anhydrous ammonia application. Limited research out of Purdue suggests a positive crop response when a knifed N application is oriented within a few inches of the planted row but not directly underneath the row. Note: Avoid anhydrous ammonia applications in coarse-textured soils close to the planted row. Migration of free ammonia may occur over greater distances jeopardizing the viability of the seed or seedling.

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.

SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE

April 27, 2022 (Wednesday Matinee)

Forever PLAID, Myers Dinner Theatre - Hillsboro, IN

Price per person: \$89.00 – Gratuity included in price

Deadline to register or cancel reservations is: March 21, 2022



July 21, 2022 (Thursday Matinee)

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

Price per person: \$101.00 – Gratuity included in price

Deadline to register or cancel reservations is: June 13, 2022

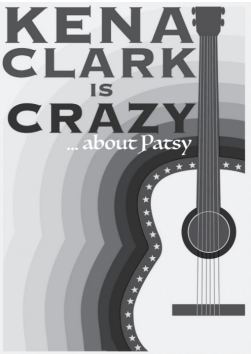


September 15, 2022 (Thursday Evening)

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

Price per person: \$102.00 – Gratuity included in price

Deadline to register or cancel reservations is: August 8, 2022



October 6, 2022 (Thursday Evening)

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

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

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

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

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

HAPPY Spring

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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 2000, 1980, and 1962 to reflect on the events, photos, and articles that made headlines in Champaign County

April 2000 – On April 17, 2000, **Parkland College** broke ground for its new campus-based, multi-purpose agricultural complex. The April 2000 issue of the CCFB Newsletter states, “The Complex is a response to the community’s needs and to partnerships formed with area industries, businesses, and other organizations, such as the Champaign County Farm Bureau and the University of Illinois Extension.”

April 1980 – This issue of the CCFB Newsletter highlighted the **Ag Areas Conservation Act of 1979** – “For those concerned about their farmland being taken for use other than ag. A landowner or landowners with 500 contiguous acres or more

may petition the county board to form an ag area. Ag areas are created for a 10 year period with provisions for review by the county board at the end of that time.”

Farm Bureau Leaders Visit Washington was also featured on the front page of the April 1980 issue with a photo of John Reifsteck talking with U.S. Rep Ed Madigan. (See photo)

April 1962 – The headline making news in this issue is **Service Co. Enters L-P Gas Business** – “The Champaign County Service Company has purchased the fixed assets of the LP-Gas department of Bash Heating and Air Condition, Inc. in Champaign and will begin LP distribution on May 1.

The decision to enter the LP business was made by the board of directors of the local service company after conducting an extensive marketing survey to determine the potential in the area.



FARM BUREAU LEADERS VISIT WASHINGTON

U.S. Rep. Ed Madigan (left), 21st Congressional District, talks with John Reifsteck who participated in the 1980 Farm Bureau Leaders to Washington program March 4-6.

In addition to purchasing the tanks, bottles, and equipment from the former distributor, the Champaign County Service Company purchased an 1800 gallon delivery truck. They have also acquired 30,000 gallons of storage space in Champaign.”

Women's Committee enjoy the Virginia Theater tour with Mitch Marlow, Sales & Public Relations Manager, on March 14th.



WOMEN'S COMMITTEE
RECIPE OF THE MONTH
Submitted by Carolyn Graham

Bakery-Style Blueberry Muffins

Muffin Base

- 2 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- 2 ½ tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 4 T butter, melted
- ¼ cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 2 tsp vanilla

Topping

- 3 T sugar
- 3 T brown sugar
- ⅓ cup flour

Muffin Base

- 2 cups blueberries
- 1 T flour
- 1 T sugar

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Line muffin tin with cupcake liners.
2. Combine topping ingredients together in a medium-sized bowl until it becomes crumbly. Set aside.
3. For the muffins, whisk together flour, baking powder, salt, and sugar in a large bowl. In a separate bowl, whisk eggs, oil, buttermilk, vanilla, and melted butter. Pour liquid ingredients into flour mixture and blend until moistened. Combine blueberries, flour, and sugar and fold into batter.
4. Spoon batter into 18 prepared muffin cups and sprinkle with topping. Bake for 18-20 minutes or until done.



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