

FarmDocs Collaboration a Success



Carle Illinois College of Medicine students and faculty participated in the 2022 FarmDocs program. Participants toured a grain farm, livestock farm, and participated in a question and answer session with farmers and farm bureau members.

The Champaign County Farm Bureau and the Carle Illinois College of Medicine are in their second year of collaborating on a program called FarmDocs. FarmDocs is designed to introduce medical students to agriculture in Champaign County and provide them with important information about farm safety and rural health issues.

In late July, medical students were invited to tour a grain farm and livestock farm in Champaign County. Local farm bureau members acted as tour guides for the students and were able to provide real world examples of farm safety issues. The farm tours allowed the medical students to learn about the facets of modern agriculture found in the general area and allow students

to ask questions about all aspects of both grain farming and the livestock industry. During the livestock stop, students were encouraged to ask any food safety, food labeling, or dietary concerns they might have. Farm safety was also discussed both in a high-level sense and in a hands-on way as students had the opportunity to see a PTO in action, an auger, a cattle working chute, and to understand all aspects of the industry from a health and safety stand-point.

Champaign County Farm Bureau members and staff were also on hand throughout the day to answer questions. The 2022 FarmDocs program ended with lunch and another Q & A session at the CCFB office. Discussion during lunch focused on mental

health issues, healthcare access, and the agriculture lifestyle.

The FarmDocs program came to fruition when a Champaign County Farm Bureau member was severely injured in a farming accident. During the member's hospitalization and recovery, the member had to describe the accident, the equipment involved, and the circumstances of how it happened to the doctors and other healthcare workers many times. These discussions led to the realization that the doctors treating farming families sometimes have no real understanding of modern agriculture and the unique challenges faced by farmers and their families. FarmDocs was developed to bridge that gap by providing medical students with

the information necessary to understand the basics of farming and the unique challenges and dangers faced by farmers. Touring local farms and meeting with farmers help the medical students understand the farming lifestyle and the healthcare access issues faced in rural areas.

The FarmDocs program has been very successful the past two years, impacting 75 future doctors and 10 faculty members. Farm Bureau volunteers were very complimentary of the students remarking that the students had many outstanding questions and were engaged for the entire program.

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Member Appreciation Picnic

Champaign County Farm Bureau hosted over 300 CCFB members at the 2nd Annual Member Appreciation Picnic on August 7th! Members from across the county came together at the Lake of the Woods Pavilion in the Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve for a day of family fun. Members enjoyed supper, a kid's pedal pull, Sidney Dairy Barn ice cream, and popcorn from Ag in the Classroom.

Paul Hunsinger, CCFB President, had

the honor of presenting three awards to some outstanding citizens in our community. The Urban Ag Leader of the Year award is given to an individual in the community who works in partnership with the Champaign County Farm Bureau. This individual may not farm full-time, but provides the dedication and talent to strengthen the agriculture industry and the Farm Bureau's mission. State Representative Greg Harris was the 2022 Urban Ag Leader. Representative Harris has been CCFB's adopted legislator from Chicago for many years. Over the years, he has welcomed CCFB members to his district and has toured agriculture in Champaign County. Although, Representative Harris' district is entirely urban; he has always been willing to engage and listen to agriculture issues and has been named a Friend of Agriculture by Illinois Farm Bureau many times. Representative Harris is retiring after the next legislative session and CCFB would like to thank him for his support.

Deputy Joel Ping was the recipient of the 2022 Deputy of the Year award. This award is given to a Deputy of the Champaign County Sheriff's Department based on their dedication and commitment to the citizens of Champaign County. The CCFB recognizes a deputy annually who serves and protects our rural membership. Deputy Ping started his career with the Sheriff's Office in 2018. He was nominated by his peers and continuously exceeds the standards of the Champaign County Sheriff's Office mission, always portraying a high level of professionalism and ethical service. Deputy Ping strives to treat everyone he comes in contact with fairly, equally, and with a high level of respect.



Deputy of the Year Joel Ping received his award from CCFB President Paul Hunsinger and Champaign County Sheriff Dustin Heurman.



Gerald and Juanita Henry received the Ken Roellig Volunteer of the Year award. Pictured with CCFB President Paul Hunsinger.



Agriculture in the Classroom provided some hands on learning activities at the Membership Picnic.

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National Farm Safety and Health Week 2022

Protecting Agriculture's Future
September 18-24, 2022

Daily Topics of Focus

- Monday, September 19, 2022 - Tractor Safety & Rural Roadway Safety
- Tuesday, September 20, 2022 - Overall Farmer Health
- Wednesday, September 21, 2022 - Safety & Health for Youth in Agriculture
- Thursday, September 22, 2022 - Confined Spaces
- Friday, September 23, 2022 - Safety & Health for Women in Agriculture



September Report



Paul Hunsinger, CCFB President

President, Paul Hunsinger

I can't believe September is already here. There have been a lot of shed doors open with machinery getting serviced and ready for harvest last month. This last month was a busy one for the Farm Bureau as well with everything from the Foundation Golf outing, Tool Shed meetings and our Annual Membership Appreciation Picnic. I thoroughly enjoyed myself getting to meet with a lot of you at these events last month.

I wanted to highlight the Tool Shed meetings just briefly. We had guest speaker Mark Gebhards for Illinois Farm Bureau speaking about Government Affairs. As always, Mark has a whole lot of great information, but also drives home the point that if we are not involved with our legislators they do not know which way to vote on specific issues that come to them. If you haven't already please sign up to be on the FB ACT program. It's really easy to join. Just text "FARM" to 52886 to get signed up. Illinois Farm Bureau takes the stress away by having pre-written conversations to send to your legislators, so all you have to do is click send when the FB ACT action request comes to you.

I hope everyone has a safe start to fall and harvest!

Sincerely,
Paul Hunsinger

Prime Timers Meeting

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

by September 5

Call the CCFB Office 217-352-5235

Meeting Date: September 8, 2022

Program: Jim Rossow, News-Gazette

Entertainment: Konnie Crist & granddaughter

Meal cost: \$8 per person

Important Information

• FRIED CHICKEN BUFFET

- 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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, September 12th – 9:30 a.m.

@ CCFB Auditorium - General Meeting

Featured Speakers, Terry Goode and Julie

Schulbach, Senior Resource Center &

Services speaking about programs offered,

area senior programs and services, and the

Senior Task Force.

Saturday, September 17th

Ag Activities at the Orchard with Women's

Committee, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (see article in

this newsletter for additional information).

CCFB Calendar of Events

September 2022

September 12	Women's Committee	9:30 a.m.
September 8	Prime Timers	10 a.m.
September 15	Full Board	6:30 p.m.
September 20	Governmental Affairs	7:30 a.m.

IAA Foundation Offers Scholarships To Drive Agriculture Forward

Truck drivers are critical for transporting farm commodities, inputs and food throughout Illinois and the nation. The IAA Foundation is pleased to administer the Driving Agriculture Forward Scholarship to help offset the cost of needed commercial truck driver training and ensure more well-trained, safe drivers are available.

"We are pleased to diversify the types of scholarships available through our program," said Jennifer Smith, Development Manager, IAA Foundation. "We are encouraged by the insightfulness of donors who choose to support all facets of agriculture."

In late 2021, the Illinois Farm Bureau committed to funding the Driving Agriculture Forward Scholarship. This donor agreement will continue for the next five years.

Applicants enrolled, or planning to enroll, in a commercial driver training program at an Illinois Community College are encouraged to apply. Five \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded every three months and are based on the Illinois Farm Bureau region where the applicant resides.

All applicants must be Illinois residents and must provide proof of enrollment in during the corresponding award cycle. Additionally, an endorsement is required from a farmer, County Farm Bureau leader, agribusiness, or food processing business.

Full eligibility guidelines and the link to apply is available on the Foundation website, www.iaafoundation.org.

For more information, contact your County Farm Bureau, the IAA Foundation at

309-557-2232, or e-mail Jennifer Smith atjsmith@ilfb.org

The mission of the IAA Foundation, Illinois Farm Bureau's charitable arm, is to fund education, research, and charitable activities that benefit Illinois farm families and agriculture.

Ag Activity Day At The Orchard

Instead of staying home on Saturday, September 17th, come join the Champaign County Farm Bureau Women's Committee at Curtis Orchard in Champaign.

We will be hosting children of all ages from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. that day in the pavilion just across from the pony rides and next to the Putt and Play area.

We will have interactive agriculture activities and fun for the kids. They'll earn tokens when they complete the activities to use for a pony ride, inflatable giant slide, corn maze, etc.

Families will receive great information and fun ideas about where their food comes from, and lots of freebies with activities to take home and complete later.

Suicide Prevention Week is Sept. 4 - 10

Know the number. Dial 988.

988 has been designated as the new three-digit dialing code that will route callers to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

If you or someone you know is in an emergency, **DIAL 988** to contact the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline or call 911 immediately.



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The long-term goal is to grow FarmDocs into a comprehensive program that aids all years of medical students in understanding the unique challenges and dangers faced by farm families. The future of this program is bright with goals to make the program part of the official curriculum and to increase the number of medical school faculty attending the program year after year.

CCFB's Assistant Manager Bailey Conrady praises the program saying, "FarmDocs began as a simple farm tour for medical students, however, its success has led to greater collaboration with the medical school and its faculty which is invaluable for both county farm bureau programming and our member's health and safety. FarmDocs is

a unique way to tell agriculture's story to a group of students that will have incredible influence once they graduate medical school. One tangible result of FarmDocs has been the development of a rural health focus group by students at the medical school. The CCFB is committed to improving the health and safety of our members through FarmDocs."



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In addition to serving as a uniformed patrol deputy, Deputy Ping also serves as a Field Training Officer, training new recruits, and a CSI Technician, processing and gathering evidence from crime scenes.

Our final award is the Ken Roellig Volunteer of the Year award. Named after the very first honoree, this award is given annually to volunteers who have gone above and beyond in service to the Champaign County Farm Bureau. The couple being given the award this year is no exception. Gerald and Juanita Henry have volunteered their time and talent to the CCFB for many, many years. Gerald served on the board as a Township Director and has now been elected as the Prime Timer's Committee chair. He also is active with the Governmental Affairs Committee

and has traveled to Springfield to lobby for agriculture and to Chicago to meet with our adopted legislator. Juanita is very active with the Women's Committee and she ensures that Gerald has Prime Timer's running smoothly. They both have traveled to Chicago to attend IFB's Annual Meeting and have recruited many members.

Congratulations to the award recipients and thank you to all the members who came out to the picnic. It was a great day to meet new people, see familiar faces, and gather together for fun and fellowship. We hope to see our members at future events that are scheduled throughout the year!



Thank you to all the CCFB members who attended a Burger Bash this summer!



Lois Wood was able to deliver several burp rags, handmade by Women's Committee members, to a local organization in need.

How Champaign County Farm Bureau Served You in August

- 1 Hosted the CCFB Membership Appreciation Picnic at Lake of the Woods
- 2 The CCFB Foundation held an incredibly successful golf outing to support AITC and scholarships for students pursuing agriculture.
- 3 Held our annual toolshed meetings featuring guest speaker Mark Gebhards from Illinois Farm Bureau.
- 4 The CCFB partnered with the Carle Illinois School of Medicine to host first-year medical students for a farm tour.
- 5 Introduced the Champaign Cover Crop Initiative to incentivize cover crop acres in Champaign County.



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Ag in the Classroom 2022-23

NEW TO THE AITC TEAM

I am Julie Adcock, your new Ag In The Classroom Teacher. I have been a substitute teacher in the Unit 7 District for the past six years. I am married to my husband Nick and we have three kids, Kenny 10, Kelsey 10, and Rozlynn 8. We live in the country in Pesotum and enjoy our garden and canning lifestyle. I was not raised in the country and have learned so much through trial and error. I am eager to teach and grow with the students.

WELCOME



Who is Norman Borlaug?

Read Peggy Thomas's new book about the Father of the Green Revolution.
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FROM THE FIELD

by Dr. Howard Brown

Corn ear tip-back is common. Hot, dry weather in 2022 stressed plants during this critical period resulting in aborted tip kernels (Figure 1). Once the kernels are aborted, the liquid is removed, leaving behind any solid starch. The kernels at the tip appear as empty shriveled sacks. Kernels closer to normal will appear the same but with a yellow cap (solid starch). Kernel abortion is irreversible.



Figure 1. Ear tip-back caused by hot, dry weather prior to or after pollination.

What to expect from ear tip-back.

Corn plants that appear healthy and have significant ear tip-back will stay green longer, have a heavier test weight, and may take on a reddish color. Healthy plants continue to produce sugars through photosynthesis, which are used to make starch stored in the kernels. If the ear size is limited by stress early into the fill period, sugars tend to accumulate in the stalk and leaves since there is no room in the remaining kernels to store them. High leaf and stalk sugar content, along with sunlight, causes anthocyanin (red) to become a dominant pigment turning the tissues a shade of red.

Fall fertilizer applications for the 2023 crop. Here are some common questions and responses that may be helpful when making nutrient management decisions for the next cropping year.

Are there any special considerations if soil samples will be collected this Fall? If soil samples are collected this Fall, here are a few considerations when interpreting the results.

1. *Dry soil conditions may cause the soil pH to be slightly lower than soil moisture at or close to field capacity. During dry periods water is pulled upward through the soil to the surface by evaporation. Solutes (salts) carried by the water as it moves through the profile are concentrated at the surface as the water evaporates. A concentration of soluble salts can result in a lowering of a standard water pH. Soil testing protocols for pH in the humid Midwest do not allow soluble salts since it is typically leached. The effect of soluble salts on a soil water pH can be as much as 0.5 pH unit (lower). Once salts are leached, soil pH should return to normal.*
2. *Potassium test levels tend to be lower during dry periods. Clay layers tend to collapse with dry conditions, trapping some potassium between the layers. A lack of adequate rainfall after harvest may also leave much of the potassium used by the plant (not grain) in the residue. Potassium is not part of any cell structure. It is part of the plant's liquid and is water-soluble. Once the plant dies, potassium can readily leach from the residue, moving it back into the soil profile.*
3. *Dry soils make it nearly impossible to manually collect (probe and muscle) samples to the proper depth. Test results from samples collected to depths less than 7 inches will be artificially high since most applied nutrients are concentrated near the surface. If samples must be collected, consider asking for robotic sampling. Rogo Ag is the provider of robotic sampling for Illini FS. The autonomous device collects samples to a consistent depth. Visit with your local Illini FS crop specialist to sign-up for robotic sampling. We have three years of experience utilizing this new technology.*



Figure 2. Robotic Sampler used on over 24,000 acres by Illini FS. Robotic sampling allows for improved accuracy and precision of soil sample collection, a must when collecting samples from dry, hard soils.

Why do samples need to be collected at a 7-inch depth? The only soil testing depth correlated and calibrated to crop yield response to phosphorus and potassium fertilizer applications is 7 inches. Samples can be collected at other depths, but no interpretation is available to determine how much phosphorus or potassium to apply.

Will sampling depth ever change? Illini FS is building a database of samples collected at 12 and 24 inches. The data is being used to explore the relationship between the sampling depths. So far, data is helping us learn more about nutrient movement and distribution within the upper soil profile. Learn more about what Illini FS is doing with soil testing and nutrient movement by visiting your local Illini FS Crop Specialist.

When should we start applying fall fertilizer? Phosphorus and potassium fertilizers can be applied anytime once the crop is harvested. Both nutrients are immobile in medium-to-heavy textured soils and move very slowly, which is why they are immobile. Once time is allowed for the nutrients to react with the soil, the only way significant losses could occur is through soil erosion. Minimizing soil erosion potential using conservation practices will help optimize soil productivity and reduce nutrient loss.

Is there a time NOT to apply fall fertilizer? Yes. Avoid any phosphorus and potassium applications within 12 to 24 hours of a significant rain event (1-inch or more), especially in fields with some slope. The phosphorus and potassium fertilizers commonly applied are nearly 100% water-soluble (90%+ for phosphorus and 100% for potassium). A rain event soon after application may not allow enough time for the nutrients to react with the soil, leaving them vulnerable to dissolve in rainwater and move with surface runoff. Nutrient loss to surface runoff has negative economic and environmental consequences. It is also critical to avoid fertilizer applications on bare frozen, or snow-covered. Significant nutrient losses can be anticipated with applications made prior to winter rain or snowmelt.

Does adoption of strip-till or no-till minimize loss of nutrients by surface runoff? Surface residue should slow surface water movement, allowing water to soak into the soil, reducing surface runoff loss of soluble nutrients or movement of soil by water erosion. Light incorporation of surface-applied fertilizer soon after application will help minimize nutrient loss with surface runoff, but it may increase the potential for nutrient loss through soil erosion. Visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eroGrAjlLZk&t=6s> and watch the video to learn more about macropores and preferential flow to subsurface tile lines.

What happens to applied phosphorus and potassium fertilizers once applied to the soil? Granular phosphorus fertilizers are applied in an orthophosphate form, a form that plants can utilize. Soon after application (1-2 weeks) orthophosphate reacts with soil iron and aluminum (pH < 7) or calcium and magnesium (pH > 7) to form iron/aluminum phosphates or calcium/magnesium phosphates respectively. These compounds are much less water-soluble than orthophosphate fertilizer, precipitating the phosphorus and removing it from soil water (temporarily unavailable for plant uptake). A fraction of the applied phosphorus may react with the soil clay, temporarily making it unavailable for plant uptake. In either case, applied phosphorus is not lost but rendered unavailable for movement or plant uptake. Eventually, the fixed or precipitated phosphorus will find its way back into the soil solution, where the growing crop can take it up. Unfortunately, when it finally makes it back into soil solution remains an unknown.

What happens to the nitrogen Fall-applied with diammonium (DAP) and monoammonium (MAP) phosphate fertilizer? Research has discovered as much as 60% of N Fall-applied with ammoniated phosphate was lost before May 1st the following year. The investigation did not determine the fate of the lost N.

When is it a good time to apply Anhydrous Ammonia? Fall application of anhydrous ammonia across most of the Illini FS territory should only be considered **after November 1st when soil temperature at 4 inches (bare soil) is at or below 50° F mid-morning.** Waiting until November minimizes the chance of a soil warm-up, causing an undesirable conversion of ammonium to nitrate-N before freezing temperatures. Once ammonium-N is converted to nitrate-N, it can be easily lost through leaching (water movement) or denitrification (saturated soil) early in the Spring, well ahead of crop utilization. A proven nitrification inhibitor, such as N-Serve or Centuro, should be used with fall applications. N-Serve or Centuro stops or slows the activity of soil microorganisms responsible for converting ammonium-N to nitrate-N (Nitrosomonas bacteria).

Should N be applied to corn stubble to expedite stalk breakdown? No. Nitrogen applied to corn stubble as ammoniated phosphorus fertilizers (DAP, MAP, MES-10) will likely be immobilized by soil microbial activity (up to 45 pounds N), especially if worked into the soil with tillage and the soils are still warm. However, it is not advised to apply additional N fertilizers to enhance soil microbial breakdown of corn stalk residue. The economic and environmental risk associated with N loss is **much greater** than any potential benefit (if any) to enhancing the microbial breakdown of corn stubble, especially as the soil cools.

2022-23 Cover Crop Program. The best way to determine the economic value of a cover crop is to start with a good stand, the reason Illini FS and Great Plains have launched this program. Both Illini FS and Great Plains have agreed to reduce the overall cost of seed and seeding to share the cost of trying this new practice. Dan Schaefer with the Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association and several farmers with cover crop experience will help answer questions. Illini FS will seed 40 pounds of cereal rye ahead of 2023 soybeans. The drill used is a 40-foot Great Plains DB7600 HD drill. We have limited the program to 3,000 acres this Fall.



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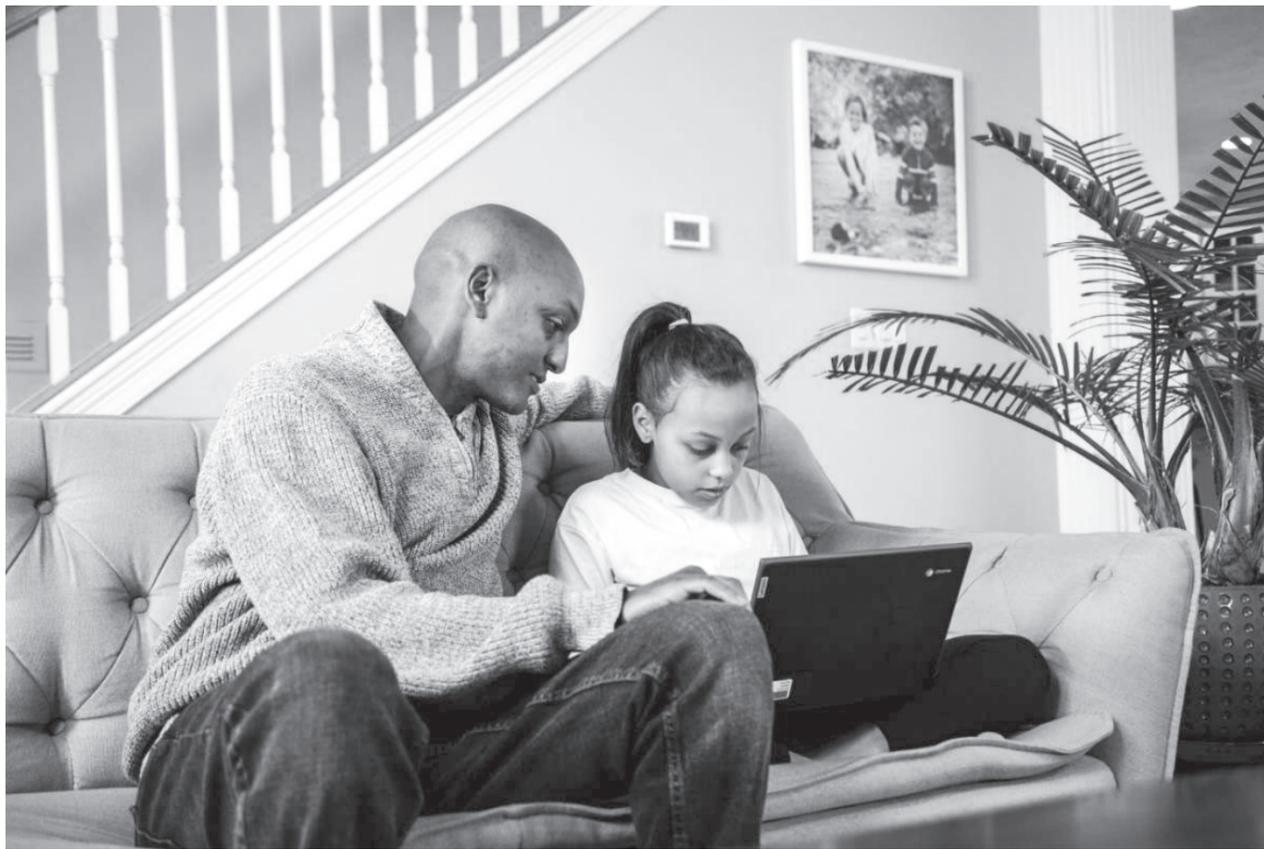
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5 Tips for Protecting Your Stuff at College

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When looking at colleges, many parents have campus safety near the top of the list. In addition to researching campus police and safety programs, prepare your child to be the first line of defense for theft.

First 3 steps – try to avoid theft

1. Don't leave your valuables unattended in public areas. If you're studying at the library or a coffee shop, bring your laptop with you if you must step away.
2. Always lock your doors and windows and make sure your roommates do the same. Even consider keeping a safe in your room for extra protection.
3. Leave your prized possessions at home if you don't need them for school. If it can't be replaced or has sentimental value, don't bring it with you.

Next 2 steps – recover following a theft

1. Create a list of your valuables with photos and serial numbers. Give a copy to your parents and save a copy in the cloud.
2. Register your valuables with the campus police. Many schools let you register your laptop, tablet or bicycle so you can identify your stolen property if it is recovered.

Before they go, check your insurance

Before sending your child to college, call your insurance agent to see if your home insurance will cover their valuables while they are in a dorm or off-campus apartment. In many cases, it will, but if not, consider a small renter's policy. Better safe than paying to replace their expensive computer or bike.



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Agriculture Cultivates Better Communities

“My life is one big volunteer commitment. LOL.”

That’s an accurate assessment.

I inquired about a project of our FFA Alumni organization, and my aunt was fresh off two community events for separate volunteer groups that weekend. Mind you, this is after a week of watching grandkids, preparing meals for the farm crew and caring for aging parents. It seems appropriate to insert a cross-eyed, slightly stressed emoji face to our message exchange. Her bank account didn’t reflect it, but she impacted many lives for the better and profited in satisfaction.

My aunt’s level of commitment to giving and volunteerism places her in an elite category of service and selflessness. But generally speaking, farmers and other agriculture professionals are among the most giving people I know, and their explanation for this servant attitude is about as simple as the desire to farm: It’s in their blood, and it’s the right thing to do.

Previous generations taught us to volunteer out of duty and necessity. In small towns like ours, volunteers even handle firefighting and first-response medical care. Thanks to volunteers, our communities are safe, my kids have a 4-H fair and youth in our small town have soccer and summer baseball programs. Volunteers provide amenities in our parks and coordinate the town’s largest events. They share hours of their time, skills and resources to improve schools, churches, hospitals and non-profit groups for the betterment of our community. Rural areas lack paid staff to handle such life-impacting essentials.

Across Illinois, Farm Bureau families make impacts when they sponsor youth safety programs from bikes to farm equipment. Volunteers coordinate blood drives and health screenings at their county Farm Bureau buildings. The same families give their time in the church kitchen for a community dinner.



They organize the school carnival, decorate for the annual FFA banquet, and understand the commitment of running a quality food stand as a fundraiser.

Just before COVID, our community won the Governor’s Cup for exemplary volunteerism to build our small town’s playground. In a tremendous effort, volunteers raised \$150,000 in funds and physically built that two-story, barn-shaped playground using their farm-based skills and donated use of resources, from power tools to tractors.

At that same park, more than 100 local FFA and 4-H volunteers will gather this month to transform that space into an agritourism attraction with free admission for more than 20 activities – a bale climb, farm chore course, high-tech sprayer simulator, and farm animals among them. Local youth eagerly help organize and operate this annual agriculture festival, and seasoned volunteers find satisfaction knowing they have instilled an ethic of service in the next generation.

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.

2022 CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FARM BUREAU TRIPS AND TOURS

Time is running out to join CCFB members as they travel to shows across the Midwest! Trips fill up fast so call 217-352-5235 today.

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



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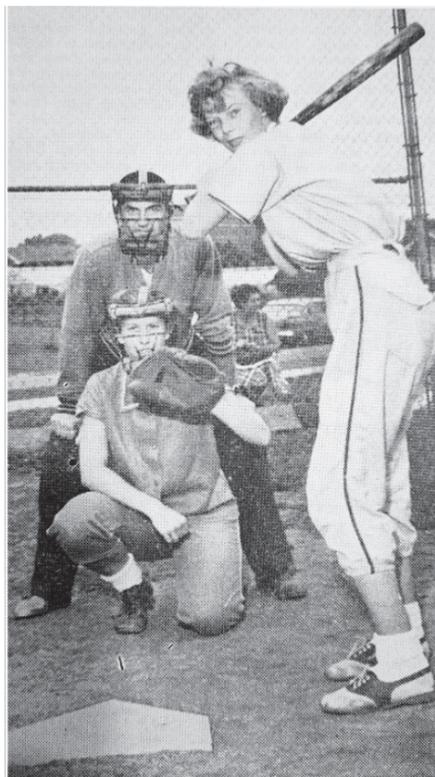
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A Look Back... 100 Volumes of CCFB History

Looking back this month we will visit 1958, 1963, and 2008 reflecting on the events, photos, and articles that made headlines in Champaign County.

September 1958 – Photo highlighting Bess Clark, Sadorus, steps



to the plate ready for a swing in the recent Sports Festival girls open class game.

September 1963 – An article was featured in this issue highlighting 1963 as a record breaking year for consumption of meat by Americans. The article states “Americans will eat a greater total tonnage of meat this year than ever before in history... Total production in 1956 approximated 28 billion, whereas this year’s production will exceed 30 billion... If the per capita consumption of meat were to rise 5 pounds per person during the next 12 years, with an estimated population of 245 million



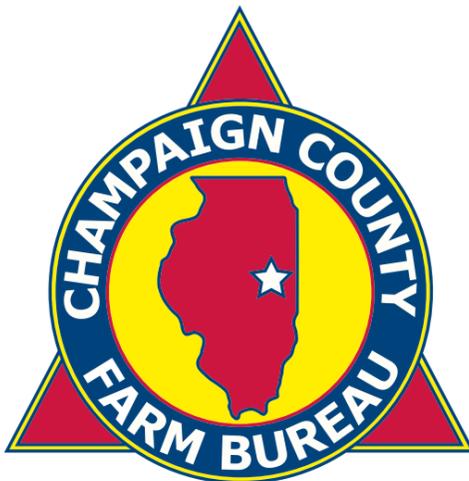
persons by 1975, a 40 percent increase in total meat production would have to be met.”

September 2008 – This issue featured CCFB’s 2022 Urban Ag Leader of the Year Award Winner, Representative Greg Harris. CCFB’s Legislative Committee hosted Rep. Harris for a tour of Champaign County agriculture. During his visit to the county, Rep. Harris visited Grand Prairie Co-op in Tolono and enjoyed lunch at the Philo Tavern while discussing policy with several farm bureau members. The featured photo shows CCFB Board member Jerry Watson discussing seed corn production with Rep. Greg Harris.



CCFB Foundation Scholarship Luncheon

The Champaign County Farm Bureau Foundation hosted its annual Scholarship Luncheon in August. The luncheon is a great time to honor the scholarship recipients before they head off to college and also send a big THANK YOU to all the donors!



Toolshed Meetings

Mark Gebhards, Illinois Farm Bureau Executive Director of Governmental Affairs and Commodities, toured Champaign County on August 10 visiting local farms and meeting with farm bureau members. Mark Gebhards discussed several topics including the 2023 Farm Bill, mid-term elections, environmental regulations, and trade..



WOMEN'S COMMITTEE RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Submitted by Ronda Scott

Banana Bread

Mix together

- 2/3 c. sugar
- 1/3 soft shortening (Crisco)
- 2 eggs

Stir in

- 3 Tablespoons buttermilk
- 1 cup mashed bananas (usually 3 bananas)

Mix together

- 2 cups flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp soda
- 1/2 tsp salt

Optional - you can add nuts of your choice or mini chocolate chips.

Bake at 350 degrees - 30 - 35 minutes until firm to touch makes one loaf pan or 3 mini pans.



Young Ag Leaders

Fall Events

coming soon!

