

2023 Champaign County Farm Bureau Trips And Tours Are Back!

CCFB has announced its trip and tour dates for the upcoming year. Join your friends and fellow farm bureau members as we tour the Midwest for several wonderful shows and a special trip to Casey, IL. Questions? Call the Champaign County Farm Bureau at 217-352-5235.

March 29, 2023 (Wednesday Matinee)

Two by Two, Myers Dinner Theatre, Hillsboro, IN

Two By Two (Musical Comedy)

Richard Rodgers entered his seventh decade of writing for the theatre with this fresh retelling of the Biblical story of Noah. It seems that the building of the ark was only the first of Noah's many daunting challenges



in a journey that wasn't always smooth sailing. By turns inspirational and hilarious, Two by Two demonstrates that being chosen by God for great things does not necessarily simplify the daily demands on a father and husband. It's good fun from The Good Book... and when the land has dried, man and beast alike are invited to go forth and prosper in a bright New World.

Price per person: \$98.00 – *Gratuity included in price* Deadline to register or cancel reservations is: Monday, February 20

May 3, 2023 (Wednesday Matinee)

Grumpy Old Men, CIRCA 21 Theatre, Rock Island, IL

Grumpy Old Men

Fasten your seat belt, it's going to be a grumpy ride! Based on the classic 1993 Warner Brothers film starring Jack Lemmon, Walter Matthau and Ann-Margret, this hilarious new show was penned by Dan Remmes, with music by Neil Berg and lyrics by Nick Meglin.



Two aging neighbors, Max and John, have been feuding for more than fifty years until the beautiful and charming Ariel moves in across the street — raising the rivalry to new heights! Can her love and compassion reunite their friendship?

Don't miss this laugh-out-loud story of family, friendship, love and romance in a fresh new musical that's

> guaranteed to delight! Price per person: \$112.00 - Gratuity included in price

Deadline to register or cancel

reservations is: Monday, March 27

June 14, 2023

Moonshine Restaurant & Casey, IL **BIG THINGS SMALL** TOWN- CASEY, IL

Just off Interstate-70, the town of Casey springs to life with larger-thanlife objects.



Quaint shops, delicious eateries and unique attractions! Casey is an adorable little town with friendly folks. Perfect for a day trip or well-deserved weekend getaway with new businesses and big items being added every year. There is always something new to experience! Casey Illinois is home to certified world's largest items, which include: wind chime, rocking chair, mailbox, wooden shoes/clogs, golf tee, pitchfork, key, gavel, twizzle spoon, golf driver, barber shop pole, and teeter totter.



Price per person: \$40.00 - Bus only – Lunch at Moonshine is on your

own so please bring cash they do not except credit cards

Deadline to register or cancel reservations is: Monday, May 8

July 26,2023(evening)

The Honky Tonk Angels, Beef House, Covington, IN

Honky Tonk Angels: The Mystery of Bubba's Revenge

The hilarious final sequel in the Honky Tonk Angels series is a foot stompin' gospel jubilee centering on the overbearing husband of Angela Bodine, the "physically sensitive" beer drinkin' Bubba. From the creator of Always... Patsy Cline comes a spooky country-western style Halloween night séance including song such as "Jolene," "Achy Breaky Heart," and "Spirit in the Sky."

Special Note from the Beef House**This show is currently being revised by its author Ted Swindley. He has granted permission to advertise his show. If revisions have not been finalized by production dates, another show will replace this title.**

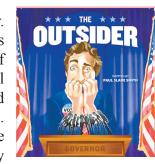
Price per person: \$110.00 – *Gratuity NOT included in price* Deadline to register or cancel reservations is: Monday, June 19

September 20, 2023 (Wednesday Matinee)

Outsider, CIRCA 21 Theatre, Rock Island, IL

Ned Newley doesn't even want to be governor. He's terrified of public speaking; his poll numbers are impressively bad. To his ever-supportive Chief of Staff, Ned seems destined to fail. But political consultant Arthur Vance sees things differently: Ned might be the worst candidate to ever run for office. Unless the public is looking for... the worst candidate to ever run for office. A timely and hilarious comedy

that skewers politics and celebrates democracy.



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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.

February Report



Paul Hunsinaer, CCFB Presider

President, Paul Hunsinger

I want to say huge thank you to Brad Uken this month for all of his years of service to the Champaign County Farm Bureau. Brad's dedication and commitment has been amazing. I'll admit, when I got on the board 5 years ago I wasn't aware at all what it took to keep the Champaign County Farm Bureau a premier grassroots organization. The countless hours spent in the office to meetings with local and state government officials to one on one time with members show his drive and passion to make farm family life better in Champaign County. It has been an honor and a pleasure getting to work with Brad and I can't thank him enough for everything I have learned from him about Farm Bureau and Leadership. Brad is definitely going to be missed here in Champaign County, but I wish him the absolute best in his new position at the Wisconsin Farm Bureau.

Sincerely, Paul Hunsinger

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Price per person: \$112.00 – Gratuity included in price Deadline to register or cancel reservations is: Monday, August 14

October 25, 2023 (Wednesday matinee)

The Mousetrap, Myers Dinner Theatre, Hillsboro, IN The Mousetrap

After a local woman is murdered, the guests and staff at Monkswell Manor find themselves stranded during a snowstorm. It soon becomes clear that the killer is among them, and the seven strangers grow increasingly suspicious of one another. A police detective, arriving on skis, interrogates the suspects: the newlyweds running the house; a spinster with a



curious background; an architect who seems better equipped to be a chef; a retired Army major; a strange little man who claims his car has overturned in a drift; and a jurist who makes life miserable for everyone. When a second murder takes place, tensions and fears escalate. This record-breaking murder mystery features a brilliant surprise finish from Dame Agatha Christie, the foremost mystery writer of her time.

Price per person: \$98.00— Gratuity included in price Deadline to register or cancel reservations is: Monday, September 18

Watch for more details on a Christmas Show scheduled for November/December 2023.



Prime Timers Meeting

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED by February 6

Call the CCFB Office 217-352-5235

Meeting Date: February 9, 2023
Program: Paul & Shirley Berbaum – Touring Ireland
Entertainment: Ron & Cindy Crawford
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

February 13 -

Speaker: Trooper Haylie Polistina, Illinois State Police, Public Information Officer, Northern Region

CCFB Calendar of Events February 2023

February 9Prime Timers10 a.m.February 13Women's Committee9:30 a.m.February 16Full Board6:30 p.m.February 21Governmental Affairs7:30 a.m.





Maggi's Membership Corner

By Maggi Maxstadt, CCFB Membership & Outreach Coordinator

Hello Farm Bureau members. Whew, what a January! After the whirlwind of events throughout last month, I'm happy to be getting in the swing of the new year.

With the new year comes the new listing of trips found on the front page! Starting with the first trip at the end of March, there are six trips currently planned. Staff is working to find a Christmas show for November or December to round out the year.

To reserve your spot on a trip, please stop by, call the office, or mail in your payment(s). To complete your reservation, we need your address and phone number too.

And finally, the moment we've all been waiting for... PLAT BOOKS! The 2023 Plat Books and Plat Maps will be out in mid-February. If you're questioning the drive in, feel free to make a quick call to the office at 217-352-5235 to see if the books are out yet.

Plat maps are also available, but once we're sold out, they are GONE. We, however, NEVER run out of plat books. Pricing will be announced in all of our print and digital communica-



tions after the products are available.

Towards the end of January, our full board of directors met for the Champaign County Farm Bureau's 111th Annual Meeting. I wish to offer my congratulations to the new board members elected into the Tolono, Rantoul, and Ogden townships.. More information about the annual meeting will be shared in the next newsletter.

We hope to hear from you or see you in the office soon. Have a wonderful February, and we'll talk to you in March!

Pricing will be announced in in March! Our print and digital communica 3 Reasons To Join Women's

Committee In 2023!

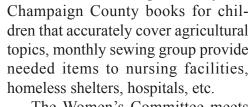
Meet a group of ladies from Champaign County who have an interest in agriculture, learning, all while socializing at monthly meetings. Ongoing efforts include: educating the public with programs and events that promote a positive image of agriculture, providing funding for scholarships, aiding Champaign County charitable organizations, cost effective programs that promote safety, health, product promotion and good public relations.





 Attend monthly meetings offered with learning and fun opportunities. Planned presentations and tours for 2023 include: Trooper Haylie Polistina, Illinois State Police, Public Information Officer; Sarah Michaels and Jeff Blackford, Champaign-Urbana Health District, Julia Reitz, Champaign County State's Attorney, touring American Legion Post #433 Historical Military Museum in Sidney

• Be an active participant in the farm bureau and community while offering programs and services that benefit our Farm Bureau members as well as our county's communities. Here are just a few things we have participated in this past year: baking desserts for annual gala dessert auction, providing first-aid kits to farmers, delivering to library's in



The Women's Committee meets the second Monday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the CCFB Auditorium.

If you are interested in the Women's Committee and would like to attend a meeting, please contact Marilyn Whalen, Chair of the Women's Committee at mkt@illinois.edu or leave a message with the Farm Bureau office staff at 217-352-5235.

We look forward to seeing you!



Illinois Farm Bureau is proud to highlight the work our members are doing to improve soil health and water quality through a documentary titled "Sustaining Our Future: A Farm Family Story," which debuted Dec. 3 at the Illinois Farm Bureau Annual Meeting.

IFB Annual Meeting attendees viewed a 15-minute excerpt from the hour-long documentary, which follows the Ganschow family of Bureau County to illustrate how three generations of farmers approach sustainability. Their efforts are representative of the



farmer spirit and collaboration required to achieve the goals of the Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy, which involves the work of countless Illinois Farm Bureau members implementing solutions on their farms.

Illinois farmers have a proven track record when it comes to caring for our natural resources. Whether implementing new solutions to utilize fertilizer efficiently, install conservation practices, or engage in meaningful discussions with university researchers and industry partners, farmer efforts continue to drive innovative solutions that improve their farms while protecting the environment.

Illinois Farm Bureau members can help amplify the story by sharing the video from the IFB YouTube channel here: youtube.com/ILFarmBureauIFB.

Colder Weather Arriving In February Be A Part Of Women's Committee's Collection Drive — Support CU Canteen Run & Homeless

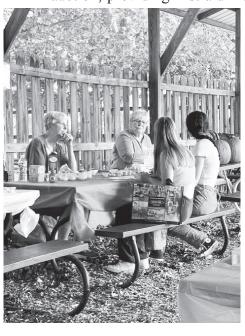
The Women's Committee will have a used blanket, gloves, and hat drive to benefit the CU Canteen Run. The Canteen Run serves the homeless four times per week in the Champaign-Urbana area. The CU Canteen Run has a need for the items listed above in the cold, winter weather. Items can be dropped off at the front entrance of the Champaign County Farm Bureau. The



collection will run from now until February 13, 2023. Any questions please contact Juanita Henry at 217-598-2586.













Cash Prizes Dinner Casino Games Golf Cart Raffle

Join us for the 2023 Cash Bash!

Royal Community Center Satuday, March 4th - 4:00pm-8:00pm

\$100 / Ticket - Admits 2

Only 200 Tickets Being Sold!

Purchase Your Ticket Today!

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Payable To: CCFBFoundation

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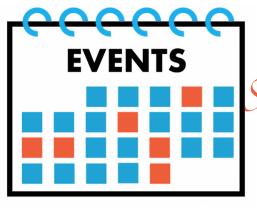
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Champaign, IL 61821

By Phone 217-352-5235

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Save the Date and Join Us!

Cash Bash Saturday - March 4, 2023 **Royal Community Building**

Annual Gala Thursday - June 8, 2023 **Pear Tree Estate**

Golf FORE Ag Thursday - August 3, 2023 **UI Golf Course**

Flight Night **TBD November 2023**



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A Letter From Nathan Hubbard, **Champaign – Vermilion Agency Manager**

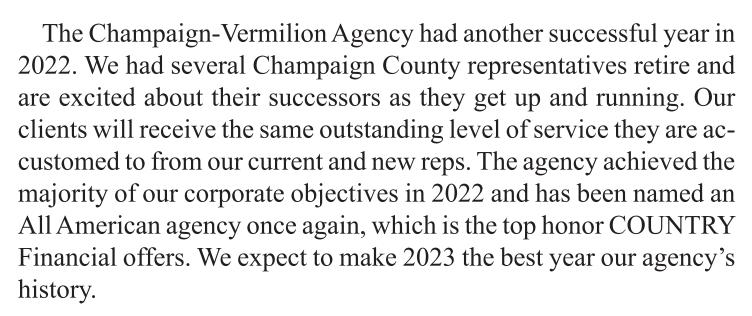




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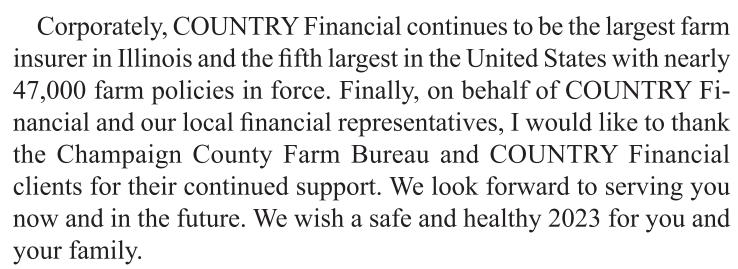




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Sincerely, Nathan Hubbard, Agency Manager Champaign-Vermilion Agency



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KORY KRAUS, GENERAL MANAGER

From The Field

by Dr. Howard Brown

The value of using a Spring nitrification inhibitor will depend upon weather following the N application. If a prolonged wet Spring and/or early growing season is anticipated, consider using a nitrification inhibitor to minimize the potential for N loss. A look back at 2018 and 2021 confirms that N loss can occur beyond knee-high corn. If Ammonium Thiosulfate (ATS) will be applied in the same tank a nitrification inhibitor, make sure product compatibility is checked before mixing.

Is N applied in the Fall with a nitrification inhibitor still protected in the Spring? NuTRACKER Plus sites over the past several years suggest that N applied in the Fall with stabilizer is nearly all converted to Nitrate-N by the second week of May, offering little protection to a early-to-mid June wet period.

Loss of phosphorus (P) and potassium (K) applied to frozen and/or snow-covered soil can occur when significant rain events occur when the soil is frozen. Runoff can transport 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 where to send the samples and 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 2022 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 near 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

The value of using a Spring nitrification inhibitor will depend upon weather following the N application. If a prolonged wet Spring and/or early growing season is anticipated, consider using a nitrification inhibitor to minimize the N into soil water and into the plant.

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 three 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 four 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 2022 On-Farm Discovery Report is ready for distribution. The report includes results from several 2022 trials. Ask your local Illini FS Crop Specialist to share the results with you and provide you with a copy of the report to review later. Do you have a product that you want to test in 2023? Let us help you set-up the trial and collect the information necessary to determine the product's Return-On-Investment.

Dear Patron:

We are pleased to report that Illini FS, Retail Division of GROWMARK, Inc. is paying patronage dividends for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2022. The distribution is being made 50% in cash and the remainder in nonqualified uncertificated GROWMARK Class "D" preferred stock or stock credits. A check representing your cash distribution is enclosed.

Patronage is based on the profitability of the Illini FS Retail Division, consistent with the overall patronage policies of GROWMARK, Inc. This year, we will distribute \$1,250,000.00 in patronage to our members.

Patronage Distribution

Clear Diesel Tank Wagon Gallons	\$0.090/gal
Dyed Diesel Tank Wagon Gallons	\$0.090/gal
Crop Protection	1.50% of sales
Anhydrous Ammonia	\$4.00/ton of sales
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Nitrogen Solution	\$4.00/ton of sales
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GROWMARK, Inc. and the Illini FS Retail Division have had a successful year. It is our pleasure to share the benefits of your cooperative with the enclosed distribution. We thank you for your business and your support of the Illini FS Retail Division. We look forward to serving you in the future.

Kory Kraus General Manager Jim Young Board President

We Are The 96%

Families Dominate Illinois Farms

My mental pauses on the farm often arrive at sunrise, sunset and the moments when family is most accentuated on the farm. Harvest brings those experiences together: My dad and brother run the combines. My son and I operate the tractors with grain auger carts. A long-time employee who watched me grow up on the farm hauls grain, as does his son, a cousin and a local truck driver, all who now watch my kids grow up on the farm.

My daughter takes turns with our cousin's wife to weigh grain trucks at our storage facility. My nephew replaces me in the tractor after football practice, and my mom manages the bills and delivers meals around sunset to keep our farm running and bodies fueled.

Family defines the farm. Family members make the decisions that care for the land and animals. They carry out the work, uphold the commitment to community and plan for the next generation.

We are the 96%. Families like ours operate 96% of farms in the state, and Illinois agriculture groups have designated 2023 the "Year of the Farmer" to proclaim this statistic. The celebration intends to debunk a disconcerting myth: A consumer survey indicates that people believe corporations run most farms and that families only run 47% of the Illinois farms they see.

To the contrary, I see Matt grow grain and beef with his brother and nephews, Kevin farm with his brother and their wives, and Alan with his dad and sister. Lori farms with her husband, Ron with his daughter and brothers, and Jay with his mom, wife, brother and teenage kids.

Illinois has over 2,000 food manufacturing companies.



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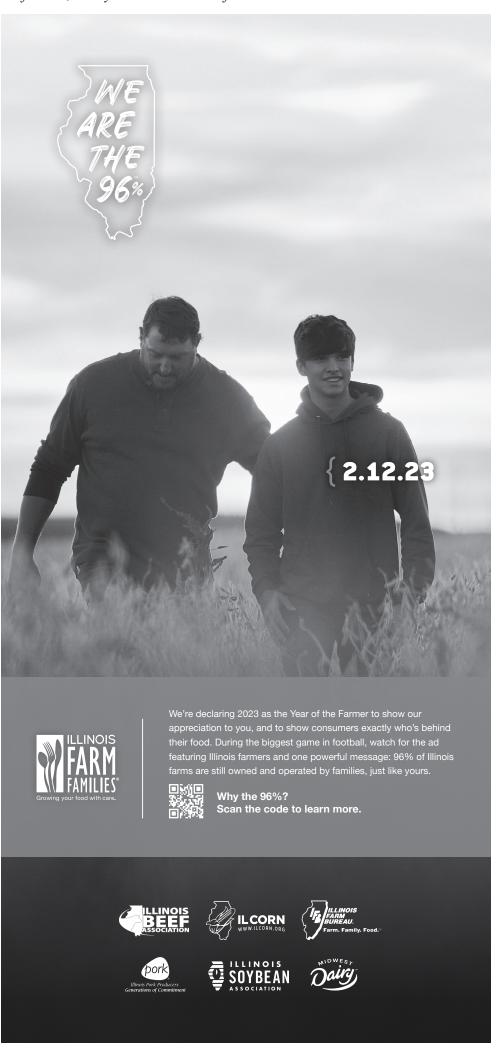


Families dominate farm ownership across Illinois, home to more than 70,000 family farms of all sizes. Some farms support small families; some big families. Regardless of size, most will tell you that welcoming the next generation requires careful planning and often profitable expansion to provide a livelihood for another household.

Family farms look different than decades ago. Our tractors are bigger. Adoption of technology has evolved. Metal-sided buildings replace wood barns. But families still run farms and carry the wisdom and spirit of generations that worked the land before them to grow our food.

When people visit the grocery store in 2023, we want at least 96% of them to shop confidently, knowing that families operate almost every farm in Illinois.

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.



AFBF Annual Convention and Trade Show

In January Cody and Bailey Conrady along with CCFB Manager Brad Uken attended the AFBF Annual Convention and Trade Show in Puerto Rico. While at the convention AFBF President Zippy Duvall recognized FarmDocs as a County Activity of Excellence! The Champaign County Farm Bureau and Carle's Illinois College of Medicine are in their second year of a collaboration 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.









Champaign County Farm Bureau held its annual meeting in January. Several retiring directors were recognized for their work and dedication to agriculture. Retiring directors are pictured with CCFB President Paul Hunsinger.





WOMEN'S COMMITTEE RECIPE OF THE MONTH Submitted by Loretta Stoerger

Tapioca Snow Salad

- 1-8 oz. pack pearl tapioca
 - 1 − 2# can crushed pineapple
- 1 cup sugar
- ½ cup coconut
- 1 pt. whipping cream, whipped
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- Miniature marshmallows

Directions

Soak tapioca 3 hours in top of double boiler covered with cold water. Add water if needed. Cook until transparent. Add water – as much as needed to cook. When done, remove from heat and immediately add pineapple, juice and all. Add sugar. Chill thoroughly/ takes about 6 hours. Then add marshmallows, coconut, and vanilla. Stir – fold in whipped cream, taste for sweetness. Refrigerate.