

Champaign County Farm Bureau Elects New Board Members

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

Welcome to the CCFB’s new board members

- Layne Ingram, Ogden Township
- Greg Johnson, Rantoul Township
- Jeff Fisher, Tolono Township

With the election of new board members, CCFB says good bye and job well done to several retiring directors. These retiring directors include Brian Krukewitt, South Homer Township; Brennon Breymeyer, Ogden Township; Dale Franzen, Rantoul Township; and Tom Swigart, Tolono Township. Over their tenure, these retiring CCFB Directors have interacted and engaged with our membership at meetings, events, and workshops. These directors have been instrumental in leading the charge for key issues affecting members including state and national legislation. Dale Franzen was instrumental in developing the now annual Membership Appreciation Picnic and served both on the executive committee and was an interlocking member with the CCFB Foundation Board of Directors. Brennon Breymeyer served as treasurer of the CCFB Board and was always more than willing to provide tours to teachers and elected officials of AHW.

Tom Swigart often hosted meetings and events at Monical’s in Tolono and was a valued member of our board with his unique and insightful thoughts on the issues facing the CCFB. Brian Krukewitt served as an interlocking member with the CCFB Foundation Board of Directors and participated in the IAA Annual Meeting and was incredibly active in CCFB events. The thoughts and actions from our retiring board members have been valued by all members over their tenures. CCFB President Paul Hunsinger presented each retiring board member with a personalized sign as a token of appreciation.



Retiring Director Dale Franzen pictured with CCFB Manager Bailey Edenburn.



Retiring Director Brennon Breymeyer giving tours to elected officials and teachers at AHW.



Retiring CCFB Directors are pictured with President Paul Hunsinger.



Contact us to sponsor a FUEL student!
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FUEL-ING CAREERS IN PRODUCTION AGRICULTURE

A new program offered by the Champaign County Farm Bureau Foundation takes aim at a growing need in production agriculture by encouraging the expansion of essential agricultural career pathways. Through the new FUEL grant program, the Foundation will support careers which fuel production agriculture.

Career-driven students pursuing associates degrees, certificates, or accreditations in various technical agricultural fields will be eligible to apply for annual grant funding. Areas of study could include precision ag technology, agricultural business/operations management, diesel power technology, veterinary technology, landscape design, and more.

Grant funds can be requested for a wide range of educational needs from tuition and fees to books, tools, lab equipment and more. CCFB Foundation Executive Director Kirk Bulta says the program will remain flexible to the needs of students. “If there is a financial roadblock preventing a student from pursuing their education, we want to take that into consideration, and help where we can.”

Bulta hopes the program is designed to not only help students afford the cost of education, but also to build connections for careers within the local industry. “In addition to alleviating the financial burden on our students, we also hope to provide meaningful connections to local businesses for internships and eventual careers.”

To receive funding, students with a passion for agriculture can complete a short application online at www.ccfbfoundation.com/FUEL. Applications will be considered from any Champaign County student enrolled in a qualified curriculum at an y college or trade school, or any in-district Parkland College student enrolled in a qualified curriculum.

Funding for FUEL Grants has been established through a significant financial commitment from various local agribusinesses and individuals like the family and friends of Ross Booker, Dr. David and Sharron Mies, Power Planter and the CCFB Foundation’s Board of Directors. If you or your company are interested in supporting this program, opportunities are still available. Interested parties should contact CCFB Foundation Executive Director Kirk Bulta for more information.

The Champaign County Farm Bureau Foundation communicates the critical importance of agriculture to the community. The Foundation educates by bringing knowledge and understanding through the Ag in the Classroom program, by providing scholarships and grants to future ag leaders, and through fundraising to support these initiatives. For more information regarding the CCFB Foundation visit www.ccfbfoundation.com.

March Report

President, Paul Hunsinger



Paul Hunsinger, CCFB President

Well there has been a lot of change around the Farm Bureau office this month. As we all know Brad's departure left some huge shoes to fill but I want to congratulate Bailey Edenburn-Conrady for being the new Manager of the Champaign County Farm Bureau! Bailey has had some amazing accomplishments while she was the assistant manager here at Champaign County including her latest one, the Farm Docs program. I look forward to working with Bailey as the new manager and I am excited to see what the future brings as we move forward and continue to make the voice of Agriculture heard in Champaign County and surrounding areas.

Sincerely,
Paul Hunsinger

Rural Nurse Practitioner Scholarship Program

Applications are now available for nurse practitioner scholarships through the Illinois Farm Bureau® Rural Nurse Practitioner Scholarship Program. There will be 15 scholarships, worth \$4,000 each, granted this year.

The scholarship program, now in its thirty first year, helps encourage and develop the pool of rural health practitioners to help meet primary health care needs in rural Illinois. Students who receive scholarships agree to practice for two years in an approved rural area in Illinois.

To be eligible for the scholarship, students must be Illinois residents and be a Registered Nurse accepted or enrolled in an accredited Nurse Practitioner Program. Funding is provided by the Rural Illinois Medical Student Assistance Program (RIMSAP).

Applications are available at county Farm Bureaus® throughout the state, on the Rural Illinois Medical Student Assistance Program website at RIMSAP.com, or by writing Donna Gallivan, Program Manager, Illinois Farm Bureau, 1701 Towanda Avenue, Bloomington, IL 61701. Applications are due May 1.

For additional information, contact Donna Gallivan at 309-557-2350, or via e-mail at dgallivan@iflb.org.



RURAL NURSE PRACTITIONER

Scholarship PROGRAM



DEADLINE IS MAY 1

Prime Timers Meeting

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED by March 6

Call the CCFB Office 217-352-5235

Meeting Date: March 9, 2023

Program: Steve & Judi Stierwalt –

Touring South America, Chili, & Argentina

Entertainment: Marvin Lee

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

March 13 -

Lorrie Pearson, Executive Director

Champaign County Forest Preserve District

March 13, 2023 speaking on the CCFPD's

75th Anniversary, presentation will

document the history of the District and

peak into what the future looks like.

CCFB Calendar of Events March 2023

March 9	Prime Timers	10 a.m.
March 13	Women's Committee	9:30 a.m.
March 16	Full Board	6:30 p.m.
March 21	Governmental Affairs	7:30 a.m.

American Farm Bureau Federation's 2023 Ag Safety Awareness Program (ASAP) Week was created to bring awareness to safety and health issues facing the agriculture industry. The U.S. Agricultural Safety and Health Centers are joining American Farm Bureau Federation in keeping friends and family safe and healthy this year by recognizing common agricultural hazards with the theme "Lead the Way in Agriculture."

Themes

- Monday – Mental Health
- Tuesday – Preventative Health Care
- Wednesday – Safety Culture
- Thursday – Situational Awareness
- Friday – Temperature-Related Safety



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Farming: A Job With As Many Boots As Hats

Before the first puddles of spring arrived, I would rummage through the supply of hand-me-down rubber boots, searching for the size that our young kids had grown into for the season. The appropriate footwear lined the back hall, ready for water to pond in the driveway.

Today, my teenagers splash less, but the boot dryer has a permanent space near an outlet and the family’s boots now take up more space for a household with adult-sized feet. Shoes and boots for “farm” and “good” fill cabinets and cubbies by the back door. Rubber boots – both insulated and not – line part of the garage wall. Shelves display the nicer western boots that our kids wear to school, FFA events and the 4-H fair for showing livestock. Boots for the chicken coop stay in the garage.

Farmers wear as many boots as hats on the farm, symbolic of a wide range of skills worth recognizing in this season that honors National Ag Day on March 21, 2023. In Illinois, families (not corporations) own and operate an overwhelming 96% of farms. Those families pull on boots as agronomists, veterinarians, accountants and mechanics. They operate heavy machinery, manage employees, build fence and monitor weather to know what boots to wear.

In this job of many boots, we may scout bean fields on a dewy summer morning or clean a livestock stall for the next cow to give birth. Hard-soled boots climb from the tractor to check seed depth behind the planter. We attend farm conferences in our best boots or spend a winter afternoon with the family in snow boots, sledding the slope southeast of the farmstead.

For some farms, plastic boot covers protect animals from devastating diseases that could transmit from boot treads. That’s not the case for us but



boot covers would help at times. Someone occasionally leaves a trail of mud in the farm office, despite the boot scraper outside the door.

Three boot dryers await their duties along the footwear wall where Dad and the guys store boots for every season and task, from chores to cheer – or sometimes, the unexpected. I wore rubber boots to my aunt’s funeral a few years ago to keep my heels out of the mud. It was my nod to the career farm woman, who would have done the same.

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.

Maggi’s Membership Corner

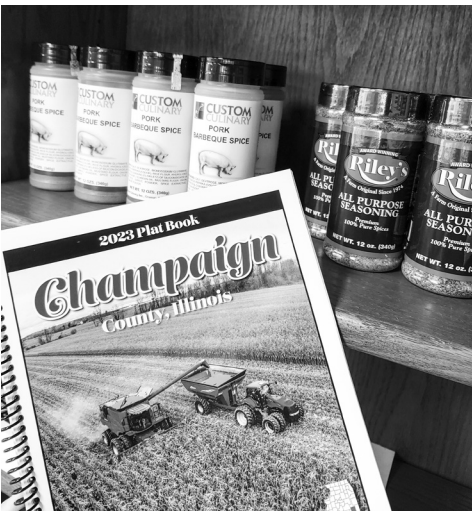
By Maggi Maxstadt, CCFB Membership & Outreach Coordinator

Marching into the new month can be hard to do. I’m thinking spring, Farm Bureau members!

Starting in the spring, we have trips “rolling out” from the Farm Bureau! Our first one leaves at the end of this month, and we finish out the year with a brand new overnight trip for a Christmas production. If you’re interested in going on a trip or two, call the office to reserve your spot and pay. Trips fill up quickly, so be sure to join in on the fun! Full trip itineraries can be found on page 7.

The plat books are finally here! I REPEAT, PLAT BOOKS ARE HERE. Plat books cost \$27.50 for members. If you don’t live in the area or can’t make it in to the office, we are more than happy to ship to you! Your book will be sent after receiving the payment plus shipping. We also have a limited number of plat maps for sale, so contact the office for availability.

Lastly, I’ll repeat my message from January... 2023 is a year of BIG changes for the Champaign County Farm Bureau. Although it may be bittersweet, change helps to move the organization forward. Please be patient with staff through this time of change.



If you visit the office, you can check out the plat books, pork spice, and all-purpose seasoning for sale!

That’s all for now, so get out and enjoy my favorite month of the year!

February Featured Speaker at Women's Committee General Meeting

The Women's Committee, guest speaker at their February general meeting was Trooper Haylie Polistina, Illinois State Police, Public Information Officer, Northern Region.

Trooper Polistina provided an informative presentation on safe driving and elder scams in addition to answering questions.



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Ag in the Classroom

2022-23



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96%

IL FARMERS FEATURED DURING SUPER BOWL

Did you spot the Super Bowl ad in February featuring Illinois family farmers? It carried an important message: most Illinois farms are still family-run. Yep, 96% of Illinois farms are family-owned! Meet some of Illinois' farm families at Wearethe96.org. Let's share our Champaign County farm family photo with the We Are The 96% logo at our Facebook page. #Wearethe96 #FarmersofIllinois

SHOW US YOUR BOOTS!

To celebrate the release of the children's book "Farm Boots" by Lisl Detlefsen, Illinois Ag in the Classroom is taking work boot video submissions from 4H, FFA Members, and farm kids from around the state to show the diversity of Illinois farms and farm families and the many "boots" they wear to get their work done on the farm. These videos will be posted on IAITC's social media accounts from March 20 through April 20 of this year. If you're interested in submitting a video, please email Chris Wyant, IAITC Education Manager, at cwyant@ilfb.org.



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Introduction of Eric Beckett, Field Agronomist from Illini FS

I want to introduce myself to the CCFB Members. I have been a Field Agronomist with Illini FS since April 2020 and have now assumed many of the duties from Dr. Howard Brown since his retirement in January 2023. I have nearly 20 years of experience in crop production, with backgrounds working in corn hybrid and soybean variety development research, crop protection research, research of high-yielding environments of corn and soybeans, and advising growers throughout IL. All my professional experience comes from working in the state of IL, with most of my knowledge gained from East Central IL. Along with my professional work experiences, I hold degrees from Parkland College and Southern IL University in Carbondale, IL. I have maintained a Certified Crop Advisor certification since 2014 and added the 4R Nutrient Management certification in 2022. My professional interests include many of the items Dr. Howard Brown has reported in the past, including Nutrient Stewardship, Managing High Yield Environments, and On-Farm Discovery trials. With these interests, my passion is also for educating and advising on sound agronomic practices that have been validated locally.

All good things must come to an end, including Cover Crops.

During this past Fall of 2022, Illini FS started a turnkey Cover Crop Program for growers to enroll in for custom seeding of cover crops that focused on seeding cereal rye ahead of soybeans no-tilled into corn stalks. Illini FS seeded roughly 3000 acres throughout Illini FS trait territory. The cereal rye custom seeded with a drill emerged very well last fall and has continued to grow throughout

winter. With the 2023 Planting Season quickly approaching, growers who have established cover crops will likely need herbicide termination application before planting unless a species is susceptible to winter kill. It will be essential for growers that may have yet to gain experience with cover crops to follow these termination recommendations.

1. Termination should occur once approximately 12" of growth or within two weeks of the expected planting date. This will be critical to managing cereal rye biomass so that most planters can effectively plant soybeans.
2. Glyphosate will likely be a vital component of the herbicide tank mix for cereal rye terminations. The recommended rate should be 1.25 lbs. acid equivalent of Glyphosate with proper adjuvants. If termination occurs during adverse weather conditions or more than 12" of growth has occurred, other management strategies may need to be implemented.
3. Management of other winter annuals during cereal rye termination will also be essential to control at termination and effective control measures implemented for those emerged winter annuals.
4. A solid anticipated Plan A and a good Plan B and C will ensure a successful cover crop termination if adverse weather conditions occur.

A good rule of thumb is that once 12" of cereal rye growth has occurred, cereal rye has likely scavenged many plant-available nutrients that may be susceptible to loss during early springtime.

Spring Burndown

Prior to 2nd node/joint but > 12" Tall and/or 2 weeks prior to planting

Cereal Rye Termination	Cereal Rye Termination + Winter Annuals
<p>Plan A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *1.25 lbs ae/A Glyphosate *2 lbs/A AMS <p>Plan B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *1.25 lbs ae/A Glyphosate *1 oz/A Sharpen *2 lbs/A AMS + FS Optivix <p>Plan C</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *2 pt/A Gramoxone SL 3.0 *10-12 oz/A of 4 lbs Metribuzin *0.5 lbs ae/A 2,4-D or Dicamba *2 lbs/A AMS *12 oz/A FS COC Supreme 	<p>Plan A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *1.25 lbs ae/A Glyphosate *0.75-1 lbs ae/A 2,4-D or Dicamba *2 lbs/A AMS *12 oz/A FS COC Supreme <p>Plan B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *1.25 lbs ae/A Glyphosate *0.5-1 lbs ae/A 2,4-D or Dicamba *1 oz/A Sharpen *2 lbs/A AMS *12 oz/A FS Optivix <p>Plan C</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *2.7 pt/A Gramoxone SL 3.0 *10-12 oz/A 4 lbs Metribuzin *0.5 lbs ae/A 2,4-D or Dicamba *2 lbs/A AMS *10 oz/A FS COC Supreme

(Plan A-C, Use of 2,4-D or Dicamba is determined by soybean herbicide trait platform)

Successful Cereal Rye Applications will occur > 12" of vegetative growth or Feekes 4-6 prior to Boot Stage to 2nd node/joint growth stage and/or 2 weeks prior to planting.

Successful Winter Annual Control Applications will occur while weeds are still in Rosette Growth Stage prior to bolting.

Always please read and follow all chemical label recommendations, FS COC Supreme, FS Optivix registered trademarks of Growmark; Sharpen registered trademarks of BASF; Gramoxone SL 3.0 registered trademark of Syngenta.

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CCFB Members, please get in touch with me at 217-318-9100 or email ebeckett@illinifs.com with any questions or concerns about this article. I look forward to actively engaging in this monthly newsletter.

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When You Should Call a Professional

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If you’ve ever attempted home maintenance, you may have already experienced that sinking feeling when you realize you’re in over your head. Take a look at the chart below before you start your next project and it may save you time, money, aggravation and maybe even a call to your insurance carrier for a claim.



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Task	Do it yourself	Call a professional
Electrical	Most simple tasks, like changing switchplate covers, light bulbs, etc. require little effort. When changing light bulbs, be sure to use a sturdy ladder and have someone nearby in case of a fall. When changing switchplate covers, use caution to make sure the tool you're using doesn't get near the home's wiring.	If your task requires direct contact with electricity, like changing outlets, light fixtures, etc., call a licensed electrician to avoid injury or damage to your home.
Plumbing	Replacing a washer on a faucet, unclogging a drain or replacing a shower head are all common tasks that can be done by a homeowner (remember to turn off the water first when working with faucets).	Picture yourself trying to stop a leak, or even running water. Not pretty. Many plumbing jobs including replacing fixtures or moving or installing pipes require special tools and special skills. Call a licensed plumber and stay dry.
Walls	Most painting projects can be done with the right preparation, including masking areas and laying down ground cloth to avoid drips and spills, and even filling nail holes. Just be careful on that ladder.	Damage to walls can often require replacing drywall or plaster. This type of work requires special skills and special tools. If you don't want guests to notice your patch work, call a pro.
Floors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Scratches and nicks in wood floors can be filled in with crayon.Broken ceramic tile can be easily replaced and grout can be cleaned.Peeling vinyl can be repaired with adhesive and a heavy object.	Installing hardwood floors requires experience with getting everything aligned correctly. And installing carpet requires additional skill, as well as the correct tools. You'll be glad you called a professional for these tasks.



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2023 CCFB Trip Dates, Deadlines & Information

Questions? Call the Champaign County Farm Bureau at 217-352-5235.

NEW TRIP ANNOUNCED

❖ November 27 & 28, 2023

Blue Gate Theatre, Shipshewana, IN

Daniel O'Donnell Christmas and More & Salute to the Stars: Country Christmas

Daniel O'Donnell Christmas and More: The show is a unique production that features the star entertaining his audience with a nostalgic trip down memory lane as he performs hit after hit in the first part of the show. Then, when the curtain is raised for the second half, the stage is transformed into a Yuletide setting which will feature Daniel singing many Christmas favorites, including "White Christmas", "Merry Christmas To You", and countless other festive classics from across the decades.

Salute to the Stars; Country Christmas: The Blue Gate Theater brings you the Las Vegas-style tribute show "Salute to the Stars". This installment of "Salute to the Stars" includes tributes to Elvis, Garth and Trisha.

And finally, as the King of Rock and Roll, Elvis Presley, is the man known worldwide as the TRUE Voice of Elvis, Doug Church.

Price per person: \$445.00 -Single \$350.00 per person - Double

Cost includes: Motor coach transportation, hotel, tickets for two shows, meals include: 1-breakfast, 1-lunch and 1-dinner and gratuity.

Deadline to register or cancel reservations is: Monday, September 18, 2023



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



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

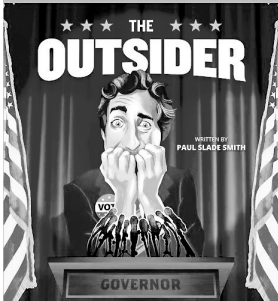
Deadline to register or cancel reservations is: Monday, June 19

September 20, 2023 (Wednesday Matinee)

Outsider, CIRCA 21 Theatre, Rock Island, IL

Outsider

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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June 14, 2023

Moonshine Restaurant & Casey, IL

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

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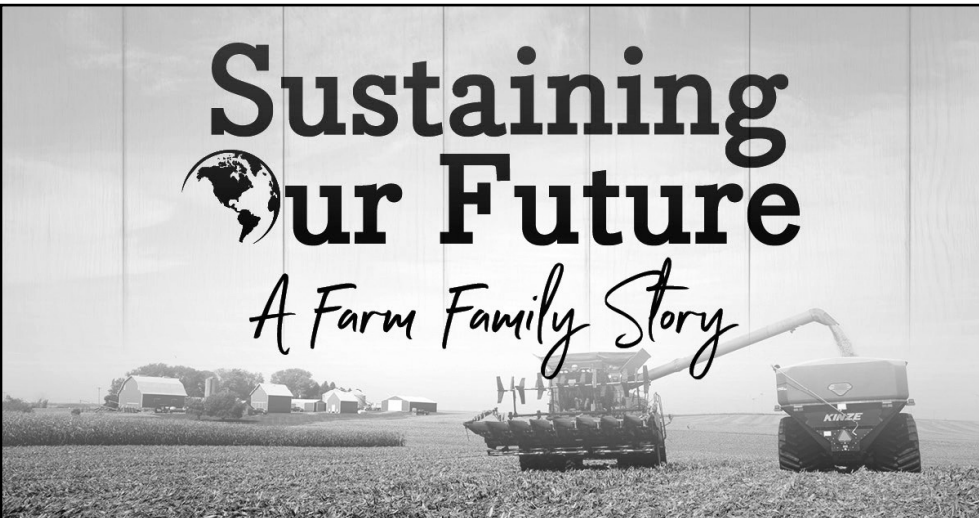
Please note the deadlines posted for each trip; Any

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.



In episode 3 of @Illinois Farm Bureau's "Sustaining Our Future: A Farm Family Story" documentary, Michael Ganschow explains how landowner buy-in is essential for farmers interested in implementing conservation practices on rented farmland. Michael also visits a Nutrient Stewardship Field Day in nearby McDonough County to check out a woodchip bioreactor and to talk to other farmers and university scientists about conservation practices. Watch now: <https://bit.ly/SustainingOurFutureEp3> #SustainingOurFutureIL

How Champaign County Farm Bureau Served You in February

1

CCFB directors and staff attended the IL Farm Bureau Governmental Affairs and Leadership Conference in Springfield to learn more about the legislative issues facing agriculture and to visit with elected officials.

2

The CCFB Women's Committee held a successful coat, hat, and glove collection for the CU Canteen Run.

3

CCFB Young Leaders held 2 successful events in February including bowling with Young Leaders from Vermilion, Douglas, and Edgar counties.

4

The CCFB Foundation completed another successful scholarship application period.



2023 LOCAL ELECTIONS

Consolidated Election - April 4

Date	Description
January 4	Vote by mail applications now accepted
February 23	Early voting begins, vote by mail ballots mailed
March 7	Regular voter registration ends
March 8	Grace period voter registration and voting begins
March 10	Early voting begins if a primary was held, vote by mail ballots mailed
March 19	Online voter registration ends
March 30	Last day for vote by mail applications through mail
April 3	Last day for vote by mail applications in person, early voting ends
April 4	Election Day (6am – 7pm)
April 18	Last day for vote by mail tabulation

SEEDING YOUR COVERS

MARCH 2, 2023
TIME: 8 – 12 PM, LUNCH
PARKLAND COLLEGE
CHAMPAIGN, IL

SPEAKERS

Keynote:
Jim Hoorman, Hoorman Soil Health Services
Jim will discuss the key indicators for soil health, touch on the management practices and decisions that lead to improved soil function and quality, to explain the 'why'!

Seeding methods:
Champaign area farmers

- Air seeding
- Aerial application
- Corn head seeding
- Precision planting
- Commercial seeding w/ retailer
- Vertical tillage

Contact Ivan to RSVP:
ivan_dozier@il.nacdn.net
(217) 352-3536 ext. 3

Lunch, coffee, and donuts provided

ccswcd.com

AG DAY TURNS 50!

HONORING AMERICA'S FARMERS AND FARM FAMILIES

CELEBRATING AMERICAN AG

March 21, 2023

Evolution and progress have carried American agriculture into a new era since the first Ag Day was celebrated in 1973. The Agriculture Council of America (ACA) is proud to continue sharing the stories of America's farmers and farm families—and acknowledging their contributions to our nation's health, security and economic prosperity.

Here's to the next 50 years of showing our appreciation for the hardworking folks who provide us with food, fiber and fuel. Thank you!

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WOMEN'S COMMITTEE RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Submitted by Sandra Chestnut

Oatmeal Harvest Cake

- 1 cup quick oats
- 1 ½ cup boiling water

Pour water over oats – Let sit 20 minutes.

Cream together

- ½ cup shortening
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 cup brown sugar

Add

- 2 well beaten eggs
- oatmeal
- 1 1/3 cup flour
- 1 tsp baking soda

- ½ tsp salt
- 1 tsp cinnamon

Bake 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes

Oatmeal Harvest Cake Topping

Mix

- 1 stick melted butter
- ½ cup milk
- 1 cup brown sugar
- ½ tsp vanilla
- 2 cups coconut

Spread over cake while still warm – place in broiler until brown