

# The Friday Leader

**News from the Champaign County Farm Bureau**

*News for the Week Ending Friday, July 17th, 2015*

## **The Learning Barn at the Fisher Fair**

Miss Fisher Fair, Karson Pacunas, and Little Miss, Haylee Gallowe, visit the CCFB trailer at the Fisher Fair last week to check out the Women's Committee Learning Barn! Thank you to the Zwilling family for taking the trailer, all those who volunteered at the trailer and Rhonda Scott for taking the photos!

## **Pull 4 AG**

Young Ag Leaders sponsored a shooting team to shoot at Pull 4 AG, last Saturday at Olde Barn Sporting Clays in Oakland, IL.

## **This Week's Hot Topics**

- **WILD WEATHER CONTINUES** – A tornado ripped through parts western Illinois Thursday night causing damage to some Warren County farms and in the unincorporated community of Cameron. Gov. Rauner activated an emergency operations center in Springfield in response to the storm that also reportedly caused damage in Kirkwood and Monmouth.
- **CHINA TO LICENSE DUPONT TECHNOLOGY** – DuPont said Thursday it will license its technology to construct the largest cellulosic ethanol manufacturing plant in China. As part of the agreement with New Tianlong Industry Co., DuPont said it will license its ethanol technology and some of its enzymes to produce renewable biofuel from the leftover biomass on Jilin Province corn farms.
- **CONSUMER PRICE INDEX** – The Consumer Price Index increased 0.3 percent in June, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. The seasonally adjusted all items increase was broad-based with moderate advances in indexes for gas, housing and food.
- **SWEET CORN LAW GENERATES JIBES** – Gov. Bruce Rauner signed legislation making sweet corn the official state

vegetable of Illinois. The action immediately fueled snide posts on social media, especially from some members of the state capitol press corps given the budget standoff with the legislature that continues.

- **FRESH EVERY DAY** – Be sure to check your FarmWeekNow/RFD Radio Network® mobile app this weekend for fresh Illinois ag news posts each day. The news never stops, and it's easy to download the app on your Android, iPhone or tablet.

- **PIPELINE CREWS DAMAGING LAND, FARMERS CLAIM**– Crews working on a 168-mile Enbridge oil pipeline are damaging wet fields in central Illinois according to local farmers. Tim Killian, who farms south of Hudson in McLean County, said pipeline crews came into his farmland and started removing wet top soil to make way for future work. Killian's land hasn't been tilled for 30 years to help keep the soil in place. "To shove it around when it's wet destroys the structure and upsets the microbial action in the soil, Killian said. Other farmers also have said that pipeline crews went into wet field and have photos showing the damage.

- **SWEET CORN OFFICIAL VEGETABLE OF ILLINOIS**– Gov. Bruce Rauner signed legislation making sweet corn Illinois' official state vegetable.

- **GENERAL MILLS PLANTS TO CLOSE**– General Mills will close two of its factories, one in the Chicago area and the other in Joplin, Mo. The company will lay off more than 500 in the Chicago facility and approximately 120 in the Joplin facility. The company has closed four others within the past year.
- **CALIFORNIA TO FARMERS: CEASE AND DESIST**– California water regulators flexed their muscles on Thursday by ordering a group of farmers to stop pumping from a branch of the San Joaquin River escalating the battle over how much power the state has to protect waterways that are drying up in the drought.
- **KRAFT HQ MOVING TO DOWNTOWN CHICAGO**– Two weeks after shareholders approved a tie-up between Kraft and Heinz, the food company has announced a move that will bring its Kraft headquarters into downtown Chicago.

## **Mark Your Calendar!**

**-JULY 20, 2015 AT 05:00PM**

**CDL Course Registration Deadline**

CCFB  
801 N Country Fair Dr  
Champaign, IL 61821

**-July 20, 2015 at 9:30a.m.**

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W/ Attorney, R Samuel Postlewait

**-JULY 25, 2015 *FROM 07:30AM TO 12:00PM***

CDL Course

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801 N Country Fair Dr  
Champaign, IL 61821

**Great Opportunity!!!**

**Please call with any questions, this is a great learning  
safety opportunity, for the entire family!!!!**

## **Today in History**

- 1821 Spain ceded Florida to the United States.
- 1955 Disneyland opens in California.
- 1961 Baseball hall-of-famer Ty Cobb died at age 74.
- 1990 The Minnesota Twins become the first team in Major League Baseball to turn two triple plays in a single game

Sincerely,

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by recognizing and responding to issues of concern while strengthening*

*partnerships and improving farm family life for this and future generations.”*