

Summer at CCFB



Burger Bash

Events

The 17th Annual Farm Bureau Foundation Gala will be held on Thursday, June 13th at Pear Tree Estate. This fundraising event supports the CCFB Foundation and its programming like Ag in the Classroom and Scholarships. This is a ticketed event which sells out quickly. Call the office, or visit the www.ccfbfoundation.com/gala to see if tickets are still available.

Burger Bashes are an event hosted around Champaign County in various townships. This is an event that allows for communities to come together and talk about all things agriculture. For the Farm Bureau, we use these meetings to better understand the needs of our members. We will be hosting three this year throughout the county.

Every year, CCFB hosts Toolshed Meetings in the community. This year they will be on July 24th, but the place and time are still to be determined. Kevin Semlow (Executive Director of Governmental Affairs and Commodities) will be presenting and answering questions re-



Toolshed Meetings

garding what is happening in Springfield.

Mental Health and Mocktails will be an event from our Women Rooted in Ag group. Come enjoy tasty mocktails as Adriene Desutter talks about all things mental wellness. This event will take place on June 18th at 6:30pm in the CCFB auditorium.

On July 9th, delve into the intricacies of contracts, grain marketing, and soil quality concerns at our informative gathering designed for both novice and seasoned landowners. This will be in the CCFB auditorium at 5:30pm.

As solar and wind farms become more prevalent, the need for educated discussion around solar is important. Therefore, CCFB will host Bill Bodine (Director of Business and Regulatory Affairs), Noelle Neff (Assistant Director of Energy), and Garret Thalgot (Assistant General Council) from Illinois Farm Bureau to talk about what they have seen around the state and what to look out for. This meeting will take place on July 15th at 6:30PM in the CCFB Auditorium.

Come see CCFB staff at the Sunflower Celebrations put on by Clearview Farms. We will be hosting a "Whatever Floats your Goat" themed celebration for the event. There will be goats, root beer floats, and trivia for all ages. The festival doesn't have a date yet as it is dependent on when the sunflowers bloom but it will be in late July/August.



Prime Timers

We are also working to put together a meeting for carbon markets. As we see more and more programs designed around carbon, we want to make sure our members have the information they need to help them capture all of the possible programs that are out there. Look for this meeting to happen in mid August.

The Farm Bureau Foundation's Golf Outing – Golf FORE Agriculture - will be held on Thursday, August 1st at the Illini Orange and Blue Golf Course in Savoy. Golfers of all skill levels are encouraged to participate for a fun-filled day on the golf course! All proceeds support the Foundation's programs. Registration will open soon on the Foundation's website.

To round off the Summer, we will again be having the Annual Membership Appreciation Picnic. This year is will be at Hudson Farms on August 11th from 4-7pm. We will be having inflatables, outdoor activities, and more for families

of the farm bureau.

Committees

Governmental Affairs meets the Tuesday After CCFB's month board meeting. This summer, those dates are June 25th, July 23rd, and August 20th at 7:30am. Governmental Affairs committee is a great place for members to engage with local, state, and federal government. We hope to see you there and to hear your concerns about what is happening around Champaign County.

Marketing Meetings will be held on June 27th and August 6th at 6:30pm at the Champaign County Farm Bureau Auditorium. These meetings are organized with the intent of bringing local experts and our farmers together to discuss the outlook of the farm inputs and crop prices to come.

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CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FARM BUREAU MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION *Picnic*

AUGUST 11, 2024 • 4PM-7PM
AT HUDSON FARMS
1341 County Rd 1800 E, Urbana, IL 61802

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No charge to the member or their family for dinner!

RSVP TO THE OFFICE BY JULY 31 BY CALLING OR SCANNING THE QR CODE.

June Report



President, Doug Downs

I hope by the time you read this that planting season is well behind you. As I write this (5-15 on a rain delay) I'm almost wrapped up but it's been more of a challenge than I've had in several years. If you remember, back in the April newsletter, I encouraged everyone to have patience and also stated I'd be the first to not follow my own advice..... and I certainly didn't follow my own advice. Sometimes it's not realistic to wait for absolute perfect conditions and this season proved that. Although I'm not proud of some of the conditions I planted in the first week of May, there have been enough little rains to forgive those sins. If I had to guess by the looks of the earliest planted crops in my area, we are off to a great start, where I'm at.

You will notice, in this issue, that the calendar of events is really growing for this summer season. CCFB staff has put together and will be in attendance at several events this summer. There will be a burger bash near you, tool shed meetings, several informational meetings with local officials and of course the local fairs.

It should also be mentioned that all of you are welcome to join us once a month at the governmental affairs morning meeting. This is a chance for you to interact with local officials and hear what's going on from a special guest official. The meeting lasts about 90 minutes and has breakfast. Make sure to check out the Monday morning emails as well, as they have the most recent updates. There is something new almost every week.

Sincerely,
Doug Downs

Prime Timers Meeting

June 13, 2024

Speaker: Dave Newcomb,

Illinois Fire Service Institute

Entertainment: Chrissy Sparks

\$8 per person/Fried Chicken Buffet

No Walk-Ins

Call to reserve your spot by June 10

CCFB Office - 217-352-5235

CCFB Calendar of Events

June 2024

June 10	Women's Committee	9:30 a.m.
June 13	Prime Timers	10 a.m.
June 18	Mocktails & Mental Health	6:30 p.m.
June 20	Full Board	6:30 p.m.
June 25	Governmental Affairs	7:30 a.m.

Women's Committee

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

Calendar of Events

- June 10 - 9:30a.m. – CCFB Auditorium
Speaker-Emily Harmon, U of IL Extension -
Topic - brain fitness
Lunch will follow at Olive Garden
- June 14 – 9 a.m. – CCFB Auditorium
Sewing committee

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CCFB Women's Committee

Women's Committee meets every month on the second Monday. This summer those dates are June 10th, July 8th, and August 12th at 9:30 am. This is a group of women that come together to stay engaged and give back to the community. Through community events, monthly meetings, and charitable efforts, the women of the Women's committee continue to be a shining star for the Farm Bureau.

Primetimers is a group of people aged 55+ that come together every month in the CCFB auditorium. They enjoy a presentation, a nice meal, and entertainment from local groups. Primetimers will meet June 13th, July 11th, and August 8th at 10am.

New to CCFB is a group called AgriLink. This is a business group that is meeting periodically throughout the year to connect Agribusinesses in and around Champaign County. Our first meeting occurred on May 9th at Papa Dells. We are in the process of putting together more events for our agribusinesses.

Women Rooted in Ag is a newer group formed by the need of a women's group that is able to come together outside of the typical 9-5. The goal with the group will remain a community of women rooted in agriculture, offering connection, learning opportunities and a platform to grow and share experiences. Women across farms, households, and boardrooms, are paving the way for a better future for farm families and we want to help them connect with each other.

Young Leaders will be meeting every month throughout the summer as well. This is a group of people below age 35 that meets for networking, career growth, and comradery.

Mark your calendars for these events and more to come.

Please reach out to lucas@ccfarmbureau.com for more information on any events that we have coming this summer or if you would like to hear about any other topics.

Visit myifb.org to see details.



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2024 CCFB Trip Dates, Deadlines & Information

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Thursday, June 20, 2024 (Matinee)

Honky Tonk Angels The Little Theatre On The Square – Sullivan, IL



When three gutsy gals from different backgrounds take charge of their lives, they decide to follow their honky tonk dreams to the city of Nashville. Combining 30 classic country tunes (including “Stand By Your Man,” “9 to 5,” “Harper Valley PTA” and more!) The Honky Tonk Angels is a hilarious, foot-stomping good time from the creator of Always... Patsy Cline.

Lunch will be at Yoder’s and is NOT included in the price..

Price Per Person: \$95

Deadline to Register or cancel reservation: **DEADLINE EXTENDED to June 7, 2024**

Wednesday, August 14, 2024 (Matinee)

NOTE- Performance Change, Dates & Times remain the same.

The Bikinis - A New Musical Beach Party! CIRCA '21 Dinner Playhouse – Rock Island, IL

Everyone’s favorite girl group from the sixties, THE BIKINIS – or “The Jersey Girls,” as they’re affectionately called – are back together after 20 years, bringing back the sun, fun and all the great songs they sang down on the boardwalk at the Jersey Shore. THE BIKINIS relive their heyday and beyond, beginning the summer of 1964, the night these four inseparable friends won the Belmar Beach Talent Contest. THE BIKINIS is a nonstop celebration of song filled with hits such as “It’s In His Kiss,” “Yellow Polka Dot Bikini,” “Under The Boardwalk,” “I Will Survive,” “It’s Raining Men,” and many more!

Price Per Person: \$120

Deadline to Register or cancel reservation: July 10

Thursday, September 26, 2024 (Matinee)

Million Dollar Quartet Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre – Indianapolis, IN



On December 4, 1956, an extraordinary twist of fate brought Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and Elvis Presley together at Sun Records in Memphis for what would be one of the greatest jam sessions ever. Million Dollar Quartet bring that legendary December night to life featuring an incredible score performed live onstage, including: “Blue Suede Shoes”, “Fever”, “Walk the Line”, “Sixteen Tons”, “Who Do You Love”, “That’s All Right”, “Folsom Prison Blues”, “Whole Lotta Shakin’ Goin’ On”, “Hound Dog”and more.

Price Per Person: \$120

Deadline to Register or cancel reservation: August 23

Wednesday, December 4, 2024 (Matinee)

Miracle on 34th Street Harmony Theatre – Hillsboro, IN



A holiday classic from the writer of the musical theatre classic, *The Music Man!*, and based on the movie of the same name, *Miracle on 34th Street* features a book and score by none other than Meredith Willson. Single mother, Doris Walker, doesn’t want her six-year-old Susan’s head filled with romantic notions. Their neighbor, Fred Gailey, tries to woo Doris by charming Susan and taking her to see Santa Claus at Macy’s, where Doris works. Doris is not impressed, but when it turns out that Macy’s Santa may, in fact, be the real Kris Kringle, a wave of love spreads across New York City that melts even the most cynical hearts. Filled with humor, spectacle and such beloved songs as “Pinecones and Hollyberries,” “It’s Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas” and “My State, My Kansas,” this joyous, heartwarming musical is pure family entertainment, wholesome without being cloying. *Miracle on 34th Street The Musical* is the perfect holiday treat for everyone.

Price Per Person: \$120

Deadline to Register or cancel reservation: October 28

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WEEK 1
Musculoskeletal Disorders

WEEK 2
Workplace Impairment

WEEK 3
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WEEK 4
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WIND AND Solar MEETING

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Ag in the Classroom



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School's out for Summer

Mrs. Kaper and Mrs. Adcock wrapped up teaching in the classrooms for the 2023-2024 school year. They visited over 40 schools with an average of 60 lessons per month, reaching 25,000+ students. Planning and preparation for next year is in the works to keep students learning about **Food, Fibers, and Fuels.**

Champaign Ag in the Classroom Presents Summer Ag Institute 2024

REGISTER NOW



July 10-12th

Registration:

- Space is limited to 20 5th-12th grade teachers
- Deadline to register is June 21st
- For details and to sign up, www.ccfbfoundation.com/sai



Connect with us!
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THURSDAY | JUNE 13 | 2024

PEAR TREE ESTATE | 2150 CR 1000 E | CHAMPAIGN, IL 61822

5:30pm Silent Auction & Cocktails

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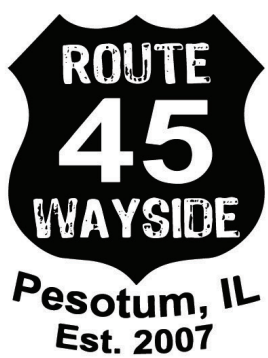
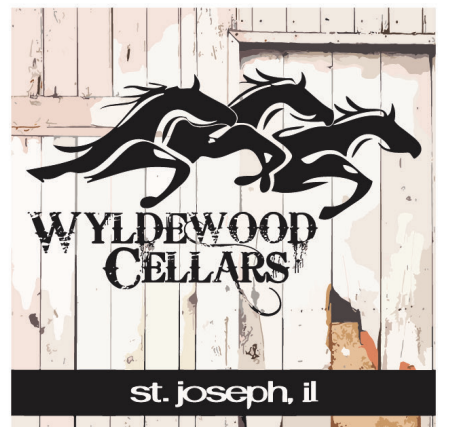
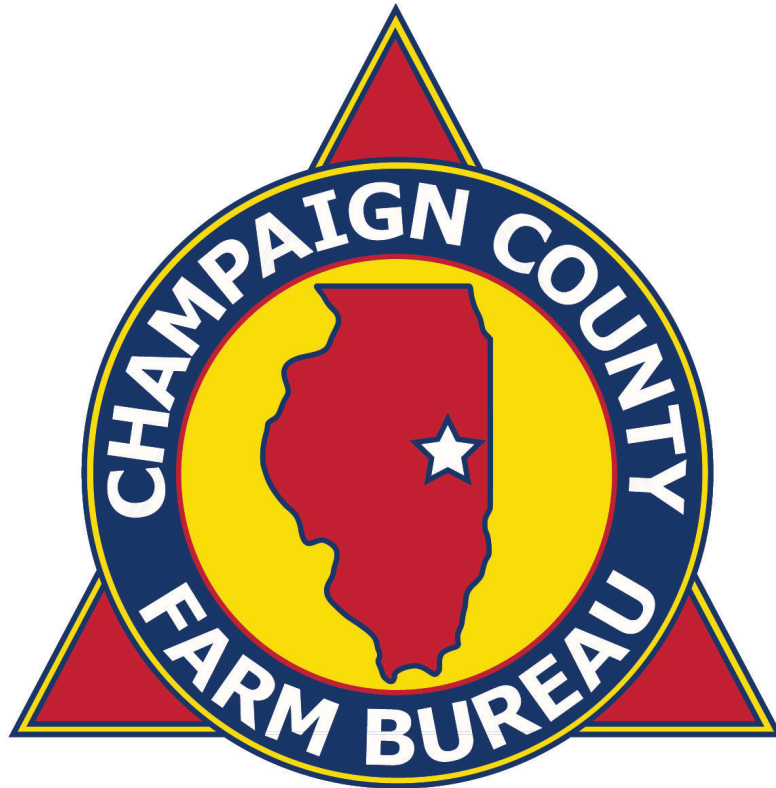
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At @COUNTRYFinancial, you can expect more protection, more options and fewer worries.

Want to read the @NerdWallet review? <https://www.nerdwallet.com/.../best-homeowners-insurance>

* Eligibility requirements may apply.

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Country Financial: Best homeowners insurance for using an agent



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OVERVIEW	PROS & CONS	WHY WE PICKED IT
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Ag for Every Classroom

Free resources use agriculture to teach core subjects

Last summer, a Chicago teacher told me how excited she was to soil her undies for her students when the new school year started.

The second-grade teacher and her students buried cotton underwear in the school courtyard as a “Soil Your Undies” science experiment through Illinois Farm Bureau’s Ag in the Classroom program. Periodically, they dug up the undies to observe and record decomposition to measure the soil’s health and microbial activity.

The teacher used agriculture as an avenue to teach science after her attendance at a Summer Agricultural Institute hosted by the Illinois Farm Bureau’s Ag in the Classroom program. This summer, 40 institutes will take place across the state, providing pre-K-to-12 teachers an enjoyable, well-spent way to earn required Professional Development Units while they gain hands-on experiences, receive free teaching materials and take adult field trips to local farms.

The raving reviews of the institutes are no surprise given the nationally recognized success of Illinois Ag in the Classroom, which provides agriculture-based curriculum resources for free to teachers year-round. Topics of Illinois-grown pumpkins, apples, corn, soybeans, dairy, pork, pollinators and more serve as the vehicle to teach science, literature, math, STEM and social studies. In each topic area, students learn about agricultural careers, increasing awareness of the state’s top employer and the overlooked job opportunities within the industry. The available curricular resources are relevant to student life and correlate to Illinois Learning Standards with various delivery options.

My favorites are the two dozen magazines called “Ag Mags” that highlight a single ag topic with vibrant images and graphics that benefit readers of any age. Double-sided classroom posters turn from themes of apples to agriculture’s



part in football. Lesson plans have students making ice cream in a bag and grinding wheat to make flour. Digital resources work well with Chromebooks or smart boards. Translations in Spanish and French allow materials to reach more students.

Accessibility to resources gives Illinois Ag in the Classroom its edge. Materials are free online and through local county Farm Bureaus, which employ county coordinators to manage distribution of materials and even provide no-cost, in-classroom presentations. This valuable classroom resource is a concept to embrace: Let’s use Illinois’ No. 1 industry of agriculture to understand the food, fiber and energy products that impact our lives, explore careers that surround us and teach core subjects in engaging ways – whether through pumpkins, pollinators, corn, cows or underwear.

On the farm, soybeans collaborate well with conservation-minded practices of no-till and cover crops. They add benefits to the soil in a corn-soybean planting rotation and provide our farm a double-cropping option after July-harvested wheat within a single growing season. They are pretty cool beans.

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.

June 2024

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Holidays

16th - Father’s Day
19th - Juneteenth
20th - Summer Begins

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10:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.
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For information, contact Terry Doyle—815-258-8474



CCFB Members and Staff Busy at Spring Meetings



AGRILINK MEETS FOR ITS FIRST MEETING AT PAPA DEL'S PIZZA.



MEMBERS ATTEND THE AMEREN CENTRAL ILLINOIS GRID TRANSFORMATION LINE MEETING.

GEORGETOWN LAW

BROADBAND PERMITTING SUMMIT

May 9, 2024
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Room 750

CCFB MANAGER, BAILEY CONRADY, ATTENDED MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. FOR THE DC BROADBAND SUMMIT.



LUCAS STARK REPRESENTS CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FARM BUREAU AT ILLINOIS FARM BUREAU'S MANAGER'S CONFERENCE.

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Submitted by **Bonnie Compton**

Asparagus Picnic Salad

Ingredients

- ½ cup Olive Oil
- 2 lbs. fresh asparagus, cut into ½ - 1 inch pieces
- 2 tbs. garlic powder
- 2 tbs. onion powder
- 1 lb penne, cooked and drained
- 2 tbs. dried rosemary
- 2 tsp. seasoned salt
- 1 cup mayonnaise

Directions

In a skillet, sauté asparagus in olive oil until tender crisp, about 4 to 6 minutes. Sprinkle onion powder and garlic powder on top of asparagus and cook 1 – 2 more minutes. Pour over hot pasta and toss to coat. In a bowl, mix seasoned salt, rosemary, and mayonnaise. Add mayonnaise mixture to pasta mixture and stir until ingredients are mixed through. Refrigerate for 2 hours or until chilled. Serve.

Serving size

8 - 12

FARM BUREAU WOMEN INVITE YOU TO:

mocktails

• & MENTAL HEALTH •

Tuesday, June 18, 2024 | 6:30 p.m.
Champaign CFB Auditorium

RSVP REQUIRED by June 7th to 217-352-5235 or Emily at emily@ccfarmbureau.com

Join us for an evening of love and laughs as we find ways to seek joy, speak well, and stress better!

Adrienne DeSutter
Ag Mental Health Specialist
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