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Upcoming Committee Meetings & Events

September

5th Labor Day, Office Closed
 12th Young Leaders Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
 15th Women's Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
 19th Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

October

10th Young Leaders Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
 17th Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
 17th Women's Committee Flu Shot Clinic, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
 20th Womens Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m.



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| District 1 | Wayne Benanti | X | X | X | | | | | | | |
| | Michael Kinner | n/a | n/a | X | | | | | | | |
| | Jason Kornick | X | - | X | | | | | | | |
| District 2 | Otto Rentschler | - | X | X | | | | | | | |
| | Randy Krone | X | X | - | | | | | | | |
| | Tyler Sloan | X | - | - | | | | | | | |
| District 3 | Dale Edwards | X | X | - | | | | | | | |
| | Jason Pickrell (Ass't Sec/Treas) | X | X | X | | | | | | | |
| | Phil Sidles (Secretary) | X | X | X | | | | | | | |
| District 4 | Bryon Muench | X | X | - | | | | | | | |
| | David Ray (Treasurer) | X | X | X | | | | | | | |
| | Paul Rice | X | X | - | | | | | | | |
| District 5 | Cathryn Ayers | X | X | X | | | | | | | |
| | Larry Beaty (President) | X | X | X | | | | | | | |
| | Matt Heissing | X | X | X | | | | | | | |
| | Marty Fairchild | X | X | X | | | | | | | |
| District 6 | Colleen Carney-Harms | X | X | X | | | | | | | |
| | Ben Ladage (Vice-President) | X | X | X | | | | | | | |
| | Tim Seifert | - | - | X | | | | | | | |
| GAC Chair , Allen Entwistle | - | X | X | | | | | | | | |
| MPR Chair , Diana Beaty | X | X | X | | | | | | | | |
| YL Chair , Katie King | - | - | X | | | | | | | | |
| Women's Chair , Cassandra Bennett | X | X | X | | | | | | | | |

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Lynn Chard's
PURPLE PLUM TORTE

TORTE:

1 pkg. Lemon Cake Mix
4 eggs
½ pt. sour cream
1 ½ cup diced fresh purple plums
7 fresh purple plum halves
Confectioners' sugar

CREAM CHEESE TOPPING:

1 pkg. Cream cheese
½ cup sour cream
2 tbsp. confectioners' sugar
2 tsp orange zest

Mix cake mix with eggs and sour cream. Beat three minutes at medium speed. Fold in diced plums. Arrange halved plums skin side down in greased bundt pan. Top with cake batter. Bake at 350 for 40 – 45 minutes. Let stand for 5 minutes; turn over on wire rack and sprinkle with confectioner's sugar when cool. Serve with cream cheese topping. Blend cream cheese (room temperature), sour cream, confectioners' sugar, and orange zest. Chill to blend flavor.

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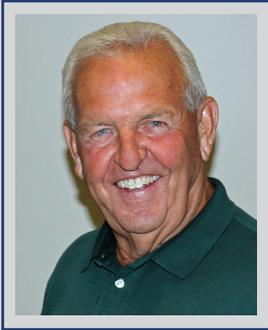
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President's Report



Larry Beaty

As I was thinking to myself, what in the world am I going to write about, my wife surely can read my mind because she reminded me that we played in two golf outings, had an Annual Meeting, had Ag-Stravaganza and as I thought about those things I became tired!

Our 6th Annual Sangamon County Farm Bureau Foundation Golf Outing was a great success. We had 97 golfers signed up to play, the most ever I might add. We had 57 hole sponsors which was also a new high. And as always we had a great lunch sponsored by Country Financial Agents, Duane Schmedeke, Tom Hale and Leonard Williams. We are always grateful for their support. I want to thank everyone who helped in any way to make our golf outing a big success. We raised \$9,000 for our foundation. I especially want to thank Mark Reichert and Diana Beaty who co-chair the golf outing committee; they put in a lot of time and effort.

This year we went to the Chicago area and played in Senator Michael Hastings Golf Outing. Senator Hastings is our adoptive legislator. Phil Sidles, Mark Reichert, Diana and I all represented Sangamon County for the day. We were well received and had a great time. Senator Hastings introduced us at the dinner that evening and said that when he needed information about agriculture he relied on Sangamon County Farm Bureau. Before we teed off he introduced us as his farmer friends from Sangamon County. I might add Phil Sidles, Mark Reichert and Diana Beaty pretty much carried our team, I was along to make sure they had water and didn't get too hot! I did play, but no one really noticed!

We held our Annual Meeting on July 20th and had very good attendance along with a good meeting. Tim Kinner, tenured off the board this year, I would like to thank Tim for the time and work he had put in as a Director in District 1. I have enjoyed working with Tim and very much appreciate his dedication to Sangamon County Farm Bureau. We also welcome as a new director, Otto Rentschler, District 2 and Michael Kinner, District 1. I look forward to working with both of these gentlemen.

We had a great day at Sugar Creek United Methodist Church on Monday, August 1st for our first Ag-Stravaganza, it was a huge success. We had cattle, swine, sheep, dairy, poultry and animals I probably forgot. We had the latest equipment, thanks to some very nice neighbors, Dean Dowson, Lynn Strawn, The Ayers Family and Adam Davis. Thanks to you all for bringing your equipment to be put on display for the day. To all the folks at Sugar Creek Church who helped in anyway, THANK YOU! To the Young Leaders of Sangamon County Farm Bureau you are tremendous, thanks for all you do. To all the members of SCFB who helped, THANK YOU. And last but by far not least, 'Cathryn Ayers, Diana Beaty, Mike Borjic, Katie King and Ashley Kauffman for coordinating everything. Job Well Well Well Done.

In closing harvest is just around the corner, so be safe, take a break. I pray God will bless us with what we need.

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Katie King

I hope this article finds everyone well. The young leaders have been busy little bees this summer and we are gearing up for a few more fun events this fall.

This past week we hosted along with the public relations committee a very fun and successful Ag-Stravaganza. This event was held at the Sugar Creek United

Methodist Church in Chatham on August 1st. The groups were able to reach over 450 people on topics related to crop and animal agriculture. This was an awesome event that we hope to continue in the future.

With the Illinois State Fair right around the corner we have a team preparing for the Agri-Quiz Bowl to be held on Tuesday August 16th. We have 4 young leader members who are ready to show the state what they know on various topics such as Agricultural Safety, Horticulture, Animal Science, Agricultural Statistics and so much more. We wish them luck, bring home the GOLD!

Mike Borgic, a veteran to the District Discussion Meet plans to compete again on August 23rd in Jacksonville. He will discuss the topics of "How can we ensure that farmers and ranchers, not governmental agencies, are driving the management of natural resources." and "The nation's tax policy has become increasingly complicated and cumbersome. What should a balanced and beneficial tax policy look like for agriculture." Those are some very hot topics as well as difficult ones to discuss, but he will do awesome!

The group would also like to plan a fall outing after harvest wraps up. We have discussed many different ideas for us to become more acquainted with each other and possibly brainstorm a few new ideas for next year. We will begin planning for the annual FFA Acquaintance Day in January or February. If you have any ideas on ways we can reach high school sophomores and juniors, we are open for suggestions.

The Young Leaders and I wish everyone a safe and plentiful harvest this fall. If you would like to participate in these or any Young Leader events, please contact SCFB for more information.

YOUNG LEADERS



Diana Beaty

As always, it has been a busy summer.

July 8th we had a Foundation Golf Outing, I won't go into much detail since Mr. President has written about it in his article, but this year was another great year, between our golf outing and our drone raffle tickets we made around \$9,000 for the foundation. Once again I was very pleased and I look forward to next years event with more golfers and more hole sponsors, seems each year we grow a little more and I am excited about that!

County Annual Meeting was held on July 20th with good attendance, good food and a good meeting. This year Chuck Frazee was inducted into the Farmer's Hall of Fame. My congratulations to Chuck for all of his accomplishments throughout the years and to Lois, his biggest supporter in all his accomplishments!

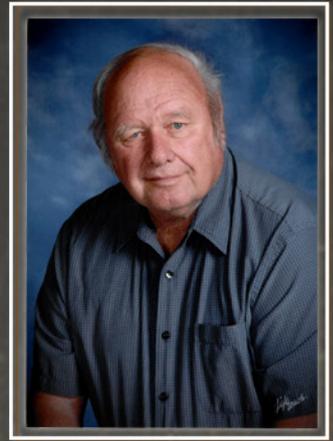
August 1st we held our first Ag-Stravaganza event. This event was a combination of Ag-exploration day hosted by the Young Leader Committee, A Day in the Country hosted by The Member & P.R. Committee, and A Day learning about Farming hosted by Cathryn Ayers and her family at Sugar Creek United Methodist Church. The event was to teach our non-farm neighbors about agriculture and where their food comes from. The biggest part of the day we hosted day cares with approximately 300 kids and the teachers/aides for the day. Later in the day we were open to families with an additional 150 people. What a great day it was. The kids got to spend 15 minutes at each station; corn, gardening, equipment, swine, sheep, poultry, beef, dairy and honey bees to learn about each. They were then treated to chocolate milk or ice cream sandwiches donated by Prairie Farms Dairy and popcorn made by the volunteers of the church. The afternoon and evening hours we were treated with pork sliders, prepared by Mike Borgic of IL. Pork Producers. For our beef samples for the day, Mike & Sara Prescott prepared beef meatballs with a variety of dipping samples. Also throughout the day water bottles compliments of Tom Hale and Julie Hale Miller, Country Financial Agents. Our day was a huge success, thanks to all the volunteers who gave their time on this day to make it such a success. I would like to add how much I enjoyed working together on this project with Cathryn Ayers, Katie King and Mike Borjic. This was our first event working together as members of the Farm Bureau interested in an event for something we believe in and not as separate committee. Plans are already in the works for 2017 event and I look forward to making the event bigger and better.

As I write this article we are preparing for the State Fair Parade, hope to see you there. The parade will wrap up our busy summer activities as we all wind down a bit to prepare for harvest. My wish for this harvest is all will be safe, take time to rest and we will be blessed with a good harvest and pray the markets will rebound some!

MEMBER & PR



Farmer HALL OF FAME



CHUCK FRAZEE We would like to introduce this year's Farmer Hall of Fame inductee, Chuck Frazee. Chuck was inducted at the 2016 county Annual Meeting in July.

Charles Joseph Frazee was born on November 8, 1940 to Elmer and Helen Frazee, Divernon. After graduating from Pawnee High School he attended Western Illinois University for his undergraduate degree and then the University of Illinois for his Master's and Ph. D. in Agronomy. He married Lois Summers in 1965 and they have two children Laura (Joe) Pickrell and Joe (Sarah) Frazee and 4 grandchildren.

Chuck was a professor of Agronomy at South Dakota State University from 1969-1975. As a professor he taught soils and conducted research in remote sensing. In 1975, he returned to the family farm, Round Barn Farms Inc., to farm with his father and brother Tom. The farm became a sesquicentennial farm in 2012. Upon returning to the farm, Chuck expanded the hog operation to a 200 sow farrow to finish operation. They also raised corn and soybeans and were one of the early no-till farmers in the area.

Chuck was very active in Sangamon County Pork Producers and is well known for grilling some of the best pork chops in the area. He was a 4-H leader for 20 years. He has served on the Soil and Water District Board for over 35 years. He also served on the Farm Bureau Board for 9 years and has been on numerous committees within the Farm Bureau. He was appointed and served on the Illinois Fertilizer Research and Education Committee for 4 years. He was elected to serve on the Sangamon County FSA committee for 12 years. Chuck is a charter member of the Sugar Creek United Methodist Church in Chatham. He has served as trustee and a treasurer of the United Methodist Men's group.

He currently operates a soil consulting business that provides soil analysis for septic systems. He has operated Frazee Soil Consulting for 20 years and has served many area Farm Bureau members.

Chuck's comment: "Farming has seen many changes but soil conservation is still important for future generations to feed the world."



The Bureau According to Jim



Jim Birge

As usual, Sangamon County Farm Bureau experienced a very busy summer with lots of activities and events. By the very nature of those we serve, we have a rather narrow window between planting and harvest to cram a lot of things in. Yet we obviously have to

compete with all the other things people do during these same months such as attend county fairs, bale hay, scout fields, take family vacations, and so on.

For that and many other reasons I'm so proud of our nearly 90 volunteers that put hard work into all these activities throughout the year. I'm equally as proud of our dedicated staff that puts their hearts and minds into these events. It takes both sets of people to get things done and it's demonstrated time and again that they make our organization one of the best Farm Bureau's in the state.

Shifting gears to a note of special importance to our area. The Lake Springfield Watershed and indeed every acre of farmland in the state need to have nutrient loss practices put into place if we're to avoid the potential of being the next Des Moines, Iowa style lawsuit. I know it sounds difficult and like it's just one more thing to have to manage. First off, it's not nearly as difficult as many believe and the risks for doing nothing are very real. This risk was nearly realized earlier this year when nitrate levels in Lake

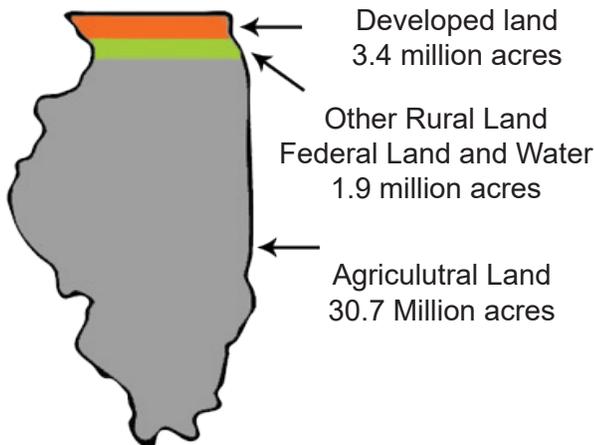
Springfield spiked to within a fraction of making the lake unusable for drinking water. That would've required CWLP to provide bulk and bottled water to all residents they serve. If you don't think you and/or your tenants would've been the ones singled out by 150,000 local people, think again. That sort of catastrophic event would haunt every single farmer in this area and others. Let's make sure we take responsibility for ensuring this never happens. We'll either be the heroes or the villains. It's our choice which. So as harvest begins and fall fieldwork ensues be sure to consider cover crop plantings and other simple practices.

One last thing before I let you go. As the busyness of harvest gets underway, please remember one thing. **YOUR SAFETY AND THAT OF YOUR FAMILY AND EMPLOYEES SHOULD BE THE NUMBER ONE PRIORITY EVERY MINUTE.** I know as well as any of you that we get focused on the tasks of getting the crop out, but you must constantly remind yourself of safety. One of the least thought of safety issues is fatigue. Just a few more rounds; gotta get the trucks loaded first before quitting for the night; ought to move to the next field while traffic is light, and so on. Pushing yourself and others when you're tired (even if you don't realize you are) can be very dangerous and someone can quickly get injured or killed in the process. Looking back, no one would ever say, "Well, at least it was worth it." So stay safe and alert. Others in the field or on the road may not, so it's up to you.

Have a safe and blessed harvest.

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Allen Entwistle

At our last meeting we discussed a series of three ballot initiatives proposed by the Citizen's Efficiency Commission. The Farm Bureau Board of Directors had previously lent its support to the County Board to put the initiatives on the ballot. The Farm Bureau didn't vote to support or oppose any of them but wanted the people to

have the opportunity to tell the county and townships what they want or don't want. In the end only one of the initiatives discussed was approved by the County Board to be placed on the ballot.

We also received a legislative update from Bill Bodine, Assistant Director of State Legislation for Illinois Farm Bureau. Bill brought the committee up to speed on the federal issues of TPP, Cuba, GMO Labeling, and atrazine re-registration. He also reported on the state budget, filter strip property tax reductions, the telecommunications bill, and the Independent Map Amendment.

The committee reviewed the voting records of state legislators and the award recipients for the Friend of Agriculture Award. In our area, Senators Brady and McCann received the award along with Representatives Butler and Wojcicki-Jimenez. Thanks and congratulations goes out to these legislators.

Just before we get in the fields for harvest we'll be taking five leaders to the Illinois Agriculture Legislative Roundtable meeting at a farm in Bloomington. We'll be hearing from U.S. Senate candidates Senator Mark Kirk and Congresswoman Tammy Duckworth.

My best to all of you as you work the long hours to get through harvest. Be safe.

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS



Matt Heissing

Hello everyone! We have been busy with a few events this month. It was good to get these in before folks started gearing up for the harvest season. We held our yearly Pre Harvest Market Outlook Steak Fry, Corn Yield Survey and a Truck Regulation Seminar.

Our guest speakers from Ag Yield spoke about the current market conditions and their opinion about the upcoming season at our Steak Fry. Their outlook was not very optimistic for higher corn prices. With large reserves of old corn still on hand coupled with a potential bumper crop the prices are mainly going to be sideways for a while. They did report that the markets did not respond negatively to the latest USDA crop report that bumped up their yield outlook from their last report. Exports are stable, but what can make a big difference in corn prices is ethanol and RFS. There is a lot of focus on the upcoming presidential elections. What will the next administration do with ethanol and the RFS?

Now on a positive note, the steak dinner was wonderful! Thick cut ribeye steaks, baked potato and salad. A big thanks to Jim Birge and his staff for all their help setting this event up.

Corn Yield Survey: We sure can use some dry weather. Fields were wet to muddy and yields ranged from 160's to 270's. Thanks to all the volunteers that helped to get this information for us. You can find the complete yield survey on www.sangamonfb.org.

Truck regulation seminar: As I write my report, we haven't held the seminar yet, but I'm sure it will be very informative on current rules and regulations about your trucks that haul grain to the elevators.

MARKETING



Paul Rice

Our committee has been approached with a couple suggested policy matters to be considered for formal Illinois Farm Bureau policy debate at their annual meeting in December. One policy submittal would deal with changing the date that landowners must notify tenants of non-renewal of

farm lease. In working with our lobbyists it appears that the date change might not be appropriate for other parts of the state and other types of crops grown. The policy was not submitted for discussion.

The other policy suggestion was to encourage our affiliates to do more to offer E85 at their fuel stations. That policy will be discussed at the annual meeting in Chicago.

Everyone please have a safe and bountiful harvest!

POLICY DEVELOPMENT



Cassie Bennett

The women's committee will be starting up again on August 25th at the Sangamon County Farm Bureau. We will begin working on Healthy Harvest, we will let everyone know our dates so please mark your calendars. We will also begin planning our Fall Luncheon.

I enjoyed helping with Ag-Stravaganza and worked along-side some Women's Committee Members as well. Ladies, please begin bringing your favorite recipes to share with members to our meetings for Ashley to feature here in the Sangamo Farmer. I have some new ideas for us all to consider for this fall so I hope to see you at our monthly meetings!

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE