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Upcoming Meetings & Events

SEPTEMBER

3rd.....Labor Day, Office Closed
 10th.....Young Leader Committee Meeting (Tentative), 7:00 p.m.
 17th.....Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
 20th.....Women's Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

OCTOBER

1st.....Governmental Affairs Committee (Tentative), 6:00 p.m.
 8th.....Young Leader Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
 15th.....Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
 18th.....Women's Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
 31st.....Halloween



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EDUCATION
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Logan, Menard, Sangamon County



The Ag Education Partnership is proud to introduce Kathy Booker to our team of educators. Kathy is a retired teacher and a farmer who brings great knowledge and enthusiasm to our amazing team. She joins Rachel Frost and Karen Beckner working in Sangamon County schools. Rhonda Grosboll and Amy Hyde continue efforts in Menard and Logan Counties, respectively. Carrie Winkelmann continues into her 16th year as Ag Literacy Coordinator for the three county program.

DIRECTOR ATTENDANCE - 2018/2019		A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M
District 1	Brent Johnson	-									
	Michael Kinner (Treasurer)	X									
	Anna Stone	X									
District 2	Otto Rentschler	X									
	Randy Krone	X									
	Kevin Foran	X									
District 3	Dale Edwards	X									
	Jason Pickrell	X									
	Phil Sidles (President)	X									
District 4	Mike Borgic	X									
	Adam Bailey (Ass't Sec/Treas)	X									
	Pam Neuman	X									
District 5	Cathryn Ayers (Vice-President)	X									
	Diana Beaty (Secretary)	X									
	Matt Heissingner	X									
District 6	Marty Fairchild	X									
	Colleen Carney-Harms	X									
	Ben Ladage	X									
	Vacant										
GAC Chair	Allen Entwistle	X									
M&PR Chair	Janet Edwards	X									
YL Chair	Stephen Prather	X									
Women's Chair	Cassandra Bennett	X									
Policy D. Chair	Jason Komnick	-									

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Phil Sidles

If I am reading this report with the rest of you that means I have survived our 100th anniversary celebration. We had a great summer with all kinds of projects and events. I blinked, and summer was over. This is such a unique organization and much like farming no two days are the same. We face challenges and surprises daily, but that is the reason we are here. Our staff and volunteer base never cease to amaze me with all they do. So, from me to all of you that helped one way or another this summer, thank you. I look forward to the harvest that awaits us as I write this article. It is true what they say: no two years are ever the same. Whether it's just the right amount of rain, too much, or too little, we the farmer take it head on and persevere. We have many exciting things in the pipeline that I look forward to getting started, but first things first, let's get these combines rolling. Thank you

The Bureau According to Jim



Jim Birge

Do you ever get the feeling that there is no such thing as a "normal year"? No matter how much we would like to think there is, each one is uniquely different on its own merits. This year definitely hasn't been a normal year for the Farm Bureau in Sangamon County. We've had such wonderful interactions with members as it relates to the 100th anniversary of the organization. People drop off memorabilia for us to use, visit the office to look through old photos and help identify them, or just stop in and give us their recollection of special moments in Farm Bureau history they experienced. I'd have to say I underestimated the richness of all that interaction. And though it's been a hectic year, the whole 100th anniversary experience is one I wouldn't have missed (Well, there may've been a day or two I would've!).

Aside from the special celebration activities, there's still been plenty "regular" programs and activities going on. While being short staffed off and on this year, I'd really have to commend and give credit to the people who stepped up to help

make things all go around. The executive committee, committee chairs, and committee members have been immensely helpful at getting everything done. One example was this year's Ag-Stravaganza. We had a lot of volunteers and help to make it all work. Additionally, we had to do a little improvising on the fly due to some weather constraints. But it all worked out just fine.

When I take a minute to reflect on all the volunteers and staff that came before me, I realize that the work of the organization has always been busy. And Farm Bureau has always had such great volunteer and staff efforts. That's the very reason the organization can hold its head proudly on its 100th anniversary. There's so much history of success to benefit our members and tell the story of agriculture have paid great dividends.

Now, with our big celebration over with, we get to relax just a bit and enjoy all the memories that night gave each of us. Our next two and final pieces of our 100th anniversary celebration will be the distribution of the Centennial Edition of the Sangamo Farmer and a special board meeting on the actual date of our 100th anniversary. Watch your mailboxes around the 1st of December for your copy of the Centennial Sangamo

Committee Reports



Janet Edwards

Hello from the Open Swine Barn at the Illinois State Fair!! By the time you read this, the 2018 Illinois State Fair will be history and all we will have are the memories that were made at the fair.

Fall harvest is fast approaching as I have been hearing in the barn this past week. All are looking forward to getting in the fields and seeing what is there. The kids are all headed back to school; the days are getting cooler and shorter. During this busy time, please take the time to be safe. Be aware

MEMBER & PR

of your surroundings and slow moving vehicles. Take a break once in a while and get some rest.

The Member and PR committee will be meeting soon to start making plans for this coming fall and winter. We have already started planning for TRIVIA night which will be held March 16, 2019. Save that date and get a team together. More information on Trivia Night will be coming out as we finalize plans at our meetings.

So, as you are out on those combines, tractors and trucks this fall, think of how you can become more active in the Sangamon County Farm Bureau by joining a committee and helping educate yourself and others and becoming a voice in agriculture in our county and your communities.

Committee Reports



Allen Entwistle

I hope everyone has been enjoying the summer and the state fair. Those of you who know me well know that I have a deep love of the state fair and try to enjoy every minute of it I can. Part of the state fair, like many other segments of Illinois, turns to politics. And with a race for Governor, the political mood was in full swing this year.

But now that the fair is over, our candidates for office are getting down to the grind of gaining voters' support to win in November. Part of that process involves groups and organizations giving their endorsement of candidates they feel represent their interests. Our committee along with our Political Involvement Committee (PIC) have interviewed many candidates over the last few months and the PIC took action to endorse numerous candidates that have demonstrated strong support for farming, rural life, and agriculture in general.

Please turn to page 7 to see who our PIC endorsed and please consider them in November.



Matt Heissinger

Hello members! The Marketing committee summer bus trip was held in late June where we visited the John Deere Harvester Works in Moline. We had a bus load for this fun filled day. We started out the day visiting the Harvester Works. This is where they build the combines. We were given the grand tour on trolley cars pulled by JD tractors. These tractors navigated through the assembly area that is housed by one building that is the size of 20 football fields. Tour started in the area where all the (USA) steel was stored. "All the equipment built in this plant uses USA products". The tour lasted about 1 hour and what an experience it was. Technology at it's best, working condition was 1st class. John Deere can build a combine from start to finish in 11 days. And for you folks that spend \$600,000 for one of these combines, you can meet your combine at the last station of the assembly line and start it for the first time!!

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

MARKETING



Cassie Bennett

Hello SCFB members! Can you believe summer is almost over and harvest will begin in no time? It seems to go faster and faster every year! The women's committee is gearing up to start another great year with meetings resuming here August 16 at 6:00 at Farm Bureau, hope to see you there as we get ready to plan another great year!

WOMEN'S



Stephen Prather

I am amazed that the tiny seed we plant in the spring, produces such a big corn or soybean plant. The young leaders have been working hard this summer. We recently had 300 daycare kids go through the Ag-Stravaganza stations. We taught the kids about animal husbandry, equipment, the importance of bees to agriculture along with the tasty honey that species produce, gardening, and product commodity search. We truly enjoy teaching the next generation and all consumers about what we do in agriculture to grow the world's food supply. Last month we also harvested our acre of sweet corn that we grew for the Central IL Foodbank. Our donation of 2,400 pounds of sweet corn was greatly appreciated by this organization.

The young leaders are excited for the 100 year anniversary celebration and the top 10 tractors from our tractor contest along with Presidents Choice, Most Unique, & Family Heritage will be showcased at the event. We will vote on the top 5 tractors at the event by asking for monetary donations, benefiting needing families through the harvest for all campaign. We hope everyone can attend this great event to showcase our 100 year heritage of the Sangamon County Farm Bureau and the heritage of our tractors.

We are beginning to plan for next year's tractor drive June, 15th, 2019 held the Saturday of the Sangamon County Fair and the Ag-stravaganza held in July of 2019. While working on these activities we are also planning our fall cookout & possible educational trip this winter. We have many activities to be a part of and are always looking for new young leaders to join us. If you know of any individuals or you are interested in joining, please get ahold of me, the office, or attend one of our meetings the second Monday of the month.

YOUNG LEADERS



PLANT THE SEED FOR A SECURE FUTURE.

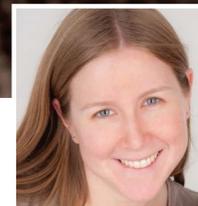
Estate & Succession Planning and Year End Tax Planning Program

On Tuesday, November 13th the Sangamon County Farm Bureau is partnering with CliftonLarsonAllen to present a program on estate planning, succession planning, and the impacts of the recent tax reform. The program will be held at the Sangamon County Farm Bureau Office at 2631 Beechler Court in Springfield, Illinois. The welcome will begin at 8:30 am and the program will conclude by 10:30 am.

Proper planning is key to the success of any endeavor. However, planning can be an overwhelming task. This joint session presented by CliftonLarsonAllen and Sangamon County Farm Bureau will help Farm Bureau members address challenging planning topics such as tax reform, as well as succession and estate planning.

Through this program you will learn to understand options available to effectively transfer a farm operation to the next generation or other successor. You will also learn to evaluate tax planning opportunities based on the current tax code and its anticipated impact on your return.

CliftonLarsonAllen has extensive experience working with agricultural clients and will supply important information to Farm Bureau members at the November 13th session. These topics will be covered by Vanessa Bechtel and Kelly Hardy from CliftonLarsonAllen.



Vanessa Bechtel



Kelly Hardy

With more than fifteen years of experience, Vanessa Bechtel serves clients on tax consulting, planning and compliance engagements. While she serves a broad range of clients as a Certified Public Accountant, Vanessa focuses on agribusiness ranging from producers to input and implement dealers, as well as elevators and coops.

Kelly Hardy is a Principal in the Princeton, Illinois office and focuses on serving commercial enterprises and their owners. Kelly has 15 years of experience and assists clients with their tax planning, compliance, and consulting needs, as well as addressing technical taxation matters. She specializes in providing services to agribusiness, manufacturers, and commercial enterprises.

For reservations and for more information, contact the Sangamon County Farm Bureau office at 217-753-5200 or amason@sangamonfb.org.

**Tuesday, November 13
8:30-10:30 am
Sangamon County Farm Bureau Office 2631
Beechler Ct | Springfield, Illinois.**

Don't miss your opportunity to learn about these important topics!

Sangamon County Farm Bureau Political Involvement Committee Endorsements

As you begin to consider who you plan to vote for on November 6th, please consider the candidates endorsed by our organization. We have followed their voting record on issues important to our members and interviewed them with questions regarding their positions to current agriculture issues. Those who successfully demonstrated their commitment to those issues have been endorsed by Farm Bureau to ensure their successful election on November 6.

Steve 
McClure
State Senate

MIKE MURPHY
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More Endorsements on Next Page



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Additional candidates endorsed by Sangamon County Farm Bureau Political Involvement Committee include the following:

Bill Brady
44th State Senate

Steve McClure
50th State Senate

Tim Butler
87th State Representative

CD Davidsmeyer
100th State Representative

Sheet Pan Shrimp Fajitas

- 1 1/2 pounds of shrimp, peeled, deveined
 - 3 bell peppers, sliced thin
 - 1 small red onion, sliced thin
 - 1 1/2 tablespoons olive oil
 - 1 teaspoon kosher salt
 - 1 teaspoon fresh ground pepper
 - 2 teaspoon chili powder
 - 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
 - 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
 - 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
 - 1/2 teaspoon of smoked paprika
 - lime
 - fresh cilantro for garnish
 - tortillas
1. Preheat oven to 450 degrees.
 2. In a large bowl, combine onion, pepper, shrimp, olive oil, salt, pepper, and spices
 3. Toss to combine.
 4. Spray baking sheet with non stick cooking spray.
 5. Spread shrimp, bell peppers, and onions on the baking sheet.
 6. Cook at 450 degrees for about 8 minutes. Then turn oven to broil and cook for an additional 2 minutes or until shrimp is cook thoroughly.
 7. Squeeze juice from fresh lime over fajita mixture and top with fresh cilantro



Submitted by: Kate Niemeier



Mark Your Calendars for July 28, 2019! We hope to see you there.



TOP LEFT: LARRY BEATY SUPERVISING THE DAIRY STATION
TOP RIGHT: CALI SAYING HELLO
TO ALL OF THE KIDS, OWNED BY SIDLES CATTLE CO.

LEFT: PRAIRIE STATE BEEKEEPERS
TEACHING THE KIDS ABOUT BEES

BOTTOM LEFT: COLLINS BENNETT VISITING THE SHEEP
BOTTOM RIGHT: CAMERON AYERS PRESENTING EQUIPMENT



Ag-Stravaganza

Ag-Stravaganza



TOP LEFT: STUDENTS SEARCH FOR THE QUEEN BEE
TOP RIGHT: CALI'S CALF ENJOYS METING THE STUDENTS

RIGHT: THE "HEIFER" PROJECT CAME TO SHARE THEIR STORY AND HELP EDUCATE OUR GUESTS ON LIVESTOCK

BOTTOM LEFT: COLLEEN KEEPS WATCH OVER HER FLOCK, WHILE THE STUDENTS LEARN ALL ABOUT THE SHEEP.

BOTTOM RIGHT: WES SEIFERT TEACHES VISITORS ABOUT DRONES AND OTHER TECHNOLOGY ON THE FARM.



THANK YOU TO ALL THAT HELPED, VISITED, AND PARTICIPATED.



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Every year, more and more legislation and regulations are considered and may impact the way you farm. But thanks to your membership in Sangamon County Farm Bureau, you don't have to tackle them alone. Periodically (4 or 5 times a year on average) we send out an action request to our members. An action request is our mechanism to ask members to make a call or send an electronic letter to elected officials asking them to vote for or against a piece of legislation or regulation. We give you easy to follow instructions on who to contact and a sample of what you should say or write.

How Do I Get Started?

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Every time you respond to an action request you'll be entered into a drawing (if you report your contact to Sangamon County or Illinois Farm Bureau). Each additional contact you make to other legislators or regulators that are targeted in the action request generates another entry in the drawing. So make those calls and win!!

The drawing will be held May 31st, 2019. The winner will be notified by phone or in writing.



Sangamon County Farm Bureau In Action

Clockwise from Top Left: President Mark Reichert holds a press conference with staff from UIS Political Affairs and the Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission to "Vote NO on a ballot initiative to reduce the size of the county board"; President Kenny Metcalf meets with a group of farmers from Malawi to discuss modern U.S corn production; 2011 staff gathers for a staff photo (Front L to R: Assistant Manager Ashley Beutke, Bookkeeper Carol Mills, and Administrative Assistant Jenna Stewart/ Top L to R- Manager Jim Birge and Ag-In-The-Classroom Coordinator Carrie Winkelmann); Bottom R; Same as right but with Assistant Manager Katie Smithery (Top Left) and Michelle Lowe (Bottom Right); Bottom Left- Allison Rahe talks with fuel patrons during an ethanol promotion at a local fuel station.



Sangamon County Farm Bureau Board of Directors- 1937

L to R- Bottom Row: Jo Eigenmann, R.H. Dunkel, A.H. Tuxhorn (treas), J.C. Quisenberry (sect.), R.C. Downing (pres.), Truman Fullenwider (v. pres.), John Renken, Edwin Bay (farm advisor). Second Row: Alfred Odiome, C.R. Malsbury, W.W. Foutch, Chas. Trutter, Dan Clarke, M.G. Kail, Wm. Kessler. Top Row: Russell Mendenhall, Carl Engel, Robert Cravens, A.R. Booth, Oscar Evans, John Bomke, David Lenhart, John Dodds, Fred Davey, (not in picture: Arthur Larson, O.J. Waddell, J.F. Thorton, Meade McWilliams).



Sangamon County Farm Bureau Friends and Staff

Right- Past director and friend of Farm Bureau Don Chard has a laugh or two with fellow Farm Bureau members.

Bottom Right to Left: Those Sangamon County Farm Bureau Managers have always been ones to have fun on the job. Jim Birge (L) tries out his skills on a pedal tractor around the office, while Jack Oakley (R) determines how to get a little more power out of his corn car.



anniversary apparel is here!



A

Item	Size	Quantity	Price	Total
A. Hooded Sweatshirt	_____	_____	\$ 35.00	_____
B. T-Shirt	_____	_____	\$ 10.00	_____
** Runs small, we suggest sizing up.				
C. Shipping			\$ 5.00	_____

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anniversary items in stock!



Item	Quantity	Price	Total
A. 16 oz. Tervis Cup with lid	_____	\$ 15.00	_____
B. Shipping		\$ 5.00	_____

ORDER TOTAL: _____

Name _____ Phone: _____
 Address _____ Email address: _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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