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Upcoming Meetings & Events


July

- 4th.....Independence Day (Office Closed)
- 7th.....SCFB Foundation Golf Outing, Edgewood Golf Course, 7:45 a.m.
- 10th.....Board of Directors Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 12th.....Young Leader Outing, Springfield Lucky Horseshoes Stadium, 6:30 p.m.
- 13th.....Governmental Engagement & Policy Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 16th.....Sangamon County Youth Expo, Sangamon County Fairgrounds, 7:30 a.m.
- 17th.....Special Zoning & Land Use Forum (Navigator Pipeline), Bank of Springfield Center, 5:30 p.m.
- 23rd.....Ag-Stravaganza (Family Day - Open to Public) Sherman Village Park, 1:00 -3:00 p.m.
- 24th.....Ag-Stravaganza (Daycare Day - Private) Sherman Village Park, 8:00 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.

August

- 7th.....SCFB County Annual Meeting, Registration begins at 5:30 p.m.
- 10th-20th.....Illinois State Fair, Illinois State Fairgrounds
- 11th.....Illinois State Fair Agriculture Day, Illinois State Fairgrounds
- 14th.....Young Leader Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 21st.....Board of Directors Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 26th.....Volunteer Appreciation Event, Sangamon County Fairgrounds Main Building, 5:00 p.m.
- 29th-31st.....Farm Progress Show, Decatur, IL

* All events occur at the Sangamon County Farm Bureau unless otherwise noted





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During the last week of April, the Sangamon County Farm Bureau visited schools in Sangamon County with our AgVenture Barn. Thank you to everyone who made this week possible; we had an exciting week!

Summertime has officially started for the Ag in the Classroom program. Some of the exciting things I have planned for the summer are our Summer Ag Institute for teachers throughout Logan, Mason, Menard, and Sangamon Counties, Sangamon County Fair, Ag-Stravaganza, and prepping materials for the next school year for the Ag in the Classroom program. It's likely to be a busy summer and will go by quickly! I hope everyone has a great summer!

Sincerely,
Candice McKown

DIRECTOR ATTENDANCE - 2022-23		D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N
District 1	Brent Johnson	X	X	X	-	-	X						
	Michael Kinner	X	X	X	X	-	X						
	JD Sudeth (President)	X	X	X	X	-	X						
	Travis Stremsterfer	X	-	-	X	-	X						
District 2	David Mendenhall	X	X	X	-	-	X						
	Kevin Foran	-	X	X	X	-	-						
	Janet Edwards	X	X	X	X	-	X						
	Ethan Krone (Ass't Sec/Treas)	X	X	X	X	-	X						
District 3	Katie King	X	X	X	X	-	-						
	Mike Borgic (Treasurer)	X	X	X	X	-	X						
	Adam Bailey	-	-	X	-	-	-						
	Cathryn Ayers Seifert	X	X	X	-	-	X						
District 4	Kyle Beutke (Secretary)	X	X	X	X	-	X						
	Kirk Mendenhall	X	X	-	-	-	-						
	Matt Heissingner	-	X	-	X	-	-						
	Marty Fairchild	X	X	X	X	-	-						
At-Large	Charles Mayfield	X	X	X	X	-	X						
	Gary Reavis (VP)	X	-	X	X	-	X						
	George Sergot	-	-	-	-	-	-						
Committee Chairs:													
	GEP Chair , Phil Sidles	X	X	X	X	-	X						
	Women's Chair , Cassandra Bennett	-	-	X	-	-	X						

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



JD Sudeth

At the time of writing this, we've had a great spring and got all our crops in the ground without delay. Now we just need to have some rain.

The General Assembly has adjourned after a relatively long and drawn-out session. You can learn more about the outcome of the spring session in the report from Phil Sidles, Governmental Engagement and Policy Committee Chair.

I want to bring everyone's attention to an upcoming meeting that needs strong attendance from the ag community. On July 17th, the County is holding a public forum regarding the proposed Heartland Greenway CO2 pipeline proposal. This pipeline would travel directly through Sangamon County from West to East, impacting many people along the route. Whether you are in favor of the pipeline, against it, or want to find out more, you need to attend this forum and either voice your opinion or just show your presence. Large groups of community members will send a strong message to the County Board about where they should stand on the matter. The meeting will be held at the Bank of Springfield Center on July 17th, beginning at 5:00 pm. The pipeline company will make a detailed presentation, and then the public can comment on the project.

As summer gets heated up, so do the Farm Bureau events. We have seven significant events for our members to participate in. You will find more information about each of them in the committee chair reports and throughout this issue of the Sangamo Farmer.

Until next time, stay cool, stay safe, and have a great summer.

Your President, JD Sudeth

Committee Reports

YOUNG LEADERS



Charles Mayfield

The Young Leaders committee has had a busy summer, to say the least. It was great to see the Sangamon County Fair well attended by our Farm Bureau members and their families! Our committee began the fair week by serving donuts and popsicles to the livestock exhibitors at the swine, goat, and beef shows. On Saturday, June 17th, we hosted the Russel Miner Memorial Antique Tractor Drive. Drivers took the scenic route parading through rural New Berlin and ended up on-site at the fairgrounds. We awarded the top three prizes to tractor exhibitors, voted on by the public in person and online. In the afternoon, the committee operated the youth pedal pulls. We weighed the pullers into different heats and watched them pedal down the track. Fair week is always a great opportunity to engage and create memories with the community.

Be sure to check out the Sangamon Farm Bureau Facebook page for highlights from the week!

On Friday, July 7th, the Young Leaders fielded a team for the foundation golf outing at Edgewood Golf Club in Auburn. The proceeds from the outing go towards the Sangamon County Farm Bureau Foundation's scholarship program. We enjoyed supporting a great cause.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Committee Reports



Phil Sidles

As summer gets heated up, the General Assembly gets cooled down, sort of. The spring session wrapped up recently, leaving behind a mixed bag of outcomes for agriculture. Here are a few of the critical pieces of legislation and their dispositions.

Trailer Clean-Up Bill for Siting Wind/Solar Facilities: This bill was designed to correct some issues in the original bill/law HB4412 which limits counties from enacting restrictions on the zoning of such projects. Although restricting counties of their local siting authority is an issue that Sangamon County Farm Bureau plans to work to reverse, the bill did accomplish a few positive measures. Farmland drainage plans must be created before a permit is issued, requirements were established for compensating or repairing field and crop damages, and fixes were made to address decommissioning. The Governor has threatened to veto part or all of the bill.

Estate Tax Exemption Increase: An effort to increase the state estate tax exemption to match that of the federal estate tax exemption. This was part of the budget negotiations and was not included in the final budget.

Underground CO2 Storage: Negotiations were held on the issue of CO2 storage and pore space ownership matters. Although some protections were agreed upon to improve private property rights, other provisions were put in place to include a process for "integration and unitization" of pore space from unwilling landowners. After examining the goals and procedures of this process, SCFB determined that its intent is similar to eminent domain, which we firmly oppose.

EPA Environmental Justice: This bill was pushed by the environmental community to require environmental permits in areas designated as environmental justice areas. Such broad language could have a devastating effect on agricultural and construction activities. The bill was defeated.

From a county perspective, the Heartland Greenway CO2 pipeline project moratorium set by the county was extended to December 31, 2023. Additionally, the county voted to oppose the pipeline's construction and to formally file as an intervener in the Illinois Commerce Commission's review of the construction application. The county has set up a public meeting to allow the public to hear the details of the proposed project and voice their approval or opposition to it. That meeting will be held on July 17 at 5:00 pm at the Bank of Springfield Center. Farm Bureau would like a large contingency of our members to attend and voice their opinions either in favor or against.

Finally, on the federal level, two important decisions were made by the US Supreme Court that will have a profound impact on agriculture. A massive win for farmers and landowners came from the court's decision to strike down the current Waters of the US (WOTUS) rule and force the US EPA to consider writing a far less expansive rule. The other decision by the Supreme Court was not favorable to agriculture. Known as Proposition 12, the State of California law requires anyone selling uncooked pork in California to conform to larger pen sizes for hogs. The contention was that a state doesn't have the authority to regulate commerce originating outside of its borders. The court upheld the law, ultimately affecting anyone growing pork for sale in California.

Thanks for reading. Remember to stay engaged with us. Our strength to affect government policies regarding agriculture is in you. Members showing up at meetings or making action requests is what gives us the power of persuasion.

Nominate Your Farm Employee!

Do you have a farm employee that goes the extra mile? Use the attached QR code to tell us about your outstanding Farm Employee. Each Sangamo Farmer will spotlight a new nominee and during the summer of 2023 one employee will be awarded the Farm Employee of the Year award!

July/August Farm Employee Spotlight

Robert Manley, an employee of Poe Enterprise has been awarded the July/August Farm Employee Spotlight! Robert has been a remarkable employee of the Poe Enterprise for the past 45 years. He is remembered for being a hardworking, driven employee who has worked with three generations of the Poe Family.
Great work, Robert!

Committee Reports

MEMBER & PR



Janet Edwards

WOW, I can't believe it is time for another issue of the Sangamo Farmer. The crops are in the ground growing and looking OK for right now (although we could use some rain!). My favorite time of year is when everything is green, and the weather is warm! By the time this issue comes to you, the Sangamon County Fair will be over, and we will be getting prepared for the Illinois State Fair. Summer has all of a sudden sped up and will soon be a memory.

Let's look at activities coming up in July that you might be interested in attending! The committees have been working hard to put these together for you, the members.

On Friday, July 7th, the Foundation Golf outing will be held at Edgewood Golf Course. If you like to golf or would just like to support the foundation in some way, please contact the office at (217-753-5200), and Arika or Madison would be happy to help you.

The Youth Expo Show will be held on SUNDAY, July 16th, at the Sangamon County Fairgrounds. This is where the youth of Sangamon County Farm Bureau Members will come to "show off" their prize animals. This is a fun day where family and friends can watch the kids show and visit with each other. While you are at the show, maybe get lunch from one of the vendors who will be there.

On July 23rd and 24th will be Ag-Stravaganza which again will be held at the Park in Sherman. Sunday is open to the public from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday is Daycare Day, where we have a full slate of daycare's coming to learn about agriculture from our volunteers, Young Leaders, and FFA members.

The Sangamon County Farm Bureau Annual meeting will be held on Monday, August 7th starting at 5:30 p.m., located at the Sangamon County Farm Bureau office.

Last but not least, the date has been set for the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. It will be held on Saturday, August 26th, at the Sangamon County Fairgrounds in New Berlin. Invitations will soon be going out in the mail!

Farm work by now should be pretty well caught up (except for mowing roadsides!!), so we should all get out and enjoy some of the activities available through Sangamon County Farm Bureau. Who knows, you might make a memory or two!! Till the next issue, please be safe, and may GOD BLESS!!

WOMEN'S



Cassie Bennett

Hello farmers!!

It is finally summertime! The Women's Committee is gearing up for a busy summer! There's so much to do and be involved in this summer! Be sure to check us out in one way or another! We will take a short pause in meetings

over the summer and meet up again in the fall after all summer activities! Have a great summer, and stay safe!

Good To Know!

If you ever have farm equipment break down while on the road, you are required to contact the sheriff's office and notify them. Fines can be levied if this is not done. So, for your safety and for the safety of others, please make sure you call. A deputy may be dispatched to help control traffic.

THE BUREAU ACCORDING TO JIM



Jim Birge

Just recently my neighbor purchased a dirt bike for his son. I grew up on the farm riding my motorcycles everywhere, so it should have come as no surprise that I turned into a twelve year old boy at the very sight of it. It took me back to a wonderful time of sun, fun, and minimal responsibility. That alone was worth the trip back to my youth! So as I watched my neighbor boy learn to ride the motorcycle and figure out the clutch, gear selection, brakes, etc., I couldn't help but think of how happy he must feel, and yet, how very different his experience in life is compared to mine at the time.

My motorcycles were my little ticket to freedom, but my grandmother was fearful of them. My uncle (grandmother's son) also had motorcycles that he rode to check crops and such. She always worried about each of us riding those things. So one morning I was riding my dirt bike across the grass when my grandmother was leaving our house. The grass was wet with dew and the bike came out from under me. As I slid across the yard while still on the motorcycle, my grandmother looked on in horror. But to my surprise I somehow managed to get a foothold in the grass as I was sliding, I stood the bike straight up at a full stop. Now that was cool! I looked at my grandmother and shouted "Tada!" She thought I did it on purpose and didn't speak to me the rest of the day.

So you may be asking yourself, nice story, but what's the point? Well sometimes we all want to share our fond memories and there is no point other than connecting with people through our experiences. I hope you enjoyed my little trip in time. Maybe you even had a memory or two pop into your head while reading this. If so, I hope they were as enjoyable as mine.

Enjoy your summer and make a few memories.

13th Annual
Golf Outing
FRIDAY, JULY 7, 2023

Edgewood Golf Club • Auburn, IL

7:45 AM Registration and 8:30 AM Shotgun Start
Lunch & Prizes immediately following play

\$300 / Foursome or \$75 / Individual Golfer
includes lunch, beverages on the course,
cart rental, and 18 holes of golf

NOT A GOLFER? JOIN US FOR LUNCH!
The goal of the SCFB Foundation Golf Outing is to raise funds for our scholarship program. This year we were proud to award five \$2,500 scholarships to outstanding local youth!

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2023

Nutrient Stewardship *field day*

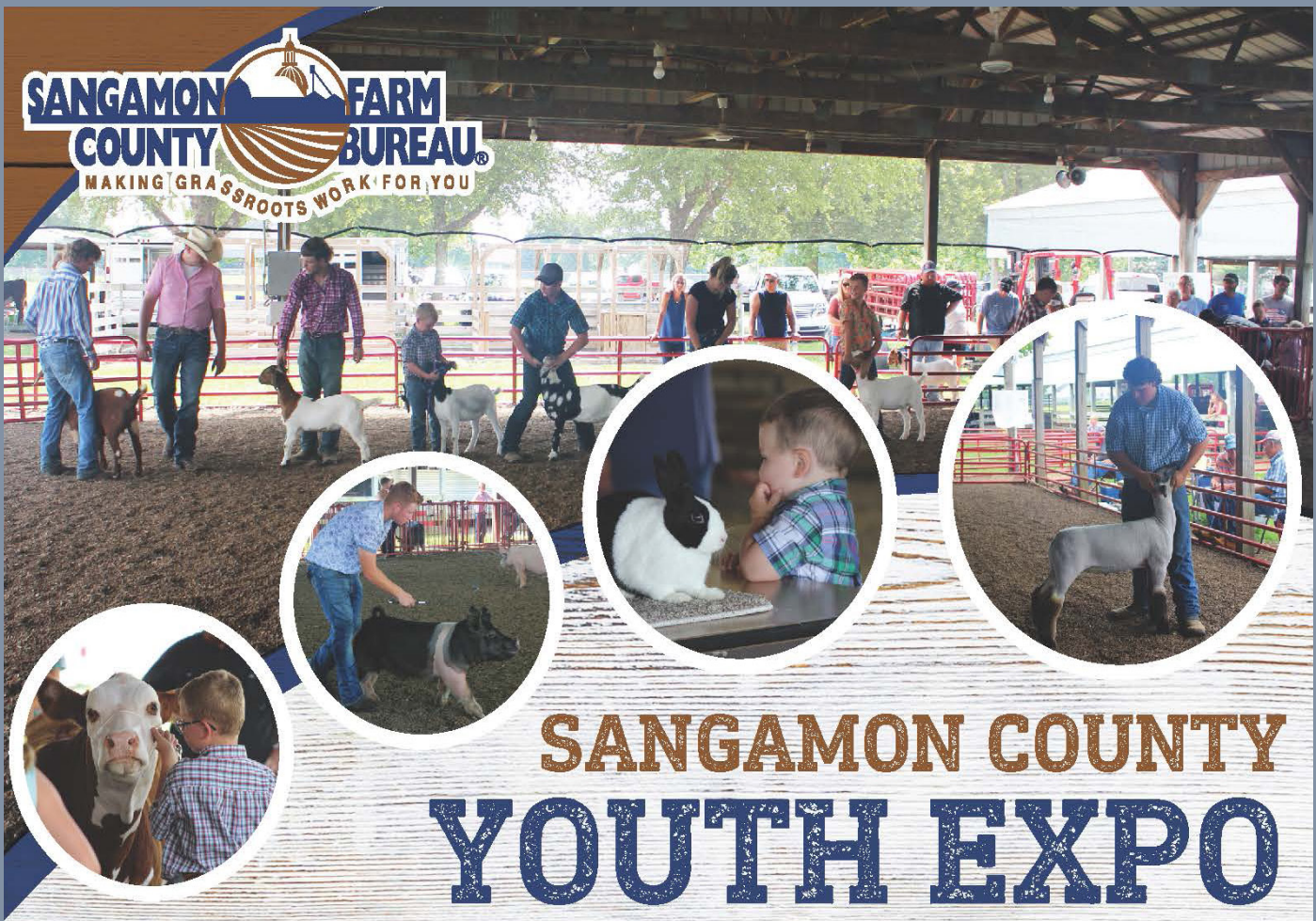
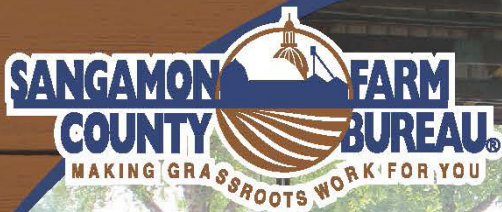
Recently Sangamon County Farm Bureau collaborated with Illinois Farm Bureau, NRCS, Southern Illinois University, the Illinois Land Improvement Contractors Association, and others to install two separate nutrient loss reduction practices in the county. The purpose of installing these practices is to demonstrate how they work and what they can do for local farmers. A big thanks to Pickrell Family Farms near Buffalo for hosting this event and for the Beasley family for their allowance to have a woodchip bioreactor installed on their farmland near Chatham.

A field day was held to demonstrate the two practices. The first was a bus ride to the woodchip bioreactor near Chatham. Next was the return trip to Pickrell Family Farms near Buffalo to watch the final installation of the water control structure for their brand-new saturated buffer.

Approximately 100 people from local farms, academia, and sponsoring organizations were on hand to look, listen, and learn. The Illinois EPA Director was on hand to learn as well.

The event was a huge success, and the lasting benefits of the installed practices will provide nutrients from leaving the farm and moving into creeks, lakes, or rivers. To learn more go to www.ILFB.org/fielddays





SANGAMON COUNTY YOUTH EXPO

Sunday, July 16, 2023

Sangamon County Fairgrounds | New Berlin, IL

• **Check-in 7:30 am - 8:30 am**

* *Show times are subject to change depending on entries*

- Chickens & Rabbits 9:00 am
- Hogs 9:00 am
- Cattle 10:00 am
- Sheep 12:00 pm
- Goats 1:00 pm

* *Showmanship classes will follow each species with 3 age divisions*

2023 Rules:

1. All exhibitors interested in showing in breed-specific classes must provide registration papers via their online entry form on the SCFB website. Those who do not have registration papers will still be eligible to show in the commercial classes.
2. Exhibitors will be asked to bring health papers for the day of the show. An exception will be made for bucket calves. The Sangamon

County Farm Bureau reserves the right to check papers at the Youth Expo.

3. Each exhibitor will be allowed to bring a six-head maximum per species.
4. Each exhibitor must be a child of a Sangamon County Farm Bureau member.
5. No intact males (excluding rabbits & chickens) will be shown.

• Must be 21 years of age or younger

• Stalling out of trailers is preferred

• No bedding will be provided if stalling in the barn

• All bedding and garbage needs to be cleaned up or premiums will be forfeited

• Food truck available on site

QUESTIONS? Call the office at 217-753-5200 or email mtaylor@sangamonfb.org

**ONLINE ENTRY FORMS CAN BE FOUND AT SANGAMONFB.ORG/EVENTS
ALL ENTRY FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY JULY 1, 2023.**



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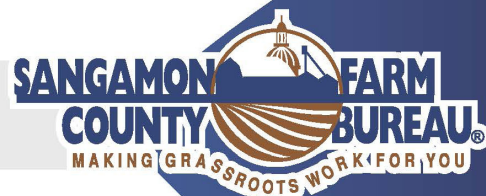
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OFFICIAL CALL

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SANGAMON COUNTY FARM BUREAU
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
SANGAMON COUNTY FARM BUREAU

Will be held Monday, August 7, 2023 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the
Sangamon County Farm Bureau office.

Purpose of the meeting is to receive and, if approved, confirm and ratify
reports of the Board of Directors Officers of the Association for the Fiscal
year ending May 31, 2023, to elect members of the Board of Directors and
for the transaction of such further business as may properly come before the
meeting.

KYLE BEUTKE, Secretary
Sangamon County Farm Bureau



Join Us!

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

Please join us on Saturday, August 26th, at 5:00 p.m. for a Farm Bureau volunteer appreciation event. We've created a relaxing setting for you and your immediate family to enjoy fellowship with your Farm Bureau family and a delicious meal provided by the Farm Bureau. We appreciate our volunteers' time, talent, and friendship more than you probably realize, and we want to celebrate those precious riches. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m., but we encourage all our guests to join us early for social hour at 5:00 p.m. and enjoy fellowship after their meals.

RSVP by calling the office at 217-753-5200 or by using the below QR code.

**Please complete your RSVP by August 14th*

Date: August 26, 2023

5:00 -8:00 p.m.

Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.

Location: Sangamon County Fairgrounds, Main Building

318 W Birch St., New Berlin, IL 62670



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2023 Spring Ag-Venture Barn



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO VOLUNTEERED & ALLOWED US TO BORROW THEIR ANIMALS TO MAKE THE AG-VENTURE BARN TOUR A SUCCESS!



2023 Summer Ag Institute



ON FRIDAY, JUNE 9TH, LOCAL TEACHERS AND SCFB STAFF TRAVELED WITHIN SANGAMON COUNTY TO KRONE'S CHRISTMAS TREE FARM, RAMSEY GRAIN FACILITY, AND LEARNED ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF BEES FROM RAMSEY BEES. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE THE SUMMER AG INSTITUTE A SUCCESS!



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