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# Upcoming Committee Meetings & Events

## July

4 <sup>th</sup> .....	Independence Day, Office Closed
8 <sup>th</sup> .....	Foundation Golf Outing- Edgewood Golf Club, 11:00 a.m.
11 <sup>th</sup> .....	Young Leaders Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
13 <sup>th</sup> .....	Annual Meeting Proxy's & RSVP's due
14 <sup>th</sup> .....	Marketing Bus Trip, 7:00 a.m. See page 10
18 <sup>th</sup> .....	Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
20 <sup>th</sup> .....	Annual Meeting, Registration- 5:30 p.m. Dinner-6:00 p.m.

## August

1 <sup>th</sup> .....	Ag-Stravaganza- Sugar Creek UMC, 9:00 a.m.
8 <sup>th</sup> .....	Young Leaders Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
11 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> .....	Illinois State Fair
15 <sup>th</sup> .....	Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
17 <sup>th</sup> .....	Market Outlook Steakfry, 6:00 p.m. See page 9
18 <sup>th</sup> .....	Womens Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
18 <sup>th</sup> .....	Corn Yield Survey

All events take place at the Sangamon County Farm Bureau unless otherwise noted.

Sangamon County  
Farm Bureau

# Annual Meeting

Wednesday, July 20, 2016

DIRECTOR ATTENDANCE - 2016		J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M
<b>District 1</b>	Wayne Benanti	X									
	Tim Kinner	X									
	Jason Komnick	X									
<b>District 2</b>	Otto Rentschler	-									
	Randy Krone	X									
	Tyler Sloan	X									
<b>District 3</b>	Dale Edwards	X									
	Jason Pickrell (Ass't Sec/Treas)	X									
	Phil Sidles (Secretary)	X									
<b>District 4</b>	Bryon Muench	X									
	David Ray (Treasurer)	X									
	Paul Rice	X									
<b>District 5</b>	Cathryn Ayers	X									
	Larry Beaty (President)	X									
	Matt Heissing	X									
	Marty Fairchild	X									
<b>District 6</b>	Colleen Carney-Harms	X									
	Ben Ladage (Vice-President)	X									
	Tim Seifert	X									
<b>GAC Chair</b> , Allen Entwistle	-										
<b>MPR Chair</b> , Diana Beaty	X										
<b>YL Chair</b> , Katie King	-										
<b>Women's Chair</b> , Cassandra Bennett	X										

The annual Women's Committee Bus Trip was a big success. Thank you to all the ladies that came out. Hope to see you again next year!  
- Cassie



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# Diana Beaty's Coconut Cream Pie

*Crust:* (I use the following recipe)

1 cup Flour  
½ tsp. salt  
1/3 cup shortening  
2-4 T. cold water

Bake Pie Crust @ 450 degrees for 9 to 12 minutes or until light golden brown; cool.

*Coconut Cream Filling:* In medium saucepan, combine sugar, ¾ cup sugar  
¾ cup flour  
½ cup flour  
¼ tsp. salt  
2 ¼ cups milk  
3 eggs, separated  
3 Tablespoons butter  
1 ½ tsp. vanilla  
1 cup coconut

In medium saucepan, combine sugar, flour and salt. In medium bowl, beat milk and egg yolks until smooth; stir into sugar mixture. (Reserve your egg whites for the meringue). Cook over medium heat until mixture thickens and boils, stirring constantly. Boil slowly 1 minute. Remove from heat; stir in butter, vanilla and coconut. Pour hot filling into cooled baked crust.

*Meringue:*  
3 egg whites  
¼ tsp cream of tartar  
½ tsp vanilla  
¼ cup sugar  
½ cup coconut

Heat oven to 350 degrees. In small deep bowl, beat egg whites, cream of tartar and vanilla at medium speed until soft peaks form, about 1 minute. Add sugar, 1 tablespoon at a time, beating at highest speed until stiff glossy peaks form and sugar is dissolved. Spoon meringue onto hot filling; spread to edge of crust to seal well and prevent shrinkage. I use a narrow spatula or knife to swirl meringue. Sprinkle with about ½ cup shredded coconut. Bake at 350 degrees for 12 to 15 minutes or until golden brown. Cool pie on wire rack; store pie in refrigerator. Enjoy! They don't last long here, I even get special request, especially from my favorite county board member!! (his is baking now)

With each new Assistant Manager come some new ideas for our Sangamo Farmer and Ashley suggested to me that we start adding a new recipe from one of our many Farm Bureau Volunteers that perhaps may interest our members and something you could save. So with that she suggested I be first! I love to make pies and my harvest crew is always asking for my Coconut Cream Pie so I thought I would share that with you  
-Diana



Ashley Kauffman

Hello, Sangamon County Farm Bureau members! My name is Ashley Kauffman and I have recently been named your new Assistant Manager/ Communications Specialist. I have met a handful of you and I look forward to meeting as many members as possible.

I grew up in Danvers, IL on a corn, soybean and hay operation. From an early age I started showing pigs competitively in the state of Illinois as well as across the country. I was member of 4-H and FFA growing up and after high school I attended Illinois Central College (ICC) where I was a member of the Livestock Judging Team. Upon graduating with my associates degree I transferred to Western Illinois University where I was also on the Livestock Judging Team and member of the WIU Hoof N' Horn Club. I recently graduated in May with my bachelor's degree in Ag Business as well as a minor in Graphic Communications.

I have a passion for agriculture and a love for graphic design and hope to integrate the two while trying to help promote the SCFB. I am excited to start this next journey in life with the SCFB and I hope to help you all in any way possible. Please don't hesitate to call me at 217-753-5629 or email me at [akauffman@sangamonfb.org](mailto:akauffman@sangamonfb.org) with any of your needs.

-Ashley

# 2016 MARKETING COMMITTEE BUS TOUR

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## « SCHEDULE »

Bus Departs SCFB .....	7:00 am
Joliet Union Pacific.....	9:30 am
Depart for Lunch.....	11:30 pm
Depart for Funks Grove.....	1:45 pm
Funks Grove.....	2:30-4:30 pm
Arrive at SCFB.....	5:45 pm

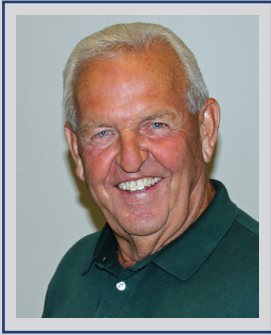


Please contact the office to register.  
Seating is limited. Please register by July 12th.  
Call us today to reserve your spot.

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# President's Report



Larry Beaty

I was at the county fair yesterday to assist in the presentation of a Plaque for the oldest farm house in Sangamon County. The Walters Farm House on Salem Lane in Gardner Township was built in 1823. The Barringer Family received an engraved plaque at the Sangamon County Fair to commemorate the honor. The search was sponsored by Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission, Sangamon County Farm Bureau and Brandt Inc.

As we drove home from the fair I recalled my days as a child. As soon as school let out and summer vacation started I took my shirt off and never wore one unless a trip to town or every Sunday for Sunday school and Church. It seemed like almost immediately my father and I would start to walk beans, I am sure it was a month or so after school let out for the summer, but it seemed as though we spent the entire summer walking beans. You have to understand this time frame was way before chemicals to control weeds; so you can see it took most of the summer as my father was pretty conservative and he didn't see the need to

spend money on help when he and I could get the job done. I did not particularly like school but after a summer of walking beans I was ready for school to start! Rest assured I never complained because I was the youngest of nine children and I saw what happened when my older brothers challenged our Dad. I was a very quick learner!! My father took a timeout when his hand got sore! But if I am really honest I never got a whipping I didn't deserve and with 9 kids and no T.V. there had to be discipline or it would have been chaos, and believe me there was no chaos in our home. We were blessed with a great Mother and Father who loved us and taught us good work ethic and as a family we never missed Sunday school and Church.

And now for a topic not so bright, Politics. What a sad state of affairs our State and Federal Politics are in. I have always had an interest in politics since I was a young man (and that has been a day or three ago)! I have never been as discouraged with our so called political leaders both state and federal as I am right now. On the federal side, the terrible things and lies being told are really disgraceful.

And for this great state to be in the awful shape it is in is beyond disgraceful. To me it is criminal. The potential for not having a budget for the the next three years is absolutely terrible. The House of Representative Leaders, The Senate Leaders and the Governor, they go home at night to a nice home, eat a nice meal and enjoy their life. No budget... they don't seem to care. It is the poor folks who will lose their jobs because money has not been appropriated to finish construction jobs and many other agencies who rely on a State Budget. Shame on Madigan, Cullerton and Governor Rauner for not being willing to sit down and get a budget deal made.

In closing, our one bright spot in the political arena for me and many others is our Sangamon County Board led by Andy VanMeter. They do not spend money they don't have and for that I and many others are eternally grateful. They have the best interests of Sangamon County Residents at heart in the decisions they make. When you see your Sangamon County Board Member, thank them for a job well done. In closing God bless this Great Country. Be careful and stay safe.

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Please join us for a fun day learning about agriculture!

# AG-STRAVAGANZA

Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup>

9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Sugar Creek United Methodist Church

1022 New City Rd, Chatham, IL

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# PRE HARVEST MARKET OUTLET STEAKFRY

AUGUST 17TH, 2016

It's hard to beat a great rib-eye steak on the grill especially when you're getting the scoop on where the markets are headed and how you can maximize your returns. Learn how you can position yourself to maximize your profit potential.

Join us in the comfort of Farm Bureau building while you listen to the highly regarded market analysts of Ag Yield. They will provide details of the market reaction to the fall crop report that comes out on the 12th. He'll also discuss how weather factors around the world and geo-political issues will likely affect the markets into and after harvest.

The event is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 17, 2016** at the Sangamon County Farm Bureau. You're welcome to arrive at 5:30 or after. The meal will be ready somewhere around 6:00 p.m.

The cost to attend this event is \$10.00 per person with a maximum capacity of 75 people. Hurry to reserve your seat at this valuable information event. Please detach and return the reservation tab below along with your check payable to the Sangamon County Farm Bureau by **August 12th** to secure your reservations.

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Pre-Harvest Market Outlook Steakfry - August 17, 2016, 6:00 p.m. @ Sangamon County Farm Bureau

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 ea. = \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Amount Remitted)

Please make payment to: Sangamon County Farm Bureau, 2631 Beechler Ct, Springfield, IL 62703  
Reservations must be received by August 12th



Katie King

Summer is in full swing right now with county fairs and livestock shows. This past week a few young leaders and many other Farm Bureau members volunteered their time in the HAYLOFT at the Sangamon County Fair. They were helping youth and parents learn about Agriculture with hands on

learning activities. The HAYLOFT (Helping All Youth Learn of Farming Techniques) is a well-known area at the county fair that is always a hit for the young ones. It takes many volunteers to make this area a success and we hope to keep that tradition going.

On the same note, the YLs will be setting up various learning opportunities for the Sangamon County 4-H participants in July. On July 8th- 10th the 4-H show will be taking place in New Berlin, all are welcome to come out and support this youth program. The YLs are teaming up with the extension to help educate members about agriculture. Many 4-H members are now removed from the farm so we are hoping to help them learn about different agricultural topics during the fair. We will be working with Carrie Winkelman on great AITC lessons.

In May, Mike Borgic, Ethan Krone, Andy Morehouse and Stephen and Emily Prather competed in the Cass-Morgan County Farm Bureau Young Leaders Burger Cook-off. They were very successful and tied for third place with their Pizza Burger. This burger consisted of hamburger mixed with Italian sausage and stuffed with pepperoni and mozzarella cheese while being topped with marinara sauce. All proceeds from the contest went to food pantries in Cass and Morgan Counties. Jason and Melissa Komnick have graciously hosted a spot to plant sweet corn for our harvest for all project. If anyone is willing to help pick sweet corn when that time comes, we would love to have you! The harvest will be spread among local food banks; we have great plans to expand this project out next year challenging other counties.

Some of the events we are gearing up for the remainder of the summer are Ag-Stravaganza in August, quiz bowl at the state fair and possibly working in the governors tent with an educational game on agriculture.

If you would like to participate in these or any Young Leader events, please contact SCFB for more information.

YOUNG LEADERS



Diana Beaty

Summer is upon us and with that comes lots of activities for Sangamon County Farm Bureau.

First off I want to welcome our new Assistant Manager/ Communications Specialist Ashley Kauffman. I'm looking forward to working with Ashley on this summer's activities and all those Farm Bureau activities to follow.

Welcome to our Farm Bureau Family Ashley!

I got to enjoy an afternoon at the Sangamon County Fair as volunteers from Farm Bureau pitched in to help out at the hayloft supervising activities for the kids, we also took some time to help kids make a corn pin, something they could wear home and be proud of making. Much more enjoyable this year not having to fight the rain and mud!

As I write this article we are preparing for our Annual Trip to see the Cub/Cardinal game at Wrigley Field. This year our bus filled up fast for which I am grateful, looking forward to a fun filled day of rooting on our favorite teams!

July 8th, a fun filled day of Golf, the Foundation Golf Outing at Edgewood in Auburn, if you haven't signed up, get that foursome registered or you can also participate by being a Sponsor. This is one of our fundraisers for the Sangamon County Farm Bureau Foundation. Also on this day we will pick the lucky winner of the Drone Raffle. Tickets are available until this day, so if you haven't purchased your winning tickets give the office a call or catch up to your favorite board member.

July 20<sup>th</sup>, County Annual Meeting, you should have received your invite by now. \$10.00 will reserve a seat for you along with our evening meal, which will be catered by Nelson's catering this year. Hope to see you there!

August 1<sup>st</sup>, Ag-Stravaganza will take place at Sugar Creek Methodist Church. This is a similar event to our 'A Day in the Country' with some new changes and working with our Young Leaders on helping to educate our non-farm neighbors about agriculture. We will be hosting daycares during the morning hours and open to the public from 1-7 p.m. Educating about animals, bees, equipment, gardening and crops will all be taking place. Samples of food supplied from Illinois Pork, Mike and Sara Prescott Angus Farm and Prairie Farms will all be available. Invite your non-farm neighbors out for a fun afternoon!

So a busy summer is on hand and I am looking forward to seeing you all at one of these events. Remember this is your organization so get involved! If we need to do something for you as a farmer that we are not, please let us know! Contact the Sangamon County Farm Bureau Office at 753-5200 and visit with Arika or Ashley about any of these events! Enjoy the summer!

MEMBER & PR





# Farming isn't a business, it's a legacy

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## Location:

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 July 28th / 11:00 am – 12:30 pm (?) — Lunch will be provided

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*We hope to see you there.*

Please RSVP by July 20th

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# The Bureau According to Jim .....



Jim Birge

When I was a young boy I loved going fishing with my dad and uncle. It always seemed to be a near magical excursion. Up before daylight, loading all the gear in the boat, traveling to the lake, and casting off for that hotspot where my

giant fish would be lurking.

I remember one particular fishing trip (I think it was to Newton Lake). We set out on the lake to fish for the mother load of crappie. It was a cool morning with wisps of fog rolling off the water. Dad and Uncle Bob were in the middle seat of the boat and the rear respectively. I always got stuck up at the front seat of the big john boat. You know the one seat that was built in, didn't have a back, didn't swivel, and faced the rear of the boat. Yep that was my little sweet spot. Oh yeah, and I was constantly told not to cast out of the front of the boat because I'd get my line wrapped around the trolling motor or hit someone when I cast my line.

Once we got into a nice little cove and began fishing, I noticed a mesmerizing little bit of brush in the water in front of me. There had to be a monster bass in those weeds! So with a little bit of waiting and watching over my shoulder, I decided to make a quick little snap cast

straight ahead of the boat and into that brush while not getting caught for breaking the rules. I made ready, and cast my line directly toward the spot. This is where things went south. After casting, all I could see on the water and attached to my lure was my dad's hat!!! I never even turned around because I was pretty sure I was gonna have to swim back to the boat dock with a sore backside. All went better than anticipated. Dad let me stay in the boat, without my fishing rod, and watch THEM fish the rest of the day.

It's strange how experiences, even if not perfect ones, can be wonderful memories in retrospect. My dad's been gone for several years now and my Uncle Bob just passed a few weeks ago. Those days of fishing with them will never come again but the ones we had will be cherished.

I'll always miss my dad, but my uncle's death is recent and a bit more poignant at the moment. I find myself missing him a lot too.

We all have to deal with life as it comes at us. What I've learned is to be aware of those special little moments when they occur (easier said than done). Especially the ones that you preface with "we can laugh about it now" before you relive the story. The people in your life are an important part of who you are and you are more a part of who they are than you'll ever know. Treat those relationships with utter care. They're more valuable than you know.



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Matt Heissinger

Our committee has worked out a few events for this summer beginning with a bus trip in mid-July to Joliet. We will visit the Union Pacific railroad transfer yard where we will learn how massive quantities of large shipping containers are put on truck from train and back. It is said to be coordinated chaos. We'll also make a stop in Funks Grove and visit the historical home of the Funks family.

On August 17<sup>th</sup> we'll have our annual Market Outlook Steak Fry with presenters from AgYield to give us some insight on the just released fall crop report. We'll also be holding our corn yield check on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Finally, we are working on the potential of holding a truck regulations seminar in August and a cattle clinic near the end of the year. Please check out our SCFB website for further details as they develop.

**MARKETING**



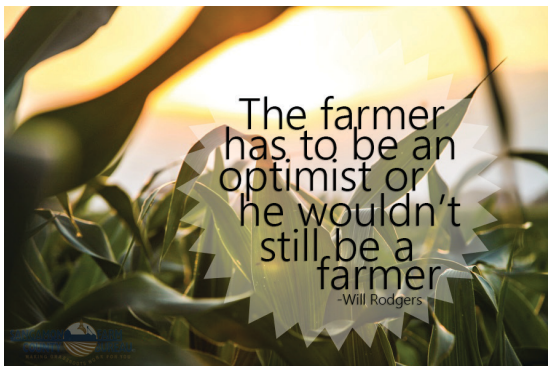
Paul Rice

Our committee had their program of work and budget accepted for the 2016-17 fiscal year. This includes the activities we plan to conduct to help gather your input on policy needs and how to guide the Farm

Bureau in the coming year.

One of those activities is our annual Policy Development Tailgate Talk event. Be watching your mailboxes for an invitation to assist us in learning about member needs and how we can shape our policy to address them.

**POLICY DEVELOPMENT**



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Allen Entwistle

There's always issues afoot in our Governmental Affairs Committee. Our meeting last month was no different. On the national level, we discussed federal GMO labeling legislation, atrazine use regulations, and Trans Pacific Partnership trade legislation. The current state level issues include, the state budget, filter strip tax advantage, the telecommunications bill which would allow companies to put infrastructure in a farmer owned right of way without the owner's consent, expedited review of utility project proposals, the Independent Map Amendment lawsuit, the State Fair Foundation bill.

On the local level we had a guest speaker, Molly Berns, of the Springfield & Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission. We discussed a proposal before the planning commission that would require small businesses to pave a parking lot if doing retail sales and other types of business. We were able to work with her and County Board Members to get consideration for exempting agriculture from such requirements.

Finally, we approved our program of work and budget for the 2016-17 fiscal year to give us a plan for how the committee will use resources to best represent your interests.

The next GAC meeting is scheduled for July 11<sup>th</sup>.

**GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS**



Cassandra Bennett

Hi there Sagamon County Farm Bureau members, I hope this note finds everyone keeping cool from all this heat, and hopefully some rain too!

I feel like we have missed every chance we've had for rain. The women's committee had a packed and successful bus trip at the beginning of June. It was a nice way to round off our year for our summer break. We will not meet again until August, I hope to see you there! Until then stay cool and send some rain our way!

**WOMEN'S COMMITTEE**

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