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Upcoming Committee Meetings & Events

JULY

3 rd	Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
4 th	<i>Happy Independence Day, Office Closed</i>
7 th	Foundation Golf Outing, Auburn (See Page 9)
10 th	Young Leader Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
17 th	Policy Development Tailgate Talk & Cookout, 5:30 p.m. (See Page 5)
17 th	Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
30 st & 31 st	Ag-Stravaganza, Chatham (See Page 4)

AUGUST

7 th	Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
10 th -20 th	Illinois State Fair, Springfield
14 th	Young Leader Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
17 th	Women's Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
21 th	Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

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

Front page photo: 2017 Spring AgVenture Barn Tour

DIRECTOR ATTENDANCE - 2016/2017		J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M
District 1	Wayne Benanti	X	X	X	-	-	X	-	X	X	X
	Michael Kinner	n/a	n/a	X	-	-	X	X	X	X	X
	Jason Kormnick	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	X	X
District 2	Otto Rentschler	-	X	X	-	-	X	X	-	-	X
	Randy Krone	X	X	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	X
	Tyler Sloan	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-
District 3	Dale Edwards	X	X	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	X
	Jason Pickrell (Ass't Sec/Treas)	X	X	X	-	-	X	X	X	X	X
	Phil Sidles (Secretary)	X	X	X	-	-	X	X	-	X	X
District 4	Bryon Muench	X	X	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	-
	David Ray (Treasurer)	X	X	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	X
	Paul Rice	X	X	-	-	-	X	-	X	X	X
District 5	Cathryn Ayers	X	X	X	-	-	X	X	X	X	X
	Larry Beaty (President)	X	X	X	-	-	X	X	X	-	X
	Matt Heissingner	X	X	X	-	-	X	X	X	X	X
District 6	Marty Fairchild	X	X	X	-	-	X	X	X	X	X
	Colleen Carney-Harms	X	X	X	-	-	X	X	X	X	X
	Ben Ladage (Vice-President)	X	X	X	-	-	X	-	X	X	X
	Tim Seifert	-	-	X	-	-	X	X	X	X	-
GAC Chair , Allen Entwistle		-	X	X	-	-	-	-	X	X	X
MPR Chair , Diana Beaty		X	X	X	-	-	X	X	-	-	X
YL Chair , Katie King		-	-	X	-	-	X	X	X	-	X
Women's Chair , Cassandra Bennett		X	X	X	-	-	X	X	-	-	-

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INGREDIENTS

SYRUP:

1 CUP SUGAR
1 CUP WATER
JUICE OF 1 ORANGE
ZEST OF 1 ORANGE
2 TEASPOONS VANILLA EXTRACT

FRUIT SALAD:

2 PINTS BLUEBERRIES
4 PINTS STRAWBERRIES, HULLED AND HALVED
2 CUPS RED GRAPES, CUT IN HALF
2 CUPS GREEN GRAPES, CUT IN HALF

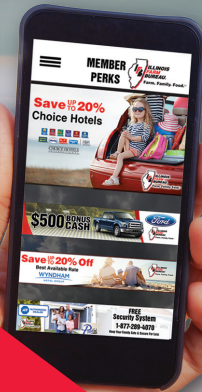
Women's Committee Fruit Salad



DIRECTIONS:

PLACE THE SUGAR, WATER, ORANGE JUICE AND ORANGE ZEST INTO A SMALL SAUCEPAN AND STIR TO COMBINE. BRING TO A BOIL, THEN TURN THE HEAT TO LOW AND SIMMER FOR 15-20 MINUTES TO THICKEN SLIGHTLY. SET ASIDE TO COOL, THEN STORE IN THE FRIDGE UNTIL COLD. MIX TOGETHER ALL THE FRUIT IN A LARGE BOWL AND POUR THE SYRUP OVER THE TOP, TOSsing GENTLY. GARNISH WITH MINT LEAVES AND SERVE.

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Scholarship Winners

The objective of the Sangamon County Farm Bureau Foundation's Scholarship program is to provide general scholarships to eligible post high school students of Sangamon County Farm Bureau members.

The Foundation offered five \$1,250 scholarships for the Fall Semester 2017. Congratulations to all of our winners!

Chad Boarman Aaron Fishburn
Jacob Lauher Jake Stahl
 Megan Tomlin



CHAD BOARMAN

Chad is the son of Michael and Sheila Boarman. Chad graduated from Pawnee High School. Michael will attend Illinois State University and major in Agronomy Management. Congratulations Chad!



AARON FISHBURN

Aaron is the son of Brian and Jennifer Fishburn. Aaron graduated from Tri City High School. Aaron will attend Lincoln Land Community College and major in Agriculture. Congratulations Aaron!



JACOB LAUHER

Jacob is the son of John Lauher and Debra Davis. Madeline attended Glenwood High School. Jacob will attend Iowa State University and major in Industrial Engineering. Congratulations Jacob!



JAKE STAHL

Jake is the son of Martin Stahl and Kimberly Ervin. Jake attended St. Teresa High School. Jake will attend the University of Illinois and major in Agribusiness. Congratulations Jake!



MEGAN TOMLIN

Megan is the daughter of Troy and Carol Tomlin. Megan attended Auburn High School. Megan will attend the University of Illinois and will major in Biology. Congratulations Megan!

Look for our 2018 Scholarship information this winter!

Women's Committee Bus Trip



Left: The Women's Committee Bus Trip enjoyed a Land & Water Cruise at Starved Rock in Olgesby, IL. The ladies also toured Ropp Cheese Farm in Normal, IL on their way home and got a first hand look into the operation and got to sample cheese afterwards. We thank everyone that attended the bus trip and hope to see them next year!

WATER TESTING PROGRAM

This program is designed to engage farmers in the nutrient and water quality issues facing agriculture by providing information on possible nutrient losses from their production operations.

Contact the office at 217-753-5200 for information and to schedule a time to test your samples after collection.



Matt Heissinger

By the time you receive your Sangamo Farmer this month, the Marketing Committee will have taken their annual Marketing Committee Bus Trip. The group is traveling to the St. Louis Science Center, Grafton Winery and the Melvin Price Lock and Dam. In the next publication, I will update all of you with the details of our day. The committee will be planning more summer and fall events.

We do appreciate any input that you may have to promote and educate us in agriculture. So please fill free to come to our meetings or call us with your thoughts.

For now, that's all I have for today!

MARKETING



Cassie Bennett

Hello SCFB members! The Women's Committee had their annual summer bus trip on June 7th. The group enjoyed a Land and Water Cruise at the Starved Rock State Park and a tour of Ropp Cheese Farm in Normal, IL. We had a great time and really enjoyed ourselves. The weather was great and we learned a lot about the river and about cheese.

The Women's Committee will be taking a bit of a summer break but will be having a meeting on August 17th at 6:00 p.m. We would love to see some new faces join our committee. Feel free to contact the office if you're interested in joining our committee. Have a great summer and keep cool!

WOMEN'S

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FUN DAY LEARNING ABOUT AGRICULTURE!

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2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.
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7th Annual Golf Outing

Friday, July 7, 2017

Edgewood Golf Club • Auburn, IL



\$300/foursome • or •
\$75/individual golfer

includes lunch, beverages on the course, cart
rental, and 18 holes of golf

7:15 AM: Registration
8:00 AM: Shotgun Start

Lunch & Prizes

immediately following play

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 \$1,250 scholarships to outstanding local youth!

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(includes 4 lunches)

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(includes all games listed below, \$100 Value)

___ # of individual golfers @ \$75/each

(includes lunch)

Sponsor: ___ # of hole sponsorships @ \$100/each

Dinner: ___ # of additional dinners @ \$25/each

Games:

___ Individual Mulligan \$5

___ Team Mulligan \$20

___ Chip in Hula Hoop \$5/ 3 chances

(50/50 payout)

___ Buy Your Drive (Hole 16)

Circle one: (\$20 drop across creek) (\$40 drop at cone on green)

___ Tee Shot (Hole 17)

(tee shot inside of ring on green \$5/chance, 50/50 payout)

\$ _____ TOTAL

(Or purchase games at the event)



Diana Beaty

As I write this article we are preparing for our County Annual Meeting which is on June 28th at the county office, by the time you receive this issue that meeting will be over and we will have begun a new year at Sangamon County Farm Bureau. New Directors will be elected and a new Executive Board will be elected after this meeting. Here at

Sangamon County Farm Bureau we are in our 99th year of electing officers, committees preparing programs of work and budgets. I mention this because our 100th anniversary committee and staff have begun preparing for our 100th anniversary celebration which will take place on August 25, 2018. Put this date on your calendars now this promises to be a big celebration and we want you to be a part of this celebration. This committee & the office staff have already put in several hours of preparation for our 100th celebration throughout the year in 2018 but especially this event. In preparation for the event, the staff has been going thru all the pictures that have been collected over the years in the county. As you can imagine a lot of these pictures have no dates and no names on them. If you have been involved in some of the county activities over the years and would be willing to help sort thru some of these pictures, we would appreciate your help. Give Ashley a call at 753-5200 or myself at 415-2310 and we will work with you on a time to come in and sit and reminisce a bit to help identify some of our pictures. We are wanting to use some of these in a video we will be putting together and it helps to know who is in the picture.

Our Foundation Golf Outing is on July 7th. I promise this to be a fun filled day. We have moved our tee times to morning this year to see if we draw more of a crowd and also to help beat the heat of the afternoon. The day will start with registration at 7:15 with morning refreshments and will be followed by a catered lunch after everyone returns back in from the course. We always welcome sponsors or a foursome, whichever is your choice.

We are preparing for our Ag-Stravaganza which will take place on July 30 & 31 at Sugar Creek Methodist Church. On Sunday our afternoon will be open to our non-farm family neighbors who are interested in learning about life on the farm and where their food comes from. Sunday's event is from 2-5 p.m. Please let your neighbors/church friends anyone or you think may be interested know about this day and have them come spend it with us. We will have stations to teach about honeybees, corn, gardening, equipment, beef, dairy, sheep, swine, poultry and a Rural Roads Safety Program. We will have free food available along

MEMBER & PR



Katie King

The Young Leader Group hopes everyone is enjoying the start of summer! Hopefully the heat goes away a little bit here soon. The group has a fairly busy summer planned, I hope I can catch you up on all of our activities.

Andy Morehouse planted the crop plot for this year's district 10 Food Challenge. The group challenged other young leader groups to grow as much sweet corn on 1 acre as they can. The product will then be weighed and donated to a food bank in each group's area. So far the corn looks great and will be ready to pick middle to the end of July.

We are gearing up to help the Sanagmon County Fair with their HAYLOFT area. The group is planning to volunteer at least one shift and help educate the youth and adults in attendance. We are also planning to do our SMV audit in August, we are hoping to spread awareness to those out there miss using SMV signs.

Mike Borgic and I are preparing to head to Canada for this year's Ag Industry Tour. We are very excited to see the agriculture industry there. We will be traveling around for almost one week from Montreal to Toronto learning of various agriculture products. We can't wait to come back and share what we learn.

The YL group is teaming up with Member/PR for the 2nd annual Ag-Stravaganza on July 30th and July 31st. We have great things planned and can't wait to see the turn out for this year!

Various other events we are taking part in this summer are the YL Quiz Bowl at the Illinois State Fair in August. We will also have a team for the Annual Foundation Golf Outing in July. Mike Borgic will be competing in the District 10 Discussion Meet in August as well. Best of luck, bring on Chicago!!

The young leaders wish everyone a happy and very safe summer! If you are interested in any of these events or would like to join the YL group, please contact the SCFB office at 217-753-5200.

YOUNG LEADERS

Member & PR Cont.

with the education.

On Monday we will be hosting daycares to teach the children about all of the above stations. This should be a very educational 2 days for all those attending and we ask for your help in getting the public to attend on Sunday. Thank you in advance!

Enjoy your Summer hope to see you at one of our events!



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& TAILGATE TALK & COOKOUT

Monday, July 17th

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm



Join us for burgers and brats as we welcome Illinois Farm Bureau Vice-President David Erickson who will kick the meeting off with a policy issue update. The goal for this meeting is to update members on issues and create an opportunity to hear member concerns that we need to address in policy.

Please RSVP by Friday, July 17th 217-753-5200
or email amason@sangamonfb.org

The Bureau According to Jim



Jim Birge

Once again, we're diving right into summer. With all the rain we had earlier this spring, you'd be hard pressed to hear us calling for the rains to return. But that's just where we're at. People barely got back into the wet holes to replant and everything else needs a nice

solid rain. I guess mother nature has her own plans and as farmers well know, they don't always go the way we want or need them to. So goes the life of a farmer.

Back at the Farm Bureau, we're busy planning and executing all the many summer events we do each year. Our great volunteers get it from both sides. First, they're busy in the field, so we can't have meetings with them. Then they get some free time from the fields (or at least more free time) and we must squeeze a whole bunch of meetings in during that fleeting period. They stay busy no matter which way they turn!

This summer has yet one more big project for everyone to work on. Our upcoming 100th anniversary celebration! Yep, it's such a milestone for Sangamon County Farm Bureau to reach 100 years of service to our members. We'll be celebrating our anniversary throughout 2018 with celebratory events, many looks back in history, and wondering what our next 100 years will be like. It's a lot to absorb and now that we're deep into the research and planning stage, I'm realizing how all-encompassing this project is.

We've hired an extremely bright and talented young intern to help conduct research for our 100 years. His name is Isaac Warren and he's been a welcome addition to the team. He's read and cataloged all our issues of the Sangamo Farmer that we have on file. That's meant

hundreds and hundreds of issues he's poured through and has noted many interesting things throughout our history. We'll be sharing them with you frequently when 2018 rolls around, so stay tuned on this great walk through history. We've had many dedicated presidents and board members throughout our history and just has happened many times, we're about to see yet another passing of the gavel this year. Larry Beaty has been our president for the past few years and his leadership and guidance to his executive committee, board and staff has been a real blessing to the organization. Most members really don't know the vast amount of time and energy it takes to be President of the Sangamon County Farm Bureau (unless you are among the elite group of past presidents). I can't tell you how many conversations Larry and I have held during many nights and weekends to keep things moving forward. In addition to simple phone calls and texts there's the never-ending list of meetings to attend. Larry has always taken them very seriously and has been diligent to attend all the meetings he can. That, my friends, is a great and dedicated president! While we're sad to see his time as president come to an end, it is the natural process of change we also embrace. This provides a sense of renewal to the organization and helps move us along the path of the times. It's an exciting time for us as staff to learn our new president's ways and participate in his or her innovative ideas. It can be stressful to both the new president, board, executive committee, and staff, but it's a good kind of stress that keeps us all fresh and moving our organization into the future so that we may be relevant to generations yet to come.

I'll end my column this month with this one statement. Thank you Larry Beaty and all the presidents I've had the great honor to work for! And thank you in advance for all those great leaders I'll have the privilege to be associated with in the days and years to come!

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Allen Entwistle

Our committee has been monitoring numerous pieces of legislation at both the state and federal level. We've seen many issues come up that, if advanced, would place agriculture in a dangerous spot. As I informed you in the last issue of the Sangamo Farmer, we've been meeting with our members of

the General Assembly to thwart the advancement of several pieces of legislation. Perhaps the most notable among these has been legislation proposed to make changes to the Illinois Livestock Facilities Act and one that would remove the sales tax exemption on seed, chemicals, machinery, and other purchases farmers must make.

Fortunately, neither of these issues made it through the process of becoming law. That's in great part to our members speaking out to inform legislators how damaging they would be to agriculture. But, even though these issues didn't advance, we must be ready to defend them again and again. They're not likely to go away anytime soon.

Then there's the gorilla in the room issue. That's obviously the lack of our leaders in the General Assembly to pass a state budget. I won't go into that matter any further other than to say that agriculture suffers from this impotence just as the rest of our state's residents. You already know the rest of the story.

On the federal front, we've been disappointed and shocked at some of the attempts of the Administration to exit our agreement on NAFTA. Fortunately, we have a Secretary of Agriculture that has the President's ear and wisely chose to remain in the agreement while at the same time making changes to modernize it for the times. Then there's the President's budget proposal that would cut funding to agriculture programs by more than half. The one saving grace to this is that, as all

Presidents have done before Mr. Trump, their budget proposal is just a reflection of funding some of their higher priorities while finding cuts to pay for them. But, a President's budget is more like a wish list to Congress. Both chambers of Congress will create budget bills of their own that won't contain the same cuts as has been proposed. We'll continue to work with our members of Congress to ensure agriculture is afforded the funding it deserves in order to maintain the security of its viability.

On the local front, we've begun working to address proposals from a company wanting to construct solar farms in the county. Approximately 40 of our members have been contacted by the company about constructing solar farms on their land. We're working with the company, the county government, and Illinois Farm Bureau to address this matter. We'll be reaching out to those affected members in the coming weeks to assist them in evaluating their options and understanding the risks and rewards of participating. Until then, we ask members not to enter into any agreement without contacting our office for assistance or waiting to hear from us.

There's so much more I could report on that's happening within our Governmental Affairs Committee but suffice it to say, we're always engaged in the issues that affect our members and work diligently to represent their best interests. If you know of an issue that perhaps hasn't caught our attention as of yet, please contact our office to request us to look into it. There's no more benefit than having our members keep us informed because, even though we are well informed, issues can sneak up undetected until it's too late to successfully address them. You become our eyes and ears to catch them in their early stages.

That's it for now. Enjoy your summer and stay ready for us to ask for your assistance when issue arise.

- 20th Annual Meeting of Sangamon County Farm Bureau, January 8, 1938 -
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we would love to see them!



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