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Upcoming Meetings & Events

JULY

9th	Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting, 6:00pm
4th	
9th	
13th	
16th	
18th	
29th	
31st	

AUGUST

6th	Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
13th	Young Leader Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
20th	Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
25th	100th Anniversary Celebration, 4:30 p.m.

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



DIRECTOR	ATTENDANCE - 2017/2018	S	0	N	D	J	F	М	Α	М	J
District 1	Wayne Benanti	Χ	-	Χ	Χ	Χ	Х	-	Χ	Χ	Χ
	Michael Kinner	Χ	-	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	χ	Χ	Χ	Χ
	Jason Komnick	Χ	-	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	-	Χ	-
District 2	Otto Rentschler	Χ	-	-	-	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	-
	Randy Krone	Χ	-	-	Χ	Χ	-	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ
	Kevin Foran	Χ	-	Χ	-	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ
District 3	Dale Edwards	Χ	-	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ
	Jason Pickrell (Treasurer)	Χ	-	Χ	-	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	-
	Phil Sidles (President)	Χ	-	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ
District 4	Bryon Muench	Χ	-	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ
	Adam Bailey	Χ	-	Χ	Χ	Χ	-	Χ	Χ	Χ	-
	Pam Neuman	Χ	-	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ
District 5	Cathryn Ayers (Vice-President)	Χ	-	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ
	Diana Beaty (Sectretary)	Χ	-	Χ	Χ	-	-	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ
	Matt Heissinger	Χ	-	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ
	Marty Fairchild	Χ	-	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	χ
District 6	Colleen Carney-Harms	Χ	-	-	Χ	-	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ
	Ben Ladage (Ass't Sect/Treas)	Χ	-	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ
	Tim Seifert	Χ	-	Χ	Χ	-	Χ	Χ	n/a	n/a	n/a
GAC Chair, Allen Entwistle		Χ	-	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	-	Χ	Χ
M&PR Chair, Janet Edwards		Χ	-	n/a	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ
YL Chair, Stephen Prather		n/a	-	n/a	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ
Women's Chair, Cassandra Bennett		Χ	-	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	-	-
Policy D. Chair, Larry Beaty			-	Χ	Χ	-	-	Χ	Χ	Χ	-

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President's Report



Phil Sidles

Well another spring planting season has come and gone. Once we had the weather to get going, we had a very productive spring. It still amazes me how much crop can be planted in such a short window.

As we prepare for our 100th Anniversary, I couldn't help but to think back a hundred years ago and imagine the daunting task of putting in a crop. I'm still amazed at the advancements in the agricultural field and I cannot wait to see what the future will hold. That's why I feel strongly that an organization such as Farm Bureau needs to continue to build in strength and numbers. The future generations of farmers will be faced with many obstacles, that is why it is so important to be proactive instead of reactive.

Maintaining a strong organization is also the reason why, as president, I have put an emphasis on continuing the relationships we've created over the years with local leaders on a county, state, and

even federal level. Having the ability to pick up the phone and have an open conversation with these leaders is a tremendous asset for the organization. Our relationship, or perhaps more appropriately, our partnership with the Sangamon County Board is one of the most beneficial relationships our farmers and landowners can rely on. Our rural representatives including Dave Mendenhall, Craig Hall, Sam Snell, Jeff Thomas, and Todd Smith are top notch representatives of their farming constituents. Their work with Farm Bureau has been invaluable to our members.

As we look ahead, there are many issues on the horizon that will affect our way of life. There is an important balance that needs to be maintained and it is a very difficult task. We must protect the landowner and their rights. We must protect the farmer, to ensure a future with safe food available for the public, as well as a livelihood for those families that cultivate the ground. We must also protect the land itself, that is an asset of finite availability that we're not creating any more of, in fact we're losing more of it every day and I believe that with the support of its members, this organization will strive to complete the task.

So thank you again for your membership and support. Let's pray for timely rains and a bountiful harvest.



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Committee Reports



Stephen Prather

Cummer is here now and the young • leaders have been a busy committee. We continue to help prepare for the Ag-Stravaganza coming up July 29th & 30th. We just wrapped up our 1st Antique Tractor Drive held on the Saturday morning of the Sangamon County Fair. We would like to thank all those who came out to the drive and participated

in the contest. We had an outstanding 30 tractors participate this year and we could not be more excited about that turn out especially considering how hot it was. The tractors went on a little over a 2 hour tour of the New Berlin countryside before ending at the Sangamon County Fairgrounds. The tractors were then put on display to allow the general public to vote on their top 10. The Young Leader committee then voted on Best Restored, Most Unique, and Family Heritage, and the esteemed Farm Bureau President Phil Sidles made his President's Choice. The top 10 tractors from our contest along with Presidents Choice, Most Unique, Family Heritage, & Oldest will be showcased at our 100th Anniversary Celebration on August 25th at the ORR Building. The young leaders again would like to thank all who participated in our Antique Tractor Drive and anyone that helped make it a success, especially the office staff; Jim Birge, Kate Niemeier, & Arika Mason.



Janet Edwards

appy 4th of July!! By the time this Ledition comes out, it will probably in the past but the 4th is my favorite holiday. It is a time to celebrate America and all she stands for along with all of those who have fought so hard to keep us free. So get out and enjoy the fireworks, picnics and family!! Winter FINALLY gave up and now summer has hit us with

a vengeance. I won't complain about the heat but it sure was HOT the last part of the Sangamon County Fair. I would like to congratulate the Young Leaders and all of the participants for a FANTASTIC tractor drive at the fair. It was really great to see all of the tractors pull into the fairgrounds after their drive on a very warm Saturday morning. Some activities that are coming up

quickly are the Foundation Golf Outing on July 13th and Sangamon County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting on July 18th. Things are kind of slow for the committee members right now as everyone is busy with vacations, fairs and such but, Sangamon Farm Bureau is gearing up for its 100th Anniversary Celebration in August. Invitations should be in your mailbox soon, so make plans to come help celebrate Sangamon County Farm Bureau on the last Saturday in August. Enjoy summer, take time to celebrate our great country and enjoy the activities that are available to you through Sangamon County Farm Bureau.





Allen Entwistle

If summertime isn't busy enough with farm chores, kids' activities, and family trips, the GAC has kept a full plate working to represent our members on local, state, and national issues. It seems as though the fun never ends and more issues surface daily.

One of the local issues we've been working on has been the development of solar farms in the county. We

have one of the best solar ordinances in the state, but even the best can still have hurdles. Illinois Farm Bureau policy states that we support the development of solar farms on marginal ground, however Sangamon County doesn't have as much marginal ground as some other counties do. This causes concern between two competing ideals; private property rights to allow landowners to use their land as they choose, and farmland preservation needs to protect prime farmland from development for purposes other than ag. This struggle has been hard for our committee to handle. Striking a balance between these ideals is no easy task and a balance is really just in the eye of the beholder.

On the state level, we've been engaged with Illinois Farm Bureau to stop legislation from becoming law that would create a supplemental feeding program for deer. This bill could precipitate the increase of deer populations and therefore increase cattle/deer interactions which can transfer disease like Chronic Wasting Disease, which could decimate cattle herds.

Another state issue being investigated is the reported practice of IDNR workers disposing of dead deer from the roadway by simply dumping it just off the right of way. If this is a policy or accepted practice, it needs to stop. Deer should be properly disposed of in the same manner as is required for livestock producers.

National issues have really ramped up lately. The trade battles between the administration and China. Mexico, and Canada have been at the forefront of our efforts in the past month or so. The past couple of weeks have really shown how much this feud can hurt farmers bottom line. Farm Bureau and all other ag organizations are working hard to ensure the administration understands the real impacts farmers are feeling and seek solutions to rectify the matter.

The other major piece of national legislation is the crafting of the 2018 Farm Bill. There have been significant disputes among parties and groups regarding the level of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) funding contained in the bill. Although we certainly are pushing to get the 2018 Farm Bill done in 2018, there's a lot of road to travel before that happens.

Thanks for reading and your involvement on action requests when they're issued. Also, please see page 7 for a chance to win an iPad just for taking action on our action requests.

Committee Reports



Larry Beaty

This will be my last article as Policy L Development Chairman. I am stepping down as Chairman but I will continue to serve on the committee. I have lived more years than I have left to live and I have farmed more years than I have left to farm. I am going to enjoy the remaining years and be in charge of nothing! I have

served on the SCFB Board for 10 years during that tenure, I was Vice President 3 years and President 4 years. I have also served as Policy Committee Chairman for 1 year. It is time for me to step aside and let someone else have the opportunity to serve SCFB. Someone to bring new ideas and fresh thoughts. I know of counties who have had the same President for 20 years; and that is not good for the county. We need to step aside and give new people a chance to serve. When President Sidles asks one of our members to become Policy Chairman I would hope whoever he will ask would be willing to step up and take the task on. I know President Sidles well enough that if he asks someone they would be well suited for the job. It has been a great pleasure to be a part of Sangamon County Farm Bureau. May God Bless this organization and this Great Country.



Matt Heissinger

Tello everyone! Our summer bus **⊥** trip is on for June 26. More than 38 people have signed up for the trip. We are very please with the response. In our next letter, I will write more about the trip. Other than that, the committee will work on more events for this summer and fall. If anyone has any suggestions, or anything they

would like us to provide as a educational event, please feel free to contact me or the SCFB office and let us know. Until the next time, stay cool and stay safe!



Cassie Bennett

Tow that summer is in full swing right now we are just finishing up livestock shows at the Sangamon County Fair. The women's committee had a successful bus trip in June. Attendees raved about our visit to the Shoppes at Grand Prairie and our wine tasting at Mackinaw Valley Vineyard. With our bus trip complete, we begin our

summer break in the Women's Committee. Our committee will not meet again until August, I hope you see you there!! Until then, stay cool!!

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The Bureau According to Jim



Jim Birge

ike usual, summer's off to a VERY busy start. And with all the heat, some of our events like the antique tractor drive and contest have been challenging. That said, it was a magnificent event and approximately 30 antique tractors of all kinds participated. Thanks to everyone who participated and thanks to our Young Leader Committee who did such a fantastic job planning and executing it.

Keep up the great programs!

One segment of Farm Bureau action that has somewhat settled down for now is state legislation, although there's always things going on behind the scenes, even when the General Assembly is out of session. However, national issues keep on coming at us and some of these issues are huge pocketbook matters for farmers. You all know about the trade disputes between the U.S. and China, Mexico, and Canada. You've seen how quickly the markets for your products can fall. And you know, as do we, that this situation must be remedied very quickly. Then there's the 2018 Farm Bill, another important pocketbook issue for farmers. We're hopeful it can get done soon, but lots of other matters and squabbles are competing with floor time at the U.S. Capital. Stay tuned for any action requests that we might send your way.

On the bright side, we recently hired a new Assistant Manager/Communications Specialist. Kate Niemeier is a welcome addition to the team and she's already waist high in all the work that summer and our 100th anniversary brings. Welcome Kate! Read more about Kate in this issue of the Sangmo Farmer.

Be sure to stay up on all the events and activities Farm Bureau has to offer through this summer. Much of the information on them is in this and all issues of the Sangamo Farmer. We'd love to see you get the most out of your membership!

Until later, drink lots of water and be safe as you go about your summer activities.

ATTENTION MEMBERS!

The Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission (SCHPC) has partnered with the Sangamon County Farm Bureau on a barn e-book documenting barns in Sangamon County. The barns can be existing or long since demolished. The SCHPC is interested in photographs as well as the history their history. The barn book has been endorsed as an Illinois Bicentennial project and will be published soon. If anyone would like to have their barn(s) included in the book, please contact Chuck Pell 217/544-5444.

1 teaspoon olive oil 1 1/2 pounds lean ground beef 1 onion, diced 2 cloves garlic, minced salt and pepper 8 ounces Velveeta cheese, cubed 2 tablespoons ketchup 2 tablespoons mustard buns, for serving cheese slices, for serving pickles, for serving

In a skillet, heat olive oil over medium high heat. Add ground beef and diced onion and cook, breaking up the beef, until no pink remains and the onions are translucent. Add garlic and cook another 30 seconds, just until fragrant. Transfer to the slow cooker and season with salt and pepper. Stir in Velveeta, ketchup, and mustard. Cover and cook on low for 3 - 4 hours, stirring about once an hour. Serve on buns with more cheese and pickles!

Recipe provided by: Ashley Kauffman



WELCOME!

Hello Sangamon County Farm Bureau!! I am Kate Niemeier, your new Assistant Manager. My family and I live in Butler, about 45 minutes south of Springfield. My husband, Steve, and I have two boys, Bode is 3 and Bryce is 18 months.

I graduated from Western Illinois Unviersity in 2010 with a Bachelor's in Agriculture Education. I began my career with Illinois Farm Bureau, working in Lawrence County as the manager. I've also spent five years of my career as an agricultural educator at Lewistown and Hillsboro High Schools.

In my free time, I enjoy showing Oxford sheep and Spotted hogs with my family, gardening, and tending to my chickens.

I look forward to meeting more Sangamon County Farm Bureau members as I get settled in here at the office.



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How Do I Get Started?

To be a part of protecting your farm, sign up for FB ACT text alerts by texting FARM to 52886. It's really just that easy!

How Do I Win The iPad?

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.

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Antique Tractor Contest & Drive







Preparing for the Drive at New Berlin High School

Wayne Cross enjoys the Tractor Drive on his Oliver



Tractors lined up at the King Farm



Peyton Sidles discusses with her dad, Phil, their options for President's Choice



Pictured are father-son duo Kenny and Gunner Bennett on their Oliver. Kenny is the husband our Women's Committee Chair, Cassie Bennett

Young Leader Committee Chair, Stephen Prather and Committee Member, Katie King run errands in the golf cart.





Justin & Moxon King pull into the Tractor Drive stop on their John Deere B.





Sangamon **County Farm Bureau Foundation**

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 2018. Congratulations to all of our winners!

Brandon Stickler Calvssa Richie Jacob Read Jackson Mendenhall Molly Gebhards



BRANDON STICKLER

Brandon is the son of Michael and Amy Stickler of Pleasant Plains. Brandon Graduated from Pleasant Plains High School. He will attend Lake Land College to study Accounting Congratulations Brandon!



Calyssa is the daughter of Bill and Anna Richie of New Berlin. Calyssa graduated from New Berlin High School. She will attend the University of Illinois and study Agriculture Communications. Congratulations Calyssa!



JACKSON MENDENHALL

Jackson is the son of Kirk and Wendy Mendenhall of Rochester. Jackson attended Rochester High School. He will be attending Lincoln Christian University to major in Biology Education Congratulations Jackson!



JACOB READ

Jacob is the son of Andrew and Jennifer Read of Springfield. Jacob attended Southeast High School. He will be attending Illinois State Univeristy in the fall majoring in Biology. Congratulations Jacob!



Molly is the daughter of Mark and Beth Gebhards of Springfield, IL. She attended Pleasant Plains High School. Molly will be attending Illinois State University to major in Special Education Congratulations Molly!



8th Annual Sangamon County Farm Bureau Coun Friday, July 13, 2018

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!

Со	mpany/Individual Name:	Golfers: # of foursomes @ \$300/each
Ad	one: dress:	(includes 4 lunches) Team Game Bundle \$75 (includes all games listed below, \$100 Value) # of individual golfers @ \$75/each (includes lunch)
G O L F E R S	Name:	Sponsor: # of hole sponsorships @ \$100/each Dinner: # of additional lunches @ \$25/each Games:
	Name:	Individual Mulligan \$5 Team Mulligan \$20
	Name:	Chip in Hula Hoop \$5/ 3 chances (50/50 payout) Buy Your Drive (Hole 16)
Please mail this form and payment to: Sangamon County Farm Bureau Foundation 2631 Beechler Court Springfield, IL 62703		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)

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s the 100th Anniversary Committee began preparations in March of 2017 the group knew from the start that they wanted to host a large anniversary celebration to commemorate the milestone. After months of lengthy meetings, the committee choose to celebrate the Anniversary of the Sangamon County Farm Bureau at the Illinois State Fairgrounds on August 25, 2018. The committee also knew they wanted to have a guest speaker to entertain the guests after dinner. Many different speakers were discussed, but the committee felt that Orion Samuelson was an excellent choice for the venue and occasion. On August 25, 2018 the Sangamon County Farm Bureau will welcome Orion Samuelson to our 100th Anniversary Celebration. Orion Samuelson is heard six days a week on WGN Radio in Chicago, where he has served as Agribusiness Director since 1960.



Orion Samuelson

Orion's life long commitment to agriculture has been recognized by organizations in all segments of agri-business. In 1998, the American Farm Bureau Federation honored Orion with the AFBF Distinguished Service Award. In 1997, Illinois Governor Jim Edgar renamed the State Fair Junior Livestock Building the Orion Samuelson Junior Livestock Building as a tribute to Orion's four decades of service to the agricultural youth of Illinois.

Membership Drive

Right: Directors discuss membership efforts at a Membership Report Meeting in 1958.

Below: Young Leader members show off their award winning plaques at the 1973 Discussion Meet.









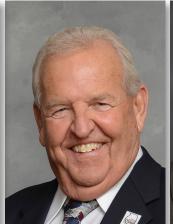




Past Presidents L to R: Keith Cravens, 1997-1999, Kenneth Metcalf Sr., 2000-2005, J.D. Sudeth, 2005-2007, Mark Reichert, 2007-2009









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Item	Size	Quantity	Price	Total
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B. T-Shirt			\$10.00	
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C. Shipping			\$ 5.00	

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