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Upcoming Committee Meetings & Events

March


3 rdFS/FB Appreciation Event
6 thGovernmental Affairs Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
7 th	.....Marketing in the Real World, 10:00 a.m. (See Page 6)
12 th	.....<i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i>
13 th	.....Young Leader Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
16 th	.....Women's Committee Spring Fling, 5:30 p.m. (See Page 5)
17 th	.....<i>Happy St. Patrick's Day</i>
20 th	.....Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
25 th	.....Foundation Trivia Night, 6:00 p.m., Del Ray Reception Hall (See Page 9)

April

4 th	.....Illinois Consolidated Election
10 th	.....Young Leader Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
14 th	.....<i>Good Friday, Office Closed</i>
17 th	.....Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
24 th -28 th	.....AgVenture Barn Spring Tour


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

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The Agricultural Education Partnership has reached around 23,200 people so far, this year! Below: Students with their pork lesson from Pawnee Grade School.



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

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Toni Krone's POPCORN CAKE

- 1 cup popcorn popped
- 1 lb. small gum drops
- 1/2 lb. mixed salted nuts

Mix in a large roaster

Melt:

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/2 cup oil
- 1 lb. marshmallow

Mix together and pack into an Angel Food cake pan that has been greased. Let stand overnight. Cut with a bread knife and enjoy!



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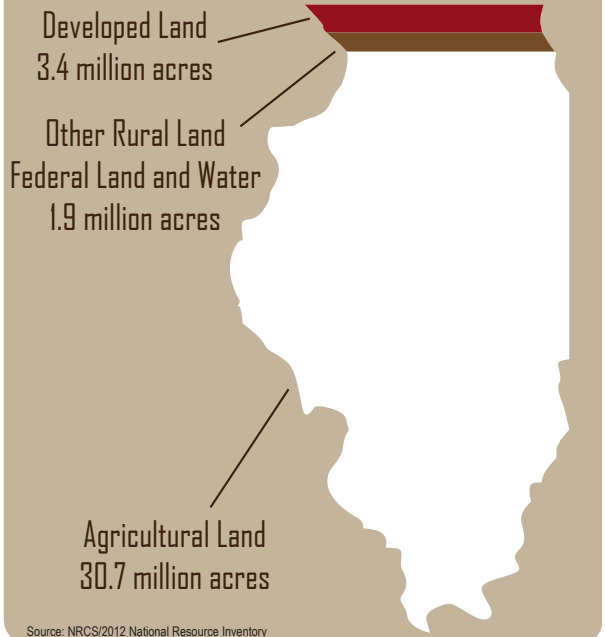
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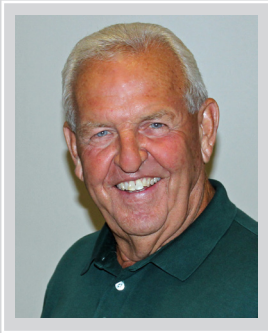


Left: Students from Tri City High School and Pleasant Plains High School toured the Midwest Horseshoeing School and The Stables on Horsefarm Road. Afterwards they ate lunch at the office and enjoyed a presentation about the SCFB Young Leader Committee.

Sangamo Memories



November 1959, Submitted by the Morrison's



Larry Beaty

Well folks here we are already a month and a half into 2017. We have had ice, snow, rain, zero degrees to over sixty and everything in between. You've got to love Illinois weather. What will 2017 bring us, drought, too much rain, cool temps, hot temps, or something in between? Will we have a bumper crop or perhaps one

not so good? I think it is best that we do not know what the future holds for us. That is where faith comes into the equation.

2017 brought us a new President and one thing we can all agree on, I think, is that it is going to be interesting. So far some things I like and there are some I don't like. I am disappointed that there are some people who never gave President Trump a chance from day one. I think we should give him four years and then decide whether we want to re-elect him for another term. My biggest question is, all the people protesting, where do they work at? My Boss (Diana) would not let me have time off to go to New York and protest! How do they do it?

2017 has not brought a balanced budget to the State of Illinois as of yet. What an absolute shame that our Senators, Representatives, and Governor cannot be put out

of office and put our own Sangamon County Board and Chairman Andy VanMeter in office to run the State of Illinois. One thing is for sure, we would have a balanced budget and live within our means! The State of Illinois should pattern its management skills after the Sangamon County Board.

Sangamon County Farm Bureau has a busy year in the making. Our spring/summer schedule is filling up fast. There will be a lot of activities taking place; we will need a lot of help. Be sure and volunteer to help with anything that is near and dear to your heart!

We will have three directors tenure off the board this year. Paul Rice, David Ray and myself. I would encourage folks in these three districts to think about running for a director of Sangamon County Farm Bureau Board. It has been one of the greatest experiences of my farming career. I had no idea what Farm Bureau did or what it stood for until I became a Board Member. Without a doubt in my mind Farm Bureau is the best farm organization in this country. They do more for families than I ever thought possible. And the best part, everything starts in the county. Nothing becomes a policy or by-law without coming from a County Farm Bureau and being voted on by them. A great organization!

I hope by the time the next Sangamo Farmer comes out we can see corn down the row.

May God bless you and our Great Country.



Cassie Bennett

Hello everyone! The Women's committee is gearing up for a fun spring and summer. The ladies are busy planning the Spring Fling which will be on March 16th (see page 5) as well as the bus trip this summer.

Our January meeting was at night and brought in a lot of new

faces. If you have any suggestions for future events or would like to see what the women's committee is all about we'd love to have you join us for a meeting. Any new ladies are welcome to join!

Have a safe and productive spring!

WOMEN'S

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.

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2017

The Sangamon County Farm Bureau Foundation is a charitable organization recognized by the IRS as a public charity. The focus of the foundation is to advance educational opportunities and understanding of the agricultural industry, support research opportunities for the betterment of agriculture, and offer general promotion of the industry. A key goal of the foundation is to fund awards and scholarships for the benefit of education programs.



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**Sangamon
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Saturday, March 25th

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Katie King

Hello SCFB members! I hope you are all ready for another 6 weeks of winter, because I know I am. Thank you Mr. Ground Hog for seeing your shadow, bring on the snow!! The YL group is gearing up for what will be a busy spring. We have a lot of exciting events planned for the next couple of

months.

The YLs slaved away on a nice meal for the board members on January 16th, the group had lost a friendly wager that Board President Larry Beaty challenged us with. The board had bet the YL group on call to Action Requests. Since the YLs lost, we made supper before the board meeting. This was a nice time for the two groups to catch up and talk about various topics.

January 27th-28th was the annual Young Leader Conference in Peoria, which continues to grow. Sangamon County was represented by 9 members and we are happy to say that we helped raise over \$100 for the Harvest for all project, with our auction donation.

February 4th was the day for our annual Harvest for all Food Drive. This year we tried a change in the location, we set up at Hyvee. We are excited to share that we raised \$149 in cash and 200 pounds of food and supplies for the Central Illinois Food Bank.

On February 10th -11th the YLs took a group trip to St. Louis. While down there they toured the Budweiser Facility and the Locks and Dams. It has been over 9 years since the YL group has taken a trip similar to this. The group was very excited with about 10 members participating. This is a great time for us to get to know each other better and relax a little bit.

A few other upcoming events, the group will volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House in March and compete at the SCFB Foundation Trivia Night, they have been brushing up on hot topics, so get ready!

We have many members awaiting the date of February 21st. This is so they can sign up for the Ag Industry Tour in July. They are allowing 40 participants and we have a few members who are very excited for the possible opportunity. So wish us luck on beating some other counties to the punch!

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.



Diana Beaty

The committee is in full swing working on programs and activities for 2017. We kicked off the year with some appreciation dinners in partnership with Prairieland FS. Before the holidays, we were in Auburn, January we were at New Berlin and in early March we will work with the Illiopolis FS plant on their appreciation lunch. We

appreciate working with these plants in joining together for an appreciation luncheon for their customers and our members.

March 25th, we will be hosting our 2nd Sangamon County Farm Bureau Foundation Trivia Night at the Delray Reception Hall, 13575 N. IL 4, Auburn. Doors open at 5:00 p.m., Trivia starts at 6:00 p.m. Please look for our sign-up sheet on Sangamon County Farm Bureau Foundation Trivia Night Facebook page, in this issue or contact the office at 217-753-5200. The evening promises to be another fun trivia night with a 50/50 raffle, door prizes, basket raffle, cash bar, soft drinks, and snacks available. We can always use some round sponsors if you are not able to participate in person but would like to contribute to the foundations fundraiser. Please consider a sponsorship or a table at the event with up to 10 people for \$100. Come out and join in the fun!

Preliminary work has begun for the 100th anniversary of Sangamon County Farm Bureau. In 2018 we will be celebrating 100 years as a great organization, thanks to our members and the many volunteers over the years who have worked to make it GREAT! I will be chairing a committee to put together activities and promotional items to help celebrate the Centennial Birthday! If you have ideas or comments you would like to share for this celebration or something relating to our County Farm Bureau, I would be interested in hearing them. You may email me at dandlbeatyfarm@springnet1.com or contact Ashley at the office. If you would like to join the committee in planning for this celebration, please let myself or the office know.

In closing, I hope to see you at our Trivia Night; this will be our first fundraiser of the year for our Sangamon County Farm Bureau Foundation. It would be great to raise enough money this year for the Foundation to give out a few more scholarships.

Good luck to all my fellow farmers in your spring work!

YOUNG LEADERS

MEMBER & PR

Spring Fling

The Sangamon County Farm Bureau Women's Committee invites you to attend our annual Spring Fling Dinner.

March 16, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

at the Sangamon County Farm Bureau
2631 Beechler Court
Springfield, IL 62703

Guest Speaker:

Lincoln Land Community College Culinary Institute

The students and staff will give a cooking demonstration with samples afterwards for all the guests!

Please join us for food, fun, and fellowship!

The Women's Committee will provide fried chicken with homemade side dishes and desserts.

Please bring non-perishable food to support the Harvest For All campaign

RSVP: (217) 753-5200 or email
akauffman@sangamonfb.org by March 13th

The Bureau According to Jim



Jim Birge

I'm always excited to see Spring bring us out of the winter slump and begin the newness and birth of life again. It's time to get back outdoors on a regular basis and get everything ready to work ground and get a new crop planted. Those with cattle hopefully have a full

herd of newborn calves to raise. What an exciting and refreshing time to experience!

Invariably, this also brings about the activities of advancing legislation through the state and federal committee process in both the House and Senate. As each bill makes its way through the process, we send out action requests to affect their outcome. You can bet the bills will rise to be voted on when our members are busiest in the fields and tending to their livestock. Farm Bureau can't pick when the issues occur, we can only ask our members for their participation when things happen.

This year has already brought our country lots of surprises, some good, some less desirable. And we may have some real challenges in the Statehouse (beyond the ever-burdening budget impasse). So, my plea to every one

of our members is to watch out for action requests and then follow the simple steps to take the appropriate action. It's not hard, it literally takes only a couple of minutes to do, and most importantly, every member acting is the only way we'll be successful in protecting the way you farm and the very ability for you to farm at all.

The opposition to our policies and beliefs are growing in both number and finances. Believe me when I say they will win most of the battles to hinder your farm or put you out of business altogether, that is unless you lend your voice and action to the efforts of Farm Bureau to protect your farm. Without your voice, WE WILL LOSE and ultimately your farm will lose.

I strongly encourage each of you to sign up for the FB ACT program. It'll alert you when issues need your input and provide you a simple ability to act quickly and easily. All you need to do to sign up is go to www.sangamonfb.org and scroll to the lower right hand of the home page. Click on Legislative Action Center and complete the short form in the Quick Sign Up section.

Thank you to all those members who take the couple minutes every time we need their voice. Each of you have and do make a difference. It only takes a few calls to their legislator to bring an issue to the top of their priorities.

DEADLINE APPROACHING

Marketing in the Real World

A refresher on creating a straight forward plan and how to avoid all the "noise" in market analysis.

The Sangamon County Farm Bureau Marketing Committee is providing members with a refresher that will help expert and beginner marketers to remember the core influences in the marketplace and a straight forward path to successfully market your commodities.

AgriAdvisor Manager, Cory Windstead will help remind you how to get through the jungle and see your path to success.

March 7, 2017 | Sangamon County Farm Bureau | 10:00 a.m. – Noon (lunch served)

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Allen Entwistle

The first few months of this year have seen its share of highs and lows in the world of politics. On the federal level, President Trump made an executive order that for any new regulation to be placed on the books, two existing ones must be taken off. While this sounds good upfront, many of agriculture's issues won't

be able to conform to the rollback requirements. As it stands, the requirement would place an annual cap on the cost of new regulations, and require that the cost of new regulations in FY2017 be offset by the dissolution of existing regulations.

Another federal matter that is concerning is that if the Administration moves forward on a transportation infrastructure program there generally are state funding matches that must be made to capture the federal dollars. Illinois isn't in the financial position to provide much match funding and therefore would be required to forfeit federal dollars.

As we look to federal issues, Illinois Farm Bureau is already out in front of discussions for the next farm bill. Member work sessions are currently underway across the state. Sangamon County was host to one of them recently. As this bill gets crafted, one concern is that there are going to be additional ag commodities wanting to have a program for their products. This combined with the belief that there'll be fewer dollars in the farm bill compounds the importance of our decision making.

Looking at state level issues, Sangamon County Farm Bureau issued a request to the Illinois Farm Bureau to hold a meeting directly with the governor to discuss staffing issues at the Illinois Department of Agriculture. The issues raised are the result of significant understaffing for front line staff that conduct some of the core responsibilities of the IDOA including food safety inspections, grain warehouse auditors, weights and measures inspections, etc. These understaffed functions continue to leave farmers and consumers in a precarious position while senior staff positions are being filled with what appears to be political hiring's. We hope to have some action soon by IFB to address our concerns and put farmer's and the general public's interests first.

More on these and other issues in the next edition of the Sangamo Farmer.

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS



Matt Heissingner

Here at the Sangamon County Farm Bureau Marketing committee, we're currently organizing this year's events. At our last meeting we discussed plans for our summer bus trip. It would be hard to outdo last year's bus trip which was a huge success, but this year's trip could be very exciting to "it has a winery"

involved in it. Also, we discussed a few informational seminars with topics that our members would be interested in. From topics about "GMO facts", organic farming, and of course nutrient management practices. Of course, our annual Steak Fry/Market Outlook later this summer. Once we have everything worked out, we will send out notices of our events.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact the SCFB office.

Thank you!

Matt Heissingner – Marketing Chairman

MARKETING



Paul Rice

The PD committee met Jan 16th with seven members and Jim Birge in attendance. The group discussed a proposed bylaw change to '...make additional nominations from the floor for district directors to be removed' and adding language that would require either 30 or 60 days notification of a potential nominee. Motion tabled for further review with IFB general counsel.

The committee agreed to seek opportunities for 'micro PD sessions' at other SCFB events. This would allow more members to be aware of PD opportunities and have the opportunity to seek ideas from members at a number of meetings rather than committee meetings specifically for policy development.

The "Tailgate Talk" is set for July 17th prior to the board meeting. IFB Vice President, Dave Erickson and District 10 Director Mark Reichert will be invited to speak before the group.

An idea was presented to the committee to put an "Opinion Counts" request card as an insert into the Sangamo Farmer so members could tear it out and send in suggestions or ideas for policy development or other comments for the SCFB membership. Contact Chair Paul Rice at Paul@myersrice.com if you have ideas or suggestions on new ideas for policy development. I look forward to hearing from you.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS MARCH 12TH

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