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Upcoming Meetings & Events

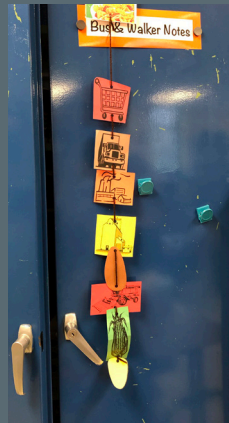
May

- 2nd.....Governmental Engagement & Policy Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 9th.....Young Leader Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 16th.....Board of Directors Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 19th.....Women's Committee Meeting, 12:00 p.m.
- 30th.....Memorial Day (Office Closed)

June

- 6th..... Governmental Engagement & Policy Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 11th.....Drive Thru Pork Chop Fundraiser & Food Drive, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- 13th.....Young Leader Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 18th..... Russel Miner Memorial Antique Tractor Drive, Sangamon County Fair Grounds; 9:00 a.m.
- 20th.....Board of Directors Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 22nd.....IAA Foundation Golf Outing, Lincoln Greens Golf Course, 9:00 a.m.

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



Spring is finally here, and so we begin to see farmers in the fields planting their crops! In the news of Ag in the Classroom, we have had a great spring so far and look forward to finishing off the year strong. In March, I spoke with the K-5th grades about corn! The students learned about various kinds of corn, farm equipment, and how corn gets from the farmer's field to our tables! They learned that there are many uses for corn!

In April, the K-5th grades got to learn about water. We spoke about how much freshwater is available for human use, how we use that water that is available to us, and how we can conserve that small amount of water that is accessible for our use. We also spoke about how farmers depend on the weather but can also have irrigation systems to make sure their crops get watered.



DIRECTOR ATTENDANCE - 2021-22		J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J
District 1	Brent Johnson	X	X	-	-	X	X	-	X	X			
	Michael Kinner	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	X			
	JD Sudeth	n/a	X	X	-	X	X	-	X	-			
	Jason Pickrell	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
District 2	Otto Rentschler	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
	Kevin Foran (Secretary)	X	X	X	-	X	-	X	X	X			
	Janet Edwards	n/a	-	-	-	X	X	-	X	X			
	Ethan Krone (Ass't Sec/Treas)	X	-	X	-	X	X	X	X	X			
District 3	Katie King	n/a	X	X	-	X	X	-	X	X			
	Mike Borgic (Treasurer)	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	X			
	Adam Bailey (President)	-	X	-	-	X	X	X	X	-			
	Cathryn Ayers Seifert	X	X	X	-	-	X	X	X	-			
District 4	Kyle Beutke	n/a	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	X			
	Kirk Mendenhall	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	-	X	X			
	Matt Heissing	X	-	X	-	X	X	X	X	X			
	Marty Fairchild	X	X	X	-	-	X	X	X	X			
At-Large	Charles Mayfield	X	X	X	-	X	-	-	X	X			
	Gary Reavis (VP)	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	X			
	George Sergot	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	-			
Committee Chairs:													
GEP Chair , Phil Sidles		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	X	-	X			
YL Chair , Stephen Prather		X	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	X			
Women's Chair , Cassandra Bennett		-	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	-			

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YOUNG LEADERS



Stephen Prather

Spring is finally here, and I hope this article finds you well. I know it is a busy time of year, but remember, the most important piece of equipment on the farm is you. Remember to rest your body and do not rush things.

Safety must be at the forefront of our minds.

Young Leaders have been busy with activities and planning for the future. We attended the Trivia Night planned by our Member & PR committee and had a great time. The committee did a great job of planning the event, and we were pleased not to get last place! We hosted a fun outing for our members on St. Paddy's Day at the Back 9 in Rochester. We came together for pizza and a little virtual golfing. FORE! Good thing we did not actually play, I feel our scores would have been much lower. We then were excited to host a food drive for the Central IL Food Bank at Harvest Market in Springfield. We appreciate the support of the community and want to thank Harvest Market for allowing us to host the event. We were able to donate 363 pounds of food and \$130 due to the community's generosity. We plan to host another food drive there this winter, so be on the lookout for more info in the future.

We will be providing treats to livestock participants at the Sangamon County Fair, along with helping out at the HAYLOFT June 15th - 17. We are very excited to bring back our Annual Tractor Drive on June 18th, beginning at 9 am. Be sure to check out the flyer for details about early registration, and be sure to check out our Facebook page leading up to the event on how to vote for your favorite tractor. Stay safe, and we hope to see you at one of our many events.



The Sangamon County Farm Bureau Foundation is excited to offer the Agriculture's Road to Success Scholarship program. This program will allow our farmer members (MM membership classification) to apply for a scholarship on behalf of a family member or employee that works on their farm. The program is designed to help offset the cost of commercial truck driver training, as is required for most individuals seeking to obtain a CDL license.

To learn more or to apply, please visit www.sangamonfb.org/scholarships

WOMEN'S



Cassie Bennett

Hello, Farm Bureau members!

I hope by the time you read this, you are in the fields rolling along! The women's committee hosted a wonderful spring fling in March. We had This Farm Girl Cooks talk with us about her instant pot! It

was a great turnout, and we had a great time. We are not hosting an April meeting, so be sure to stay tuned for when we will meet again. Have a safe planting season!

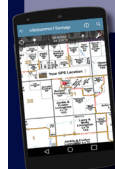
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THE BUREAU ACCORDING TO JIM



Jim Birge

If you've read my column in past issues, you know that I like to write about various subjects, history, stories, etc. Well, guess what? I'm up to my same old storytelling mood. So here's a little insight into my childhood that, in general, I think most of us can relate to.

Each year, when spring blossoms, it causes me to think back on the days when activity on our farm was gearing up. I was always excited about those times because school was getting close to being out, and it gave me more time to do what I loved best - hang out on the farm with my grandad. My grandmother always said I was his little shadow because I was constantly tromping along right behind him. Those days hold some of the memories that I treasure most, and I imagine you can think of many similar memories of your grandparents, parents, or a close relative. One of those days I treasured was a random day just after all the planting and spring fieldwork was done. Grandad and I were sitting under a big shade tree in a couple of chairs. It was hot, and not much was going on.

We began to watch the ground squirrels popping up back and forth from the myriad of holes they had in the grass in front of the barn. Finally, Grandad said, "Hey Jimmy, how about we catch some of those ground squirrels making all the holes in the yard?" It sounded like a good boyhood project to me. So, Grandad went in the house, brought out a roll of kite string, and told me we'd make a slip knot on one end of the string, sneak out to the yard, and put the loop around a hole. Then, I was to unroll about fifteen feet of string and lay down quietly. Then, when the ground squirrel popped up, I could jerk the string and catch him.

You're probably already ahead of my story at this point, but here's what transpired - I put the string out and lay down just as instructed. Grandad sat under the shade tree while I waited, waited, and waited. That stupid ground squirrel never did poke his head out that hole! But, of course, he or others came up through numerous other holes out in the grass. So I began moving the string to other

holes where they'd been popping up. I did this for what seemed to be all afternoon (and probably was). I never did catch one. Several years later (and a tad wiser), I realized what that day was about. It was about my grandad giving me something to do and giving him the entertainment to watch me run from hole to hole. He gave me something to do and had fun at my expense! Now that's a great and wise grandad! I miss him dearly these days and think of him often. I have my grandad's old Farm Bureau member gate sign on my desk in the office. I'm proud to see his name on that sign. It's a cherished relic.

The memories of those days long gone have taught me that, as busy as we all are, those times and the memories we keep from them are here and gone all too quickly. When I think about visiting someone important to me and then realize I've got a hundred other things I need to do, it often causes me to think about that. Nothing in life is more important than your relationship with our Lord and the people you love. As for the people you love, take time to visit them. You'll be glad you did. Then, when they're gone, you'll treasure those memories. We all work and are busy, but please, don't regret lost opportunities. They only come around once.



Committee Reports

MEMBER & PR



Janet Edwards

Spring Greetings to all!! The 2022 farming season has started and we at the Sangamon County Farm Bureau have been meeting and setting dates for several activities this summer.

But, before I list some of the activities coming up, I would like to give a “shout out” to the volunteers who made Trivia Night a success. Without them, Trivia Night would not have ran so smoothly and been such a fun night. Thank you to Kyle Beutke, Mike Borgic, Pam Neuman, Dan Neuman, and Dale Edwards, along with Steve Bridge, Farm Broadcaster from WFMB, and of course, our staff at Sangamon County Farm Bureau without whom we couldn’t function as smoothly on a day to day basis. I would also like to thank all of you who either donated items for the basket raffle, had gold and silver tables, or just came and had a good time with friends.

On June 11th (just before the Sangamon County Fair!), we will be having a “drive-thru” Pork Chop lunch. We will be in the parking lot of the Sangamon County Farm Bureau office, where we will be offering a sack lunch consisting of a pork chop sandwich, chips, cookies & drink for a donation of \$10 to go toward the local food banks. We will also be having a “drive-thru & drop off” food drive at the same time. If you would like to reserve a lunch or two, please call the office at 217-753-5200 and let us know how many lunches you would like. We will be serving from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Sangamon County Fair will be held June 15 – 19, and Farm Bureau will again have a presence in the HAYLOFT. Also, if you haven’t done so in a while or have never entered something in the County Fair, think about doing so this year!

Let’s move on to the month of July; the 8th will be the Foundation Golf Outing at the Edgewood Golf Course in Auburn; on the 16th, we will again host the Youth Livestock Expo at the Sangamon County Fairgrounds, and on July 24th & 25th, we will be holding AgStravaganza at the park in Sherman.

You can tell the committees have been busy planning activities, so take time and attend some of the functions the Sangamon County Farm Bureau has for its members. As always, if there is an activity listed in the Sangamo Farmer that you would be interested in helping with, please call in and let us know. We can always use help from our members.

As I said at the beginning of my article, the 2022 farming season has started, and farm machinery will be out on the roads. Those are all our family, neighbors, and friends, so please be aware when driving on country roads. Everyone stay safe, and GOD BLESS!





Phil Sidles

The members of Sangamon County Farm Bureau are like most other folks. Some of you pay a lot of attention to the bills being proposed in the General Assembly and some don't pay much at all. But Farm Bureau, as an organization, pays great attention to any bill that has implications for agriculture, good or bad. Our leaders and staff take positions on such bills and actively work to seek the passage of the bill or the failure of the bill to become law. We thought it might be of interest for you to see some of the ludicrous bills that were introduced this session that affect agriculture. It'll open your eyes and make you shake your head (and sometimes your fist too).

PESTICIDE APPLICATION NEAR APIARIES - HB 4237 (Rep. Caulkins)

This legislation would add further regulations to pesticide applications within 1 mile of an apiary. Additionally, application would be barred between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

PESTICIDE PENALTY FORMULA - HB 4711 (Rep. Avelar)

These bills set the monetary penalty for any type of human exposure violation under the Illinois Pesticide Act at \$2500 for the initial human exposed, plus \$1000 per any additional human exposed. Additionally, this legislation leaves in place the current matrix procedure that the Department uses to determine violations and subsequent monetary penalties, which would still include human exposure.

DICAMBA BAN - HB 4363 (Rep. Moeller)

HB 4363 bans the use any product containing dicamba for agricultural, commercial, or residential use within Illinois.

GLYPHOSATE BAN - HB 3370 (Rep. Didech)

HB 3370 Amends the Illinois Pesticide Act. Provides that no person shall distribute, sell, offer for sale, or use glyphosate (commonly known as RoundUp) or any products containing glyphosate within Illinois. Provides that the Department of Agriculture may adopt any rules it deems necessary to implement the provisions.

BANS LIVESTOCK WASTE LAGOONS - SB 3042 (Sen. Koehler)

Makes the use of any current livestock waste lagoon in current use and bans the future use of livestock waster lagoons.

FINANCIAL TRANSACTION TAX ACT - HB 283 (Rep. Flowers)

The bill would impose a tax on the privilege of engaging in a financial transaction on any of the following exchanges or boards of trade: the Chicago Stock Exchange; the Chicago Mercantile Exchange; the Chicago Board of Trade; or the Chicago Board Options Exchange. The tax is imposed at a rate of \$1 per transaction for all transactions for which the underlying asset is an agricultural product, a financial instruments contract, or an options contract, except those conducted via open outcry that are physically filled on the exchange floor. The tax would not be charged for a transaction involving securities held in a retirement account or a transaction involving a mutual fund.

These are just a tiny fraction of all the bills introduced each year in the General Assembly. There are thousands of bills filed each year. If the insanity of some legislators representing our state government isn't troubling to you, you need to reconsider. These radical bills are likely to be the new normal as we look ahead. Fortunately, most of the legislators representing your local districts aren't among the supporters of these crazy bills. Aren't you glad your Farm Bureau is there to inject common sense and science-based evidence to ensure these bills don't become law and ruin the noble cause of agriculture in the state? Things would look MUCH different if these became law. Stay informed or get involved in contacting legislators when needed. Sign up for FBACT today by texting "FARM" to 52886.

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Sangamon County General Assembly Districts & Candidate Filings (3/15/2022)

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48TH SENATE: DORIS TURNER (D), WILLIAM EDDINGTON (R), HAMILTON SANDY HAMILTON (R)

54TH SENATE: DONALD DEBOLT (R) & STEVE MCCLURE (R)

87TH REPRESENTATIVE: WILLIAM HAUTER (R), JOE ALEXANDER (R), MARY BURRESS (R)

95TH REPRESENTATIVE: TIM BUTLER TIM (R), KENT GRAY (R)

96TH REPRESENTATIVE: SUE SCHERER (D), LISA SMITH (R), PRESCOTT PAULIN (R)

108TH REPRESENTATIVE: WAYNE ROSENTHAL (R)

Sangamon Countywide Offices & County Board Candidate Filings {3/15/2022}

County Clerk: DON GRAY (R)

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COUNTY TREASURER: DANIEL PITTMAN (D) & JOE AIELLO (R)

CO BD 1: TOM FRAASE (R)

COBD2: TODD SMITH (R)

CO 8D3: DAVID MENDENHALL (R)

COBD4: JEFF THOMAS (R)

CO BDS: PAM DEPPE (R)

COBD6: TRACY SHEPPARD (R)

CO BD 7: CRAIG HALL (R)

CO 8D8: LORI WILLIAMS (R)

COBD9: TOM MADONIA (R)

CO BD 10: CHRISANDRA BROWN (D) & PAUL TRUAX (R)

CO BD 11: JAMES SCHACKMANN (R)

CO BO 12: MARC AYERS (D) & LINDA FULGENZL (R)

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CO BO 19: VERA SMALL (D) & ALICE RAMEY (R)

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CO BO 21: CLYDE BUNCH (D)

CO BO 22: GINA LATHAN (D)

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CO BD 27: JON HACKLER (D) & ABE FORSYTH (R)

CO BD 28: KEVIN MCGUIRE (D)

CO BD 29: KATHY JOHNSON (D) & CATHY SCAIFE (R)

CHERRY COBLER

Recipe Provided By: Janet Edwards

Ingredients:

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 tsp. salt
- 4 large eggs, room temperature
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1/4 tsp. almond extract
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 (21 oz) cans of cherry pie filling (or pie filling of choice)

Glaze:

- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1/2 tsp. almond extract
- 2 to 3 tbsp. whole milk

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl, cream butter, sugar, and salt until light and fluffy. Add eggs in one at a time, beating well after each addition.
2. Add extracts and gradually mix in flour.
3. Flour hands and spread 3 cups of dough onto a greased 15x10 baking pan. Spread pie filling evenly across dough. Drop spoonfuls of remaining dough on the top.
4. Bake for 35-40 minutes or until the top is golden brown.
5. In a small bowl, mix glaze ingredients together and drizzle on cobbler when it is completely cool.



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