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# Upcoming Committee Meetings & Events

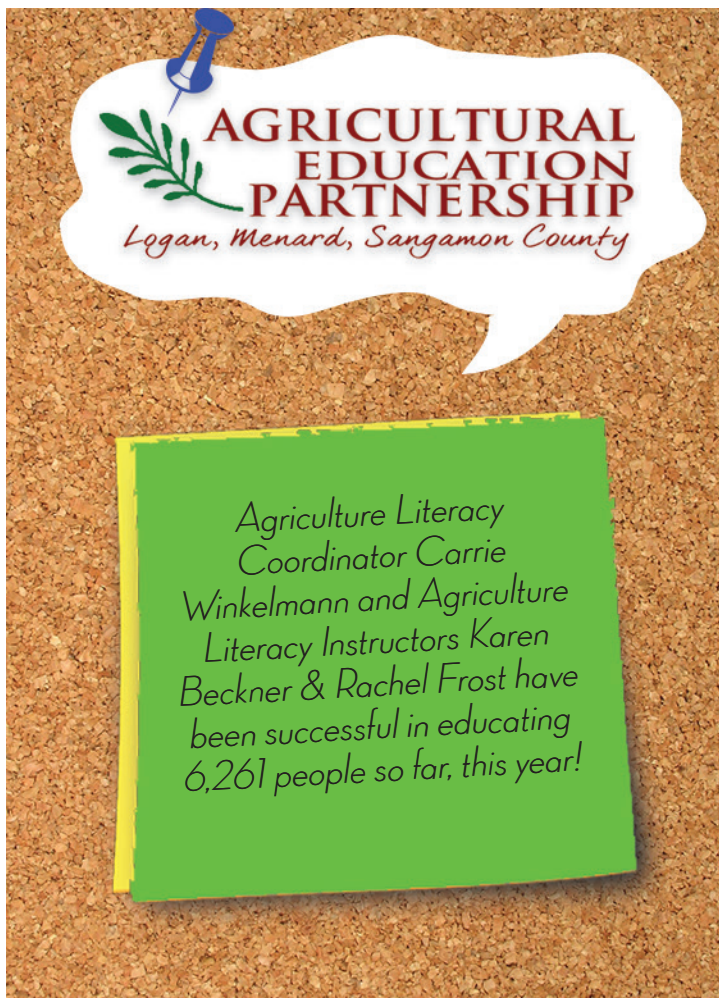
## November

5 <sup>th</sup> .....	<i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i>
6 <sup>th</sup> .....	Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
9 <sup>th</sup> .....	Women's Committee Fall Luncheon, 10:00 a.m.
13 <sup>th</sup> .....	Young Leader Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
20 <sup>th</sup> .....	Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
20 <sup>th</sup> .....	Flu Shot Clinic, 5:00 p.m.
23 <sup>rd</sup> .....	<i>Thanksgiving, Office Closed</i>
24 <sup>th</sup> .....	<i>Day after Thanksgiving, Office Closed</i>

## December

2 <sup>nd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> .....	IAA Annual Meeting, Palmer House, Chicago
11 <sup>th</sup> .....	Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
11 <sup>th</sup> .....	Young Leader Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
18 <sup>th</sup> .....	Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
21 <sup>st</sup> .....	Women's Committee Christmas Luncheon
22 <sup>rd</sup> .....	<i>Observance of Christmas Eve, Office Closed</i>
25 <sup>th</sup> .....	<i>Merry Christmas, Office Closed</i>
29 <sup>th</sup> .....	<i>Observance of New Year's Eve, Office Closed</i>

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DIRECTOR ATTENDANCE - 2017/2018		J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M
<b>District 1</b>	Wayne Benanti	-	X	X	X						
	Michael Kinner	X	X	X	X						
	Jason Komnick	X	X	X	X						
<b>District 2</b>	Otto Rentschler	-	X	X	X						
	Randy Krone	X	X	X	X						
	Kevin Foran	n/a	n/a	n/a	X						
<b>District 3</b>	Dale Edwards	X	X	X	X						
	Jason Pickrell (Treasurer)	X	X	X	X						
	Phil Sidles (President)	X	X	X	X						
<b>District 4</b>	Bryon Muench	X	X	-	X						
	Adam Bailey	n/a	X	X	X						
	Pam Nueman	n/a	X	X	X						
<b>District 5</b>	Cathryn Ayers (Vice-President)	X	X	X	X						
	Diana Beaty (Secretary)	X	X	X	X						
	Matt Heissinger	X	X	X	X						
	Marty Fairchild	X	X	X	X						
<b>District 6</b>	Colleen Carney-Harms	X	X	X	X						
	Ben Ladage (Asst Sect/Treas)	X	X	X	X						
	Tim Seifert	X	X	X	-						
<b>GAC Chair</b> , Allen Entwistle	X	X	X	X							
<b>YL Chair</b> , Katie King	-	-	X	X							
<b>Women's Chair</b> , Cassandra Bennett	X	-	X	X							

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# Cassie Bennett's Corn Dip

## Ingredients:

- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
  - 1 cup shredded Monterey jack cheese
  - 1/2 cup mayo
  - 1 can of corn
  - 4 oz. can of green chilies
  - 1/4 tsp. garlic powder
- Garnish with tomatoes and cilantro if desired*

Combine all the ingredients together and cook in a shallow dish @ 350 degree for 25 minutes.



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- What:** Flu Immunization  
**When:** Monday, November 20th, 2017  
**Time:** 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Sangamon County Farm Bureau  
2631 Beechler Ct. Springfield, IL 62703  
**Cost:** Medicaid & Medicare B Accepted  
Insurance (Blue Cross, Aetna, Humana, Coventry, Cigna, Molina, Health Alliance, and United Healthcare (State Retirees only) All others \$30 (cash of check)

***Must have Medicaid/Medicare Insurance card at time of vaccination.***

# Further your Education with Agri Comp Classes!

## AgriComp CLASSES WINTER 2018



### **Farm Financial Records & Analysis** (includes Farm Records Assistance)

EACH WEDNESDAY, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
JAN. 3 – FEB. 14 (7 SESSIONS)  
Workforce Careers Center, room 2113

This course includes the set-up of each participant's farm records and training using Red Wing's CenterPoint Accounting for Agriculture software. More advanced users will prepare budgets, analyze costs of production and determine enterprise profitability to help make informed management decisions. This course also covers Farm Records Assistance with one-on-one help with farm records.

### **Mapping & Managing Crop Data**

EACH THURSDAY, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
JAN. 4 – FEB. 15 (7 SESSIONS)  
Workforce Careers Center, room 2113

Participants will learn to record cropping activities, prepare maps of those activities and analyze profitability of crop enterprises using various mapping software for crop records. Your instructors will also cover Ag Leader SMS software and other relative applications that are useful in handling farm data. This class will look at new trends in precision farming, such as the use of drones. *For more information contact Doug Thompson at 217.871.2285*

#### **Fees**

Each class costs \$300 per farm business (up to two participants may attend).

*Please register only one person per farm business. Pre-registration is mandatory this year.*

**All classes will be held on the Lincoln Land Community College main campus in the Workforce Careers Center, 5250 Shepherd Road, Springfield.**

#### **Registration** Farm Financial Records & Analysis | WST 011

Wednesdays, Jan. 3 – Feb. 14, 2018

#### **Mapping & Managing Crop Data** | WST 010

Thursdays, Jan. 4 – Feb. 15, 2018

**To register, call Lincoln Land Community College at 217.786.2292 or 800.727.4161 ext. 62292.**

Please register early! The college will be closed for winter break Dec. 16, 2017 – Jan. 1, 2018.

## The Bureau According to Jim



Jim Birge

As I write this, the combines are rolling about as fast as they can. At this pace, it won't take them long to get the crop out! It would be nice to have a little rain though so everyone can get a brief rest before getting back to work.

Those brief slowdowns aren't always a terrible thing. I know someone will tell me that I was wrong and that they just needed to keep cranking along to get the crop out. But my reasoning is that a little break can help keep everyone rested and safe. Being tired and stressed can lead to some bad outcomes. And nothing is more important on the farm than the safety of all who work on it.

As a boy back on the farm, my grandad was always conscious of my safety because he knew that little boy wasn't nearly as invincible as he thought. I followed him around like a puppy during harvest (actually I did that regardless of the time of year). Grandad knew that harvest was a great, yet dangerous, time. He learned this through tragedy when his younger brother was killed in a PTO entanglement as a young man. That event put safety into perspective for my grandad and it never left his thoughts.

Back in the days of my youth, people knew the

dangers of a spinning PTO shaft, so Grandad kept me far away of them, especially when near an auger putting corn or beans in a bin. He often did something that seemed logical at the time, but looking back was perhaps every bit as dangerous. Grandad thought that having me up in the wagon playing in the corn/beans was much safer than being around that PTO or the auger flights. Today we have a much better understanding of the dangers of flowing grain and grain entrapment. Back then, I remember it being fun to sink down in the grain and let it pull me along. I also remember getting scared when it got hard to get out of it. Grandad knew that I couldn't get through the small opening of the gate and end up in the auger, but never thought about suffocation from flowing grain.

I remember and love my grandad's tremendous concern for my safety. He was a great and smart man and he did what he thought was best. I tell you this story not simply for uncovering known dangers, but to remind us all that farming dangers lurk in places we don't even expect. Being safe comes with constant awareness and using good judgement.

Whether it's harvest, the frigid winter, or the beauty of spring, dangers still exist on the farm. So be safe, your family wants you to come home at night and I want to have the pleasure of seeing you at Farm Bureau functions. God Bless!

**SAVE AT YOUR FAVORITE SPOTS**

*Menu*

- eat out
- take out
- get out

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As I write this month's article we are in the heat of harvest! I don't know if we have ever gone so many consecutive days with no delay due to rain! The Women's Committee will be hosting our Annual Fall Luncheon this year on November 9th at the SCFB, we will be creating custom wood signs this year with The Painted Ladies. The

group will enjoy lunch following the completion of our signs. Be sure to bring a friend or two it's sure to be a good time! Call the office to register if you haven't done so. November 20th will be our Flu Shot Clinic at SCFB from 5:00-6:30, so if you have not received a flu shot yet be sure to get yours! My best goes to all of you as you work those long hours to get through harvest. Be safe!

**WOMEN'S**

**Who doesn't like to eat out (or take out)!**  
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# A Year in a Review



**Top Left:** 2017 SCFB Annual Meeting

**Top Left #2:** Drone photo from Wes Seifert of 2017 Ag-Stravganza.

**Middle Left:** A group learns about soybeans from IL Soy Ambassador.

**Middle Right:** FFA students learn about horse shoeing at FFA Acquaintance Day put on by the Young Leader Committee.

**Bottom Left:** Allen Entwistle and Fred Reichert pass out beverages at the 2017 Foundation Golf Outing.

**Bottom Right:** Manager, Jim Birge presents retiring SCFB President, Larry Beaty with a retiring president's plaque.



## COE ACCEPTED INTO MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — Sarah Coe, of Sangamon County, has been accepted into the Rural Illinois Medical Student Assistance Program (RIMSAP) for the 2017 freshman class at the University of Illinois College of Medicine. The program provided Coe with letters of recommendation and will offer financial support during her tenure in medical school.

“I have chosen to become a medical doctor because of my passion in wanting to help other people become more proactive with regards to their health,” Coe said in her application to RIMSAP. “I have literally seen the benefits that occur when one takes control of his or her own health through minor behavioral changes and I look forward to when I can take a more direct approach in improving the lives of patients as their physician.”



Established by the Illinois State Medical Society and the Illinois Farm Bureau, RIMSAP works to increase the number of rural physicians by helping students with rural backgrounds and interest gain entrance into medical school.

Qualified applicants can receive a recommendation for acceptance which can enhance their application at the University of Illinois College of Medicine. Once accepted into medical school, students are eligible for a low interest loan for four years of medical school.

RIMSAP is a program designed to provide doctors in rural communities in Illinois. In return for program assistance, students must agree to practice medicine in an approved rural Illinois community, and specialize in family practice or another primary health care field for five years.

“My home county – Sangamon County – is considered to be a medically underserved area,” Coe said. “Upon receiving my Doctor of Medicine degree, I am determined to localize my future medical practice within a central or southern Illinois community.”

Coe will be attending the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Peoria to earn her doctoral degree.

**SAVE THE DATE**

*IAA Annual Meeting*

DECEMBER 2ND - 5TH, 2017  
CHICAGO, IL

## Kristi Jones Elected to IFB ACTION TEAM LEADERSHIP

BLOOMINGTON, IL. -Sangamon County Farm Bureau member Kristi Jones, of Sangamon, was elected to serve as 2018 Chair of the Illinois Farm Bureau Leadership Development ACTION TEAM. She has been involved in the ACTION TEAM program since 2017.

Men and women involved in the IFB ACTION TEAMS meet twice a year in Bloomington to develop and launch new, innovative statewide Farm Bureau programs that address the needs of agriculture and farm families.

ACTION TEAM applicants select one of four teams that match their interests and experience: Consumer Outreach, Membership Promotion, Leadership Development, or Quality of Life.

Recent ACTION TEAM accomplishments include pizza, corn and popcorn promotional signs, a leadership program created for Collegiate Farm Bureau members, SMV replacement reflectors used in place of improperly used SMV emblems, and the new IFB membership benefit app.

For more information on ACTION TEAMS, visit [www.ilfb.org](http://www.ilfb.org).



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# A Year in a Review



**Top Left:** L-R, Phil Sidles, Allen Entwistle, Cathryn Ayers, Chairman Mike Connaway, US House Ag Committee Chairman.

**Middle Left:** Young Leader's at the 2016 IAA Annual Meeting

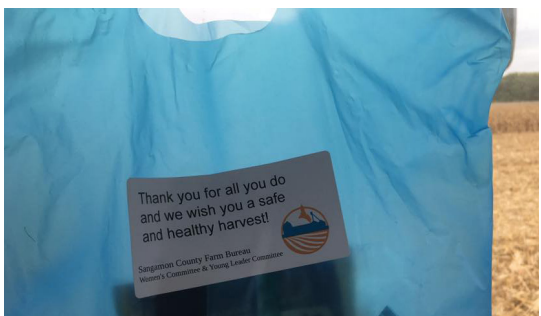
**Middle:** 2017 Marketing Committee Bus Trip

**Middle Right:** Larry Beaty wins the Coco Blue Chocolate raffle basket at the Foundation Trivia Night

**Bottom Left:** #Harvest17 photo submitted to IFB by Justin Skinner of Skinner Farms in Loami, IL

**Bottom Left #2:** Women's Committee Healthy Harvest bags hit the fields during harvest.

**Bottom Right:** Tim Seifert and Adam Bailey at the 2017 Twilight Parade



# A Year in a Review



**Top Left:** Wes Seifert educates kids about equipment at Ag-Stravaganza.

**Top Right:** Allen Entwistle is named a 2017 Master Farmer. Pictured above with his family.

**Middle Left:** Legislative Staffers are educated about agriculture at SCFB member, Allen Entwistle's farm.

**Middle Right:** The winning team of the 2017 Foundation Trivia Night.

**Bottom Left:** Julie Morrison educates students during the AgVenture Barn Tour.

# A Year in a Review



**Top Left:** U.S. Secretary of Ag, Sonny Perdue with SCFB President, Phil Sidles during Perdue's "Back to the Farm" tour.



**Top Right:** Kids being educated on poultry at Ag-Stravaganza.

**Middle Left:** Kinner & Morrison Families enjoying the New Berlin FS/SCFB Appreciation Lunch.

**Middle Right:** 16 teams participated in the 2017 Foundation Golf Outing.

**Bottom Left:** AL Landry is presented the 2017 Farmer Hall of Fame award.

**Bottom Right:** The Women's Committee enjoys the 2017 WC Summer Bus Trip to Starved Rock



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