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Upcoming Committee Meetings & Events

September

- 1st-3rd: Farm Progress Show, Decatur
- 7th: Labor Day - Office Closed
- 14th: Young Leader Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 17th: Women's Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
- 21st: Board of Directors Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 21st - 25th: Fall AgVenture Barn Tour

October

- 5th: Agricultural Education Partnership Annual Meeting, 12:00 p.m.
- 5th: Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 12th: Young Leader Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 15th: Women's Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
- 19th: Board of Directors Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

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WELCOME, NEW VOTING MEMBERS!

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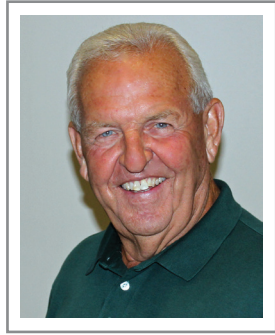
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District 1	Wayne Benanti	X	X	X							
	Tim Kinner	X	X	X							
	Jason Komnick		X	X							
District 2	Alan Bailey	X	X	X							
	Randy Krone		X								
	Tyler Sloan	n/a		X							
District 3	Dale Edwards		X								
	Jason Pickrell (Ass't Sec/Treas)	X	X	X							
	Phil Sidles (Secretary)		X	X							
District 4	Bryon Muench	X	X	X							
	David Ray (Treasurer)	X	X	X							
	Paul Rice			X							
District 5	Cathryn Ayers	X		X							
	Larry Beaty (President)	X	X	X							
	Matt Heissing	X	X	X							
	Marty Fairchild	n/a		X							
District 6	Colleen Carney-Harms	X	X	X							
	Ben Ladage (Vice-President)	X		X							
	Tim Seifert			X							
GAC Chair , Allen Entwistle	X	X	X								
MPR Chair , Diana Beaty	X	X	X								
YL Chair , Mike Borgic	X	X									
Women's Chair , Toni Krone											



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LARRY BEATY

What a busy summer for Sangamon County Farm Bureau! Appreciation Day, Sangamon County Fair, Annual Meeting, Golf Outing, A Day in the Country, State Fair Twilight Parade, and meetings too numerous to mention! I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you who helped in any way to make these events such a huge success. These folks are a true testament of our motto: "Do not ask what Sangamon County Farm Bureau has done for me but what can I do to help Sangamon County Farm Bureau be the best county in IFB." Without the hard work of our members, the success of these events would not be possible.

A special thank you to John and

Donna Beatty for hosting Day in the Country at their farm and thank you to all of John's friends and neighbors who brought equipment and animals to be on display.

Once again I want to take the time to express the importance of calling our Congressmen and women when asked to do so by Farm Bureau Calls to Action. We as members are the folks who benefit from making these calls. When IFB sends out an action request, it is because Congress is voting on an issue that affects us as farmers and our livelihoods. Action Requests are so easy to do and it only takes two minutes to make the call. If you are not a part of the Sangamon County Farm Bureau's Action Request list, I urge you to please call the office and give your name and phone number so we can put you on our list to receive our eLerts for calls to action! For those who are on our list, when you get an Action Request, please make the call!

Thank you to Richard Ramsey and Jim Underwood for your years of service on the Sangamon County Farm Bureau Board of Directors. Their tenure was up this year and they are now

retired from our Board of Directors. Thank you for your work and dedication - it is very much appreciated.

I welcome to the Farm Bureau Board Marty Fairchild and Tyler Sloan. Thank you for your willingness to serve. I look forward to working with you on tasks and events in the year to come!

I am honored to once again have been elected as your President. I thank our Board of Directors for their confidence in me. Although, as I think about it, I'm not sure it was confidence as much as the fact no one else wanted the job!

The summer is almost over, harvest is upon us, and we will be busy getting our crops harvested. The Chicago Board of Trade really can't make up their mind if we have a good crop or bad one. As we prepare to go into harvest, I pray you will all be safe and take time to take a short break. Have a safe and bountiful harvest. May God bless each and every one!

Larry Beatty

Special thanks
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THE BUREAU ACCORDING TO JIM



JIM BIRGE

I really don't know how a summer can go by so fast. Last I can recall, we were still planting, and planting, and planting. Now the time is quickly approaching when we'll be gearing up for harvest.

If you've read my column over time, you realize I like agriculture history and Farm Bureau history. Why? Because it is amazing to learn about all the things our forefathers did and created to be more successful, more productive, and more responsible. Take the invention of the hand or thumb peg, for example. Farmers used this tool to help them shuck the corn from the plant and toss it into a horse drawn wagon. It was slow work compared to today, but just think of how much more productive they were by inventing it.

Regarding history and innovation, the Illinois Farm Bureau will be kicking off the celebration of their 100th anniversary at this year's Farm Progress Show. Just thinking about all the history associated with this celebration makes me smile. So many people with a vision have helped to create and continually shape this great organization. Their foresight is nothing less than amazing and we have a strong organization today to prove it. Not only is Illinois Farm Bureau strong but so are all the affiliate companies that were spawned from Farm Bureau to address members' needs.

The following companies (and numerous others that have been disbanded due to their need being fulfilled) created by ILLINOIS Farm Bureau serve members needs daily: COUNTRY Financial, GROWMARK/FS, and Prairie Farms Dairy. These companies and others were formed by IFB for specific member needs that were not being met in any other way.

COUNTRY Financial was started in 1925 to provide farmers with fire insurance on their farms. Since farms were remote and fire services took

so long to get to them, insurance coverage on farm buildings was either impossible to get or so expensive that farmers couldn't afford it. Farm Bureau members directed the organization to find a solution and Farmers Mutual Reinsurance Company was formed to offer affordable fire insurance to members. Today, COUNTRY Financial is among the largest insurance companies in the country and operates in numerous states offering everything from home/farm/auto insurance to life insurance and investment services.

GROWMARK/FS held a similar history. As technology advanced in the early 1920s so did the need for kerosene. Farmers could get the first tractors delivered to their farm but found it nearly impossible to maintain a reliable fuel source to feed the beast. Once again Farm Bureau members called on their organization to find a solution. This was the birth of Illinois Farm Supply Company, better known today as GROWMARK and its FS member companies. From 1927 to present, the farmer owned cooperative has grown from a kerosene supply company into a full service Farm Bureau affiliate offering fuels, seed, fertilizer application, crop protection products, crop advisory services, and more.

Once again as farmers called on Farm Bureau for assistance, the organization responded to the needs of dairy farmers that weren't getting their fair share of the value of the milk they produced. Yet again, a new organization was formed known as the Illinois Producers Creamery, better known today as Prairie Farms Dairy. Its leadership, derived from the very producers it represents, has helped grow the company into the Fortune 500 giant it is today. And yet, it's still a farmer cooperative that shares its profits with the farmers that sell milk

to it.

Many other organizations have been formed by Illinois Farm Bureau to offer members the goods and services they need to maintain a profitable farming operation. Other involvement included the significant role it played to create and initially fund several commodity associations including the Illinois Corn Growers Association, Illinois Soybean Association, Illinois Milk Producers Association, Illinois Specialty Growers Association, and the Illinois Wheat Association.

Well, that's my history lesson for this issue. Don't worry; I don't require readers to take a test on the subject matter. I just hope members realize the rich history and massive influence Illinois Farm Bureau has offered over the past 100 years. If you can't tell, I'm proud of our phenomenal organization and grateful to have worked for it throughout the last 22 years.

One last thing before I let you go. As the busyness of harvest gets underway, please remember one thing: **YOUR SAFETY AND THAT OF YOUR FAMILY AND EMPLOYEES SHOULD BE AT THE TOP OF MIND EVERY MINUTE.** I know as well as any of you that we get focused on the tasks of getting the crop out, but you must constantly remind yourself of safety. One of the least thought of safety issues is fatigue. Just a few more rounds; gonna fill up the trucks first before quitting for the night..... There may be too much at risk if you lose focus because your tired (even if you don't think you are) and someone gets injured or killed in the process. Looking back, no one would ever say, "Well, at least it was worth it." So stay safe and alert. Others in the field or on the road may not, so it's up to you. Have a safe and blessed harvest.

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September 20-26, 2015

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WOMEN'S COMMITTEE



TONI KRONE

MEMBER & PR



DIANA BEATY

Summer is winding down! When you receive this issue, harvest will be very close, if not started for some. Let me recap some of our summer activities you may have missed out on!

We had a full bus for the Cardinals/Cubs Game in St. Louis on June 28th, which was rain delayed. We were sent to the storm shelters due to the dangerous weather in the area - what a night! The Cardinals won and we were back in Springfield around 2:30 a.m. Thanks to all who attended and weathered the storms, we still had a good trip and look forward to next year's game!

Appreciation Day at the Sangamon County Fairgrounds - what can I say? It was very wet and muddy and attendance was very low. We had distributed around 2,400 tickets, ordered meals for 1,600 and had around 400 in attendance! Unfortunately the Sangamon and Menard County Farm Bureaus and Prairieland F.S. lost money on this event again this year. Look for some changes next year. Our silent/live auction netted around \$7000 and we are very thankful for that! Between our auction and golf outing we raised around \$15,000 this year for the Foundation. Thank you to all involved!

We were blessed with a dry, beautiful day for the Foundation Golf Outing. Many thanks to all who participated in the fun for the day and our many

The Women's Committee has taken a summer hiatus since our trip in June, but we are up and going again. We volunteered at the Central Illinois Foodbank on August 13th. We had seven women there and we helped out by sorting food that has been donated and then weighing and repackaging it for distribution to food pantries and soup kitchens. Afterward, we had lunch

and a brief meeting to work on planning for the fall and winter.

Our next event will be our Fall Luncheon on November 5th. We will have a guest speaker to educate us about essential oils and their benefits. Call the office to sign up for the luncheon or register online at www.sangamonfb.org. I look forward to seeing everyone there!

sponsors who helped to make the outing possible. A huge thanks to our Country Financial Agents who once again provided lunch for the golfers, these guys are always there when we need the support for an event such as this, the day would not be a success without them! Thank you, Duane, Tom and Leonard for all you do!

Our Central Illinois Farm Families summer tour was held on July 11th. We visited Mason County for a tour of a potato farm and Logan County for a tour of Prescott Angus Farm. We had approximately 15 non-farm guests with us for the tour. Unfortunately we didn't get to see the potatoes being harvested, but saw the equipment and learned about the potatoes raised in that area. We then traveled to Logan County, where Mike and Sara Prescott, along with their two little girls, gave us a tour of their farm and treated us to a wonderful beef brisket lunch.

Larry and I will be hosting our next Central Illinois Farm Families group for a harvest tour in September. They will be coming out to ride in combines and see how harvest takes place, as well as learn about new equipment technology and talk with an agronomist about the details involved in growing our crops.

A Day in the Country took place on July 26th the Beatty Farm in Auburn. We were blessed with a beautiful day as well as plenty of equipment thanks to the neighbors in the area and Prairieland FS. The Caruthers family and Paul Rice were kind enough to bring a variety of farm animals for visitors to see. Mike Borgic and the Illinois Pork Producers were with us for the day and Mike made his fabulous pulled pork sandwiches. Prairie Farms once again provided ice cream and Country Financial was on

hand with free popcorn and handouts for those in attendance - thank you Duane and Julie! The Lincoln Land Beekeepers had a display of products made from honey as well as with their fabulous honey for sale. Thank you Richard Ramsey and the Petrilli Family for your support and setup for the day! We also had a display from the Lake Springfield Watershed to help explain how we as farmers work to preserve our water and land. We also had a bounce house for the kids to enjoy! Overall, we hosted approximately 300 guests at The Beatty Place and it was all made possible by John and Donna Beatty. Thank you both for opening your farm for the day to help us educate our non-farming neighbors.

August is always Membership Quota month, and Arika and I have been working to reinstate some of our cancelled voting members and reclassify some members. Thankfully we were able to exceed our membership quota!

We walked in the Illinois State Fair Twilight Parade again this year, which always wraps up the end of summer. The parade is always a great evening.

My personal THANK YOU to all that have worked tirelessly this summer to help with all these projects. The volunteers we have in Sangamon County are a great group and I would be lost without our staff! Thank you all! I'm looking forward to harvest arriving, praying for dry weather and a good harvest for all! In the next issue we will be thinking about the winter holidays arriving and all the winter meetings coming up... Oh my, where does the time go?

MARKETING



RICH RAMSEY

The Marketing Committee wrapped up its summer programming recently with our annual Market Outlook Steakfry. Our guest speaker was Brian Burke from John Stewart and Associates. Although the market news wasn't overly bullish, there will be opportunities to market grain and find

some profit. A cautious market strategy will be essential. Even though the news wasn't what everyone wanted to hear, we did at least get to share some really good ribeye steaks and a baked potato. Have a safe fall. Watch for more market information opportunities after harvest.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT



PAUL RICE

As Illinois Farm Bureau sorts through and discusses policy proposals from the counties, we are getting ready to discuss policy that allows a wider base of farm oriented members to participate in the organization. There are many people working in agribusiness including the input side of farming through the grain

handling/processing side that ought to have a greater opportunity within the organization.

This debate may take some time to get worked out at the state level but we want to start the conversation so as to begin working toward it. Until next issue, have a pleasant and safe harvest.

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS



ALLEN ENTWISTLE

Governor and the Speaker of the House. As long as state employees are able to keep working, the budget impasse will not have nearly the pressure on leaders to resolve the matter. This is obviously good for workers to be able to continue receiving the necessary income to provide for their families, but it takes away the urgency to get a budget agreement.

On the national front, there has been more activity. Even though Congress has been on recess, several issues still keep moving along. The U.S. House passed legislation to create national GMO labeling standards versus the piecemeal of state regulations. This consistency will be good for agriculture and good for consumers. Our thanks to Congressman Rodney Davis for speaking so eloquently

on the House floor to champion the passage of the bill. Section 179 expensing seems to be getting more traction again and may be discussed soon. WOTUS defunding legislation is still on the table but the regulations became effective at the end of August.

Farm Bureau has joined a coalition to change the way legislative districts are drawn every 10 years. We encourage members to stop by our office to sign the petition for placing it on the ballot or contact us and we'll send you a petition form that you may circulate yourself.

As harvest begins, I want to first thank everyone who works to take action when we ask. It's what makes us strong and successful. Secondly, I want to wish everyone safety and success this harvest.

Our committee monitors a lot of legislative / regulatory issues being discussed in their respective bodies of government. There's been a lot going on and nothing going on, both at the same time. Nothing significant is happening regarding negotiations between the

YOUNG LEADERS



MIKE BORGIC

July 25th, the committee held their annual summer cookout at Randy and Toni Krone's house. It was a hot day, but we still had a good turn out and an enjoyable evening. Members of the committee then helped setup and work at the "A Day in the Country" event at John Beatty's house on July 26th. It was another successful event this year and the committee was happy to help.

We had a team participate in the IFB Young Leader Agri-Quiz Bowl at the State Fair on August 18th. and they did a great job representing Sangamon County. Our team won their first round of competition and advanced to the quarter-finals before getting eliminated. Also, I will be representing District 10

in the State Young Leader Discussion Meet in December as part of the IAA Annual Meeting.

Several Young Leaders volunteered their time working a shift at the Pork Patio during the State Fair. They plan to donate their earnings to the Central Illinois Foodbank.

The committee is working on several events for the fall and winter seasons. More details will be available later. The committee's next meeting is on September 14 at 7:00 pm. If you are interested in attending, please contact the SCFB office.

On behalf of the Young Leader Committee, I would like to wish everyone a safe harvest season.

Over the past few weeks the Young Leader Committee has been busy. The committee started things off with having a group play in the Sangamon CFB Foundation Golf Outing on July 10th. The team had a good time and was happy to help a worthy cause. On

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The annual meeting of the Agricultural Education Partnership – Logan, Menard, Sangamon will be held on October 5th, 2015, at noon at the Sangamon County Farm Bureau.

Year to Date Financial Report July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015

Balance 7/1/2014	\$17,498.75
Income:	
Individual & Business Donations	\$18,619.16
County Farm Bureau Contributions	\$10,000.00
Grants	\$24,523.95
Summer Ag Institute Fees	\$375.00
Interest & Dividends	\$31.09
Total Income	\$53,549.20
Expenses	
Mileage	\$9,839.69
Teaching Supplies	\$3,563.68
Salaries (Leased employees)	\$41,069.78
Meeting/Conference Expenses	\$314.55
Audit/Tax Prep	\$796.85
Liability Insurance	\$475.00
Summer Ag Institute Expenses	\$907.36
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$1,039.00
Total Expenses	\$58,005.91
Total on hand 6/30/15	\$13,042.04

This brief business meeting will include the election of officers for the 2015-2016 year, a financial review, and a report of the educational activities of the partnership.

The regular meeting of the Agricultural Education Partnership will directly follow. Any person interested in attending this meeting is welcome.

Sincerely,

Agricultural Education Partnership
Board of Directors

Jim Birge – Chairman	Ashley Beutke – Treasurer
John Fulton – Vice Chairman	Jennifer Waters – At Large
Karen Fraase – Secretary	Allison Rahe – At Large

Total Impact 2014-2015

Students	29,425
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SOIL CONSERVATION

With harvest just around the corner, farmers need to be mindful of soil conservation. Our members try their best to implement practices to address soil erosion, sediment control and water quality, but we must strive to do better. What more can we add to our practice that will accomplish our goals? What assistance do we need?

Now is the time to review the organization's policy and provide feedback. Your Illinois Farm Bureau policy #36, Soil Conservation, provides you with the information that IFB uses to guide our involvement.

We support:

1. Soil conservation programs using education, voluntary compliance, financial incentives and other non-punitive means to encourage compliance.....
2. Increasing funding and technical support for various state and federal programs to assist farmers, landowners, and drainage districts in controlling erosion and runoff.....
12. Including funding for technical assistance in the overall costs to implement government programs addressing natural resource or environmental issues.
17. Public/private partnerships to provide consumer education programs on conservation programs.

GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC POLICIES

With a national debt over \$18 trillion and a state budget deficit, our governments are facing significant challenges. Farmers are great managers of money and we have always been concerned with this crisis. To help solve the fiscal issues, what do federal and state lawmakers need to do to accomplish our policy?

Now is the time to review the organization's policy and provide feedback. Your Illinois Farm Bureau policy #80, Government Economic Policies, provides you with the information that IFB uses to guide our involvement.

Government economic policies should be designed to encourage economic stability, increased productivity, a greater competitive ability in the international market, and a high level of economic wellbeing.

We support:

4. A constitutional amendment to require the federal government to operate on a balanced budget.
6. A requirement that federal and state government agencies return unspent money to their respective treasuries without a budget cut or penalty for the new fiscal year.
9. Requiring competitive bidding for any major state or federal project to ensure the most efficient development and construction of those projects.

We will continue to make the adoption of sound economic policies by the state and federal government a major priority. We urge county Farm Bureaus to do likewise.

Get involved and educated on this issue by speaking to the Sangamon County Farm Bureau. You can review the entire policy by visiting www.ilfb.org.

For more information about IFB's grassroots policies, contact the SCFB office.

**REMEMBER... POLICY NOT ONLY STARTS HERE,
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Communication Update Form

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