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Upcoming Committee Meetings & Events

May

- 2nd: Governmental Affairs 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, 10:00 a.m.

June

- 6th: Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 8th: Women's Committee Summer Bus Trip
- 9th, 10th, 13th, 14th: Summer Ag Institute
- 13th: Young Leader Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 15th-19th: Sangamon County Fair, New Berlin
- 20th: Board of Directors Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 22nd: Cubs/Cardinals Baseball Bus Trip to Wrigley Field

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



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	Tim Kinner	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	X		X
	Jason Kornick		X	X	-	X	X	X	X	X	X
District 2	Otto Rentschler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			X
	Randy Krone		X		-	X	X	X			X
	Tyler Sloan	n/a		X	-	X	X	X	X	X	X
District 3	Dale Edwards		X		-	X	X	X		X	X
	Jason Pickrell (Ass't Sec/Treas)	X	X	X	-	X		X	X	X	X
	Phil Sidles (Secretary)		X	X	-	X	X	X	X	X	X
District 4	Bryon Muench	X	X	X	-	X	X		X	X	X
	David Ray (Treasurer)	X	X	X	-	X		X	X	X	X
	Paul Rice			X	-	X	X	X	X	X	
District 5	Cathryn Ayers	X		X	-	X	X	X	X	X	
	Larry Beaty (President)	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Matt Heissingner	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Marty Fairchild	n/a		X	-	X	X	X	X	X	X
District 6	Colleen Carney-Harms	X	X	X	-	X		X	X	X	X
	Ben Ladage (Vice-President)	X		X	-	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Tim Seifert			X	-		X	X	X	X	
GAC Chair , Allen Entwistle	X	X	X	-	X	X				X	X
MPR Chair , Diana Beaty	X	X	X	-		X	X	X	X	X	X
YL Chair , Katie King	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	X
Women's Chair , Cassandra Bennett	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X

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The Women's Committee invites you
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Wednesday, June 8, 2016

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at 7:15 AM and return at approximately 5:30 PM.

Stop #1: Tour of the Staley Museum, Decatur



..... *Stop #2:* Beachy's Bulk Foods, Arthur



Stop #3: Lunch at Yoder's Kitchen, Arthur



..... *Stop #4:* Outlets at Tuscola



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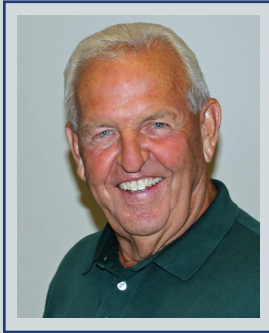
Includes the lunch buffet and drink at Yoder's as well as
light breakfast and refreshments on the bus.



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



LARRY BEATY

Hello again from the east side of Sangamon County. As I write this article, it is once again a cold, wet, windy day, which seems to be somewhat the norm for April 2016.

I recently went to a Grant Committee meeting with Illinois Farm Bureau and left that meeting thinking how very fortunate Sangamon County Farm Bureau is to be in such a strong position financially and membership wise. Thanks to past and present Sangamon County Farm Bureau directors who have been involved in the day to day business decisions. We are a very strong county! I want to thank all directors past and present for time and devotion to making Sangamon County Farm Bureau what it is today.

As most of you probably know by now, Jenny Webb has resigned as Assistant Manager and has taken a position with Extension in Bloomington. I know I speak for many when I say that we will miss Jenny. She has been a blessing for Sangamon County Farm Bureau - she has made the Sangamo Farmer look like a 5 star production, she revamped the website so it can actually be useful, her work with committees has been astounding, her ability to work with others has been great, the list goes on! But mostly she will be missed for just being a great person and a devoted employee. Best of Luck to you Jenny! I will miss you and your efforts!

Another reason for the success of Sangamon County Farm Bureau is the people who serve on our committees and our committee chairpersons. I want to thank Toni Krone who served as Women's Committee Chair for 17 years. Toni and the Women's Committee have been active in many facets of Sangamon County Farm Bureau. As probably most of you have noticed if Sangamon County Farm Bureau has an event Toni is there to help, whether it is our golf outing, Appreciation Day or the AgVenture Barn, Toni is always there to help! Thank you so much Toni for your help and dedication to Sangamon County Farm Bureau and all our events.

Cassie Bennett has willingly accepted the Women's Committee Chairmanship. I want to welcome Cassie and look forward to working with her. I have known Cassie for some time and I know she is passionate about farming and has a good work ethic and best of all, she has a really good mother and dad. Cassie, thank you for your willingness to work with all of us to make Sangamon County Farm Bureau a great County Farm Bureau.

I hope by the time everyone reads this article it has warmed up and corn planting is at least started.

God Bless and be safe!

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SANGAMON COUNTY FARMER DIRECTS DONATION TO AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP

The Agricultural Education Partnership has received a \$2,500 donation from America's Farmers Grow Communities, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund and directed by Peggy Etherton of Etherton Stock Farms. The donation will help the provide programing on agriculture topics to local schools. The Agricultural Education Partnership's educators visit hundreds of classes and thousands of students every month talking about the importance of farming and the products farmers produce. This donation will help the organization provide lessons and materials to classrooms that otherwise wouldn't be learning about agriculture.

Agriculture Literacy Coordinator Carrie Winkelmann said, "This donation from Etherton Stock Farms means a great deal to our organization. The Ethertons have been donating to our cause for seven years. Our regular donors make a great impact in allowing us to share the message about farming that is so vital to our industry. Many thanks to our many and loyal donors and especially to Etherton Farms!"

For six years, America's Farmers Grow Communities has collaborated with farmers to donate over \$22 million to more than 8,000 community organizations across rural America. Winning farmers will direct donations to nonprofits to help fight rural hunger, purchase life saving fire and EMS equipment, support ag youth leadership programs, buy much needed classroom resources, and so much more. America's Farmers Grow Communities partners with farmers to support local nonprofit causes that positively impact farming communities across rural America. Grow Communities is one program in the America's Farmers community outreach effort, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund. Other programs include America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders, which encourages rural youth to remain in agriculture and provides \$1,500 college scholarships to high school and college students pursuing ag-related degrees and America's Farmers Grow Rural Education, which works with farmers to nominate rural school districts to compete for \$10,000 and \$25,000 math and science grants. Visit www.AmericasFarmers.com to learn more.

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Attention, teachers!

Would you like to travel to farms so that you can tell your students how you spent your summer learning about new things? Would you like free resources for your classroom to help you teach about agriculture and farming? Would you like to earn Professional Development Class Hours (PDCH's – formally CPDU's) and/or grad credit?

If so, this year's Summer Ag Institute is for you!

June 9, 10, 13, 14

*For more information, contact Carrie Winkelmann, Ag Literacy Coordinator
cjwinkel@illinois.edu or 217-753-4611*



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6th Annual Golf Outing

Friday, July 8, 2016

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includes lunch, dinner, beverages on the
course, cart rental, 18 holes of golf, and a gift

**11:00 AM: Registration & Lunch
12:00 PM: Shotgun Start**

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Please register by Friday, July 1st • Not a golfer? Join us for dinner!

The goal of the SCFB Foundation Golf Outing is to raise funds for our scholarship program.
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YOUNG LEADERS



KATIE KING

The Young Leaders are hitting the ground running this spring and coming summer! We have a lot going on, so I hope I catch it all for you in this article.

On Saturday March 12th, 7 members assisted in sorting food at the Central Illinois Foodbank. They were given a tour and learned a lot about what goes on behind the scenes. They were

surprised at all the different items that actually get donated from the area, including large businesses. Later that night, 13 Young Leaders participated in the SCFB Foundation Trivia Night. They all really enjoyed themselves and are ready for next year's event!

Cameron Ayers and Wes Seifert took part in the Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leaders Ag Industry Tour to Southern Florida in March. Cameron shared his experience at our last meeting. He said they learned a great deal about other areas of agriculture and were able to meet a lot of new people from Illinois, as well as other areas. They were surprised to see so many large cattle operations in Florida. He encouraged other YLs to participate in the awesome program in future years.

On March 14th we had our monthly meeting and were happy to welcome a few guests. Jenny Hackman our IFB YL District 10 Representative, SCFB President Larry Beaty and manager Jim Birge joined us. With Action Requests being a large part of our voice in agriculture, the YLs accepted a challenge given by Larry to beat the board members on the number of calls to our legislators backing Farm Bureau. Let's just say... the YLs look forward to the board preparing a nice meal for us when we beat them!

The Young Leaders brought up a ton of new ideas for this year's program of work. We are very excited to add new events to our calendar. Stay tuned for more info on some of those events in the coming months.

We have a team that has been practicing their swing for the SCFB Foundation golf outing coming up in July. Andy Morehouse had a great idea to help us with our Harvest for All project. Illinois leads the nation in dollars donated to Harvest for All, however the number of pounds of food donated is much less. To increase our number of pounds, the YLs will be planting a sweet corn plot to harvest and donate to the local food banks. If you are feeling ambitious in July and would like to help pick sweet corn, let us know!

The group plans to volunteer at the Sangamon County Fair in June working in the HAYLOFT. They will also be volunteering at the Sangamon County 4-H show with booths to help educate kids about ag. With 4-H becoming more removed from agriculture, we are hoping to help show members what it is really about.

The YL group is teaming up with Member/PR for a new event called Ag-Stravaganza on August 1st. This event will take the place of our Ag Exploration Day that we typically host in June. We are very excited to work with other FB committees, as well as put a twist on our yearly event.

We wish everyone a happy and very safe planting season! 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.

MEMBER & PR



DIANA BEATY

Time once again for Sangamo Farmer Reports, time sure does fly by, seems like I just did this for the March/April issue. Hopefully by the time you receive this issue, we will be busy planting crops and enjoying some beautiful spring weather. I don't know about you but I am ready. This time of year is always when we plan our Committee's Program of Work and budget

for the upcoming year. Therefore, I thought I would give you some dates to put on your calendars in preparation for upcoming activities that I don't want you to miss out on!

The Cubs vs. Cards game at Wrigley Field is scheduled for Wednesday, June 22nd. Game is 12:15 p.m. Bus will depart the office at 7:30 a.m. Tickets have been going fast, but we always have a waiting list in case there are last minute cancellations. This is always a fun trip and hopefully no storms the day of the game as we experienced last year in St. Louis! Coffee, juice and doughnuts for the ride North and snacks with soda and cold beer for the ride back home!

Sangamon County Farm Bureau Foundation Golf Outing is scheduled for July 8th at Edgewood Golf Course in Auburn. A fun filled day for all you golfers. Lunch, compliments of some of our great Country Financial Agents, golf at noon, complimentary cold beverages on the course with several different games to partake in! We will be ending the day with dinner and a few awards and a drawing for a DJI Phantom 3 Standard Drone. Tickets are on sale now for this Drone, so contact the office or a Board Member to purchase your tickets!

Sangamon County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting will be on Wednesday, July 20th at the Farm Bureau Office. A catered dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. followed by the business meeting. Tickets will be \$10.00 per person.

These are a few of our events coming up this summer. Feel free to contact the office or myself with any questions or comments.

In closing I would like to welcome Cassandra Bennett as our new Women's Committee Chair. I look forward to working with Cassie in upcoming Farm Bureau activities. She replaces Toni Krone who was Women's Committee Chair for 17 years! Toni, thanks for your contribution to Sangamon County Farm Bureau all those years, I know what personal time you gave to the many activities you have been involved in. I could write several pages of all the Krone Family has contributed. Just know I for one APPRECIATE all you have done! Thank You!

I would also like to wish Jenny Webb the best of luck on her new job. Jenny will leave us on the 15th of April and is taking a position with the U of I Extension in Bloomington. Jenny has been a blessing to our county with her many talents and abilities to work with others. Thank you for all you have done for Sangamon County Farm Bureau. I have enjoyed working with you and wish you the best! Thank You!



AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP

Logan, Menard, Sangamon County

The Agriculture Education Partnership has been busy busy busy, visiting over 200 classrooms every month and reaching 27,011 students total so far this year (with April and May left to go!!!) In Sangamon county, Carrie Winkelmann, Karen Beckner, and Rachel Frost have been

spending time with students teaching a wide array of agricultural topics. Our program allows students to get a glimpse of farm life, learn about the science in agriculture, and gain a knowledge of their place in the food and fiber chain. Our programs are extremely popular, book up every year, and help support the agriculture industry through consumer education. If you aren't already a supporter of our program, please think about donating to a worthy cause. To our loyal supporters, thank you so much for your continued generosity!!!! Have a safe planting season!! - Your Ag in the Classroom Team



Kindergartners at Fairview Elementary learned about sheep in March from Ag Literacy Coordinator Carrie Winkelmann

Ag Literacy Educator Rachel Frost gave presentations on soybeans in April. She is pictured at Calvary Academy with kindergarten and fourth grade classes.



SCFB Marketing Co-Chairman Rich Ramsey gave a presentation on bees and honey to second graders at Rochester Elementary School on April 14th.





JIM BIRGE

As I promised last issue, here's part 2 of the old myth that Illinois Farm Bureau helped start State Farm Insurance. To put much of this into perspective, you may wish to go back and read *The Bureau According to Jim* in the March/April issue of the *Sangamo Farmer*. If you don't have your copy you can view it online at www.sangamonfb.org. Click on the publications link at the bottom of the page.

The research and writing on this subject has already been artfully completed. So there was no reason for me to recreate the story in my words. Therefore, here it is in the words of Steve Simms, Promotion and Graphics Arts Director of Illinois Farm Bureau.

In November of 1925, the Illinois Farm Bureau Board of Directors formed the IAA Farmers Mutual Reinsurance Company. This action was taken based upon the 1924 recommendation of Illinois Farm Bureau's Insurance Committee under the leadership of George Tullock, an IFB Board member from Rockford. The company was organized and chartered to help spread the fire insurance risk for the hundreds of township mutual farmer insurance companies around the state affiliated with county Farm Bureaus. State Farm continued to spread using the Farm Bureau connection. Facing similar financial challenges as the South Dakota Farm Bureau, Missouri Farm Bureau Federation signs on with State Farm in December 1925. In 1926, the state Farm Bureaus in Minnesota, Michigan, and North Dakota join State Farm as state agents in order to solve their financial woes as well.

As the need for auto insurance grows, the IFB Board authorizes the organization to "investigate the advisability of theft, life, and automobile insurance for its members." It's the summer of 1926.

As part of that investigation,

Mecherle met again with the IFB Board in September of 1926. At that meeting Mecherle presented to the Board the same plan other state Farm Bureaus had been adopting. IFB was in much better financial shape than the other state Farm Bureaus who had been signing on with State Farm. After hearing Mecherle's proposal the IFB Board decides: "if IAA enters into the field of auto insurance it will start its own company."

Two months later the IFB Board met in Chicago with county Farm Bureau presidents who unanimously authorized the establishment of the Illinois Agricultural Mutual Insurance Company. Vernon Vaniman was given the assignment to get 3000 advance pledges. By early 1927 he has 3290 and on April 27, 1927, the IAA's insurance company is chartered. J.P. Gibson is hired as manager but is soon replaced by Ara E. Richardson. Richardson had a history with both Farm Bureau and State Farm. At one time he had worked for IFB membership organizer, J.C. Sailor, as a membership recruiter. Richardson had also worked for the Pure Milk Association. It is also noted in the IAA Record that Ara Richardson helped George Mecherle organize State Farm Mutual Insurance Company. However, there are no references to Richardson in State Farm historical materials available to the public. Richardson remained with IAA Insurance until his retirement in 1953.

While Illinois Farm Bureau is organizing its own insurance company, in the spring of 1927, Iowa Farm Bureau approaches State Farm and sets up the same arrangement as Indiana. Shortly after that, upon invitation from the state Farm Bureaus, Mecherle moves into Colorado, Kansas, Kentucky, and Nebraska. In 1928, Mecherle continues his state Farm Bureau partnerships and moves into California, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, Texas, Utah, and Washington. After nearly a year of discussions, in February of 1929, IFB organizes Country Life Insurance Company. Meanwhile State Farm marches into Arizona, Idaho, New Mexico, West Virginia, and Wyoming, with blessings of the appropriate state Farm Bureau. State Farm moved into North Carolina,

Oklahoma, Oregon, and Virginia in 1930, and Maryland in 1933. Shortly after this state Farm Bureaus began to form their own insurance companies based upon the Illinois model. And those states that struck the bargain with State Farm maintained that relationship into the 1940s and 50s. Eventually, many of these state Farm Bureaus also started their own insurance companies. The cleverness of State Farm's growth and expansion cannot be denied. However, it's worth wondering if the grassroots infrastructure the state Farm Bureaus offered had not been as accessible to Mecherle, would State Farm had grown as quickly as it did? Probably not, but the relationship was symbiotic. There were mutual benefits — no pun intended. Mecherle got the customers he needed, and the state Farm Bureaus got the cash they needed to keep their organizations viable and able to continue to serve their farmer members.

I would say the State Farm/Illinois Farm Bureau story should be heralded and held up as an example of what a bunch of smart farmers can do once they set their minds to it. It's interesting two great organizations that serve farmers well grew from the fertile fields of Central Illinois.

Well, there you have it, "The Rest of The Story" as Paul Harvey would say. Though both companies are well respected and extremely successful, Farm Bureau and I are forever proud to have COUNTRY Financial as our partner to serve the needs of our members. If you ever doubt the commitment of COUNTRY to our members, remember this, COUNTRY is operated by a board of directors comprised entirely of farmers from around Illinois (oddly enough they're the same people that make up the Illinois Farm Bureau Board of Directors). Our local member on both boards is Dale Hadden of Jacksonville.

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**Mark your
calendar!**

**Our Annual Meeting will be Wednesday, July 20th
at the Sangamon County Farm Bureau.
More information will be coming to you soon!**

POLICY DEVELOPMENT



PAUL RICE

The last meeting of the Policy Development Committee accomplished two primary items. First, we finalized a bylaw proposal for Illinois Farm Bureau and recommended its submittal by the SCFB Board. This bylaw will be voted on at the IFB Annual Meeting in Chicago this coming December. The intent of the bylaw is to require the prior notice of

candidacy of any individual running for election to the IFB board. This would provide the members in each district the opportunity to thoroughly consider each candidate rather than having a last minute candidate announced at the election. This would apply to the 18 districts as well as to the President and Vice President. The bylaw proposal was approved by the board and will be voted on in December.

The second primary item of business was to consider events and programming for the upcoming fiscal year of SCFB which begins June 1st. Some of the events approved by the committee include sending out a complete set of current policies in an upcoming issue of the FarmWeek. In conjunction with this, we'll be hosting our annual Tailgate Talk Cookout to hear from you about issues affecting your farm and determine if something should be placed in our policy to address it. The committee also will utilize mailers to gather member input on the same.

I hope many of you will participate in our efforts. It's important for us to hear from you to address your needs in policy, legislative, regulatory, and legal avenues. Have a wonderful spring and early summer. Good luck with your farm activities and above all, be safe.

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE



CASSANDRA BENNETT

Hello SCFB members!

I want to take a minute to introduce myself, as your newest Women's Committee chair. My name is Cassandra Bennett. I'm a graduate of Rochester High School and Benedictine University.

I'm married to an 8th generation farmer, Kenneth Bennett, and we live in Pleasant Plains. We have two wonderful children, Gunner (3) and Collins (2). I am a stay at home mom and also help out with daily livestock chores. I am excited to start this new journey with Women's Committee, and am looking forward to our bus trip coming up in June! Look on page 10 for more details!

We will also be making our rounds to local schools on The AgVenture Barn Tour April 25-29. The next Women's Committee meeting is April 21st at SCFB. I hope everyone has a safe and speedy planting season!

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS



ALLEN ENTWISTLE

IFB Executive Director of Governmental Affairs and Commodities Mark Gebhards joined us at our March meeting to give us a legislative update. On the national level, we discussed the Trans-Pacific Partnership, GMO labeling, and ethanol. The current state level issues include, the

state budget, filter strip tax advantage, and expedited review of utility project proposals. He does not think it is likely that there will be a budget for the current budget cycle. Circuit Court Judge April Troemper also joined us in March to introduce herself and give an overview of her background and qualifications. We thank Mark and Judge Troemper for joining us.

On April 7th, State Representative Darin LaHood and IFB President Richard Guebert discussed the importance of the Trans-Pacific Partnership in a press conference at the SCFB office.

There have been several action requests lately regarding GMO labeling and most recently one regarding private property rights. The most recent action request was asking that farmers call their State Senator and ask them to vote no on SB 2237, which protects landowners' property rights. SB 2237 would allow telecommunications companies to install their equipment along road rights-of-way without negotiating an easement with the landowner. The bill also minimizes landowners' ability to ensure that repairs to damages made during installation on items like drain tile are made appropriately and timely. I ask that you please remember to make these calls when state and national legislative action requests come out. These are very important to our well-being as farmers and landowners.

Our April meeting was cancelled, as many of our members were getting into the field. The next GAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 2nd. Pending planting progress, the meeting may be rescheduled.

MARKETING



MATT HEISSINGER

As Co-chairman of the marketing committee, I try to understand what are the important issues our members want to learn more about in today's economy. From cover crops, nutrient loss, phosphorus runoff, WOTUS, conservation and much more. With this being said, what will our members

make the best use of? My goals for this spring and summer, are to bring our members events that will be educating and enjoyable for the whole family. After we get this planting season under our belt, we'll look at all the issues facing our members and see what we can bring to the table for our members.

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