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Limited Power: Energy Storage In Unzoned counties

A key question for many local officials and landowners is what authority they have over the development of energy storage projects if the county has not adopted zoning. The answer is that without zoning, regulatory authority becomes much more limited.

Under the new Clean and Reliable Grid Affordability Act (CRGA), no county zoning means very limited land-use control and site development in the unincorporated areas, which includes all property outside of a municipality. Regulatory authority only exists in counties that have adopted formal zoning. Across the state, 56 counties have adopted zoning, leaving 46 counties unzoned. Most of those unzoned counties are located in the southern reaches of the state.

For counties without zoning, the development of energy storage facilities under CRGA could occur with very limited local influence. The new law did not grant counties regulatory authority where zoning does not already exist. Therefore, unlike counties with zoning, unzoned counties cannot:

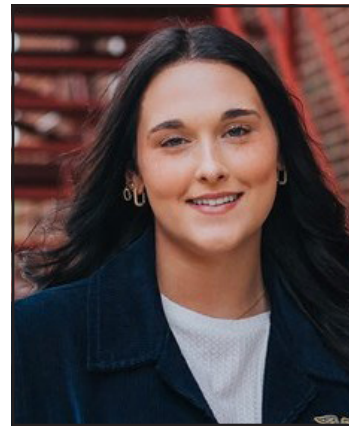
- Establish or enforce siting standards.
- Require approval through a special or conditional use permit.
- Set restrictions on where systems locate.

In practical terms, this means energy storage facilities proposed in unzoned counties generally cannot be denied due to their location or impact on the land. However, the landowner on a proposed site must still agree to the development and voluntarily sign a lease or sell their property to the developer.

The question many local officials and landowners will be asking is, "What local authority does exist in an unzoned county?" Even in unzoned counties, local governments still have some limited powers that could affect development. These include:

- Enforcing building codes and issuing permits if construction codes have been adopted.
- Limiting road access and weight limits on county roads and requiring road use agreements.
- Regulating drainage and stormwater management when impacted by development.
- Working with fire protection districts to put measures in place for public safety.

IAA Foundation Awards Scholarships



Hannah Humphreys



Amber Gass



Brianna Cullers



Tony Kistner

Students can count on support of scholarships for college tuition during the 2026-2027 school year, courtesy of the IAA Foundation.

The charitable arm of the Illinois Farm Bureau, the IAA Foundation, is awarding \$303,751 to 127 students pursuing degrees in agriculture-related fields. Students are selected based on their activities and leadership, their community involvement, professional career goals and their overall commitment to success.

"Each year we are proud to support and encourage students who represent agriculture's strong and vibrant future," said

Annually, the Illinois Farm Bureau and county Farm Bureaus combine to award more than \$1,000,000 in scholarship support.

"The scholarship program acknowledges hard-working students and offers financial support so they can pursue their dreams and land careers in agriculture," said Smith. "Through generous farm gifts and contributions from individuals, farm families, Illinois Farm Bureau members, and others who support our industry, we continue to see diversification and growth in our program."

For more information on the IAA Foundation scholarship program, how to establish a scholarship fund, or to donate to a scholarship fund, visit the IAA Foundation's website at www.iaafoundation.org or call 309-557-2232.

Jennifer Smith, IAA Foundation development manager.

Hannah Humphreys of Franklin County is a recipient of the Allen and Ellen M Blessman Scholarship and will receive \$1,000, Amber Gass of Jackson County is a recipient of the Allen and Ellen M Blessman Scholarship and will receive \$1,000, Brianna Cullers of Saline County is a recipient of the Allen and Ellen M Blessman Scholarship and will receive \$1,000 and Tony Kistner of Franklin County is a recipient of the Harris Thomas Scholarship and will receive \$2,000. A full listing of recipients can be found at www.iaafoundation.org.

2nd Annual Ag Bash brings out community



Friday, May 1st, the Lincoln Memorial Park in Jonesboro was filled with agriculture fun and activities. Union County Farm Bureau hosted it's 2nd Annual Ag Bash.

The event consisted of different stations showcasing various agriculture interests, including live sheep, goats and a kangaroo, potting plants, fresh strawberries, equipment exploration and much more!

More than 100 people came through the event, including more than 70 children. The free event offered snacks and a

chance to interact with the Ag in the Classroom program outside of the classroom.

Several partner organizations helped make the event including, 3D Farms, Glasco Farms, Stinson Memorial Library, Flamm Orchards, National Weather Service, Anna-Jonesboro FFA, Univ. of Illinois Extension, COUNTRY Financial agents Travis Holtkamp and Eric Bo-reup and MCML 4H Club.

Thank you to all those who made this year a success and we look forward to making this an annual tradition!



 FARM TALK SERIES WITH PRESIDENT NELSON



FARM TALKS

Featuring President Nelson

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"Union County students got a hands on lesson during Anna District 37's annual Reading Night. This year's theme was "On the Farm" and Ag in the Classroom Coordinator Haley taught students how to make butter. Students made their butter, got to taste it, and learned where the ingredients come from."



"There are so many careers in Agriculture and students at Anna District 37 learned about some of them during their annual Career Day. Union County FB Manager Kenzie Dillow spoke to elementary students about jobs in agriculture and how other jobs relate to the ag industry."

2026 PCFB Foundation Scholarship Recipients

The Perry County Farm Bureau Foundation was able to award four \$1,250 scholarships this year. This year's recipients are Dakota Geary, Henry Ruppert, Steven Still and Issac Mayer.

Dakota Geary is the son of James Geary Jr. and Cynthia Schubert Tamaroa, IL. He is

a Pinckneyville High School graduate and plans to attend Rend Lake College to study Industrial Elec. & Maintenance Technician/Electrician.

Henry Ruppert is the son of Jon and Cortnie Ruppert of Coulterville, IL. He is a Pinckneyville High School graduate and plans to attend Rend Lake

College to study Agriculture Business.

Steven Still is the son of Steven and Faith Still of Du Quoin, IL. He is a Du Quoin High School graduate and plans to attend Southern Illinois University to study Agriculture Systems and Technology. Steven will also be receiving the

\$1,500 Tyler Smith Memorial Scholarship.

Issac Mayer is the son of John and Kelly Mayer of Pinckneyville, IL. He is a Pinckneyville High School graduate and plans to attend Rend Lake College to study Agriculture.

Congratulations to all scholarship recipients!

POLICY DEVELOPMENT *What's Your View?*

PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS

45. PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS

We believe in the sanctity of private property and individual rights as provided by the U.S. Constitution, as the basis of American freedom and progress. Private property should be defined to include all land, timber or other valuable considerations associated with land ownership.

WE SUPPORT:

1. Developing and seeking legislation defining how private property rights are impacted by government regulations and takings. Such legislation should provide

for compensation to affected property owners for a total or reasonably measurable partial loss of use of property resulting from governmental regulations and takings including expanded setback requirements.

2. Efforts to assist landowners when the rightful ownership of land is questioned by an organized group outside the control of the state in which the land was originally deeded.

This assistance should include legal and financial assistance from the State of Illinois.

3. Allowing landowners to

select who does the field tile repairs, at the cost of the utility company or government entity, on their land when private or public projects go through and damage their tile lines.

4. Legislation reforming Illinois law on the partition of property owned by heirs to provide due process protections like the Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act.

5. The requirement that an individual must indicate how they are directly impacted by an issue when filing public comments on legislation, regulation, or related rules, to the county, to the State of Il-

linois, the U.S. Government, and/or their agencies.

6. The protection of personal property rights of neighboring non-participating landowners in projects built on or around farm ground.

WE OPPOSE:

1. Any effort to take away or transfer the right of a landowner to grant or deny easements especially on land where easements have previously been given for other purposes.

2. Legislation allowing the public access to private property without the consent of the property owner.



Franklin County Safety Day

Frankfort Community High School FFA, Sesser-Valier High School FFA, Rend Lake College and Franklin County Farm Bureau hosted a Farm Safety Day for 4th grade students in Franklin County on May 12th at the Rend Lake College Agronomy Building. Students were able to learn about gun safety from the Conservation Police, knots from 4-H, heavy equipment from Little Tractor & Equipment, ATV safety from Golodich, lawn mower safety from H&R AgriPower, first aid from Rend Lake College nursing instructors, PTO safety

from Blake Patton and Addison Page of Rend Lake College, seat belt safety from Illinois State Police, and chemical and animal safety from Frankfort and Sesser-Valier FFA members.

We would like to thank Rend Lake College for donating the use of their equipment and facilities and to Trudee Wynn COUNTRY Financial for donating lunch for the volunteers. We would also like to thank Illinois Farm Bureau and COUNTRY Financial for providing a Farm Safety Grant to help feed volunteers as well.



Jackson County Hires New Ag in the Classroom Coordinator, Maggie Bland

Jackson County Farm Bureau hired a new Ag in the Classroom Coordinator for the 2026-2027 school year. Maggie Bland is currently attending Southern Illinois University to major in Agriculture Communications and Minor in Agribusiness Economics. Maggie grew up in Eldred, a very small town in Greene County where her love for agriculture started! Please see Maggie's bio below to learn more about her as she starts her new role!

"My name is Maggie Bland and I am very excited to be the new Agriculture Literacy Coordinator for Jackson County Farm Bureau. I grew up in Eldred-a very small town in Greene County- but these days you can find me in Carbondale, where I am pursuing a degree in Agriculture Communications and a minor in Agribusiness Economics at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Growing

up on a corn and soybean farm and working our family produce business gave me a front row seat to the industry that I love. That background, combined with my time in FFA while in high school, sparked my passion for sharing agriculture with others, which I have carried into my education. After starting at Lincoln Land Community College and transferring to SIUC, I have been able to focus on how I can better share agriculture with others.

I strive to stay active within the agriculture industry in any way that I can. Whether that be helping back at home or being a part of agriculture organizations at SIUC, I love to be involved. Alongside my classes at SIUC this coming year I will be serving as the SIU Collegiate Farm Bureau President, Ag Council Alumni Relations Officer, ALE&FFA Reporter, IL PAS 3rd Vice President, and I will continue



Maggie Bland

ue to work as the SIU CALPS Department Communication, Outreach, and Recruitment Intern.

I look forward to working with all of the educators in Jackson County to bring agriculture into their classrooms this coming year!"

We are excited to watch the Jackson County Ag in the Classroom program continue to grow under Maggie's advisement!

Pulaski/Alexander Scholarships Awarded

The Pulaski Alexander Farm Bureau Foundation awarded 5 scholarships for the 2026-2027 school year. Congratulations to all of our recipients this year!

Madison Reichert was awarded the William "Fred" Hannan Scholarship. She is currently attending SIUC- Carbondale for Radiologic Sciences.

Riley Wright was awarded the William "Fred" Hannan Scholarship. She will be attending Missouri State University for Agricultural Education.

Adam Taake was awarded the William "Fred" Hannan Scholarship. He will be attending Shawnee Community College for Agriculture. He was also awarded the Andy

"Charlie Brown" Helman scholarship.

Emma Thurston was awarded the William "Fred" Hannan Scholarship. She will be attending Shawnee Community College for Nursing.

All recipients will be recognized at the Pulaski-Alexander Farm Bureau County Annual Meeting in November.

SAVE THE DATE

Southern Illinois Ag Tour hosted by IFB Young Leader Committee

Date: Saturday, August 29, 2026
Time: 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Location: Walker's Bluff Casino Resort in Carterville, IL
Tour Tracks: Diversified Ag & Agronomy

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(includes lunch)



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Jackson County Farm Bureau Foundation Awards Scholarships to Local Students



Maddax Thompson



Macey Alexander



Josie Tretter



Maggie Beaty-Dingus

The Jackson County Farm Bureau Foundation is proud to announce the recipients of its annual scholarship awards, recognizing outstanding local students for their academic achievements, commitment to agriculture, and involvement in their communities.

Among this year's recipients is Josie Tretter of Elverado High School, who was awarded the Charles Young Memorial Scholarship. Tretter plans to attend Southern Illinois University, where she will major in Agribusiness Economics with minors in Crop Management and Production. Following graduation, she intends to return to her family's farming operation.

Macey Alexander of Murphysboro High School was also selected as a scholarship recipient. Alexander will at-

tend McKendree University, where she plans to continue her softball career while pursuing a degree in Animal Science.

Another recipient is Maggie Beaty-Dingus of Trico High School. She plans to attend John A. Logan College and work toward a degree in Diagnostic Medical Sonography.

The Foundation also recognized Maddax Thompson, a student at Southern Illinois University. Thompson is studying Agricultural Systems and Education and plans to return to his family's farm after completing his education.

The Jackson County Farm Bureau Foundation extends its congratulations to these deserving students and wishes them continued success as they pursue their educational and career goals.

Summer Ag Institute Provides Educators with Hands-On Agricultural Learning Opportunities



Jackson County Ag in the Classroom hosted its annual Summer Ag Institute on May 28 and 29, 2026, at the Jackson County Farm Bureau office, providing educators with an immersive learning experience focused on agriculture and its impact on everyday life.

Eleven participants attended the two-day program, which featured presentations from multiple agricultural industry professionals and experts. The Summer Ag Institute is designed to help educators gain a deeper understanding of modern agriculture while equipping them with resources and classroom activities that can be incorporated into their curriculum.

Throughout the event, participants engaged in discussions on a variety of agricultural topics

and learned firsthand about the diverse industries that contribute to the nation's food, fiber, and fuel systems. Speakers shared their expertise and experiences, helping attendees make connections between agriculture and the subjects they teach in the classroom.

The institute also provided opportunities for educators to ask questions, interact with industry representatives, and explore ways to bring agricultural literacy into their schools. By increasing awareness and understanding of agriculture, the program helps ensure students are exposed to the important role agriculture plays in their daily lives and local communities.

Jackson County Ag in the Classroom organizers expressed their appreciation for the educators who dedicated part of

their summer to expanding their agricultural knowledge and discovering new teaching tools.

The annual Summer Ag Institute continues to be an important component of the Ag in the Classroom program's mission to foster agricultural literacy among students by supporting and educating teachers.

The event was made possible through the support of COUNTRY Financial – Melzer-Reinhart Group, whose sponsorship helped provide educational materials, programming, and resources for participants.

Jackson County Ag in the Classroom remains committed to connecting educators with agriculture and providing opportunities for students to learn about one of the region's most important industries.

Saline County Farm Bureau Celebrates Dairy Month with Member Appreciation Event

The Saline County Farm Bureau partnered with 4 Ways Dairy Barn in Eldorado on June 9th to celebrate National Dairy Month and show appreciation for Farm Bureau members.

As part of the promotion, Saline County Farm Bureau members received one free ice cream item per membership. The event provided an opportunity for members and their families to enjoy a sweet treat while celebrating the important role dairy farmers play in providing nutritious products for consumers.

The Saline County Farm Bureau would like to thank 4 Ways Dairy Barn for partnering on this event and helping make it a success. We also extend our sincere appreciation to all of our members who came out to participate. Your support and involvement help strengthen our

organization and the agricultural community. Thank you to every-

one who joined us in celebrating National Dairy Month!



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Local FARMERS MARKETS

FRANKLIN COUNTY
Benton Market: Benton Comm. Park: May 7-October Thursdays, 3-6 pm

JACKSON COUNTY
Murphysboro Market: 217 N 17h St, April-August 26, Wednesdays, 3-6pm
Carbondale Market: 2001 W Main St, April-November, Saturdays, 8-Noon

JOHNSON COUNTY
City of Vienna: at the Vienna City Park Fridays & Saturdays, all day

MASSAC COUNTY
Metropolis Market: Dorothy Miller park, Metropolis, 8-Noon, Saturdays, May-October

PERRY COUNTY
DuQuoin Market: 127 N Division St, May-October, Saturdays, 7:30-11 am
Pinckneyville Market: 1031 S Main, May-October, 3-6pm

PULASKI COUNTY
Pulaski Co. Market: Ullin Park, May 9- September, Saturdays, 7-11am

SALINE COUNTY
Harrisburg Market: 1E Poplar St., Harrisburg, IL 8:00-Noon 2nd & 4th Saturdays, May-August
Eldorado Market: Corner of 4'h St & Locust St, 1st, 3'd & 5th Saturdays, 8 am-Noon, May-September

UNION COUNTY
Union Co. Market: Davie St, Anna, April-October, Tuesdays, 7-Noon

WILLIAMSON COUNTY
Johnston City Market: 116 W Broadway Blva, Fridays 7-11 am
Marion Market: 507 W Main St, Sat. 6-Noon, Wed. 7-11 am
Pittsburg Market: 302 W Avery St, Thursdays, 4-7 pm

Franklin Counties Summer Ag Institute



Franklin Counties Summer Ag Institute was a success! Three days of tours and learning about agriculture. Day 1, we visited Cusamano and Sons in Mt. Vernon and learned about wholesale food distribution, had a visit from Illinois Pork and learned about native bees with the IDNR. Day 2

Kevin from IAITC showed us all of the neat things instore for the next school year then we visited HR Agripower in McLeansboro where we learned about the technology involved in todays farming. Day 3 we visited Violet Soaps Apothecary in Christopher and learned how to make soap, we

were also visited by different Southern FS employees who taught us what technology FS uses for crop and soil health and the use of drones in agriculture. Thank you to all the entities that welcomed us! We had a great group this year and are looking forward to next year!

18th Annual Member Appreciation Picnic

Franklin County Farm Bureau and COUNTRY Financial Representatives Trudee Wynn, Leann Stil-

ley and Dana Wylie will be hosting a Member Appreciation Picnic at the Franklin County Fair. The event

will be on Tuesday, July 14th at 5pm. Please join us for good food and good company!

Young Leader SOUTHERN ILLINOIS TOUR



Join the Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leaders for an ag industry tour in southern Illinois! Visit a local Alpaca Farm, Winery, Orchard, agronomy specialists and mingle with Young Leaders from across the state!

Location: Walker's Bluff Casino and Resort Carterville, IL
Dates: Saturday, August 29th

Contact your County Farm Bureau for more information on how to sign up!



Member Appreciation

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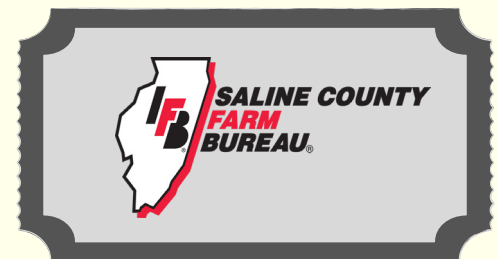
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Tuesday, July 14th | **5pm during the**
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THE SALINE COUNTY FAIR!**

Union County Fair kicks off August 21

Community members from all across southern Illinois are encouraged to attend the 145th annual Union County Fair. The fair will take place August 21-29, 2026 at the Anna City Park. The annual fair has fun and excitement for every member of the family.

The fair opens on Friday, August 21 with the Union County Fair Queen Pageant at 7 pm in front of the grandstand.

- Other festivities include:
- FFA, 4H, Junior and Open livestock shows
 - PeeWee Showmanship
 - Junior Livestock Auction
 - Two nights of tractor/truck pulls
 - Ranch and Championship Rodeos
 - Community Worship Service
 - Harness Racing
 - Two nights of demolition derbys

• Concert
Youth Livestock Shows are free for the public to attend and everyone is encouraged to attend the Junior Livestock Auction Thursday night to support our local youth exhibitors. Stop by the Union County Farm Bureau tent on Wednesday and Thursday evening from 5-7 pm to make ice cream in a bag! We will be helping kids make the delicious treat and is free to everyone. Families are invited to stop by the Union County Farm Bureau tent (in front of the exhibit building) throughout the week to enjoy some giveaways and learn more about agriculture! For more information about family passes and admission to this year's fair, as well as events and a full listing of show classes and registration information, go to unioncountyfair.net.

Ewing Field Day

Illinois Extension is excited to host its annual Agronomy Field Day at the Ewing Demonstration Center on Thursday, July 23, at 9 a.m., with lunch to follow. The event will feature various educators and campus faculty as they provide best management practices for local

growers. The field day is free, and lunch will be provided. Certified Crop Advisor CEUs will also be offered. To learn more about presentations and to register, visit: go.illinois.edu/EwingFieldDay or call (618) 439-3178

Ewing Agronomy Field Day

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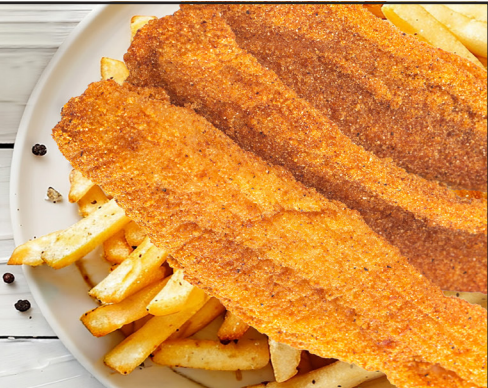


Teachers Experience Agriculture during Summer Ag Institute

Several teachers in Union County participated in the 2026 Summer Ag Institute hosted by Ag in the Classroom. The two day program allows teachers to gain professional development credits, while learning about farms in their communities and how to incorporate agriculture into their classrooms. This year, teachers received the chance to hear from Illinois Ag in the Classroom leaders to learn more about new lessons

they can teach their students, the Illinois Beef Association, and St. Louis Dairy Council. The program made several in-person stops for hands on learning. Our first stop was Rolling Oak Alpaca Ranch, where teachers got to feed the alpacas and learn about the fiber business. The next day a tour of Allen Christmas Tree Farm showed teachers how the farm isn't just a winter job, but an all year task. We ate lunch at 3D Farms, where

a lamb dinner was provided and a talk and demonstration about sheep took place. Our afternoon started with a quick stop at Southern FS in Jonesboro to see how their business is operated. Our final stop was a tour at Wichmann Vineyards, where the owners showed us the process of growing and harvesting grapes to make wine. Thank you to all the organizations that helped make this summer program possible.



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Franklin County Farm Bureau Foundation Awards Two Scholarships

Franklin County Farm Bureau Foundation and the Franklin County Farm Bureau Young Leaders Committee awarded scholarships to Franklin County students.

Tony Kistner, son of Scott and Angela Kistner, is a 2026 graduate of Sesser-Valier High School. Tony's high school achievements include graduating Salutatorian, high honor roll, Academic All State-Varsity Football, ACES, FFA President, Vice-President, Section 21 Star Farmer, Section 21 Beef Entrepreneurship Proficiency 1st Place, IL State FFA Degree, National Honor Society, Sesser-Valier Outdoorsman Club – Brandon Dame Memorial Gun Award Recipient & Bob Prescott Memorial Knife Recipient, Student Council, Youth & Government – House of Representative Bill Sponsor, YMCA Y&G Legislative Assembly & Lobbyist, Sesser-Valier/Waltonville Football team 2025 Varsity Captain & Spokesman, Black Diamond Conference Defensive Captain, Black Diamond All-Conference Team, IL Academic All-State team, 2024 Jr Captain, Sesser-Valier Boy's basketball Team 2025 Varsity Captain & selected to the DuQuoin Tip-Off Classic All-Tournament Team, Math Team, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, selected to attend the IL Principals Association Breakfast, Franklin County 4H Mudrunners Club President and Donnie Baine Memorial "2 to 20" Scholarship. Tony enjoys being outdoors, spending time with family, hunting, fishing, searching for deer sheds, mushroom hunting, working cattle with his dad, learning more about how to improve their operation and would like to help coach the Sesser-Valier football team next year. He plans to attend Rend Lake College and

double major in Ag Business and Ag Production and Management.

Lane Croslin, son of Robert and Jodi Croslin, is a 2026 graduate of Benton Consolidated High School.

Lane's high school achievements include Academic All-State, Honors, National Honor Society, FFA Treasurer, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Football Team Captain,

Basketball team, Baseball team and volunteer for township. Lane enjoys sports, spending time with family, helping others when they need it, working on things to ex-

pand his knowledge and anything involving agriculture. He plans to attend Rend Lake College and double major in Ag Business and Ag production and Management.

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2026 Saline County Farm Bureau 4-H Grants

The Saline County Farm Bureau was proud to once again support local youth through its 4-H grant program. This year, every 4-H member who applied for a grant received funding to help purchase supplies and materials for their projects.

The grant program is designed to encourage and invest in the next generation by helping young people continue developing leadership, responsibility, and hands-on skills through their involvement in 4-H. From livestock projects to photography, woodworking, sewing, and more, these projects teach valuable life lessons that extend far beyond the fairgrounds.

Franklin County Farm Bureau Farm Emergency Plan

Franklin County Farm Bureau is starting a new project this year to assist emergency services in getting to farms in a timely manner when emergencies arise. Fire services and EMS have had difficulty locating farms and their equipment shut offs when needed. Our new program is designed to bridge that gap.

Our plan is to number bins and add them to the GIS program Fire and EMS use. Ad-

ditional information will be added to show where the control panel for bins are, contact persons for the farm, electric, water, mechanics, etc. and any other information farmers think would be necessary.

The Saline County Farm Bureau encourages the community to come out and support these hardworking 4-H members during the upcoming Saline County Fair. Their dedication and effort throughout the year will be on display, and the fair is a great opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of local youth and the future of agriculture in our community.

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For more information or to sign up, please call (618) 435-3616 or email fcfb028@gmail.com. We would like to help our entire farming community in the county, so a Farm Bureau membership is not required.

Perry AITC Teacher Tour



Our group at Farm Fancy Brewed back row from left to right Jessica Hamburger, Kimberly Arnett, Joyce Beckham, Christa Thompson, Faith Still (Perry County Ag in the Classroom Coordinator), Terra Strange, Randi Skorch, and Bethany Valier. Front row left to right Abigail Hammonds and Jennifer Mason.

Perry County Ag in the Classroom took a group of nine local teachers on an Ag Tour last week to learn about local agriculture. Dr. Steven Still, Agriculture Education Professor at SIU, helped lead the tour.

We started the morning at Farm Fancy Brewed for a treat and to learn about local and global ingredients. Then we learned all about bee keeping from Master Beekeepers Doug and Rose Leedle. We enjoyed a delicious lunch and cooking demonstration at El Jalisco. We finished our Agriculture tour at The Patch where we learned all about pumpkin and mum production. It was really interesting learning about how they use cover crops and no till methods to grow their pumpkins.

Ag in the Classroom provided meals and transportation. Thank you to all of our local businesses on our Summer Ag Institute Teacher Tour for sharing your time and knowledge with us!

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Jackson County Farm Bureau Young Leaders Raise Funds for Shiloh Community Park Through Tractor Drive and Poker Run

The Jackson County Farm Bureau Young Leader Committee hosted a successful Tractor Drive and Poker Run on May 16, 2026, bringing together area farmers, agriculture enthusiasts, and community supporters for a day of fellowship and fundraising.

The event was organized to benefit Shiloh Community Park, with proceeds designated to support ongoing improvements and future projects at the park. Participants gathered early in the morning before embarking on a scenic tractor drive through the countryside, enjoying the opportunity to showcase their equipment while supporting a worthwhile community cause.

Along the route, drivers made several stops to draw poker cards as part of the poker run competition. At the conclusion of the drive, participants compared hands for a chance to win prizes, adding a fun and friendly element to the day's activities.

Members of the Jackson



County Farm Bureau Young Leader Committee expressed appreciation for the strong turnout and generous support from participants, sponsors, volunteers, and local businesses that helped make the event possible.

The Tractor Drive and Poker Run not only raised funds for the park but also highlighted the important role agriculture plays in strengthening communities throughout Jackson County. Families and supporters gathered throughout the day to cheer on participants, enjoy the camaraderie, and celebrate the

area's rich agricultural heritage.

The Jackson County Farm Bureau Young Leader Committee continues to promote leadership development, agricultural advocacy, and community service through events and programs designed to engage the next generation of agricultural leaders.

Funds raised during the event will help support improvements and enhancements at Shiloh Community Park, ensuring it remains a valuable recreational resource for local residents for years to come.

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Ag Night in Thrillville

The Southern Illinois Farm Bureau Ad Group took on the “Cornfield of Dreams” with the Thrillville Thrillbillies on June 12th. The group partnered with Country Financial, Little Tractor, and Southern FS to provide gift bags for the first 500 fans, entertaining events like first pitch, which was an ear of corn, fried chicken eating contests, pedal tractor pulls and more! Ag in the Classroom was also set up to teach kids how baseball and agriculture go together - almost everything we eat, wear, and use can be tied back to the farm! It was a great night, and we hope to be able to provide this experience again in the future.

Cobden Peach Festival returns in August



Love peaches and community fun? The annual Cobden Peach Festival returns August 7th and 8th. The annual festival is held at the City Park. You can stop by for carnival rides and games, a Peach Queen contest, homemade food and of course, peach cobbler. On Saturday, August 8, a 5K run/walk will take place in the morning and a parade will begin at 4:30 p.m. Come out and enjoy the free entertainment, eat some peaches and explore Cobden.

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