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# FARM BUREAU NEWS

**FARM BUREAU - THE PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR AGRICULTURE - WHERE YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS**

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## Rural Nurse Practitioner Scholarship

We are pleased to announce that the Illinois Farm Bureau® Rural Nurse Practitioner Scholarship Program is now open for applications. This program offers 15 scholarships, each valued at \$4,000, to support nurse practitioners committed to serving rural communities in Illinois.

For over 33 years, this scholarship initiative has been instrumental in fostering a robust network of rural health practitioners, addressing the primary

healthcare needs in Illinois' rural areas. Scholarship recipients are expected to practice in an approved rural area within the state for a minimum of two years.

Eligibility criteria include being a resident of Illinois and either accepted into or currently enrolled in an accredited Nurse Practitioner Program as a Registered Nurse. The Rural Illinois Medical Student Assistance Program (RIMSAP) proudly funds this initiative.

Interested applicants can obtain application forms from county Farm Bureaus® throughout the state, the RIMSAP website at RIMSAP.com, or by reaching out to Donna Gallivan, Program Manager, at the Illinois Farm Bureau, 1701 Towanda Avenue, Bloomington, IL 61701. Please note that the application deadline is May 1.

For additional information or inquiries, please contact Donna Gallivan at 309-557-2350 or via email at [dgallivan@ifb.org](mailto:dgallivan@ifb.org).

## Grower Requirements to comply with Endangered Species Act

New mitigation measure requirements may appear on pesticide labels as a result of changes to US EPA's Endangered Species Act. US EPA lost numerous lawsuits, most recently in September of 2023, as a result the US EPA is implementing changes in pesticide use to meet their require-

ments under Endangered Species Act (ESA).

The ESA is intended to protect and promote the recovery of species that are in danger of becoming extinct. Threats to a species from habitat destruction, pollution, over-harvesting, disease, predation and other natural

or man-made factors must be reviewed and evaluated before an animal or plant can be placed on the federal endangered or threatened species list. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine

(See ESA on page 11)

## Endangered Species Act Grower Workshop Planned

Finding Success in the strategies, learn how recent Endangered Species Act updates may impact you. Monday, March 10, 2025, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM, Kokopelli Golf Course 1527 Champions Dr. Marion, IL 62959. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP using QR code in adjacent graphic or call Massac County Farm Bureau 618-524-5811.

The Endangered Species Act, passed decades ago, aims to protect our nation's endangered and threatened species. Recently, advocacy by environmental groups, enabled by this legislation, has driven changes to the environmental policy that will impact Illinois farmers' access to key crop protection tools. The Herbicide Strategy, finalized in August 2024, and the recent proposed decision by the US Fish and Wildlife Service to list the Monarch butterfly as a protected species are two examples of changes that will affect Illinois growers.

Please join Illinois Soybean, Illinois Corn, Illinois Farm Bu-

reau, and local County Farm Bureaus for a grower-focused discussion designed to prepare Illinois farmers for these changes. Subject matter experts from all

three organizations, and Dr. Karla Gage, Southern Illinois University, will guide growers through these changes and discuss their potential impact on farms.

DISTRICT 18 COUNTY FARM BUREAUS

### ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT WORKSHOP

● MARCH 10, 2025 | 10:30 AM ●

Kokopelli Golf Club I

1527 Champions Drive Marion, IL

RSVP TO 618-524-5811 OR WITH THE QR CODE!



**GET OUT  
THE  
VOTE**

**April 1**





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**FROM FIELD TO FUEL:  
UNLOCKING AGRICULTURE'S  
CARBON INTENSITY POTENTIAL**

**MARCH 11, 2025 | 6PM**  
SOUTHERN FS CORPORATE OFFICE  
2002 E Main St | Marion, IL

**SPEAKER:** Noelle Neef | Assistant Director of Energy



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CREDIT**

RSVP  
Williamson CFB: wcfb99@aol.com or  
(618) 993-2609 by Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> for meal count

## Franklin County Farm Bureau 4-H Grants

The Franklin County Farm Bureau Foundation 4-H Grant application will be open until May 1, 2025. Applications can be picked up at the Franklin County Farm Bureau office or a digital copy can be emailed. Applicants must be a resident of Franklin County. For more information, call (618) 435-3616 or email fcfb028@gmail.com.

## Jackson County Extension to host Strawberry Canning Workshop

Join the Jackson County Extension on March 27 at 5:30 at the Jackson County Extension office, 402 Ava Rd. Murphysboro IL for a Strawberry Canning workshop. Canning is a very rewarding hobby. Preserving your home-grown goodies will provide a taste bud oasis in the middle of those long winter months. But sometimes we may not get to that produce and throw it in the freezer. Another solution to preserving your hard-earned produce is canning! Please join us for a live canning demonstration where we will provide the tools to help you get started on your canning journey. We will be using frozen strawberries for this demonstration.

We will discuss:

- Different Types of Canning
- Canning Safety Rules
- What can you can?
- Live Canning Demo

Register now at [go.illinois.edu/canningstrawberryjam](http://go.illinois.edu/canningstrawberryjam). If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate, please contact Maggie Ray at [mro@illinois.edu](mailto:mro@illinois.edu) or by calling (618) 687-1727.

## Inaugural “Blessing of the Tractors” drive to be held in Union County

The Union County Farm Bureau is hosting a tractor drive fundraiser to help support the Ag in the Classroom and Scholarship programs. The “Blessing of the Tractors” will take place on Saturday, March 22. Check-in starts at 9 a.m. and the drive will kick into gear at 10 a.m. The drive will have a lunch break and blessing at Bald Knob Cross.

This event is open to the public and membership is not required. Entry into the “Blessing of the Tractors” drive is \$25, with a 10 mph minimum and a 14 year-old-age minimum to drive.

For more information on the route, start and end location and how to sign up, call 618-833-2125 or visit [unioncountymb.com](http://unioncountymb.com)

## Franklin County Young Leaders Gun Raffle

The Franklin County Farm Bureau Young Leaders Committee is raffling a CVA Scout chambered in 350 Legend (blk). A \$10 donation will get one free ticket and tickets will be sold from now until our member appreciation dinner during the Franklin County Fair or until all tickets are sold. The winner does not need to be present to win. Donations to be used for the Franklin County Ag in the Classroom program. Winner must be 21 years old, have a valid FOID card and be able to pass a State and Federal background check. All State and Federal laws will be applied, transfer and take place at Hood’s Guns & More in Valier.

### Franklin County Farm Bureau Young Leaders

DONATIONS TO BE USED FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY AG IN THE CLASSROOM

*CVA Scout Chambered in .350 Legend (BLK)*  
**\$10 Donation gets 1 Free Ticket**  
DRAWING WILL BE AT THE FRANKLIN COUNTY FARM BUREAU CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DINNER IN JULY OR UNTIL ALL TICKETS ARE SOLD

Winner must be 21 years old, have a valid FOID card and be able to pass a State and Federal background check. All State and Federal laws will be applied, transfer to take place at Hood’s Guns & More. Need not be present to win! Tickets sold at: Franklin County Farm Bureau 1210 HWY 14 W Benton, IL 62812 or contact a Franklin County Young Leader to purchase!

## HUNTER SAFETY

**March 14 - 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM**  
**March 15 - 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**Southeastern Illinois College  
The Heritage Room**

**SPACE IS LIMITED**  
*If filled prior to March 7 a wait list will be available but no guarantees*



**Call GCFB at (618) 272-3531 by March 7 to RSVP**



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Jackson CFB Young Leader  
Tractor Drive and Poker Run

The Jackson County Farm Bureau Young Leader Committee is planning to host their annual spring Tractor Drive and Poker Run. This year the Tractor Drive is coming back to the center of the county and will be hosted at Jackson County Extension Center – located at 402 Ava Rd., Murphysboro, IL 62966 on April 12, 2025. Registration will begin at 8:30 with the Tractor Drive and Poker Run starting at 9:30. The drive will last about 3 hours long and include one stop. There will be a small silent auction

that will conclude at the end of the tractor drive. The cost of registration is \$30 with lunch included. There will be a \$5 additional cost per additional lunch ticket and each additional poker card. There will be no duals allowed. You must be able to maintain 10 MPH and we encourage riders in wagons. Breakfast and lunch will be available. All proceeds will benefit the Jackson County 4H Arena. For more information, please call the Jackson County Farm Bureau office at (618) 684-3129.



**JACKSON COUNTY  
TRACTOR DRIVE  
& POKER RUN**

**APRIL 12TH, 2025**

**REGISTRATION BEGINS: 8:30AM**

**DRIVE BEGINS: 9:30AM**

**\$30 TO REGISTER (LUNCH INCLUDED)  
\$5 PER ADDITIONAL LUNCH TICKET  
\$5 PER ADDITIONAL POKER CARD**

**ALL PROCEEDS  
WILL BENEFIT THE  
JACKSON COUNTY  
EXTENSION OFFICE  
4H ARENA**

- No duals
- Must be able to maintain 10 mph
- Riders in wagons are welcome
- There will be a silent auction
- Drive will be 3 hours long and include 1 stop
- Breakfast and lunch will be available

**DRIVE STARTS AND ENDS AT:**  
JACKSON COUNTY EXTENSION - 402 AVA RD, MURPHYSBORO, IL

**For more information:**  
Lane Dierks - (618) 559-9303  
Danielle Beckman - (618) 924-3269  
JCFB Office - (618) 684-3129

POLICY DEVELOPMENT  
What's Your View?

ENDANGERED  
SPECIES

**Policy #19  
ENDANGERED  
SPECIES  
We Support:**

1. A moratorium on additional listings under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in its current form until such time as it is amended and updated to accommodate the needs of both endangered and threatened species and humans with complete respect for private property rights within the framework of the United States Constitution.
2. Endangered and threatened species protection that is achieved through providing incentives to private landowners and public land

users rather than by imposing land use restrictions and penalties.

3. The burden of proof for listing being on the petitioner, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service or the National Marine Fisheries Service (together, the Agencies), rather than on the general public.

4. Scientific and peer-reviewed data being used as the basis for listing a species, as well as the basis for the development of regional or state conservation plans involving those species.

5. A legitimate state-level process of involving stakeholders, including farm

organizations, the Illinois Department of Agriculture, and agricultural representatives, in discussions around listing decisions and conservation planning.

6. A more efficient process for the delisting of species that allows the Agencies to achieve the stated objectives of the ESA: to recover and delist species.

7. Reasonable assurance mechanisms at the federal and state level that allow farmers to conduct normal farming activities without fear of liability under the ESA and Illinois' Endangered Species Protection Act.

**We Oppose:**

1. The recognition of species that are considered under threat versus endangered to be a factor in liabilities to private landowners.
2. A definition of critical habitat that includes areas without the current presence of an endangered species.
3. The listing of the monarch butterfly as a threatened or endangered species.
4. Any group that receives funding pursuant to the ESA or as a result of litigation associated with the ESA, from being able to petition, support or encourage the listing of a species.

*Illinois Farm Bureau's grassroots policy-development process provides members the opportunity to express thoughts and ideas on important issues impacting agriculture. When properly supported through the grassroots policy-development process, these concerns are considered and may be adopted by the voting delegates at the organization's annual meeting each December.*

*Policies approved at the annual meeting direct IFB's legislative priorities and programming. It is from this grassroots input and direction that Farm Bureau realizes its strength as an organization to serve the needs of the members. Adopted*

*policies become the public policy positions of IFB.*

*IFB policies that are national in scope are forwarded to the American Farm Bureau Federation for consideration during its policy-development process. Policies adopted at the AFBF annual meeting become both AFBF's and Illinois' public policy positions on national and international issues.*

*If you have questions on the policy-development process or Illinois Farm Bureau policy, contact Ryan Whitehouse at rwhitehouse@ifb.org or 309-557-3929 or your County Farm Bureau.*



# Local Managers set to Participate in Think LINK



**Pictured are all of the managers participating in Think LINK throughout the state. Backrow L-R is Lindsey Vogt (Jasper County), Sydnee Shafer (Piatt County), Korbin Collins (Kankakee County), Parker Hutchcraft (Franklin County). Front row L-R is Jayclynn Presutti (Jackson County), Kenzie Dillow (Union County), and Kacie Claire (Ford-Iroquois County).**

Kenzie Dillow (Union County), Parker Hutchcraft (Franklin County), and Jayclynn Presutti (Jackson County) have been selected to participate in this year’s class of Think LINK. Think LINK targets relatively new county Farm Bureau managers and is intended to raise their awareness, understanding and comfort level with local

government, and ultimately their involvement. To help them with this, Illinois Farm Bureau’s Local Government team will spend about a year working with the participants both in and out of their counties. The program will continue to focus on local government. We will build awareness, experience and understanding of local issues,

local government structure and authorities, and to help the participants engage with local officials in their county and community. Through this process, participants will become more comfortable with – thus more involved in – local government. This new class represents the eleventh group of managers to participate in Think LINK.

# New Interns for Jackson County Farm Bureau

Jackson County Farm Bureau has hired two interns to fill office hours during the spring and summer semester. If you call our office or stop in, you will get the opportunity to meet Chase Howell and Logan Sauflay.

Chase is a senior at SIU studying Crops, Soils, and Environmental Management. He transferred from Black Hawk College East where he received his associates in agricultural business and agricultural production. Chase has experience interning at West Central FS in Wataga, IL where he was able to apply his agricultural knowledge in agronomy through field scouting, building relationships, industry tours and meetings, operating machinery, maintaining machinery, and hauling and mixing fertilizers. Chase is currently SIU Collegiate Farm Bureau President and the Vice President of SIU Soils Judging team. Once he graduates, he plans to stay at SIU and attain a master’s degree in Plant, Soils, and Agricultural Systems with the intent of sharing his passions for soils and agriculture through



**Logan Sauflay**

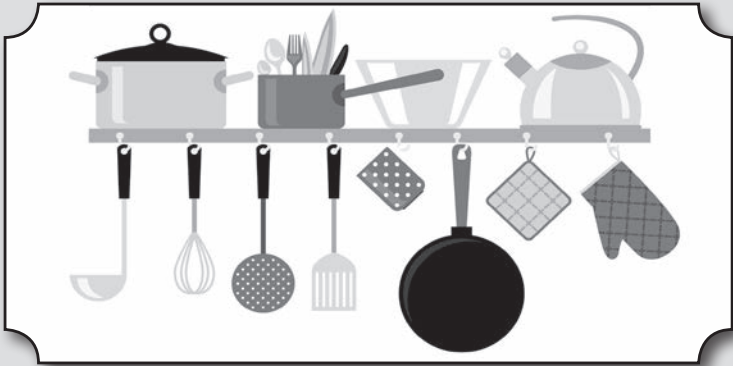
teaching. Logan Sauflay was born and raised in Hudson, Illinois on a small farm where his family raised livestock. Growing up in an agricultural community fueled his passion for agriculture and helped him decide to attend SIU. At SIU Logan studies agribusiness economics. He is involved in Collegiate Farm Bureau, Alpha Gamma Rho, and Block and Bri-



**Chase Howell**

dle. Logan has past experience interning with his local Extension Office, and planning livestock shows. He is excited to connect and help our members through relationship building, event planning, and other organizational tasks. If you see either intern, be sure to introduce yourself and say hi! We are excited for them to join our team!

# AG BITES: *Family Approved*



Our members are great cooks. And, many not only are great cooks, they do the ultimate balancing act of cooking on the go for a busy family, while keeping it healthy to meet various dietary needs and tastes, and keeping it affordable. Whew – that’s a big job!

## SWEET POTATO QUESADILLAS



These savory and easy-to-make quesadillas make a perfect fall lunch or dinner. Serve with salsa and sour cream.

Prep Time: 10 mins  
Cook Time: 5 mins  
Additional Time: 10 mins  
Total Time: 25 mins  
Servings: 1  
Yield: 1 quesadilla

### INGREDIENTS

- ½ medium sweet potato
- ¼ cup chopped pecans
- 1 pinch ground nutmeg
- 1 flour tortilla
- ½ cup chopped red onion
- ¼ cup crumbled feta cheese
- 1 teaspoon vegetable oil, or as needed

### DIRECTIONS

- Step 1  
Poke holes into the sweet potato and microwave on high until soft throughout when poked with a fork, 3 to 4 minutes. Let cool before peeling, at least 10 minutes.
- Step 2  
Peel sweet potato and mash flesh in a bowl. Stir in pecans and nutmeg. Spread mixture over half of the tortilla. Sprinkle onion and feta cheese over the filling.
- Step 3  
Fold tortilla in half and press edges together to prevent filling from spilling out.
- Step 4  
Heat oil in a medium skillet over medium heat. Cook quesadilla until golden brown, about 2 minutes per side. Remove from the skillet and cut into wedges.

*Submitted by Kelsey Hunter*

**Do you have a favorite family recipe that you want to share? If so, submit your recipes to your local County Farm Bureau and it may be featured in a future edition of the paper.**



# HUNTER SAFETY COURSE

WHEN: March 22nd and 23rd, 2025  
WHERE: Crab Orchard National Wildlife  
Refuge Welcome Center

For more information and to reserve, call  
(after 4pm) Dennis Harmon, 309 831-5482


Sponsored by Williamson County Farm Bureau

# Franklin County Farm Bureau AITC Fish Fry

Franklin County Agriculture in the Classroom is hosting a fish fry dinner on Friday, March 21st from 5-7:30pm at the Franklin County U of I Extension Office (1212 Ag Street in Benton). The meal will consist of fish, baked beans, coleslaw, dessert and drink and will be catered by Anchor Grille. Tickets for the event are \$20 and can be purchased early at the Franklin County Farm Bureau Office or at the door.

FRANKLIN COUNTY  
AG IN THE  
CLASSROOM  
FISH FRY

Meal  
\$20



Friday | 21 | 5-7:30 PM  
MARCH

Franklin County U of I Extension Office

Fish, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Dessert, &  
Drink



Pictured left to right are Franklin County Young Leaders Ike Hutchcraft, Derek Sample and Michael Browning.

# Southern Illinois Young Leaders at IFB Young Leader Conference

PEORIA – 418 young leaders in agriculture from across the state met in Peoria for the Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leaders Conference, held Feb. 7-8.

Among them, Josh Reinhardt represents District 16, Samuel Deisher represents District 17 and Katelin Stratmeyer represents District 18 on the 2024 State Young Leader Committee.

Members from Franklin, Jackson and Perry counties as well as the SIU Collegiate Farm Bureau attended the 2024 conference, which featured industry experts from across the ag landscape, educating the attendees on a wide range of topics, including succes-

sion planning, USDA programs, communication with generations, the resolution committee process, grazing land practices, ground leasing negotiations and much more.

The keynote address was given by Elaine Froese. Elaine Froese, CSP is a certified professional speaker, certified coach, and author. She’s a go-to expert for farm families who want better communication and conflict resolution to secure a successful farm transition. In front of a packed room of 418 registered attendees, Froese spoke about succession planning and how to communicate with families

during that process. The state Young Leader Committee is comprised of 18 district representatives between ages 18 and 35 who are passionate about promoting agriculture and Illinois Farm Bureau. Committee members engage with others from around the state at conferences and workshops and through their district and county Farm Bureau. IFB President Brian Duncan and Vice President Evan Hultine, who were both active in the Young Leaders program early in their careers, were in attendance, along with several members of the IFB board of directors.

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# 2025 Williamson County Scholarship opportunities

## Williamson County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarship

One \$1000 available or two \$500 or four \$250.

Must be a Williamson County Farm Bureau member or a spouse or sibling of active member.

Must provide proof of enrollment.

## Allan and Wanda McCabe Scholarship

\$2500 available

Must be a Williamson County Farm Bureau member or a spouse or sibling of active member.

Must be a Junior or Senior enrolled in a university studying in an agricultural related field.

Must provide proof of enrollment.

## Elliott/Wittenborn Memorial Scholarship

# William “Fred” Hannan Memorial Scholarship

Attention graduating seniors! The Pulaski-Alexander Farm Bureau Foundation is now accepting scholarship applications for their William Fred Hannan Scholarship. This scholarship is designed to benefit those who come from an agricultural background, but it is not limited to that. As long

# Andy “Charlie Brown” Helman Scholarship

This is a scholarship strictly for SCC students interested in the Agricultural Industry or from the Agricultural Communities in Pulaski or Alexander Counties.

# Franklin Co. Young Leaders Pulled Pork Fundraiser Set

The Franklin County Young Leaders Committee are hosting their annual fundraiser to raise money for a scholarship to Franklin County residents. Instead of pork loins, they will

\$750 available

Must be a Williamson County Farm Bureau or Pulaski County Farm Bureau member or a spouse or sibling of active member.

Must be a Sophomore, Junior or Senior enrolled in a college.

Must provide proof of enrollment.

## Deadline to apply for all scholarships is March 31st, 2025

Monetary scholarship funds will not be presented until proof of enrollment in September.

Applications can be emailed or picked up at:

Williamson County Farm Bureau  
1517 E DeYoung  
Marion, IL 62959

618 993-2609

as the requirements are met, all will be equally given an opportunity to become a recipient of the William Fred Hannan Memorial Scholarship. It can be used at any college in any state. The deadline to apply is March 31, 2025. Please email pulalexfb@gmail.com for an application.

Applications are included in the SCC Scholarship Booklet. This scholarship is provided by the Pulaski-Alexander Farm Bureau Foundation.

be selling 4 pound pans of pulled pork for \$40 a pan cooked by Uncle Joe’s. Orders are due April 4th and pick up will be April 17th. Please call (618) 435-3616 to order!



*Franklin County Farm Bureau Young Leaders*

## PULLED PORK FUNDRAISER

Money raised will be used for the Young Leader scholarship.

\$40 for 4lb pan

PICK UP IS APRIL 17TH  
ORDERS DUE APRIL 4TH

Please contact Franklin County Farm Bureau at (618) 435-3616 or contact a young leader to order



# 2025 Scholarships Available to Franklin County Students

The Foundation Scholarship and the Young Leaders Scholarship are available to anyone attending a post-secondary school to study in an agriculture related field. All applicants must be a resident of Illinois and must be a Franklin County Farm Bureau Member or dependent in good standing.

Both scholarships will be awarded based on: Academic performance and honors, rank in class, ACT/SAT score, community involvement, demonstrating an interest in agriculture and/or agribusiness, character and personality, maturity, intellectual interest, moral character and demonstration of leadership skills.

Applications must be returned to the Franklin County Farm Bureau no later than April 1, 2025 to be eligible for consideration for the 2025 scholarships.

Applications are available now and can be found at fcfbil.com/scholarship. Call the office at (618) 435-3616 if you have any questions.

# Saline County Farm Bureau Announces 2025 Scholarship

We are pleased to announce the opening of our two scholarships available to graduating high school seniors of Saline County. Scholarships links are now available to all Agriculture Educators and Counselors at all Saline County High Schools

along with being posted to our Facebook. The open window for these two \$750 scholarships closes April 15th 2025 at 4 pm. The qualifications for the scholarships are listed on the form.

Paper applications are not offered at this time, please use

the link given to school staff to apply or the email below to request a link, or check out our Facebook page.

Students with questions please reach out at salgalfbmanager@gmail.com or at 1-618-252-6992.

# Union County Farm Bureau Offers Scholarships in 2025

Union County Farm Bureau is now taking applications for the Union County Farm Bureau Foundation scholarships, Halford Dillow Memorial Scholarship and William Flamm Memorial Scholarship. Scholarships are available to high school seniors and college students.

Scholarships are available to

children of voting and associate members or young adults that are already Farm Bureau members, who are all studying agriculture or a coursework that will prepare them for a related field.

The scholarship application period opened on February 1, 2025. A link to the application will be located on unioncountyfb.com.

You can also request the link via email at manager@unioncountyfb.com or by contacting your local guidance office. The deadline for submitting a scholarship application is Friday, April 4, 2024. If you have any questions regarding the scholarship program, please call the Union County Farm Bureau Office at (618)833-2125.

# Perry County FB Foundation Scholarships

Perry County Farm Bureau® Foundation scholarship applications for 2025 are now available. Applications can be picked up at the Farm Bureau office, requested electronically by sending an email to washperrymgr@washington.org, or picked up from the FFA Advisors at the high schools.

Applicants must be a member,

or a member’s dependent, of the Farm Bureau and enrolled at a post-secondary school studying agriculture or an agriculture-related curriculum. The number and dollar amount of Foundation scholarships awarded will vary depending upon availability of funds. The last few years over \$1000 has been awarded.

A new member must be approved

no later than the March meeting of the Perry County Farm Bureau board. Completed applications must be returned to the Perry County Farm Bureau office by March 31, 2025.

For more information contact the Perry County Farm Bureau at (618) 357-9355 or washperrymgr@washington.org.



## Jackson County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarship



The Jackson County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarship application period is open January 1-March 31st. The Foundation will offer the Charles W. Young Scholarship in the amount of \$500. Additional scholarships may be awarded in the amount of \$500-\$1500. To be eligible for consideration, the applicant must be a Jackson County Farm Bureau member, or member’s dependent, be a high school senior or already attending a postsecondary school, be enrolled full-time (12 hours) at a post-secondary university to study an agriculture-related field, and exhibit potential for successful completion of course of study.

For an application, please reach out to the Jackson County Farm Bureau at (618) 684-3129 or jacksoncfbmgr@gmail.com





# Farmers Name their Fields

By Joanie Stiers  
At the Farm Gate

We paused harvest to host our daughter's sixth birthday party at Norman North, a field along a winding gravel road. The dusty path contains just two houses and a hill you wouldn't want to attempt in slick conditions.

Whether remote or often seen, the fields we drive past on interstates, highways or rural routes have names. Farmers identify some by numbers, but most have names known only to their keepers. Thank goodness for Google pins that I can text to navigate new employees to Dump Road, Big Top or Myrtice 33 that adjoins with Don 40 (and which side is which). Likewise, I would need directions to find The Y or Seldom Seen – field names that local farmers shared with me.

Field location, size, the owner or, most commonly, the surname of the previous owner, dictate field names. My family owns Lievens Back Bottom, Beecher North and Haxton Homeplace but the previous owners' names still identify the field, a culturally influenced practice and a nod to the past.

The Big and Little Bottoms have everything to do with rivers and nothing with glutes. Doug's Southeast, Pat's North and Ostrom South of Lane indicate directions from that landowner's homestead. Sometimes, round numbers like 40 or 80 in the name represent the acreage but we do

have anomalies like Donna 73. The add-ons of Cemetery and Railroad in the name reference local landmarks except for Sunoco, which alludes to the gas station that once was.

The labels carryover into vehicles, equipment and structures with most names preceded by "the," such as The Kodiak, The One Ton, Truck Six, The Lower Shed or The New Bin that turns 30 years old this year. We will forever remember Jaws, the 1974 steel-bodied, white and rusty farm car for which the Secretary of State generated a random license plate with "JAW" plus some numbers. Dad put a hitch on that Chevelle, and Mom used it like a truck.

From a record-keeping standpoint, field names are associated with large amounts of data, such as acreage totals, government numbers, insurance identification, satellite images, guidance lines, crop nutrient information and production histories. The names also preserve stories. In the Big Bottom, my family learned of 9/11. At the Wataga Farm my husband asked permission for my hand, and during our farm's harvest at the State Ground, our daughter was born. Within those field boundaries, we live life and make a living.

About the author: Joanie Stiers farms with her family in West Central Illinois, where they raise corn, soybeans, hay, beef cattle, backyard chickens and farmkids.

# National Ag Week Partnership

The Pulaski-Alexander Farm Bureau, and Cornerstone Cafe in Karnak are partnering for National Ag Week, which is March 15-21, 2025. The Farm Bureau will be

providing handouts, coffee sleeves, and a giveaway at the end of the week! On National Ag Day, the Farm Bureau will be covering a complementary coffee of any size

to the first 10 Farm Bureau members who order. We are very excited for this partnership and looking forward to working with Cornerstone Cafe for years to come!

# Massac County Women's Committee Easter Egg Orders

The Massac County Women's Committee is providing pre-stuffed plastic easter eggs for anyone who is interested. Orders will open on March 1, 2025 and close on April 4, 2025. They will

be \$15 per dozen with high quality fillers! Eggs will need to be picked up at our office by April 16th. To order, please call our office at 618-524-5811 with your name, phone number, and amount

of eggs you would like. You may pay ahead, or at time of pickup. They will contain a mix of small toy items and candy, but if you prefer just one or the other, please specify when calling!

## ESA

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Fisheries Service, collectively known as the Services, administer the ESA.

However, the ESA requires that all federal agencies, including EPA, make sure that any action they authorize, fund or carry out won't jeopardize the existence of listed species or "destroy or adversely modify" any designated critical habitat for that species. The role EPA has in implementing the ESA is to ensure that the use of pesticides is not likely to jeopardize listed species or destroy or adversely modify their critical habitat when we register pesticides.

All pesticide products that EPA determines "may affect" a listed

species or its designated critical habitat may be subject to the Endangered Species Protection Program (ESPP.) The goal of ESPP is to carry out EPA's responsibilities under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). EPA reviews each registered pesticide at least every 15 years to ensure that each pesticide can carry out its intended function(s) without creating "unreasonable adverse effects to human health and the environment" and updates their respective labels. Currently, many pesticide labels are being updated to include ESA requirements.

Follow these steps to ensure you are in compliance with ESA:

Read the pesticide label. Pesticide labels and applications requirements could be changing. BASF's Liberty Ultra label was

recently updated, section 9 outlines Mandatory Spray Drift Management and Section 11 outlines Mandatory Runoff Mitigation requirements. Some pesticide labels direct users to check specific application requirements within 6 months of application on US EPA's web site, <https://www.epa.gov/endangered-species/bulletins-live-two-view-bulletins>. If a pesticide has an "Active Bulletin" then the pesticide has mitigation measures identified to protect the listed species in that area. BLT will indicate the number of mitigation points needed to apply the pesticide in compliance with ESA. These Bulletins contain enforceable pesticide use limitations.

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# Ag on the Court in Eldorado

Eldorado High School held their second annual Agriculture on the Court night on February 4, 2025 during their game against Murphysboro. The high school principal, Cody Cusic invites the agriculture community and businesses to show off at the game. The highlights included free popcorn served by the Eldorado FFA and sponsored by the Eldorado FFA Alumni, free kids activities and

## Southern 7 Health Department and Local County Farm Bureaus Partner for Stop the Bleed Events

Union, Massac, and Pulaski-Alexander County Farm Bureaus were approached with the opportunity to host “Stop the Bleed” Training events. The purpose of the “STB” campaign is to build community resilience. In doing so, residents are better prepared to save lives by knowing how to help in bleeding emergencies. These trainings enhance public health and safety while fostering collaboration among community organizations. Bleeding is a common injury in farming such as open wounds and amputations. The fatal injury rate in agriculture is 7.5 times higher than any other industry. Trauma-related deaths are often caused by bleeding. A person with a severe bleeding injury can bleed out in 3 to 5 minutes. Rural residents typically wait twice as long for emergency medical services than urban residents. STB is a trauma training initiative that teaches residents how to apply pressure, pack wounds and apply tourniquets in order to improve survival rates until first responders arrive. If you would like to attend one of these events, please reach out to any of the listed Farm Bureaus to register.



## SOUTHERN 7 HEALTH DEPARTMENT

# STOP THE BLEED TRAINING

In partnership with your local County Farm Bureau  
Space is limited to 25 people per event.  
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Pulaski-Alexander Farm Bureau  
404 South Blanche St. Mounds IL 62964

### Friday, April 4th

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4476 Korte Rd. Metropolis IL 62960

### Monday, April 7th

Union County Farm Bureau Basement  
104 W Broad St. Jonesboro IL 62952

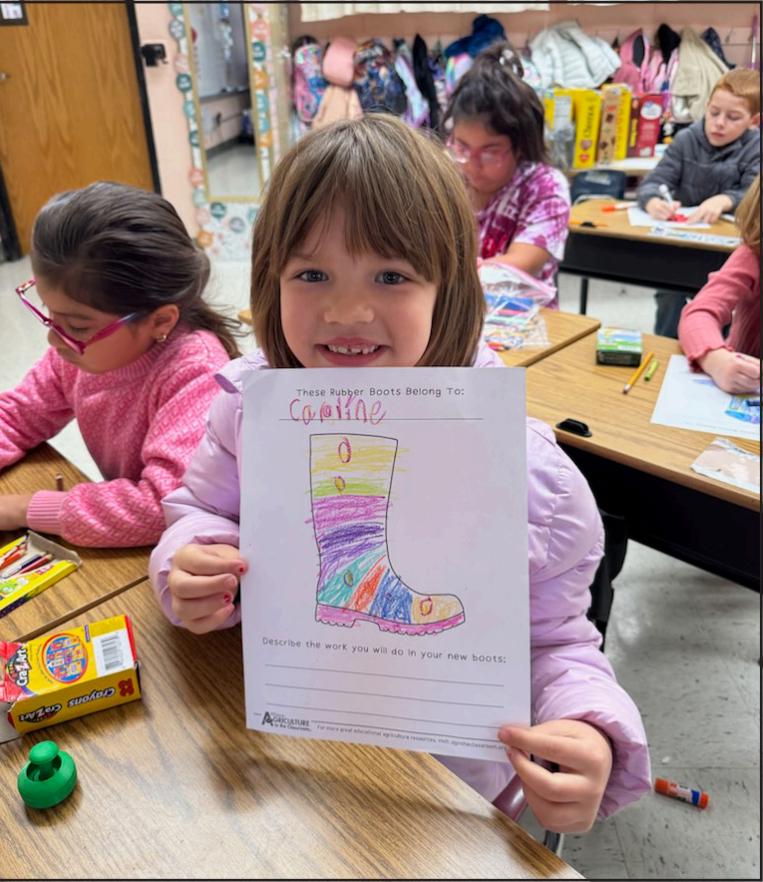
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# Union Co. AITC



To start off the year, Union County Farm Bureau Ag Literacy Coordinator Haley and her classes learned about all the different careers in agriculture. Our Union County Students were busy at work decorating their farm boot of choice. We have seen gardeners, veterinarians, farmers and everything in between!





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# Williamson County AITC

Our Ag in the Classroom Program teamed up with the Williamson Co. Soil & Water Conservation District to sponsor our Annual 4th grade poster contest. We had 479 posters entered by 36 teachers and 12 schools. Our winner this year came from Mr. Lennox's 4th grade class. Paisley Coffey won first place at Cartersville Intermediate School. The top four winners were:

- Ashlynn McCoy, Crab Orchard School
- Makenna Mevert, Washington School
- Milaena Norris, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
- Elijah Carr, Herrin Elementary School

Thank you to our teachers, participants and sponsors. Dominoes Pizza in Marion, Herrin and Cartersville, Culvers in Marion, Downtown Dip, Sonic in Herrin, and McDonalds.



Pictured is Maria Farris with the winner, Paisley Coffey.

# Pulaski/Alexander AITC



**Pulaski-Alexander Pig Puppets**  
In January, Mary Garner, Pulaski-Alexander Ag Literacy Coordinator taught students across the counties about pigs and pork. Students were able to learn the different terminology in pigs and pork production, learned about different cuts of pork and made pig puppets as a fun activity to go with their lesson. Mary was able to teach over 20 classrooms about pork and its importance to agriculture.




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For more information and to sign up for a training, [click here](#) or scan!



# Saline County Ag in the Classroom



First grade chowing down on the pizza they made for snack during their pizza lesson.

In spite of weather and viruses, Saline AITC was in classrooms in January. First grade learned about pizza and how all the ingredients come from the farm. Second grade learned about strawberries as a specialty crop and about dairy cows. They also got to make butter during the dairy lesson. The new SC AITC assistant also attended AITC 101 in Bloomington hosted by Illinois AITC and learned about new resources and lessons to bring to classrooms this spring.



Students shaking the cream to make butter during the dairy lesson.

# Perry County Ag in the Classroom



Recently Perry County Ag in the Classroom visited Community Consolidated School District (CCSD 204) in Pinckneyville, IL. Where Mrs. Leonard’s first grade class learned where chocolate comes from. They were able to feel a real cocoa pod, cocoa beans and had a chocolate taste test featuring dark, milk and white chocolate. The students took home a Dairy Ag Mag to share with their families and show off their new knowledge of chocolate.



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Answers: 1 - soybeans, 2 - pumpkins, 3 - corn, 4 - pork, 5 - horseradish

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- The ice cream sundae originated in Evanston, IL.
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- Each Illinois farmer produces enough food to feed 156 people.

