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Saline County Names New Agriculture in the Classroom Coordinator

The Saline County Farm Bureau has named Raegan Smith as the new Agriculture in the Classroom Coordinator. In her role, Smith will visit classrooms throughout the county to help students learn about agriculture and the important role it plays in their everyday lives.

“I am excited to go into classrooms in Saline County and teach children about agriculture and the impact it has on their lives,” Smith said.

In her spare time, Smith enjoys riding and barrel racing her horses. She also serves as a coach for the Unit 24 4-H Horse Bowl and Hippology team.



Raegan Smith

County Farm Bureaus Support Doe Harvest this hunting season

Local County Farm Bureaus are pleased to support our members who aid in the management of the overpopulated deer herd in the counties. The “Does for Dough/ Dough for Does” programs offer members the opportunity for a \$25.00 reward for each legally harvested doe during the program period. The program runs from October 1, 2025 – January 18, 2026, or until

the allocated funds are exhausted. Local County Farm Bureaus participating in this program include Pulaski-Alexander, Jackson, Massac, Williamson, Saline, Franklin, and Johnson. Each County Farm Bureau has set its own requirements to be eligible for the \$25 reward per doe, so please contact your local county Farm Bureau for their program specifics.

Investing in Rural Illinois: \$120K in Grants Available Starting October 1

The 2025-2026 IFB Rural Development Grant program will open for applications this fall on October 1st and will close on December 1st. This year \$120,000 in grants is anticipated to be awarded, thanks to a \$100,000 investment by Illinois Farm Bureau and a \$20,000 gift from COUNTRY Financial. There will be portion of the grant funding allocated to support emergency services projects.

The Illinois Farm Bureau® (IFB) Rural Development Grant Program is designed to support rural development projects that will positively impact Farm Bureau® members and other rural Illinoisans.

Aligning with IFB policy and local government priorities, the program strives to elevate

and provide additional focus on rural development. It will provide resources, tools, and support to help local communities and counties overcome challenges inherent in rural development projects, such as lack of funding and volunteers, complicated grant applications and others.

IFB is looking for projects that will meet an economic development or quality of life need in a community, county or rural area, and get residents excited about what is happening in their community. Examples could include projects that:

- Focus on attracting businesses
- Foster entrepreneurship
- Improve infrastructure and broadband
- Increase healthcare access

- Building/creating capacity for local newspapers/news sources

- Expand recreational opportunities

- Increase available housing
- Develop tourism

- Beautify communities

- Revitalize community spirit or engagement

- Enhance emergency services support (fire, emergency medical services, police)

- Otherwise positively impact farmers and rural Illinoisans

Rural development requires a team effort. The grants will be awarded in conjunction with county Farm Bureaus® and their local partners. For more information about the program, please contact your local county Farm Bureau® or email RDgrants@iflb.org.

Why controlling the deer population is important to agriculture

Deer damage is more than just a nibble to Illinois farmers. They are losing their crops to the large populations across the state.

Farmers report rising deer damage with few tools to manage populations. Deer trample, eat and rub antlers on crops, leading to lower yields and lost revenue.

When deer create damage to farmer’s crops, they take a direct hit. Crop insurance covers between 50-85% of the expected yield. The reminding loss is absorbed by the farmer. Extensive deer damage impacts every farmer’s bottom-line. Farm Bureau members statewide have recorded up to 30% crop loss in a single field due to nuisance wildlife feeding on soybeans, corn, alfalfa and specialty crops.

Farmers that are seeing crop damage from deer are being encouraged to submit photos of the damage to their district biologist. This will help with reporting, research and could allow a farmer

to get nuisance permits.

IDNR is currently reassessing how they calculate an area’s deer population to ensure an adequate number of tags is available. This includes updating and standardizing the deer-vehicle accident (DVA) reporting system used to help decide quotas during the firearm season. IDNR is conducting research with Southern Illinois University to look for additional ways to estimate county-by-county deer population density.

Farmers have been trying to curb the population for years, but the system to acquire a deer removal permit has been lengthy. This year, Illinois Farm Bureau championed new legislation to relieve some of those burdens. The Deer Nuisance Bill was signed into law by Governor JB Pritzker in late August.

The legislation requires IDNR biologists to respond to DRP requests within a specific time-frame, helping to speed along the

process. They must also publish clear information about the DRP process, including eligibility criteria and application instructions, on its website.

One provision allows farmers that harvest at least 50% of the deer authorized under a permit, will automatically qualify for additional antlerless-only permits during the regular hunting season. If they fulfill 80%, they become eligible for an additional nuisance permit, valid for harvesting up to 5 deer, usable between June 1 and September 15 of the following year.

Another benefit of the legislation, landowners are allowed to designate a hunter to receive one guest landowner permit, which includes one either-sex permit and one antlerless permit for every 240 acres owned in Illinois. This part of the legislation will not take effect until January 2027, to give IDNR time to develop a process for issuing and recognizing these permits.

Franklin County hosts class on making lotion from beef tallow



Franklin County Farm Bureau hosted a class on how to make lotion from beef tallow on Tuesday, August 19th. Alicia Ward led the class of fourteen, showing them the entire rendering and mixing process. Alicia is the Family and Consumer Sciences teacher at Benton Consolidated High

School where the class was held. She also serves on the Franklin County Farm Bureau board. Attendees were told about the importance of buying their beef locally to support farmers in their community. Tallow can be added to their order for a low cost, so they know exactly where

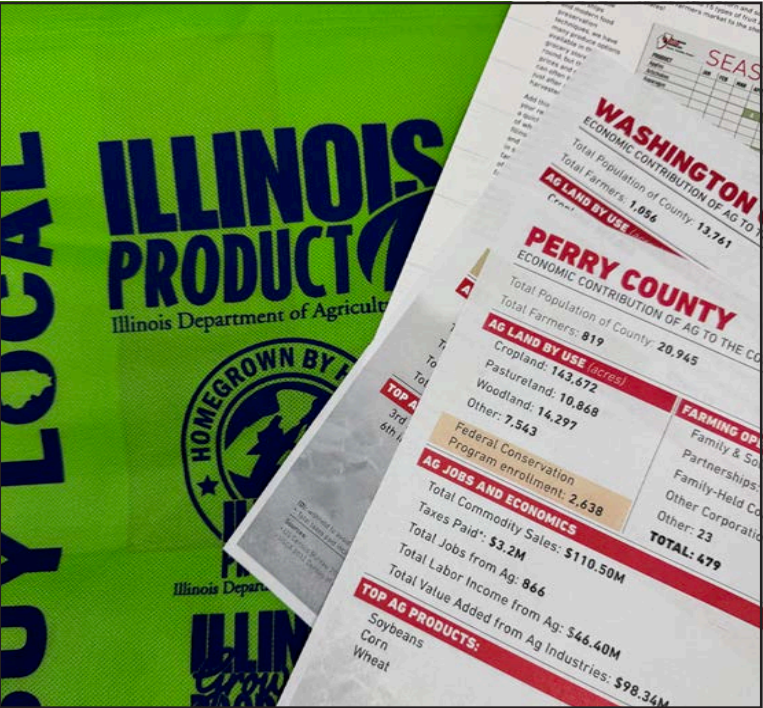
the products they are using come from. The tallow for this class was donated by Fred's Meat and Processing in Ashley, IL so it came from local beef! Everyone was able to take home several 4oz jars of lotion they made themselves and had a great time!

Farm to Fair BBQ Dinner



August 29, 2025, Washington and Perry County Farm Bureaus held a BBQ style dinner during the Du Quoin State Fair. This event was aimed towards the non-farm fair goers striving to educate about where food comes from. Through this event we were able to each over 100 people! Belly's full of locally sourced brisket, pull pork, green beans, coleslaw, potato salad, corn on the cob, and delicious peach cobbler for dessert. All items served were locally grown and sourced right here in Illinois.

While enjoying their meal, attendees had the opportunity to read through data sheets and educational materials laid out on the tables discussing statistics in each county and throughout Illinois. We had several sponsors join us and have the opportunity to mingle amongst those who attended. Overall, this was a great evening, with great food and even better company; educating those who may not understand the full extent of farming about all aspects of agriculture.



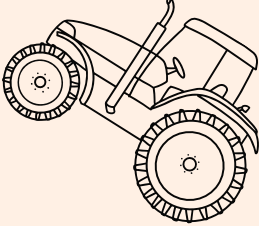
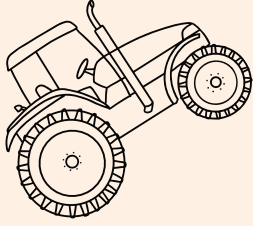
Union County offers "Dough for Does" raffle contest

Union County Farm Bureau is also helping our community aid in the management of the overpopulated deer herd. Hunters that legally harvest a doe in Union County and report it to Union County Farm Bureau,

will be entered for a chance to win \$2,500. Hunters can submit their doe tag stub and a photo of themselves with the doe for a chance at the prize from October 1, 2025 to January 18, 2026. Each doe legally harvested in Union

County is one entry into the raffle drawing. Hunters can enter the contest on Thursdays from 8-4:30 at the UCFB office in Jonesboro. Call 618-833-2125 for more details.

Massac County Farm Bureau
Women's Committee

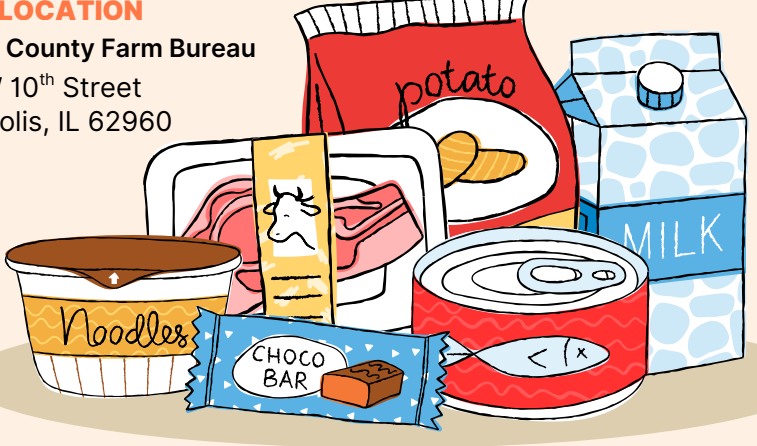


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FOOD DRIVE
OCTOBER 1ST - NOVEMBER 3RD

 **DROP-OFF LOCATION**

Massac County Farm Bureau
1436 W 10th Street
Metropolis, IL 62960



We are excited to announce our 1st Annual Food Drive! Look for the tractor sitting outside of the MCFB Office!

ITEMS NEEDED

- ▶ Non-Perishable Items
- ▶ Condiments/Spices
- ▶ Toiletries
- ▶ Hygienic Items

All proceeds will be distributed to as many local food pantries as possible.

For More Information :

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A Legen-Dairy Time at the Union County Fair



Another Union County Fair has come and gone. This year, we continued a new tradition at the fair.

UCFB made ice cream-in-a-bag with fairgoers for the second year in a row. Using an Ag in the Classroom lesson, our volunteers made ice cream with around 150 people over two separate nights. Children and adults received a free, sweet treat while learning about dairy and all the different ingredients.

UCFB also supported the Junior Livestock Exhibitors once again this year. Each exhibitor received a free t-shirt and a free

meal ticket to the 4-H food stand. This is a many year tradition sponsored by our COUNTRY Financial agents Charlotte Clover, Mike Meisenheimer and Travis Holtkamp and Southern FS.

UCFB also sponsored champion banners for the junior livestock show, tractor driving contest and the Section 24 FFA show.

The UCFB tent was set up all week handing out giveaways and enjoying the many children that played in our sensory corn and soybean pits.

Thank you for another successful fair week and hope to see you there again next year!



Partners available
for all members

Good news: All members will receive Partners magazine starting in November.

Illinois Farm Bureau's board of directors earlier this year approved a plan to expand the reach of the magazine beyond associate members, who have long enjoyed the quarterly publication.

"Expanding distribution to all members reflects IFB's commitment to providing greater value and deeper engagement across our entire membership," said IFB President Brian Duncan.

The glossy, 36-page publication has been produced by IFB in partnership with Farm Flavor Media based in Franklin, Tennessee for more than two decades.

Through the magazine and associated website, ilfbpartners.com, Partners strives to connect Illinoisans with the food they eat, the Illinois farmers who grow it, and the places, events and issues that make our state great.

For more information, please contact the county Farm Bureau office.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT
What's Your View?

WATER QUALITY
& WATERSHED
PROJECTS

32. WATER QUALITY AND WATERSHED PROJECTS:
WE SUPPORT:

1. Sound scientific peer-reviewed data being used as the basis for treatment of non-point sources under the Clean Water Act or other similar water quality laws at the federal or state level.
2. Funding research on best management practices (BMPs) of agricultural crop production products.
3. The involvement of agriculture, including county Farm Bureaus and drainage districts, in watershed group planning efforts.
4. Increased funding for comprehensive watershed planning and voluntary, incentive-based implementation of BMPs as a result of the planning.
5. Programs to educate farmers

and the general public of the need to protect and/or improve water quality and the various BMPs to accomplish those goals.

6. Voluntary programs between the state or municipalities with farmers to solve issues with water quality and/or nutrient management.
7. Farmer adoption of the Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy (NLRS) through voluntary implementation of BMPs.
8. The development of new and the enhancement of existing incentives for adopting voluntary BMPs on all private land to improve water quality and wildlife habitat.
9. Policies made regarding the Gulf of Mexico hypoxic zone to be backed by reliable, broad-based, scientific research. We should unite with other like-minded

stakeholders to form a coalition on the issue to:

- a. Coordinate a plan of action.
 - b. Communicate with each other, the general public, elected officials, and members regarding the hypoxia area.
 - c. Evaluate current research data and encourage further research on the hypoxic area and issues related to it.
 - d. Use all means at our disposal to address the issue in a way that gives proper consideration to the impact it has on agricultural production.
10. A portion of water consumption fees collected from any user of water from a drinking water supply lake be used for payments to landowners and tenants who adopt conservation practices within the watershed of the lake.

WE OPPOSE:

1. Using mandatory methods to address agricultural, non-point source issues related to Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) of pollutants in streams.
2. Any increased regulation on tile drainage from farm fields, including designating water flow from farm fields through or over conveyances, such as drain tile or grass waterways, as a point source of pollution under the Clean Water Act.
3. Fines, assessments, and penalties on non-point source pollutions allegedly caused by agriculture but not confirmed by sound scientific peer-reviewed data.
4. Water management programs that restrict the ability of landowners to provide effective drainage and flood control in rural and urban areas.

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.

Saline & Gallatin County Farm Bureaus host Young Leaders Kickoff



Saline and Gallatin County Farm Bureaus recently hosted a Young Leaders Kickoff event, where local young farmers and ag professionals gathered for food, games, and fellowship. The evening marked the first step in rebuilding the Young Leaders program and fostering connections for future growth and opportunities. If you are interested in joining Young Leaders, please contact the Saline County Farm Bureau office.



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!



PUMPKIN BARK

PREP TIME 5 MINUTES COOK TIME 5 MINUTES SERVINGS 10

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons pumpkin puree
- ¼ teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 7 ounces (200 grams) dark chocolate
- 3.5 ounces (100 grams) white chocolate
- 2 tablespoons dried cranberry
- 2 tablespoons chopped nuts
- 1 teaspoon sprinkles

Instructions

- Line a cookie sheet with baking paper
- Stir the spices into the pumpkin puree and set aside
- Chop the chocolate and melt each type separately in the microwave (in 30 second bursts, stirring in between), or a bowl of water over a saucepan of boiling water (ensure the bottom of the bowl does not touch the water).
- Stir the spiced pumpkin puree into the white chocolate
- Spread the melted dark chocolate thickly over the parchment paper, then swirl in the white chocolate and sprinkle the dried fruit, sprinkles, and nuts onto it.
- Set aside and allow to harden for 20 minutes in the fridge or until firm. Break or cut into pieces and serve at room temperature.

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16th Traffic safety Days at the Pavilion

The 16th “Traffic Safety Days” was recently held at the Pavilion in Marion. 1524 drivers ed students from 24 schools in 9 SIFB News county high schools attended. Your local county farm bureau manager presented on driving safely around farm equipment, rural road safety, and awareness of slow-moving vehicles. The average speed of farm implements is a lot slower than the average vehicle. Flashing amber lights and the “Slow Moving Vehicle” SMV sign alert motorists of slower moving equipment. Students were asked to please, slow down and be patient when driving near farm implements. Never take a chance and always assume there is a car coming over the hill or around that blind turn. If you cannot see the farmer in the farm equipment, they cannot see you. Stay back a safe distance and only pass when safe passage is guaranteed.

Special Thank You to Little Tractor and Equipment for use of a Kioti tractor during the presentation.



Southern Illinois counties handed out over 250 t-shirts at the DuQuoin State Fair



Pictured left to right: Alexis Shreves, Jayclynn Presutti, Lucy Peterson, Parker Hutchcraft, Lance Martin, Ryan Whitehouse and Scott Halpin.

Southern Illinois counties handed out over 250 t-shirts at the DuQuoin State Fair to exhibitors on Saturday, August 23rd and 30th. We thank everyone who stopped by!

District 17 Fall Meeting



On September 2nd, District 17 had their fall meeting at McLeansboro First General Baptist Church in McLeansboro. Members heard a national legislative update from Ryan Whitehouse, a state legislative update from John Howard and Dave Severin, a Young Leader update from Sam Deisher and met with candidates running for state offices. We appreciate everyone for taking the time to attend!

OFFICE HOURS

WITH REPRESENTATIVE

PATRICK WINDHORST

TUESDAY, NOV. 18

10:00AM-12:00PM

SALINE COUNTY

FARM BUREAU OFFICE

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FARM BUREAU ANNUAL MEETING NOTICES

OFFICIAL NOTICE WILLIAMSON COUNTY FARM BUREAU 107TH ANNUAL MEETING

Location: Williamson County Farm Bureau 1517 E. DeYoung St. Marion, IL
Time: 6:30pm – Business Meeting Only
Dear Williamson County Voting Member:
Notice is hereby given that the 107th Annual Meeting of the Membership of the Williamson County Farm Bureau will be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at the Williamson County Farm Bureau at 6:30pm. This will be a business meeting only. No meal will be served.
The purpose of this meeting is to consider and act upon reports of the officers and Board of Directors for the preceding year, elect directors to the Board of Directors, elect delegates to the 2025 IAA Annual Meeting, and any other such business as may properly come before the meeting. Proxy cards will be mailed to voting members to complete and return by November 1st, 2025 if unable to attend.
Sincerely,
Charles Parks, Secretary, Williamson County Farm Bureau

OFFICIAL NOTICE UNION COUNTY FARM BUREAU 108TH ANNUAL MEETING

Voting members, the 108th annual meeting of the Union County Farm Bureau will take place at 6 p.m. on Thursday, November 6th, 2025 at The Barn Event Center, 3805 Lick Creek Road, Anna, Illinois, 62906. The meeting will take place to elect directors and receive financial reports for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and any other reports the officers and directors may have.
There will be catered meal. Voting members and guests must contact Union Co. Farm Bureau by Friday, October 31, 2025 for reservations. To RSVP, please call the UCFB office at 618-833-2125 or visit unioncountymb.com to register.
Following the business meeting, the annual meeting committee will hold fundraisers to benefit the Union County Farm Bureau Foundation, which supports Ag in the Classroom and Scholarships.

OFFICIAL NOTICE JACKSON COUNTY FARM BUREAU 107TH ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Jackson County Farm Bureau will hold its 107th Annual Meeting on Thursday, December 11th, 2025. Location is to be determined.
The purpose being: to receive, consider, and if approved, confirm and ratify the reports of the Board of Directors for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025; to elect directors; and for the transaction of other business which may properly come before the meeting.
The business portion of the meeting will begin at 6:00 P.M. with dinner being served immediately following. The Jackson County Farm Bureau Women’s Committee will sponsor appetizers prior to the meeting.
Reservations are required for all members who plan to attend. Please call the Jackson County Farm Bureau office at (618) 684-3129 or email the Jackson County Farm Bureau manager at manager@jacksoncountymb.com no later than December 1st, 2025, with your RSVPs.

OFFICIAL NOTICE POPE-HARDIN COUNTY FARM BUREAU 105TH ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 105th Annual Meeting of the Pope-Hardin Farm Bureau will be held on Monday, November 10, 2025, at the Pope-Hardin Farm Bureau Office, Golconda, IL. The meeting will begin at 6:30pm.
The purpose being to receive, consider, and if approved, confirm and ratify the reports of the Board of Directors for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025; to elect three (3) directors for a term of three (3) years, and for the transaction of other business as may properly come before the meeting.
Randy Barnard, Secretary, Pope-Hardin Farm Bureau

This is a BUSINESS meeting only. Proxy forms will be mailed to “Voting Members.” You MUST RSVP, for in-person attendance so we can provide adequate accommodation. Submit proxy by mail or drop by the Pope-Hardin Farm Bureau office. A special appreciation gift will be available for those returning the proxy form by the November 3, 2025, deadline.

OFFICIAL NOTICE MASSAC COUNTY FARM BUREAU 105TH ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Massac County Farm Bureau will hold its 105th Annual Meeting on Thursday, November 13th at the Massac County Fairgrounds Community Center located at 4476 Korte Road in Metropolis.
Elections of Board of Directors, annual reports and other business as necessary will begin at 6 pm, followed by a meal at 6:30 p.m..
RESERVATIONS FOR THE MEAL ARE REQUIRED. Members are asked to RSVP to the Massac County Farm Bureau Office with the form attached to the letter sent in the mail, or to call the office at (618)-524-5811.

OFFICIAL NOTICE PULASKI-ALEXANDER COUNTY FARM BUREAU 105TH ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Pulaski-Alexander Farm Bureau will hold its 105th Annual Meeting on Monday, November 3rd at the Shawnee Community College L Atrium located at 8364 Shawnee College Road in Ullin.
Elections of Board of Directors, annual reports and other business as necessary will begin at 6 pm, followed by a meal at 6:30 p.m..
RESERVATIONS FOR THE MEAL ARE REQUIRED. Members are asked to RSVP to the Pulaski-Alexander Farm Bureau Office with the form attached to the letter sent in the mail, or to call the office at (618)-745-9420.

OFFICIAL NOTICE SALINE COUNTY FARM BUREAU 106TH ANNUAL MEETING Conducted Via Proxies

Voting members should be watching their mail for proxies beginning in October. Business ONLY portion conducted prior to board meeting 11/18/25 at 6pm.
TOWNSHIPS UP FOR ELECTION: Independence, Harrisburg, Raleigh, Tate, Galatia, Eldorado. Individuals running for these positions must be Farming/Voting Members (MM) from the respective township. These are 2 year terms. Due Notice given by: Chris Evans, Secretary

OFFICIAL NOTICE FRANKLIN COUNTY FARM BUREAU 106TH ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Franklin County Farm Bureau will hold its 106th Annual Meeting on Monday, December 1, 2025 at Immanuel Baptist Church located at 516 N Main Street in Benton.
A meal will be served at 6:15 p.m. followed by election of Directors, annual reports and other business as necessary.
RESERVATIONS FOR THE MEAL ARE NECESSARY. Members are asked to RSVP to the Franklin County Farm Bureau Office at (618) 435-3616 no later than November 17th. Hope to see you there.
JOE HEARD, SECRETARY, FRANKLIN COUNTY FARM BUREAU

OFFICIAL NOTICE PERRY COUNTY FARM BUREAU 81ST ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 81st Annual Meeting of the Membership of the Perry County Farm Bureau will be held on Wednesday, November 19 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Pinckneyville, IL at 6 p.m. A meal, door prizes, and silent auction will be held again this year.
The purpose of this meeting is to consider and act upon reports of the officers and Board of Directors for the preceding year, elect directors to the Board of Directors, and any other such business as may properly come before the meeting.
The Perry County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting will begin with a meal at 6 p.m. with the business portion to follow at approximately 7 p.m. Reservations are required for an accurate meal count. Please RSVP with the Perry County Farm Bureau office by calling (618) 357-9355 or stopping by 309 S 1st Street, Pinckneyville, IL 62274 by November 5, 2025.
Helen Mayer, Secretary, Perry County Farm Bureau



Jackson County Legislative Breakfast

On August 30, 2025, the Jackson County Farm Bureau Legislative and Local Affairs Committee hosted their annual Legislative Breakfast. Members in attendance got to speak to Senator Terri Bryant regarding issues affecting them. Our members got to discuss in great details topics such as property taxes and energy. We appreciate Senator Bryant's time and appreciate her attendance. We also thank Gabby's on Main in Ava for hosting us and serving a great breakfast. If you are interested in participating in events like this, please call the Jackson County Farm Bureau at (618) 684-3129 and ask to join the Legislative and Local Affairs Committee!

FS Membership Drive Winners Announced



Several local leaders were recently recognized as winners of the FS Membership Drive. Honorees include Caleb Huelsmann, Guy Kuhn, Ryan Anderson, and Keith Ellis. These individuals were celebrated for their efforts in growing membership and supporting the mission of Farm Bureau.

Franklin County Young Leaders Attend NASCAR Race



Pictured left to right: Parker Hutchcraft, Ike Hutchcraft, Michael Browning and Wade Hutchens.

Each year, members of the Franklin County Young Leaders Committee have a fun event as a reward for their hard work throughout the year. This year's trip was attending the Illinois Farm Bureau Member Appreciation NASCAR race in Madison, IL. They were able to see the garages, get access to concerts before and after the race, sign the starting line and had a great view from their seats.

BIGGEST DOE



CONTEST

FIREARM SEASON: November 21-23 & December 4-7

- Must be field dressed before weighing
- Must have a valid IL hunting License
- Must be legally tagged with a Perry County tag
- Doe must be weighed - in at Kellerman's Feed & Supply

 1031 S Main St. Pinckneyville, IL 62274

Monday - Friday 7a.m.- 6p.m.
Saturday 8a.m. - 5p.m.
Sunday 10a.m. - 3p.m.



Sponsored By: Perry County Farm Bureau Young Leaders
Kellerman's Feed & Supply

Contestants are allowed only one entry and all entries will be added to the raffle drawing. Winners of the biggest and 2nd biggest are not eligible for raffle.

Biggest Doe
\$400 Store Credit to Hick's Trading Station

2nd Biggest
Ladder Deer Stand

Raffle Prize
\$150 Gift Card to Kellerman's Feed & Supply

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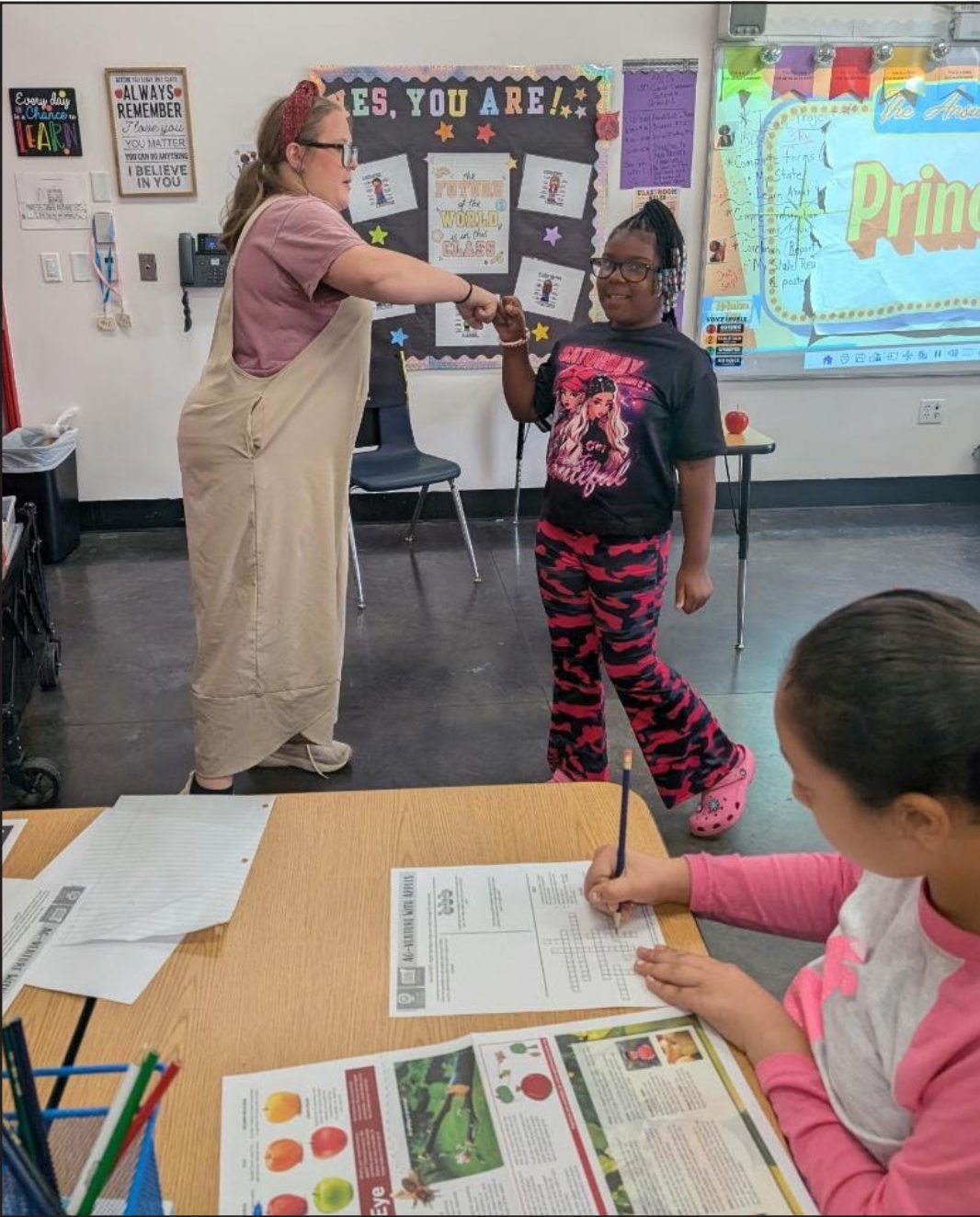
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Orchard to Classroom:

Pulaski-Alexander AITC brings seeds of knowledge about apples to students



Students in Pulaski and Alexander counties have spent the month learning about apples. Younger students made apple chains, a craft that shows the apple cycle, while older students played “Ag-Venture Time”, a strategic quiz bowl game on historical facts on apples easy to find in their Ag Mags.

Saline County Ag in the Classroom



Saline County Ag in the Classroom brought an exciting, hands-on soybean lesson to the Eldorado Library! Kids had a great time learning about the importance of soybeans in Illinois agriculture and even got to start their own germination experiment to watch the growing process up close.

Volunteers keep villages vibrant

In a display of small-town spirit difficult to match, about 150 volunteers from our community annually collaborate to deliver a service event that uses homemade, wholesome fun to celebrate agriculture. Children eagerly anticipate the arrival of the Ag Day Festival like Christmas morning, while generations of families gather to enjoy an event that radiates small-town charm and the spirit of service. Admission and ride tickets do not exist. All the activities are free, provided by FFA and 4-H families and supporting groups and donors – from the bale climb and beloved farm chore course to the corn maze, apple peeling and barnyard animal tent. Breakfast is complimentary, slices of homemade pie are offered for donation, and lunch sales help offset festival costs.

The vitality of a rural village is found in its people, and volunteerism gives our town its heartbeat. Unlike cities with quick access to resources and paid staff, our community relies on volunteers as firefighters and first responders. The church pianist, youth sports coaches, and the committee that dresses up

downtown for the holidays all serve without pay. Lacking a taxpayer-funded park district, volunteers largely manage our three parks. Volunteers plan community events. And it was skilled volunteers who donated their time and equipment to build the only two playgrounds in town: the school and the park.

In fact, a sign at the entrance to town recognized the latter, a two-story barn playground that in recent years won the Governor’s Cup, the state’s top honor for volunteerism. That sign epitomizes our belief in instilling an ethic of service in the next generation and teaching them self-sufficiency,

a quality often romanticized in media yet lived out daily in our rural life.

Volunteers lead the local 4-H club and Girl Scout troop, the FFA Alumni, parent-teacher group and economic development interests. Our community’s Christians volunteer to serve 500 turkey dinners every fall to raise funds for the church’s mission projects. Philanthropists revived downtown buildings, bringing a food pantry and restaurant to town. And local leaders founded a community fund designed to build endowed wealth to provide ongoing financial support for area projects.

Many of us hold side gigs as



part-time volunteers because we desire to make a difference. But, mentoring youth, reviving storefronts, planning community celebrations, fighting fires and filling the sanctuary with hymns on Sunday ensures that small towns can thrive.

About the author: Joanie Stiers farms with her brother and parents in West-Central Illinois, where they grow corn, soybeans and hay, raise beef cattle and operate side businesses related to the family operation.

Adopt-a-Classroom with Union County Farm Bureau

This school year, you can help students across Union County learn about agriculture! The Adopt-a-Classroom program allows local businesses to sponsor a classroom and help provide teaching materials for the current school year. The \$100 sponsorship includes classroom materials, a photo with the class and a chance to teach the class about your business/industry once during the school year. With every sponsorship, you will be helping our Ag in the Classroom program reach more students and teach them about the agriculture around them. Want to Adopt-a-Classroom? Contact Coordinator Haley Bode at aglitcoordinator@gmail.com or call the Union County Farm Bureau office at 618-833-2125.



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ing, review and think about firearm safety each and every time. Check with your local county farm bureau for more hunter safety training courses available.

Scarlett Miller Country Financial, Williamson County Farm Bureau Patriot Car Show and Customer Appreciation



Scarlett Miller Country Financial along with the Williamson County Farm Bureau enjoyed hosting a car show with a silent auction benefiting

the Wounded Warrior Project. Attendees enjoyed snacks and music while looking at cars, trucks and motorcycles from the surrounding area. Thank you to

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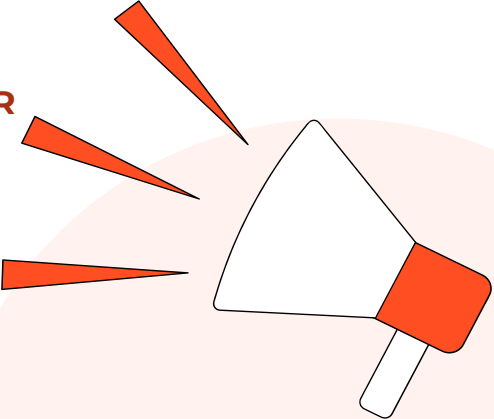
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- Illinois is the number one state for growing pumpkins
- Pumpkins can be used in pies, breads, and soups
- You can cook and eat pumpkin seeds
- Pumpkins are picked in the fall

Corn

- Corn grows in fields
- It starts as a kernel and the kernel itself is the seed
- Corn is ready to be picked when the silks turn brown

Sweet Potatoes

- Sweet potatoes grow undergrown
- They are root vegetables
- They have to be dug up for harvest

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