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IFB ACTIVATOR® Endorses 3 Representing Illinois Farm Bureau District 18 Counties

Illinois Farm Bureau ACTIVATOR® trustees have endorsed candidates across the state, 3 of which represent Jackson, Williamson, Saline, Union, Pulaski, Alexander, Massac, Pope, Hardin, and Johnson Counties, for election. County Farm Bureau farmer leaders from each Legislative District meet to discuss and decide endorsements.

Consideration for endorsement by Illinois Farm Bureau ACTIVATOR starts with candidates' voting record and takes into account effort, accessibility, and engagement on behalf of farmers in their respective legislative districts. Endorsement places candidates in a group of select individuals in the state. This is a diverse group that



understands the leading role agriculture plays in the state's economy and the important issues that affect family farms.

Illinois Farm Bureau ACTIVATOR trustees are proud to endorse the following Illinois

Farm Bureau District 18 Counties candidates:

U.S. House of Representatives Endorsements:

- Rep. Mike Bost, IL-12th Congressional District

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Whitlock of Carterville Awarded IFB Rural Nursing Scholarship

Kristopher Whitlock of Carterville recently received a \$4,000 scholarship through the Illinois Farm Bureau Rural Nurse Practitioner Scholarship Program.

The scholarship program supports the development of health care professionals committed to serving in rural communities across Illinois. In return for the scholarship, recipients agree to practice in an approved rural county, helping to address the growing need for primary care in underserved areas. Scholarships are funded by the Rural Illinois Medical Student Assistance Program (RIMSAP).

"These scholarships represent our deep commitment to

addressing the primary care needs of underserved areas and ensuring that quality health care is accessible where it's needed most," said Donna Gallivan, Illinois Farm Bureau conference and program manager. "Investing directly in the education of nurse practitioners who are committed to serving underserved areas strengthens our rural health care system and helps build a healthier future for rural communities across our state."

Whitlock, who lives in Williamson County, is currently pursuing his education at Southeast College of Nursing. He works at Southern Illinois Healthcare - St. Joes Memorial

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Dough for Does

Several local County Farm Bureaus are participating in Dough for Does programs this fall. The initiative is designed to encourage responsible deer management and help address local deer population concerns. Through the program, eligible hunters can bring documentation for a legally harvested doe to their participating County Farm Bureau from October 1, 2026 to January 17, 2027. Program requirements and participation

details may vary by county.

Participating County Farm Bureaus include Pulaski-Alexander, Jackson, Union, Massac, Pope-Hardin, Williamson, Saline, Franklin, Perry, and Johnson. Hunters interested in participating in or learning more about the program are encouraged to contact their local County Farm Bureau for information about eligibility, required documentation, and program guidelines.

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Franklin County Hosts Farm Talk with Illinois Farm Bureau President



On August 26th, Franklin County Farm Bureau hosted a Farm Talk with Illinois Farm Bureau President, Phillip Nelson, in Thompsonville, IL. Members had a great afternoon of conversation, learning and connecting with fellow Farm Bureau members. Attendees heard updates from Illinois Farm Bureau, discussed issues impacting agriculture at the state and national levels and



learned more about Illinois Farm Bureau's work advocating for agriculture and rural communities. Friend of Agriculture awards were presented to Senator Terri Bryant, Representative Dave Severin and Representative Patrick Windhorst. We appreciated their attendance as well as Paul Jacobs and their support of agriculture. We would like to extend

a special thank you to Leon McClerren for hosting us and to The Hangout for catering a delicious meal. We would also like to thank our speakers and everyone who joined the conversation, asked questions and stayed engaged. Events like Farm Talks are a great reminder of the importance of staying informed and connected as we work together to support agriculture.



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Barren	204.3
Benton	168.3
Browning	151.6
Cave	187.7
Denning	118.7
Eastern	172.7
Ewing	166.1
Frankfort	172.8
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Maria Farris awarded Educator of the Year



We would like to take a moment to congratulate and recognize one of our very own on a MAJOR accomplishment! Williamson County Ag in the Classroom coordinator, Maria Farris, was nominated and awarded Educator of the Year at the AISWCD Summer Conference in Peoria.

Over the course of almost 17 years, Maria has given approximately 12,800 trees to grade school students, worked 15 local Envirothons, 13 state

Envirothons, 16 conservation fairs and made over 160,000 contacts with students. Beyond the classroom, Maria is a pillar of our school community mentoring new teachers, organizing extracurricular programs and engaging families in the educational process.

We are so thankful for her and all her efforts in educating the next generation and truly cannot think of someone more deserving of such recognition! Congratulations Maria!



Activator

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Illinois House of Representatives Endorsements:

• Rep. Patrick Windhorst, IL-117th House District

Illinois Senate Endorsements:

• Sen. Terri Bryant, IL-58th

Senate District

• Sen. Paul Jacobs, IL-59th

Senate District

Senator Terri Bryant and Representative Patrick Windhorst received their Friend of Ag awards at the Illinois Farm Bureau District 18 meeting, where Senator Paul Jacobs was also recognized for his endorsement.

Whitlock

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Hospital of Murphysboro. A dedicated health care professional, he is the chair of the SIH Emergency Medicine System Shared Leadership Council, as well as a paramedic for Jackson County Ambulance.

Whitlock resides in Carterville on a homestead with his

wife, Stephanie, and their two children.

To learn more about the Rural Nurse Practitioner Program, visit www.RIMSAP.com.

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For an updated list of upcoming events, meetings, and resources, please check out our website at

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POLICY DEVELOPMENT

What's Your View?

POLICY 123: **STATE AND LOCAL FINANCE**

(in relation to Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Districts and enterprise zones)

WE SUPPORT:

7. Providing for restricted and specific criteria in order to qualify areas for creation of Tax Increment Financing

(TIF) districts by municipalities and counties in order to reduce negative fiscal impacts on existing businesses and local governments, including schools. Further, we believe the economic advantages of the new business or production alone should be enough to justify expansion or location in an area.

25. Requiring local governments to publicly disclose information on TIF districts including the locations of the districts, funds generated, use of funds, and any contractors.

WE OPPOSE:

4. The use of (TIF) or enterprise zones for production agriculture.

12. Rolling preexisting TIF parcels into a newly created TIF District or extending the life of the TIF Districts.

Illinois Farm Bureau policy is available online at <https://www.ilfb.org/ifb-in-action/what-were-working-on/developing-ifb-policy/2026-policy-book>

STATE & LOCAL FINANCE

Does for Dough Program

Johnson County Farm Bureau is pleased to support our members who aid in the management of the overpopulated deer herd in the county. Our “Does for Dough” program offers members the opportunity for a \$25.00 award for each legally harvested doe.

Program Requirements – Program is for legal Hunting Seasons October 1, 2026 – January 17, 2027. Doe must be legally harvested in Johnson County. Firearm or Archery Tag must be for Johnson County. Must have a valid Illinois hunting license. Doe must have been harvested in accordance with all Illinois hunting laws and regulations. Must be a current Johnson County Farm Bureau or dependent to claim reward.

For additional information please contact Carol at 618-658-2871 or jophmanager@johnsoncountyfb.org

Saline County AITC

Even though school was out for the summer, Saline County Ag in the Classroom continued to provide educational opportunities for local children.

This summer we led library programs focused on agriculture, including programs about crop dusters, trees, and the history of agriculture. These programs give children a fun and engaging way to learn

more about farming and the important role agriculture plays in their community.

Saline County Ag in the Classroom also participated in the Saline County Farm Bureau Members Appreciation Lunch. As part of the event, children enjoyed making farm animal face masks.



Pulaski County Fair

The Pulaski-Alexander Farm Bureau sponsored all children’s tickets for the tractor pulls on Tuesday night at the fair, and set up a booth to bring awareness to the Farm Bureau’s mission at the Pulaski County Fair. The PAFB gave away “If you ate today, thank a farmer” t-shirts, coloring books for the littles, fans, and tri-folds explaining our purpose, our pillars and our impact to the community.

Massac County Youth Fair

The Massac County Farm Bureau was once again heavily involved in the annual Youth Fair! The Farm Bureau sponsored the showmanship banners for all species, pedal tractor pulls, farm follies and veggie races! As we look into the future, we are searching for more ways to impact our community with the weeklong event. If you have any ideas, please let us know! We are already excited and looking forward to next year!



Johnson County Farm Bureau is pleased to support our members who aid in the management of the overpopulated deer herd in the county. Our “Does for Dough” program offers members the opportunity for a \$50.00 award for each legally harvested doe.

Program Requirements –

Program is for legal Hunting Seasons 10/01/26 - 01/17/27, or until funds run out.

Doe must be legally harvested in Johnson County

Firearm or Archery Tag must be for Johnson County.

Must have a valid Illinois hunting license.

Doe must have been harvested in accordance with all Illinois hunting laws and regulations.

Must be a current Johnson County Farm Bureau member or dependent to claim reward.

How to claim reward –

Harvest doe(s) according to program requirements.

Bring doe tag showing harvest confirmation number and photo of harvested doe to Johnson County Farm Bureau Office during normal business hours any time during program period.

Payouts will be made via checks that will be issued December 18, 2026 & January 20, 2027.

Limit of 2 awards per membership.

For additional information please contact Carol at 618-658-2871 or jophmanager@johnsoncountyfb.org

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FARMLAND ASSESSMENT MEETING

NOVEMBER 2026

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RSVP TO YOUR LOCAL COUNTY FARM BUREAU
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18th Annual Customer Appreciation Day

Your membership matters.



The Franklin County Farm Bureau along with Franklin County Country Financial Representatives Trudee Wynn, Dana Wylie and Leann Stilley showed their appreciation to their members and clients at the 4-H Fairgrounds adjacent to Rend Lake

College on Tuesday, July 14, 2026.

This was the 18th year that the Franklin County Farm Bureau and the Franklin County Country Financial Representatives have been at the fairgrounds to cook and serve the meal. This year in

addition to drinks and chips they grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans and a dessert.

All Franklin County Farm Bureau members were encouraged to attend this event and enjoy the food and 4-H activities that were planned for the evening.

Union County FB promotes 'Growing in Agriculture'

Members of the community came together to learn how to grow their own produce thanks to an event by Union County Farm Bureau (UCFB).

UCFB partnered with the Stinson Memorial Library District to host an indoor herb garden class. The goal was to encourage members to grow their own produce, eat more local, and support local farms.

Jill Rendleman, with All Seasons Farm, taught the class. She taught the group how to start the seeds, best watering and

sunlight practices, and helped them choose the correct herbs for our climate. She also taught about being "certified organic" and "certified naturally grown."

At the end of the presentation, each participant received seeds for a variety of herbs, potting soil and a container to start their own seeds to take home. They also received goodies from Union County Farm Bureau, including a jar opener, gardening gloves, terracotta waterer, membership letter and information on agriculture in their community.



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Jackson County Farm Bureau Foundation Fish Fry Raises More than \$2,500 for Agricultural Education

On August 8, the Jackson County Farm Bureau Foundation hosted its annual fish fry fundraiser – bringing members of the community together for a great meal, music, and company while raising more than \$2,500 to support agricultural education and opportunities for local students and educators.

Proceeds from the event will benefit several important programs, including our Ag in the Classroom Program, Teacher Grants, and Collegiate Scholarships. The Jackson County Farm Bureau Foundation is

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.



committed to supporting agricultural education and helping connect students, teachers, and the community to the importance of agriculture. Funds raised through events, such as the Fish Fry, help provide ed-

ucational resources and opportunities that will have a lasting impact on local students.

The success of the Fish Fry would not have been possible without the support of the community, volunteers, donors,

and everyone who attended the event. Your generosity helped the Jackson County Farm Bureau Foundation exceed \$2,500 in fundraising while supporting programs that invest in the future of Agriculture. Thank you

to the community for showing up, Southpaw Bar and Grill for hosting, Shannon Arview for performing, and Dennis Wyatt for providing music after dinner! We are excited to see the growth of this event, next year!



The Jackson County Ag in the Classroom Program reached 2,775 students during the 2025 - 2026 school year, making this school year our largest outreach to date.

We reached 14 education centers throughout Jackson County, impacting more than 50 educators. These impressions leave a lasting impact on the youth and educators in Jackson County.

2025 - 2026 Ag in the Classroom Programs



During the 2025 - 2026 school year, Jackson County Farm Bureau Foundation gave out 6 poultry kits to classrooms throughout Jackson County. These kits allow educators the opportunity to incubate and hatch chickens with their students with all necessary educational materials provided.



The Jackson County Ag in the Classroom Program has an advisory council composed of business and organizational leaders from Southern FS, SWCD, COUNTRY Financial, U of I Extension, Jackson County Farm Bureau, and many educators. This advisory council meets to discuss paving a path to make agriculture a priority in every school in Jackson County.



The Jackson County Farm Bureau Foundation extends its commitment to agricultural education beyond the K-12 classroom by sponsoring members of the SIU Collegiate Farm Bureau Chapter to attend the Illinois Farm Bureau Annual Meeting and Young Leader Conference. These experiences provide students with valuable leadership development, networking opportunities, and professional growth, equipping them with the knowledge and skills to become the next generation of advocates and leaders for agriculture. Your support helps invest in their future—and the future of our agricultural community.

2025 - 2026 Collegiate Farm Bureau Partnership



The Jackson County Farm Bureau Foundation is committed to making a meaningful difference in our community by partnering with local organizations, including the SIU Collegiate Farm Bureau Chapter, on initiatives that address local needs. One such collaboration is the "Fill-a-Bucket" program, which collects food donations that are distributed to a local food pantry, helping provide meals for individuals and families facing food insecurity. Through partnerships like these, the Foundation extends the reach of agriculture's generosity and strengthens our community.



Through our partnership with the SIU Collegiate Farm Bureau Chapter, the Jackson County Farm Bureau Foundation is helping cultivate the next generation of agricultural leaders and advocates. These passionate students are expanding agriculture's reach across campus, sharing its importance with their peers, and building a stronger understanding of its impact on our local communities. With your support, they are gaining the knowledge, leadership experience, and confidence to champion agriculture for years to come.

The Jackson County Farm Bureau Foundation is planting a legacy—connecting our community to the critical importance of agriculture. We bring that mission to life through hands-on learning and real opportunity. Our Ag in the Classroom program reaches students from their earliest years through adulthood, helping them understand where their food comes from and why agriculture matters. At the same time, our scholarship and grant programs supports future leaders as they pursue careers that will shape the future of our industry. This impact is only possible because of generous individuals who believe in the future of agriculture. Together, we are growing knowledge, creating opportunity, and strengthening our community for generations to come.

FARM BUREAU ANNUAL MEETING NOTICES

OFFICIAL NOTICE FRANKLIN COUNTY FARM BUREAU 107TH ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Franklin County Farm Bureau will hold its 107th Annual Meeting on Monday, November 30, 2026 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 16th. Hope to see you there.

JOE HEARD, SECRETARY, FRANKLIN COUNTY FARM BUREAU

OFFICIAL NOTICE JACKSON COUNTY FARM BUREAU 108TH ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Jackson County Farm Bureau will hold its 108th Annual Meeting on Monday, December 21st, 2026 at the Davis McCann Center in Murphysboro.

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, 2026; 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 or text the Jackson County Farm Bureau office at (618) 684-3129 or email the Jackson County Farm Bureau manager at manager@jacksoncountyfb.com no later than December 7th, 2026, with your RSVPs.

OFFICIAL NOTICE POPE-HARDIN COUNTY FARM BUREAU 106TH ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 106th Annual Meeting of the Pope-Hardin Farm Bureau will be held on Monday, November 9, 2026, 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, 2026; 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" and available for pick up at the Farm Bureau office. You may also request one via email. **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 November 6, 2026.

OFFICIAL NOTICE PULASKI-ALEXANDER COUNTY FARM BUREAU 106TH ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Pulaski-Alexander Farm Bureau will hold its 106th Annual Meeting on Monday, November 2nd 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 107TH ANNUAL MEETING CONDUCTED VIA PROXIES

Voting Members Should Be Watching Their Mail for Proxies Beginning in October
Members should read the proxy carefully for a chance at a giveaway

Business ONLY portion conducted prior to Board Meeting

Monday November 16, 2026, 6 pm

TOWNSHIP POSITIONS UP FOR ELECTION:

Cottage, Long Branch, Carrier Mills, Mountain, Brush, Rector, Stonefort. 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 UNION COUNTY FARM BUREAU 109TH ANNUAL MEETING

Voting members, the 109th annual meeting of the Union County Farm Bureau will take place at 6 p.m. on Thursday, November 5th, 2026 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, 2026, 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 30, 2026 for reservations. To RSVP, please call the UCFB office at 618-833-2125 or visit unioncountyfb.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 WILLIAMSON COUNTY FARM BUREAU 108TH 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

Tuesday November 17, 2026, 6:30 pm

Due notice given by: Charles Parks, Secretary

OFFICIAL NOTICE MASSAC COUNTY FARM BUREAU 106TH ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Massac County Farm Bureau will hold its 106th Annual Meeting on Thursday, November 12th 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 PERRY COUNTY FARM BUREAU 82ND ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 82nd Annual Meeting of the Membership of the Perry County Farm Bureau will be held on Wednesday, November 18 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 4, 2026.

Helen Mayer, Secretary, Perry County Farm Bureau

Union County project awarded Rural Development Grant

In an effort to elevate rural communities, Illinois Farm Bureau partnered with county Farm Bureaus (CFBs) to award 30 Rural Development Grants totaling \$120,000 to support local efforts across the state, including a project in Union County.

Of the grants awarded, nine are addressing rural emergency services' needs, and 21 are projects focused on supporting community and economic development or enhancing quality of life.

The Rural Development Grant Program provides resources and support to help local communi-

ties and counties successfully implement projects and overcome challenges inherent in rural development projects, such as lack of funding and volunteers or complicated grant applications. In selecting grants, IFB searches for projects that will meet a need in a community, county or rural area, get residents excited about what is happening in their community and benefit farm families.

For the 2026 grant program, IFB and COUNTRY Financial invested \$100,000 and \$20,000, respectively.

Wolf Lake Community Center,

through Union CFB, received a \$4,000 grant to replace siding on the Wolf Lake Community Center. The current siding, which is rotting and leaking, is the original from when volunteers constructed the building 49 years ago. The community center is the hub of Wolf Lake, serving as a meeting place for businesses and youth organizations, and community events such as the local farmers' market and elections.

Union County Farm Bureau Director Kaleb Treece presented a check to Wolf Lake Community Center board member, Abbie Stegle, for the upcoming project.



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Jackson County FB Women’s Committee to Participate in Wreaths Across America

Jackson County Farm Bureau Women’s Committee will come together this holiday season to honor and remember local veterans through a Wreaths Across America event on Saturday, December 19, 2026, at the Murphysboro City Cemetery on 14th Street in Murphysboro, Illinois.

The event will provide an opportunity for community members to gather and pay tribute to the men and women who served our country. Volunteers and supporters will place veterans’ wreaths as a meaningful way to remember those who have passed, honor those who served, and teach younger generations about the sacrifices made by our nation’s veterans.

Wreaths Across America events take place in communities across the country each December, bringing people together to recognize the service and sacrifice of veterans. The Jackson County Farm Bureau Women’s Committee will continue that tradition locally by helping ensure that veterans buried in the Murphysboro community are remembered during the holiday season.

Community members are encouraged to participate in the event and show their support for local veterans and their families. Whether through volunteering, sponsoring wreaths, or attending the ceremony and wreath-laying, every contribution helps make the day a meaningful tribute.

The Jackson County Farm Bureau Women’s Committee is proud to come together to remember the fallen, honor those who served, and ensure

their stories and sacrifices are not forgotten.
Event Details:
Date: Saturday, December 19, 2026

Location: Murphysboro City Cemetery
Address: 14th Street, Murphysboro, IL
For additional information

about participating, volunteering, or supporting the event, community members are encouraged to contact the local organizers.

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Another Union County Fair has come and gone. This year, we continued some of our traditions. UCFB made ice cream-in-a-bag with fairgoers for the third year in a row. Using an Ag in the Classroom lesson, our volunteers made ice cream with around 200 people over two separate nights. Children and adults received a free, sweet treat while learning about dairy and all the different ingredients. Thank you to Cobden FFA who helped fairgoers each night.

Union County has Fun at the Fair



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 Travis Holtkamp, Eric Boreup and Kevin Sherwood and Southern FS. UCFB also sponsored champion banners for the junior livestock show and the Section 24 FFA show, as well as a blanket for harness racing. 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!

Saline County Farm Bureau engaging members and supporting the 2026 Saline County Fair



Saline County Farm Bureau strongly supports the Saline County Fair. Farm Bureau members enjoyed free parking passes, grandstand box seat ticket giveaways every day of the fair and an appreciation lunch grilled by Saline County Farm Bureau board members on Wednesday. Special thanks to Illinois Pork Producers Association for providing the Pork burgers. Saline County Ag in the Classroom was present during lunch doing activities with the kids. Saline County Country Financial reps handed out ice cream donated by Prairie Farms. 4H exhibitors were supported through grants to help with their projects, champion banners to the class winners and one purchase at the annual auction held to conclude the show week. The Saline Gallatin Young Leaders group sponsored the popular Youth Pedal Pull. The pedal pull had over 20 pullers and each received a coupon for a free ice cream treat. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the Saline County Fair.



CLASSIFIED ADS

FARM EQUIPMENT

FOR SALE: 16 ft cattle trailer, excellent condition. Stored in shed, gray color, washed after every use. Marion area. Call 270 832-684.

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Farmers celebrated during 4th of July Fun in Union County



Union County Farm Bureau (UCFB) joined in the community celebrations for this year's Independence Day. Special events were held to help celebrate America.

During the afternoon, the inaugural American Heritage Tractor and Car Show was held. More than 20 tractors and cars participated and helped raise money for the UCFB Foundation. Many awards were given including Sheriff's Choice, People's Choice, and most unique.

A little later the competition ramped up with the first Union County Sweet Corn Challenge!

3 adults and 6 kids took on the challenge to see how many ears of sweet corn they could eat in 10 minutes. After the initial round, Hayden Dillow won the kids division with 7 ears eaten. In the adult division, we had a three-way tie which forced an eat off! After an additional 3 minutes, Trena Lingle won with an impressive 14 ears eaten!

We want to send a special thank you to Treece Farms for donating the sweet corn for the contest. After the completion of the contest, the remaining corn was enjoyed by those watching the contest. Each participant received a special goodie bag with corn themed items from UCFB and Illinois Corn Association.



Farm Bureau Classifieds

Farm Bureau members may run classified ads free in the Farm Bureau News.

ONLY ONE FREE AD per membership per issue. All additional ads cost \$5.00 per month **No commercial business ads.** 25 word limit.

Deadline is the 10th of each month. Farm Bureau reserves the right to accept or reject any ad.

ALL ADS MUST BE SUBMITTED AND/OR REMITTED EACH MONTH.

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Pope/Hardin County FB, PO Box 418, Golconda, IL 62938
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Pope-Hardin County FB Christmas Pecans for sale

Pope-Hardin County Farm Bureau will be offering discounted pecans for sale in December. Limit of 1 discounted bag per membership, additional bags may be purchased at full price. Supplies are limited! Please stop by the Pope-Hardin Farm Bureau office to purchase your pecans or call 618-683-3651 for pricing information which will be available after November 15, 2026.

Johnson County Farm Bureau Christmas Pecans for sale

Johnson County Farm Bureau will be offering discounted pecans for sale in December. Limit of 1 discounted bag per membership, additional bags may be purchased at full price. Supplies are limited! Please stop by the Johnson Farm Bureau office to purchase your pecans or call 618-658-2871 for pricing information which will be available after November 15, 2026.

Annual Pecan Sale:

Pecan varieties include:

- XL Pecan Halves
- Mammoth Pecan Halves
- Chocolate Covered Pecans
- Roasted Cashews
- Pecan Caramel Clusters
- Cinnamon Glazed Pecans

To order or inquire about pricing, please contact a participating County Farm Bureau (CFB):

- Jackson • Johnson • Massac
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Union County Farm Bureau took to the streets at the annual Cobden Peach Festival Parade. Directors and members walked along the parade route handing out fans reminding the community “If you ate today, thank a farmer.” This is Union County Farm Bureau’s fourth straight year participating in the parade and hopes to keep the tradition going next year.

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

James Bond Farmers Market: New Hope Christian School, Harrisburg
Friday noon to 4:30

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

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