



Champaign County Farm Bureau News

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Getting to Know Champaign County Government

By: Lesley Gooding



Diane Michaels

Meet Diane Michaels, Champaign County Auditor

Diane has called Champaign County her home since 1973. Born at Chanute Air Force Base in Rantoul, Diane’s father was in the military and was stationed in different locations throughout her childhood. Diane came back to the Midwest when her father’s military career brought him back to Chanute in the 1970’s. Diane began her career at the First National Bank of Rantoul, and has spent over 40 years in banking and finance. Diane and her husband Bill have been

married for 38 years, are the proud parents of two adult children and two grandchildren, and enjoy life in an unincorporated area of the county.

Appointed the position of County Auditor in January of this year, Diane and her team have an annual budget of \$390,000. The Auditor’s office employs six people and can be described by Diane as “the watchdog of the people’s money!” The County Auditor is responsible for preparing financials for the county. For several years in a row they have been awarded the prestigious Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, as well as the Popular Annual Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association. The office provides checks and balances for everything in the county, housing a huge accounts payable department. Auditing requests for payments, contracts, bills, and ensuring proper documentation is in place, and auditing all revenues and expenditures falls under the Office of the Auditor. The office also maintains all contracts entered into by the County Board, and

is a conduit for the Regional Planning Commission which is mainly grant based. According to Diane, “The public’s money is an open book. Anyone can ask a question about a bill or contract and we have the answer. The public has a right to see that!”

Diane served as a Champaign County Board member for 8 years, sat on the Finance Committee for 5 years and is a former Finance Committee Chair. Being involved in county government at several different levels Diane has seen changes and knows what challenges face the Auditor’s Office. Some big challenges need to be tackled in the coming years including an aging computer system that has been in place for over 40 years. Diane says, “This system is not very efficient. We still have a lot of manual tracking that is being done because of the old system. We need upgrades, but this is a budget item that requires money.” Other challenges faced by the Auditor’s office include dealing with several different departments, different funds, and an enormous chart of accounts.

Along with finding solutions

to challenges comes change. Big changes over the past years can be seen with the online checkbook, maintaining and keeping records current for the website and online searches which are done in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act. All reports published by the Auditor’s Office can be found online at co.champaign.il.us, and are available to the general public.

Fun Facts about your County Auditor, Diane Michaels

Cubs or Cardinals?

Cubs! In fact I am teaching my grandchildren to sing *Go Cubs Go!*

Favorite Dessert?

I love to bake! My favorite dessert is anything with lemon or a plain vanilla cone!

Unique childhood memory?

Being a military family we moved around a lot. We were in Panama for three years while I was in 2nd & 3rd grade. We were stationed there

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Farm Bureau Stands Ready to Aid Members

By: Bailey Edenburn

The Champaign County Farm Bureau has a long and distinguished history of proudly serving their membership. As the CCFB mission statement says, “Champaign County Farm Bureau will strive to assist families in agriculture by recognizing and responding to issues of concern while strengthening partnerships and improving farm family life for this and future generations.” The list of projects during which the CCFB has provided information, education, and subject matter experts is extensive. Today, the CCFB is still determined to act in the best interest of its membership.

Landowners’ rights stand at the forefront of the CCFB mission. Solar farms, wind farms, transmission lines, and fiber optic cable projects have all affected or are currently affecting CCFB members. Information on the rights of landowners

during negotiations for projects like these can be both hard to find and confusing; however, never doubt that you as a landowner do have rights, that you can negotiate with these companies, and that you do have the power to tell these projects “No”.

The biggest recommendation any expert on landowner’s rights will give is DO NOT SIGN ANYTHING without consulting with a lawyer who has experience in similar cases. There is power in numbers and the CCFB staff and Illinois Farm Bureau staff work hard to identify and work with all the people affected by a project that affects multiple landowners.

However, the CCFB also relies on you, the members, to help identify upcoming projects and those landowners that may be affected by the projects. Communication before, during, and after a project is vitally

important to making sure your rights are protected. Champaign County Farm Bureau resources cannot be marshalled for a project that is unknown. To be cliché, communication is key. In order to recognize and respond to these issues of concern, we rely on YOU, the member, to be our eyes and ears in the community. The CCFB is a grassroots organization and a strong membership yields a strong organization. Help keep the CCFB as one of the leading voices of agriculture in Champaign County and in Illinois, communicate with us so that we can best serve you.

The CCFB office can be reached by calling 217-352-5235, by emailing ccfb@ccfarmbureau.com, or by following Champaign County Farm Bureau on Facebook.

Young Ag Leader Upcoming Events

August 23rd, 6 p.m., Riggs Beer Company
YAL Business Meeting

August 23rd, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Riggs Beer Company
New Member Recruitment Event

Pizza provided. Beer, yard games will be available. Come meet the current Young Ag Leaders, learn about our events, and get involved. Board members are encouraged to attend, mingle, and bring potential Young Ag Leader members. Event is open to potential members, new members, and current members.

September 6, 6:30 p.m.
YAL Business Meeting

Parking lot party and bags tournament @ CCFB

Defensive Driving Course

Give your driving skills a tune-up!

Registration deadline September 17th

Class Dates - September 26 & September 27

Location: CCFB Auditorium, 801 N Country Fair Dr., Champaign, IL
Call 217-352-5235 to reserve your spot today!



Marketing Club

August 6th at 6:30 p.m.
CCFB Auditorium

Speakers:

Curt Kimmel from Bates Commodities on the Markets
Paul Berbaum on his Brazil/Argentina Trip

RSVP by August 6th at noon.
217-352-5235

“Check Your Calendar!”
August 2018

August 6	Marketing Club	6:30 p.m.
August 8	Toolshed Meetings	
August 9	Prime Timers	10 a.m.
August 9	Land Use	6:30 p.m.
August 13	Women’s Committee	9:30 a.m.
August 14	Legislative Committee	7:30 a.m.
August 16	CCFB Full Board	6:30 p.m.
August 19	ALOYTT @ The Ribeye	6 p.m.
August 22	Women’s Committee Compounding Pharmacy	6:30 p.m.
August 23	Lady Landowners	9:30 a.m.
August 23	YAL Meeting @ Riggs Beer Company	6 p.m.
August 23	YAL New Member Recruitment @ Riggs Beer Company	6:30 p.m.

September 2018

September 6	Young Ag Leaders	6:30 p.m.
September 10	Women’s Committee	9:30 a.m.
September 10	Marketing Club	
September 13	Prime Timers	10 a.m.
September 18	Legislative Committee	7:30 a.m.
September 20	CCFB Full Board	6:30 p.m.
September 26 & 27	Defensive Driving	



COMPOUNDING PHARMACY

FEATURING:

KATHY MUNDAY
AUGUST 22 @ 6:30
IN THE CCFB AUDITORIUM
RSVP TO THE CCFB OFFICE

August Report



President, Mike Briggs

As I write this month’s column the forecast is calling for cooler temperatures and less humidity for the coming week. This should make for a good fair week at the Champaign County Fair. The cooler temperatures will also help as we start to finish out the 2018 crop. The end of July and August will be busy for many of you preparing for the quickly approaching harvest.

There are currently a number of issues, from the farm bill to trade, that have potential impact on our members. The Illinois Farm Bureau has recently updated their website and continues to provide updated information on many of these issues. My hope is that we are able to help our members stay updated on issues impacting their businesses.

Sincerely,
Mike Briggs

Join the Prime Timers!
August 9 starting at 10 a.m.

Program & Entertainment
by Ozzie Pearl



Gerald Henry, Prime Timers Chairman

- Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month
 - Cost is \$8 to attend
 - Call 352-5235 ahead of each meeting to reserve your spot
- Mark your calendar for future meetings!

Prime Timers 2018:
September 13
October 11

Lady Landowner’s
Committee

Meeting | Aug. 23 | 9:30am

CCFB Auditorium

Featured Speakers:
Howard Brown, Illini FS
Jonathon Manuel, SWCD

RSVP by Aug. 20 to CCFB at
352-5235



Womens Committee Compounding Medications



The Women's Committee invites you to a special evening with Kathy Munday, R.Ph. of the St. Joseph Apothecary, to share information about customized medications. Customized, or compounded medicine, is physician prescribed, but may be tweaked for each individual patient, and can be administered by the most appropriate route to treat a specific problem. This event is open to both men and women.

Kathy was our guest at a morning meeting of the Women's Committee, and her presentation was so informative that we immediately decided we should extend

an invitation to her to speak to our entire membership, and friends of our members. We promise your knowledge base will be expanded by her stimulating presentation.

Please join us on August 22nd at 6:30 PM to learn about this important aspect of medical care. You will be surprised how much there is to learn from this knowledgeable speaker. You must make a reservation by calling Brenda at the Farm Bureau (217-352-5235.) The Women's Committee will serve refreshments at the meeting. Don't forget you may invite friends!

DONATE!!

The CCFB Women's Committee is taking donations of gently used backpacks at the CCFB Office

Backpacks are donated to the Eastern IL Foodbank



ALOYTT

Come join other Farm Bureau members for fellowship and fun

Aug. 19th at 6pm at
The Ribeye in Champaign

Dutch Treat and everyone is invited

RSVP to the office by 8/16 by calling
352-5235

Fisher FFA State Convention Report 2018

On June 12th, six Fisher FFA members (Gabrielle Shook, Alexia Kuhlmann, Shelby McCool, Felicity Schaffer, Lacey Cotter, and Lauren Sommer) and their advisor Jennifer Boberg drove to the 90th Illinois State Convention held in Springfield, Illinois. Felicity and Gabrielle were a part of the State Chorus, who performed several times throughout the convention and Sophia Hortin ran for State FFA President.

The first day of convention was filled with laughter, making new friends, and enjoying the company of friends. Sophia Hortin, a graduated member of the Fisher FFA and Section 17 President was recognized as an outstanding Section President and an FFA Board member. She also recognized her parents and Ms. Jennifer Boberg for their support of her endeavors as an FFA member as well as officially introducing herself as a candidate for State FFA President. The day ended with the group having fun at the FFA dance and sharing stories and laughter in their hotel rooms.



The second day of convention was another bright day. Felicity and Gabrielle continued to perform while the rest of the members went out for a day of fun in Springfield. They had a blast visiting Lincoln's home and the Old State Capital. The group later had lunch together and returned to convention. At that session Governor Rauner paid a visit to the convention and the chorus performed. All the Fisher FFA members were there to scream and cheer for Bailey Parks-Moore who received her State FFA Degree. Later they hung around with Sophia and her parents eating pizza and talking about their excitement for the next day, where State Officers would be elected and the convention would come to a close.



The final day of convention all the members sat in on the election session while Lacey and Shelby were delegates for the session. Sophia gave her speech beautifully as well as the other candidates. As the State President said "A majority vote has not been reached" all the members squeezed each other's hands tighter until two candidates were left, one of which was Sophia. No one was able to breathe when they prepared to announce the 2018-2019 State FFA President. The moment Sophia's name was announced all the Fisher members present burst out of their seats, a jumble of screaming, crying, jumping, and hugging. Soon Illinois FFA History was made as the entire State Officer Team was the first ever all female Illinois FFA team. Later that day Gabrielle was selected to be a candidate for National FFA Chorus and Emma Carmien was ranked gold for her scrapbook that commemorated the past whirlwind of a year for the Fisher FFA. What a convention!

The convention drew to a close, followed by a celebration at Hortin Farms for Sophia to congratulate her. A fun evening was spent with friends, family, and FFA members. This past Illinois FFA State Convention was a great one for the Fisher FFA. It brought members closer and showed that all members have the skills available to reach their dreams and make them happen. The convention fueled a fire for the members of the Fisher FFA and instilled the promise of a great year for our chapter!

Toolshed Meetings

Put the Farm Bureau to work on issues important to you!

The Champaign County Farm Bureau is hosting a series of Summer Toolshed Meetings on **Wednesday, August 8, 2018.**

The special guest at each meeting:
Mark Gebhards— Illinois Farm Bureau
Executive Director of Governmental Affairs and Commodities

- **8:30 a.m.**— Eric Rund's Farm
Breakfast will be provided.
address: **73 CR 1300 E**
Pesotum, IL 61863
- **11:30 a.m.**— Dale Franzen's Farm
Lunch will be served.
address: **2915 CR 2000 E**
Rantoul, IL 61866
- **2:30 p.m.**— Larry & Marguerite Zahnd's Farm
Sidney Dairy Barn ice cream will be available.
address: **5608 W Old Church Rd.**
Champaign, IL 61863

Issues to be covered:

- ♦ State budget impacts
- ♦ 2018 Farm Bill
- ♦ U.S. Tariffs
- ♦ FB ACT
- ♦ **YOUR CONCERNS**



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Dr. Seuss Brings Agriculture to Ag Camp

The Cat in the Hat, My, Oh My -- A Butterfly and other books from the Dr. Seuss library helped campers discover agriculture through the voice of a familiar friend.

Campers from the Champaign Park District's Leonhard Center participated in the three day camp offered by the CCFB and the CCFB Foundation. Farm Bureau volunteers

lessons including hands-on activities which brought the food and agricultural industry to life.

While learning about the diverse careers in agriculture, each student made their own red and white striped hat, just like The Cat in the Hat would wear. Students wrote a career or activity on each stripe that was relevant to an agricultural career they are interested in.



Three campers from the Champaign Park District's Leonhard Center pose for a photo after creating their own Dr. Seuss Hats.

and staff led lessons which brought the life cycle of a plant, bees and other pollinators, careers in agriculture and more into the classroom.

Over 120 campers ranging from six to twelve years old participated in educational

While using the book *Hop on Pop* to learn about science, volunteers led students through the reaction between vinegar and baking soda which produces carbon dioxide gas. When corn kernels are added



CCFB President Mike Briggs visits with campers following a lesson. Briggs volunteered to teach students about agriculture at this year's Summer Ag Camp held at Parkland College.

to the mixture the gas made the corn bounce in a glass. Campers were amazed at the reaction that took place before their eyes.

In total eight agricultural lessons were presented, all correlating to our favorite books from the Dr. Seuss learning library.

Bringing agricultural education to students and campers of all ages is the goal of the Foundation's Earth Partners program. The CCFB and Foundation thank all of the volunteers who gave their time to bring agriculture into the classroom this June as part of our Summer Ag Camp.



While learning about careers in agriculture, campers aged 6-12 created hats just like the one worn by the Cat in the Hat. Each student constructed their hat by using strips of paper with their favorite career in agriculture.

Golf Course Pro or Farmer Joe?

CCFB Foundation invites all golfers for a day of fun at Lake of the Woods. • This won't be your typical golf outing!

The CCFB Foundation will hold its annual golf outing on Monday, August 13 at Lake of the Woods Golf Club in Mahomet. This year's outing takes a fresh swing to golf and we're confident this event won't be your typical charity golf outing!

Sponsored by COUNTRY Financial, this year's event boasts NEW games, prizes, themed holes and great food. Also new this year, golfers will be divided into two flights based on their golf game. Are you a Golf Course Pro or a Farmer Joe? No matter if you're a perennial golf outing champion, a weekend

golfer, or you'll be borrowing clubs from your neighbor; this outing is for you! Prizes will be awarded to the winners of both flights.

The Foundation Board of Directors wants to provide supporters with a top-notch outing, and a fun day on the course. Golfers can expect to see themed holes with food and beverage, fun games and prizes that provide an extraordinary experience for clients, friends, and family.

Join the Foundation on Monday, August 13, 2018 at Lake of the Woods Golf Club. Lunch and range balls will be provided

beginning at 12 Noon; the best ball outing will begin with a shotgun start at 1p.m.

The day will conclude with the final round of our putting contest and an awards dinner hosted by Farm Credit Illinois at the Rotary Pavilion at Lake of the Woods Golf Club.

We want to showcase your business at this year's outing! If your farm or your business would like to support the

Foundation by sponsoring a tee please visit our website (www.ccfbfoundation.com) or contact Foundation Executive Director Kirk Bulta at the Farm Bureau Office.

To register for this year's outing download a registration form at www.ccfbfoundation.com/golf2018/ or contact the CCFB office. We look forward to seeing you on the Golf Course!

Champaign County Farm Bureau Foundation Golf Outing



Monday, August 13, 2018

Lake of the Woods Golf Course

1p.m. Shotgun Start—4 person scramble

Noon Lunch & Awards Dinner provided by Farm Credit Illinois

NEW in 2018!

Compete at YOUR skill level!

*No matter if you're shooting birdies or digging divots,
we want to see you on the golf course!*

Are you a
Golf Course Pro or Farmer Joe?

Team—\$100/Golfer
Tee Sponsorship—\$250

Presented By



Register at www.ccfbfoundation.com

THANK YOU!

We appreciate the support of the many
sponsors and golfers who made
The Andersons Golf Benefit for Kids
a resounding success!



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Meet Steve Derry

Financial Representative



CCFB is catching up with COUNTRY Financial Representative Steve Derry! Steve has been serving COUNTRY Financial clients in Champaign County for the past 25 years. Steve is married to his wife, Mary Jo, and they are the proud parents of two sons, Michael and Ryan. A central Illinois native, Steve has lived in Savoy since 1993 and enjoys golfing, traveling, and enjoying Champaign-Urbana's community activities and downtown restaurants. Steve double majored in business and music in college before embarking on a career path that led him to COUNTRY Financial. Several people have inspired Steve throughout his life including former bosses, family members, and peers at work saying "I was mentored at work when I was just starting out and now I enjoy sharing the knowledge I have with others! I really do enjoy helping people. We are all a sum of the experiences we have had. I listen to people and enjoy taking care of them."

Helping clients is a number one priority each and every day for Steve. "My job is to help clients prioritize their goals in life. A big piece of advice for clients is to sit down with me and see where they are at regarding financial security. We don't know the unknown...it doesn't always take a lot of money to get started taking care of needs. Creating easy accessibility to solutions is important for all our clients!" A big challenge facing COUNTRY Financial Representatives is stressing the importance of meeting with young people who are just starting out on their career paths! It is challenging and Steve encourages young people to "get a hold on where they are early. We will take care of their needs and fill in the gaps. As the years go on we reevaluate their needs as priorities change."

Steve's office is located at 801 N Country Fair Drive, Suite C, in Champaign, IL. Steve shares his office with his "energetic and focused assistant, Amy." When he is not working Steve enjoys traveling with his family. No bucket list is needed for Steve! He has visited several countries including England, Scotland, Ireland, Mexico, and his personal favorite - Italy! Steve is an avid golfer and has played several PGA courses, Pebble Beach, and St. Andrews. After a recent trip to Orlando, Steve is back in the office ready to tackle your questions!



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MARK THORNSBROUGH,
GENERAL MANAGER

From The Field

RAINFALL DISTRIBUTION HAS BEEN QUITE VARIABLE.

Some areas of eastern Illinois have received over 1 inch of rain-fall within the past 10 days while some areas remain dry. Issues facing the new crop will vary depending the combination of temperature and moisture from now to crop maturity.

WEED MANAGEMENT.

With a lack of any crop protection products labeled to control escaped weeds at this time of the growing season, a weed hook remains the only option to remove the pesky plants. Although the term “rescue treatment” is commonly used to describe late-season weed control, there is no “rescue” at this stage of growth from harvest yield loss. The temptation to use specific crop protection products contrary to the label must be over-ridden by common sense, especially if such products have the potential to harm other crops or non-target plants. Now is a good time to consider if a harvest aid will be needed at maturity and to plan how to manage weeds in 2019 based on the current weed pressures. Visit with your local FS Crop Specialist about what herbicide program will best meet your needs field-by-field.

NITROGEN MANAGEMENT.

The 305 N-TRACKER Sites in 2018 provided assurance that N applied for the 2018 crop remained in the soil profile up to the last sampling date in early June. Many June sampling dates suggested a high rate of N being released from soil organic matter (mineralization), since the amount of detected N was significantly greater than what was applied. Warm, moist soils enhance soil microbial activity. The higher the soil organic matter content, the greater the potential release of organically-bound N to an inorganic form (available for plant uptake). Want to learn more about what N-TRACKER is teaching us? Visit with your local Illini FS crop specialist about attending informational meetings this fall or to receive an N-TRACKER Summary Report following the 2018 harvest.

NITROGEN MANAGEMENT AND SOYBEAN PRODUCTION.

The ideal environment for mineralization of organically-bound N (microbial activity) will release plant-available N regardless of the field crop. Soybeans will likely benefit from additional N nutrition as a result of the continued microbial breakdown of soil organic matter. What will be the influence of additional plant-available N on soybean growth and harvest yield? This is a question many are working on, including Illini FS. Visit with your local FS crop specialists to receive a summary of our Mi-Field Report that will include a summary of our soybean N management trials this fall.

INPUTS TO ENHANCE YIELD

2018 growing conditions has accelerated crop growth compared to past growing seasons and overall crop condition is consider good to exceptional. As a result, the desire to find an input or practice that will boost harvest yield is intense. Whether adding additional N, making another fungicide application, adding insecticide or growth hormones, take a “test it first” approach to learn whether or not a product or practice will improve farm income. Split a field to determine treatment differences. If using multiple treatment strips, leave ample space between the treated and untreated area to avoid treatment drift onto the non-treated area. The probability of finding a product or activity that will enhance

harvest yield is low this time of the growing season so minimize your exploratory investment by testing first. If you have any questions about what products are available to test or how to set-up an in-field study contact your local Illini FS Crop Specialist.

GRAY LEAF SPOT (GLS) MANAGEMENT

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FUNGICIDE USE BEYOND BROWN SILK

The probability in a normal year would be low for a return-on-investment of a later-than-normal fungicide application, especially if small lesions are already evident on the upper leaves. The purpose of using fungicides is to protect the upper leaf canopy (maximizing conversion of sunlight into sugars and oxygen) from infection. If the growing environment continues to favor GLS development (periods of dryness followed by periods of leaf wetness), the disease is present up to the ear, and the upper leaves remain clear of lesions, there may still be an opportunity to minimize harvest yield losses with a fungicide application. Help answer this question on your farm by splitting a field and testing the value of a later-than-normal application. When making fungicide applications always follow label directions and pre-harvest intervals. Visit with your local Illini FS Crop Specialist for help selecting the fungicide to test or how to set-up the trial. *Note: A minimum of 40 acre treatments are needed with aerial applications.*

Growing conditions favor development of leaf disease in East-Central, including Frog-Eye Leaf Spot. Look for spot lesions that progress from gray to brown to light tan in color surrounded by a narrow reddish-purple margin. A light green halo may also be present on some soybean varieties. A fungicide application can effectively control Frog-Eye Leaf Spot. Research suggests applications made during pod development (R3-R4) are the most effective to manage this pest. Contact your local Illini FS Crop Specialist for help to positively identify the disease and for fungicide treatment options.



Frog Eye Leaf Spot in Soybeans Source: Mississippi State University Ext. Tom Allen, Extension Plant Pathologist July 12, 2014 11:23

CONSIDER SAFETY WHEN MOWING ROADSIDES AND FIELD BORDERS.

Pay attention to personal safety when mowing embankments or field margins. There is no reason why to take risks mowing steep ditches or areas that are not frequently visited. If roll bars are on the tractor make sure they are in place and secured. Be cautious of field borders covered with tall weeds that make be hiding gully erosion or tile holes. Pay attention to the little ones just there to help. Eliminate the risk of injury by leaving them at home. We are too far into a good growing season to risk injury by ignoring safe practices.



Dr. Howard Brown showing just how tall East-Central IL soybeans are (with his knees bent just a little).

TRIPS & TOURS Deadlines Quickly Approaching

Champaign County Farm Bureau has a long standing tradition of hosting several trips and tours each year. Trips and tours provide a great opportunity to visit fun and interesting places throughout the Midwest. Two trips are scheduled for this fall and the registration deadlines for these trips are quickly approaching. It is time to mark your calendar, get your friends together, and plan to attend.

Family Bus Trip to Louisville

Deadline to Register: September 4, 2018

Trip Dates: October 26 & 27, 2018

Cost per person: Under age of 3 - \$76; Age 4 & 5 - \$125; Age 6-14 - \$160; Age 15 – 18 - \$175;

ADULT \$255 per person – DBL - \$313 for SNGL

Trip includes: Hotel stay at Courtyard by Marriot, transportation, Jack-O Lantern Spectacular, Churchill Downs, Friday dinner at Guy's, Saturday box lunch, and your choice of Louisville Slugger Museum & tour or Bulleit Frontier Whiskey Experience. Families must pay for their dinner on Saturday and drinks for Friday dinner, as well as any souvenirs or extras.



Day 1 Highlights

Depart CCFB @ 1 p.m.

Dinner at Guy Fieri's Smokehouse

Louisville Jack O' Lantern Spectacular Worth the trip by itself. Carved pumpkins that will surpass anything you can imagine. This event is held in Iroquois Park with 5,000 carved pumpkins lining a ¼ mile walking trail, illuminated at night as an "art show."



Day 2 Highlights

Churchill Downs Start the morning off right with a Backstretch Breakfast, two tours, the museum and more at Churchill Downs.

Louisville Slugger Museum or Bulleit Frontier Whiskey Tour Your choice to tour either the Louisville Slugger Museum where you receive a commemorative bat or tour Bulleit Frontier Whiskey with a sampling at the end.

Return to CCFB @ 8 p.m.

Southern Illinois - 2 day, 1 night trip

Deadline to Register: September 14, 2018

Trip Dates: October 17 & 18, 2018

Cost per person: \$325.00 per person

Trip includes: Transportation, hotel, 2-lunches, 1-dinner, 2-wine tastings and museum tour.

Day 1 Highlights

♦ **General John A. Logan Museum** This museum celebrates one of the most noteworthy nineteenth century Americans to escape notice in the 20th and 21st centuries. Among his legacies are modern veterans' benefits and Memorial Day.

♦ **Von Jakob Vineyard** We will enjoy lunch and wine tasting if you choose

♦ **Rendleman Orchards** Since 1873, Rendleman Orchards has been committed to growing and shipping quality peaches, nectarines, apples and vegetables to the commercial produce markets throughout the Midwest including Champaign County Farm Bureau. This orchard is nestled in the hills of Southern Illinois' Shawnee National Forest.



♦ **Bald Knob Cross of Peace** is designed to provide a place where all people can unite to experience the presence of God.

♦ **Peach Barn at Hedman Vineyards** Enjoy a wine tasting and dinner, this Swedish restaurant compliments the wine selections and offers a truly unique experience. It provides authenticity and the highest-quality value in the culinary and viticulture world. There is nothing else like it in the region.

♦ After dinner you will head for the hotel in Anna, IL (Super 8 Hotel)

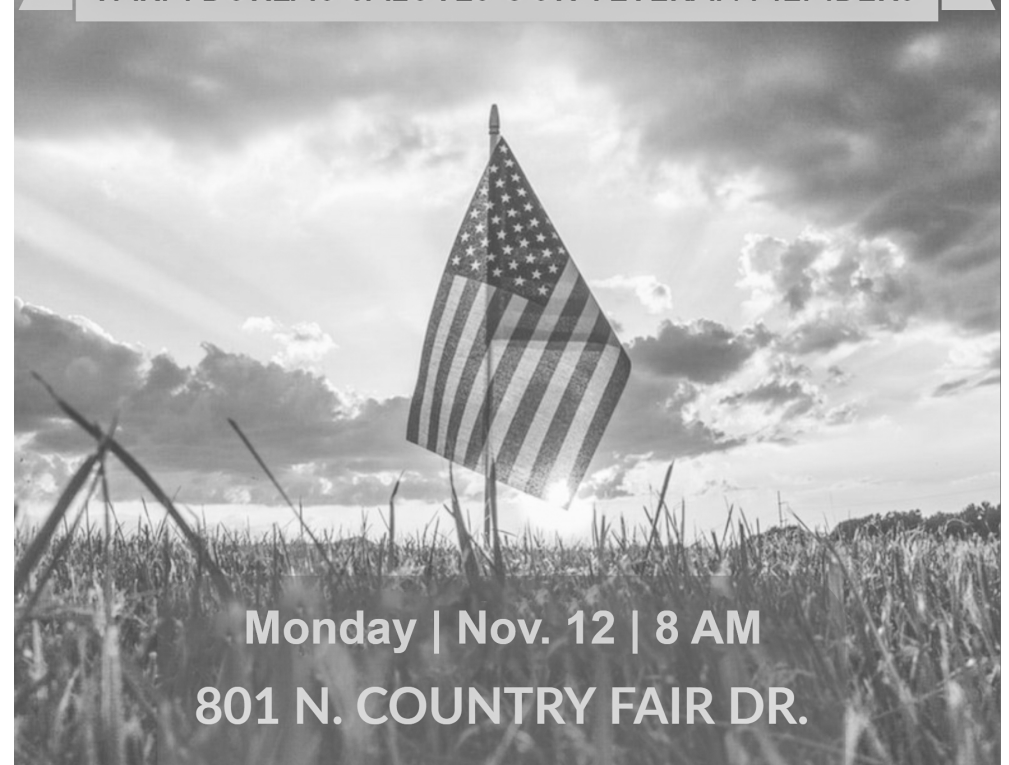
Day 2 Highlights

♦ **Illinois ASA Hall of Fame** in Casey, IL

♦ Lunch at **Richards Farm Restaurant**



CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FARM BUREAU SALUTES OUR VETERAN MEMBERS



Monday | Nov. 12 | 8 AM

801 N. COUNTRY FAIR DR.

CHAMPAIGN, IL

RSVP REQUIRED: (217) 352-5235

Veterans: The Champaign County Farm Bureau Women's Committee will be hosting a breakfast in your honor for your service and protection of our country and freedom. 50 Veterans will receive a specially designed Farm Bureau veteran hat as a token of our appreciation.



Wanted:

Person to snow blow driveway and sidewalk during winter months at my Champaign residence.

Please call 217-356-9512

REMINDER

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August 15th
AFTER 10:30 a.m.



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Family Fun Night



Over 100 children had a great time at Family Fun Night! The CCFB hosts this event in cooperation with the Champaign Park District with the goal of educating kids on where their food comes from. Thank you to all the volunteers that made this event possible!



The CCFB had a great evening at the Champaign Farmer's Market. The Ag Trivia Game was a great conversation starter as over 100 people visited the booth. The CCFB will be back at the Farmer's Market on Aug. 21 from 3:30 to 6:30

Prime Timers



The CCFB Prime Timer's committee enjoyed their August meeting, featuring Krissy Sparks as entertainment.

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