

# Randolph County FARMER

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## Keller's Entertain Evening in the Country Guests

On Tuesday, March 19th, Randolph County Farm Bureau® Governmental Affairs Committee hosted the 13th annual Evening in the Country event.

Taking place at a different farm every year within Randolph County, state and local officials are invited to discuss hot topics in agriculture as well as make clarifications where needed. Hosting 42 individuals – the event was held at Wayne and Jamie Keller's Farm in Steeleville, IL.

To kick-off the night, the welcoming of guests and opening remarks were made by Governmental Affairs Committee Chair and Randolph County Farm Bureau Vice-President, Tim Harle.

Shortly after, Jamie Keller educated participants of their family-farm history which is traced back to 1838 with her great (x4) grandfather, Henry Moehrs,

settling from Germany. As a designated Century Farm – Jacob Smith continues the family-farm operation with his wife Christine.

After enjoying a catered meal from Butcher Block in Sparta, IL – local officials had the opportunity to give an individual report within their area of expertise. Especially in Southern Illinois, flooding and trade concerns were discussed as they remain high topics of interest in addition to several other topics.

Kaskaskia Regional Port District's General Manager, Ed Weilbacher, mentioned major upgrades are in the future for the Lock and Dam. As this continues to be an area of utmost importance – improvements are necessary for the sake of local agriculture.

Randolph County Supervisor of Assessments, Doug Sachtleben, comments on land assessments having been made for 2019 and what citizens and farmers of the county should expect within the next couple years as far as raises in taxes.

Subject of the Southwest Connector Task Force and the proposed Wind Ordinance for Randolph County were also of question. As mentioned by Marc Kiehna, Randolph County Commissioner, "taking an active stance with situations are crucial – be sure to have a voice."

Dean Campbell, Randolph County Farm Bureau Director, reflected upon his experience with Leaders to Washington with Illinois Farm Bureau®. The group of 20+ individuals met with Senator Dick Durbin, Senator Tammy Duckworth, and U.S. Representative Mike Bost to discuss trade and labor issues.

The Randolph County Farm Bureau® Governmental Affairs Committee would like to thank Wayne and Jamie Keller for hosting, as well as those who attended. For further information about this event, please contact the office at (618) 443-4511.

## Defensive Driving Course

For: Farm Bureau Members & Country Insurance Patrons

You are eligible to attend the AARP Driver Safety Program sponsored by the Randolph County Farm Bureau Women's Committee.

The two-day course will be offered Tuesday & Wednesday, May 7 & 8, 2019, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Randolph County Farm Bureau Building in Sparta. This course is designed to help you learn how to avoid driving hazards. Those 55 and older who qualify (have a driving record free of accidents and moving violations for a continuous 12-month period) and attend the entire two-day course are eligible for a discount on their auto insurance. Check with your



insurance agent for the amount of discount that would apply to you.

The enrollment fee is \$15 per person if you are currently an AARP Member and have your card with you; or \$20 if you do not have an AARP membership card with you. You must pre-register to

attend. For more information or to enroll, contact the Farm Bureau Office at (618)443-4511. Space is limited, so sign up today. Deadline for registration is May 2, 2019.

## We are happy to announce Randolph County Farm Bureau's new Manager, Heidi Smith!

Hello everyone! I grew up in DeKalb County in Sycamore, IL. My passion for agriculture started with Collegiate Farm Bureau while attending Highland Community College in Freeport, IL. After receiving my Associates Degree, I transferred to the University of



Heidi Smith

Wisconsin-Platteville and graduated in December with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Business and an Emphasis in Management.

I look forward to meeting all the members and making Randolph County my new home! Feel free to stop in and say hello.

## Thank You For Renewing Your Membership Investment

Your annual Farm Bureau dues will be due the same as last year.

All M (Farming) members were due on or before April 1, 2019 (if you have not already paid them); dues notices were in the mail around the first of March. You can pay your dues by credit or debit card if you prefer. The payment form is on your dues notice.

Dues for A (Associate) members who are also COUNTRY Mutual Insurance Company® or COUNTRY Preferred Insurance Company® customers will again be included with your insurance premium, or same as last year, if billed differently.

All members are now able to join and renew online. Please visit [www.ilfbmmember.org](http://www.ilfbmmember.org) and set up your account today. From the member center, you will be able to update your information, renew your dues payments, and get contact information for your County Farm Bureau.

Please feel free to give us a call if you have any questions with any membership dues changes; we are here to help you. The Randolph County Farm Bureau can be contacted by phone at (618)443-4511 or email contact@rcfb.org. Thank you for your membership.

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SATURDAY, JULY 20, 2019

Look for more information in the upcoming issue  
and on our social media sites!



Registration and prize details COMING SOON

# RANDOLPH COUNTY FARMER

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## OFFICERS OF THE FARM BUREAU

PRESIDENT .....KENT LIEFER  
 VICE PRESIDENT .....TIM HARLE  
 SECRETARY .....MICHAEL MCCONACHIE  
 TREASURER .....STEVE UFFELMANN

## Randolph County Farm Bureau BOARD OF DIRECTOR

2018-19 ATTENDANCE		SINCE		
DIRECTOR	REGION & SEAT	Dec'18	Jan'19	Dec'18
Timothy Harle	Region 1 Seat A	P	P	4/4
Retha Meyerhoff	Region 1 Seat B	P	P	4/4
Dean Campbell	Region 1 Seat C	P	A	3/4
Eddie Hornbostel	Region 2 Seat A	P	P	4/4
Kenneth Hecht	Region 2 Seat B	P	P	4/4
Jacob Smith	Region 2 Seat C	P	A	3/4
Richard Wegener	Region 3 Seat A	P	A	3/4
Kent Liefer	Region 3 Seat B	P	P	4/4
Steve Uffelmann	Region 3 Seat C	P	P	4/4
David Gramenz	Region 4 Seat A	P	P	4/4
Michael McConachie	Region 4 Seat B	P	P	4/4
Danny Brewer	Region 4 Seat C	P	P	4/4

COMMITTEE	CHAIRPERSONS
Ag-in-the-Classroom Committee	Brandi DeRousse
Finance Committee	Steve Uffelmann
Foundation Committee	Ronald Deterding
Governmental Affairs Committee	Tim Harle
Issue Management Committee	Kent Liefer
Livestock Committee	Steve Uffelmann
Marketing Committee	David Gramenz
Membership & Executive Committee	Kent Liefer
Plant to Power	Charles Schupbach
Prime Timers Committee	Group
Public Relations Committee	Richard Wegener
Viewpoint Committee	Charles Scupbach
Women's Committee	Christine Smith
Young Leaders Committee	Emily Reinhardt

## FARM BUREAU STAFF

Heidi Smith, Manager  
 Kendra Beattie, Membership Secretary/Administrative Assistant  
 Tammy Little, Office Assistant/Bookkeeper  
 Brandi DeRousse, Ag-in-the-Classroom Coordinator

## RANDOLPH COUNTY FARM BUREAU

### Mission Statement

Promoting agriculture with a unified voice through education, information, and legislation.

## Notice To Members

Current RCFB staff email address are as follows:

- heidi.smith@rcfb.org - Manager
- kendra.beattie@rcfb.org - Membership
- tammy.little@rcfb.org - Bookkeeping
- aite@rcfb.org - AgInThe Classroom (Brandi)
- randolph@rcfb.org - General (manager)
- information@rcfb.org - General (secretarial)
- contact@rcfb.org - General (membership & committee)

# Highlighting Your County Board Members

Michael McConachie of Cutler is the Secretary for the Randolph County Farm Bureau Board. He and his wife Brittany have three children - Laban, Logan and Landon. Michael currently farms with his dad, Kenny. They grow corn, soybeans, wheat, and have cattle. While not farming or volunteering with other positions, Michael enjoys spending time with his family as well as coaching sports. He appreciates the organizations ability to reach individuals who may not have knowledge of agriculture, and to teach others about farming practices. He recently experienced this while volunteering for the Ag in the Classroom Ag Expo at Chester - over 400 students were contacted. If you would like to speak to Michael about Farm Bureau, please feel free to send an email to contact@rcfb.org or call the office at (618) 443-4511.



Michael McConachie  
Region 4 Seat B

Steve Uffelmann of Red Bud is the Treasurer for the Randolph County Farm Bureau Board. He and his wife Cathy have four children - Derek, Nick, Kirk and Blake. Steve and Cathy have cattle and farm 800 acres of corn, wheat, soybeans, and hay. Steve recognizes how being on the board has given him the opportunity to meet individuals and build relations with county and state officials. As mentioned, "I want Farm Bureau to continue to be a voice for agriculture. They are one of the best resources we have." Aside from his involvement, he enjoys spending time with family and following the St. Louis Blues. If you would like to speak to Steve about Farm Bureau, please feel free to send an email to contact@rcfb.org or call the office at (618) 443-4511.



Steve Uffelmann  
Region 3 Seat C



## RCFB Foundation Hosts Trivia Night

The RCFB Foundation had a full house in February when they hosted their 15th Annual Trivia Night. Sixteen tables filled the K of C Hall in Evansville. All proceeds from the evening go the Randolph County Farm Bureau's Ag In The Classroom program and the Scholarship Fund. This year, the Foundation will give seven scholarships to local college students in Ag Related fields of study. For more information, please call 618-443-4511 or email randolph@rcfb.org.

## Pinochle Night

Randolph County Farm Bureau Prime Timers Committee sponsors a monthly pinochle game for its members. There is a \$3.00 per person entry fee to pay for prizes and refreshments.

The upcoming pinochle nights will be held on Tuesday, May 28th @ 7:00 p.m. **April 30th will be cancelled due to the road construction on Hillcrest Dr.**

Invited guests are allowed to attend twice but in order to continue attending, must be a member of Randolph County Farm Bureau.

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24 Acres	Missouri Perry	Hunt/Pond/Homesite
157 Acres	Perry Co	Cropland/Recreation
75 Acres	Randolph Co	4 Ac Lake/Cabin/Hunt
60 Acres	Randolph Co	Cattle Farm/Homestead
24 Acres	Union Co	Home/Pond
20 Acres	Washington Co	Hunt/Homesite
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# Randolph County Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom Hosts Annual Ag Expo in Chester



## ON-THE-ROAD SEMINAR MOTOR VEHICLE REGULATIONS FOR ILLINOIS FARMERS

Trucking regulations can be complicated, and farm exemptions compound that problem. Seems everyone has a different answer to your question. On Tuesday, February 26, at Gateway FS Baldwin Agronomy Center, we hosted a two-hour seminar that focuses on current and new trucking laws specifically for farmers.

Participants had the opportunity to ask farm trucking questions that everyone seems to have an opinion about, but no one can agree on an answer.

Trucking laws have been reshaped in recent years with more changes yet to come. Rules recently affected include: farmer exemptions, Harvest Season per-

mit, Electronic Logging Devices (ELDs), waivers for insulin-related diabetic drivers, a new class "C" license plate, Covered Farm Vehicle options for small trucks, and the UCR payment schedule and fees for 2019.

Kevin Rund and Kirby Wagner specialize in farm transportation issues for the Illinois Farm Bureau®. State Police Officers Byron Farthing and Dale Krack, as well as Justin Ragowski from the Commercial Vehicle Department of Transportation presented how a typical inspection would go.

This seminar is free to attend every other year courtesy of your county and state Farm Bureaus®.

## FARMER'S EXCHANGE

Items for this column need to reach our office by May 15, 2019 in order to be included in the next issue. Ads may be submitted by phone (618) 443-4511, by mail @ PO Box 504, Sparta, IL 62286, or by email – tammy.little@rcfb.org. Only one free 25-word ad per membership per issue (for members' belongings only, using phone # on record in ad). Advertisements are \$5.00 for non-members. We thank each member who puts in an advertisement and/or purchases from a member.

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FOR SALE: Int 183 Danish Tine 12 roll Cultivator with rolling shields, always sheded, \$2,500, Sparta. 618-534-7145

## Calendar of Events

### April

- Mon., April 1 Young Leader Meeting @ 7 p.m.
- Tues., April 2 People Speak on WHCO @ 9 a.m.
- Thur., April 4 Regional Managers Meeting
- Tues., April 9 RCFB Board of Directors Meeting 8 p.m. @ RCFB Office
- Fri., April 12 Southwest Connector Task Force Meeting 10 a.m. @ World Shooting and Recreational Complex
- Mon., April 15 Tax Day
- Fri., April 19 Office Closed for Good Friday
- Tues., April 30 Pinochle (**cancelled**)
- April 30 – May 2 Managers Conference

### May

- Thur., May 2 Regional Managers Meeting
- Tues., May 7 People Speak on WHCO @ 9 a.m.
- Tues., May 7 Randolph County 5th Grade Conservation Day
- May 7 & 8 Defensive Driving Course 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. @ RCFB Meeting Room. Must be signed up by May 2nd
- Fri., May 10 Southwest Connector Task Force Meeting 10 a.m. @ World Shooting and Recreational Complex
- Sunday, May 12 Mother's Day
- Mon., May 13 Young Leader Meeting @ 7 p.m.
- Tues., May 14 RCFB Board of Directors Meeting 8 p.m. @ RCFB Office
- Wed., May 15 Farmer's Exchange Ads Deadline
- Mon., May 27 Office Closed for Memorial Day
- Tues., May 28 Pinochle 7 p.m. @ RCFB Office



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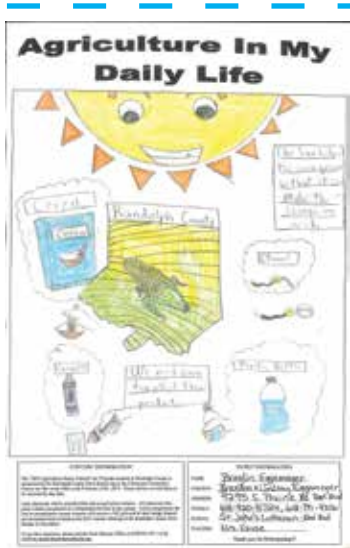
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# 2019 AITC Poster Contest Winners



**First Place:**  
County Winner  
Libby Park



**Second Place:**  
County Winner  
Braylin Eggemeyer



**School: Red Bud Elementary**  
Teacher: Stuhlsatz  
First Place: Madeline Luther  
Second Place: Sydney Rassing



**School: Red Bud Elementary**  
Teacher: Rushing  
First Place: Stella Walter  
Second Place: Naveah Sharrock



**School: Red Bud Elementary**  
Teacher: Smith  
First Place: Elena Pautler  
Second Place: Loreli Hubuchon



**School: St John Luth., Red Bud**  
Teacher: Vause  
First Place: Braylin Eggemeyer  
Second Place: Joey Biffar



**School: St John the Bap., Red Bud**  
Teacher: Meuth  
First Place: Ellie Hahn  
Second Place: Mason Cowell



**School: Trinity Lutheran School**  
Teacher: Sattler  
First Place: Jackson Krack  
Second Place: James Wandro



**School: Prairie Du Rocher School**  
Teacher: Roy  
First Place: Ethan Powell  
Second Place: Charolette Lindsey



**School: Evansville Attend. Center**  
Teacher: Tiemann  
First Place: Hayden Worth  
Second Place: Braden Reynolds



**School: St. Mary's Cath., Chester**  
Teacher: Anderson  
First Place: Gage Lynn  
Second Place: Rusty Korando



**School: St John Luth., Chester**  
Teacher: Hartman  
First Place: Addison Coffey  
Second Place: Kale Sprengel



**School: Chester Grade School**  
Teacher: Kennedy  
First Place: Natalie Guethle  
Second Place: Kaylee Cowell



**School: Chester Grade School**  
Teacher: Lochhead  
First Place: Alden Davitz  
Second Place: Abby Carter



**School: Chester Grade School**  
Teacher: Vieregee  
First Place: Kaylin Jany  
Second Place: Trenton Westbrook



**School: St Mark's Lutheran**  
Teacher: Tabbing  
First Place: J.J. Underwood  
Second Place: Alex Welten



**School: Steeleville Elementary**  
Teacher: Armstrong  
First Place: Karsen Wedemeyer  
Second Place: Kolson Wedemeyer



**School: Steeleville Elementary**  
Teacher: Hicks  
First Place: Libby Park  
Second Place: Lynlee Rubach



**School: Coulterville Elementary**  
Teacher: Maynard  
First Place: Kaydence Mifflin  
Second Place: Maycee Wilhelm



**School: Sparta Lincoln**  
Teacher: DeMond  
First Place: Madison Sternberg  
Second Place: Chloe Schemel



**School: Sparta Lincoln**  
Teacher: Lauer  
First Place: Zariah Williams  
Second Place: Lily Hart



**School: Sparta Lincoln**  
Teacher: Sroka  
First Place: Daria Williams  
Second Place: Wyatt Peck