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## Randolph County Farm Bureau Attends Meeting in Chicago

Members of the Board of Directors for the Randolph County Farm Bureau (RCFB) attend the Illinois Agricultural Association's (IAA) Annual Meeting every year in early December. The RCFB directors serve on the delegate floor and participate in discussion on Farm Bureau policy. These policies serve as a guide for the Farm Bureau when discussing issues with our legislators. In addition to policy development, there are also awards given to the different Farm Bureaus in the state for outstanding programs and work. All year, county Farm Bureaus host programs and events that showcase different issues that are important to the agriculture industry and rural living.



**Randolph County Farm Bureau President, Kent Liefer, accepts a recognition certificate awarded to their county for its achievements during 2019. The award was presented during the Illinois Farm Bureau Annual Meeting and calls attention to the comprehensive nature of county Farm Bureau programs.**



**Pictured (L-R) IFB President Richard Guebert Jr., Cookie Campbell, Dean Campbell, Karen Hecht, Kenny Hecht, Mariah Harle, Tim Harle, Michael McConachie, Richard Wegener, Kent Liefer, Donna Wegener, Christine Smith, Jacob Smith, Emily Brewer and Danny Brewer.**

## We Hope You Will Renew Your Membership Investment

It's that time of the year again to renew your Randolph County Farm Bureau (CFB) membership! Voting members of the Randolph CFB will receive their annual dues notices by mail in March. Your membership cards are already attached at the bottom of the form and will be activated upon payment. Dues are due to the office by April 1.

As a reminder, Randolph CFB, Illinois Farm Bureau, and COUNTRY Financial work together to offer a combined billing process for most Associate member renewals. That includes your annual membership dues with your insurance premium in one billing for most personal line policies. New membership cards will be mailed out once your bill is paid. Any associate member that doesn't have combined bill will continue to receive a separate membership renewal.

Be sure to look through all the benefit information with your dues notice and follow up cards. Discounts and savings can be utilized through these member-only benefits and will more than pay for the annual membership amount. Last year Farm Bureau members in Illinois saved over \$4 million with their membership.

Don't forget all members can give a tax-deductible donation to

the Farm Bureau's Foundation, which helps fund scholarships for local students pursuing a degree in or related to agriculture. Donations to the Agriculture in the Classroom (AITC) program are also encouraged. The Randolph County AITC is a program that teaches about agriculture to hundreds of students in the county. We appreciate your support of these valuable programs.

All members are now able to

join and renew online. Please visit [www.myifb.org](http://www.myifb.org) and set up your account today. From there, you can update your information and renew your membership.

Please feel free to give us a call if you have any questions with any membership dues changes. The Randolph CFB can be contacted by phone at (618)443-4511 or email [contact@rcfb.org](mailto:contact@rcfb.org). Thank you for your membership!

## 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 (all classroom setting, NO driving) will be offered Wednesday & Thursday,



March 4 & 5, 2020, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Randolph County Farm Bureau Building in Sparta. Please park behind the Farm Bureau building at 1403 Hillcrest Dr. in Sparta and enter through the back door. 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 (cash or check only) is \$15 per person if you are currently an AARP Member and have your card with you; or \$20 if you do not have a 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 February 28th.

## RCFB Foundation Annual TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday, February 8, 2020  
Knights of Columbus in Evansville, IL  
6:30 p.m.-Doors open  
7:00 p.m.- Rounds start

Cost is \$12/person (includes mulligans & games)  
Max of 8 per table

Come enjoy a fun night with the Farm Bureau!  
Proceeds benefit the scholarship fund  
and Ag in the Classroom! Bring your own snacks!  
Drinks can be purchased at the KC Hall

• Silent Auction items will include pork burgers, bacon, sausage, and other items

\*Please call 618.443.4511 to reserve a table.

# 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 DIRECTORS

2019-20 ATTENDANCE		SINCE		
DIRECTORS	REGION & SEAT	Dec'19	Jan'20	Dec'19
Timothy Harle	Region 1 Seat A	P	P	2/2
Retha Meyerhoff	Region 1 Seat B	P	P	2/2
Dean Campbell	Region 1 Seat C	P	P	2/2
Eddie Hornbostel	Region 2 Seat A	P	P	2/2
Kenneth Hecht	Region 2 Seat B	P	P	2/2
Jacob Smith	Region 2 Seat C	P	P	2/2
Richard Wegener	Region 3 Seat A	P	P	2/2
Kent Liefer	Region 3 Seat B	P	P	2/2
Steve Uffelmann	Region 3 Seat C	P	P	2/2
Diane Schoenbeck	Region 4 Seat A	P	P	2/2
Michael McConachie	Region 4 Seat B	P	A	1/2
Danny Brewer	Region 4 Seat C	P	P	2/2

COMMITTEE	CHAIRPERSONS
Ag-in-the-Classroom Committee	Meg Knop
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	Tim Harle
Women's Committee	Christine Smith
Young Leaders Committee	Brett Wilson

## FARM BUREAU STAFF

Allyson Lintker, Manager  
 Kendra Beattie, Membership Secretary/Administrative Assistant  
 Tammy Little, Office Assistant/Bookkeeper  
 Meg Knop, Ag in the Classroom Coordinator

## RANDOLPH COUNTY FARM BUREAU

### Mission Statement

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



Allyson Lintker

## RCFB Hires New Manager

The Randolph County Farm Bureau Board of Directors hired Allyson Lintker as the new manager effective February 1. Allyson Lintker is from rural Venedy in Washington County where she resides on her family dairy and grain farm. Lintker started her college education at Kaskaskia College and transferred to Southern Illinois University Carbondale where she received her degree in Agricultural Communications with a double minor in Journalism and Agribusiness Economics. She was active in agricultural organizations including Agriculture Future of America and receiving her American FFA Degree. While at SIU, she was involved in Collegiate Farm Bureau serving as secretary, served as an Agbassador, and was a past IAA Scholar. We welcome Allyson to the county and look forward to a great future!

## Local Discount Program

We are very excited to announce our new Local Discount Program in Randolph County! This is a new program Randolph County Farm Bureau is starting up – in addition to the 302,000 discounts you can get through Illinois Farm Bureau, members will be able to access discounts here in our home county. If you know of any business willing to join in on this program, please have them contact the office at (618) 443-4511 or randolph@rcfb.org. We appreciate your participation in growing this program and would love to serve our members in any beneficial way.

Our very first business we welcome to the Local Discount Program is Korando Heating & Cooling in Chester, IL. Korando offers 24-hour emergency service, and they are offering a \$20 discount to all Randolph County Farm Bureau members.

# RCFB Foundation 2020 Scholarship Deadline is February 12th

The Randolph County Farm Bureau Foundation was formed in 1994. The purpose for the Foundation is to promote agricultural education. The importance of educating the general public about the agriculture industry is crucial moving forward. Scholarships awarded each year are based on application completion, financial need, involvement within the agriculture industry, and future plans.

To be eligible for consideration, an applicant must:

- Be a high school senior graduating in May of 2020, or a current college student.

## Farm Bureau Trivia Night! Register a Table Now!

The Randolph County Farm Bureau Foundation will host its annual Trivia Night on Saturday, February 8, 2020, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Evansville, IL. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and we will start at 7 p.m. with the first round. Tables can have no more than 8 people and the fee is \$12 per person (includes mulligans & games). Please feel free to bring your own snacks. Drinks must be purchased at the bar. All proceeds from the evening will go towards the Ag-in-the-Classroom program and the Scholarship Fund. To register your table or for questions, call 618.443.4511.

• Be a member or child of a member of the Randolph County Farm Bureau since at least January 1, 2020.

• Be accepted or plan to enroll as a full-time student in post-secondary education within an Agriculture curriculum.

• Exhibit potential for successful completion of course of study, 2.0 minimum GPA.

• Be a resident of Randolph County.

Deadline for all requirements is February 12, 2020. The application is available on our website at <https://rcfb.org/rcfbfoundation/2020applications.html>.

Thank you for your interest in Agriculture and Ag Related Fields and our scholarship program. If you have any questions concerning the scholarship or the application, please call the Farm Bureau office at 618-443-4511 or email [information@rcfb.org](mailto:information@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 member entry fee to pay for prizes and refreshments.

The upcoming pinochle nights will be held on Tuesday, February 25th & March 31st @ 7:00 p.m.

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

## Notice:

Current RCFB staff email address are as follows:

[randolph@rcfb.org](mailto:randolph@rcfb.org) - General (manager)

[allyson.lintker@rcfb.org](mailto:allyson.lintker@rcfb.org) - Manager

[kendra.beattie@rcfb.org](mailto:kendra.beattie@rcfb.org) - Membership

[tammy.little@rcfb.org](mailto:tammy.little@rcfb.org) - Bookkeeping

[aitc@rcfb.org](mailto:aitc@rcfb.org) - Ag in the Classroom (Meg)

[information@rcfb.org](mailto:information@rcfb.org) - General (secretarial)

[contact@rcfb.org](mailto:contact@rcfb.org) - General (member & committee)

# Sparta Community Blood Drive

Sponsored by the Randolph County Farm Bureau Women's Committee

**Tuesday, February 11, 2020**  
**1:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.**

Sparta VFW Hall  
 1911 N. Market St., Sparta, IL

For an appointment, please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)  
 Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

# Calendar of Events

## February

Monday, February 3 Young Leaders Committee Meeting 7 p.m.  
 Tuesday, February 4 People Speak on WHCO @ 9:20 a.m.  
 Saturday, February 8 Foundation Trivia Night @ 6:30 p.m. @ K of C Hall, Evansville  
 Tuesday, February 11 RCFB Board of Directors Meeting 7 p.m. @ RCFB office  
 Tuesday, February 11 Sparta Community Blood Drive @ Sparta VFW 1:45 – 6:45 p.m.  
 Thursday, February 13 National Farm Machinery Show Bus Trip  
 Tuesday, February 18 Governmental Affairs Conference @ Springfield  
 Thursday, February 20 Spring Market Outlook Meeting 12 noon @ Pistol City Coulterville  
 Monday, February 24 On the Road Seminar @ McBride Mack, Carbondale  
 Tuesday, February 25 Pinochle @ 7 p.m. @ RCFB Office  
 Thursday, February 27 Farm Legacy Seminar 5 p.m. @ Kokopelli Golf Club Marion

## March

Monday, March 2 Young Leaders Committee Meeting 7 p.m.  
 Tuesday, March 3 People Speak on WCHO @ 9:20 a.m.  
 Wed. & Thurs. March 4-5 Defensive Driving Course 8:30 a.m. @ RCFB Office  
 March 10-12 Leaders to Washington  
 Friday, March 13 RCFB Board of Directors Meeting 12:30 p.m. @ Prairie Farms Dairy Edwardsville  
 Saturday, March 14 4-H PANCAKE BREAKFAST @ Sparta VFW 7 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
 Wednesday, March 18 Farmer's Exchange Ads Deadline  
 Saturday, March 21 Women's Committee Outing @ Okawville Hotel

**NATIONAL  
AG DAY**



**FOOD**  
Brings  
Everyone  
to the  
Table

**March 24, 2020**



## What Is Ag Day All About?

Ag Day is about recognizing - and celebrating - the contribution of agriculture in our everyday lives. The National Ag Day program encourages every American to:

- Understand how food and fiber products are produced.
- Value the essential role of agriculture in maintaining a strong economy.
- Appreciate the role agriculture plays in providing safe, abundant and affordable products.

## WHAT'S NEW FOR 2020?

FIND OUT AT THE



Jefferson, Perry, Randolph, and Washington County Farm Bureaus are offering a trip to the National Farm Machinery Show on

**Thursday, February 13, 2020**

### Schedule

	<u>Leave</u>	<u>Return (Target)</u>
Randolph County Farm Bureau	5:00 a.m.	10:30 p.m.
Perry County Farm Bureau	5:30 a.m.	10:00 p.m.
Washington County Farm Bureau	6:00 a.m.	9:30 p.m.
Hampton Inn, Mt. Vernon	6:30 a.m.	9:00 p.m.
Arrive @ Farm Machinery Show	9:30 a.m.	Leave 4:00 p.m.
Stop at The Carriage Inn for Family Style Dinner		6:00 p.m.

## National Farm Machinery Show

The National Farm Machinery Show is the showcase for the future of agribusiness. The exhibitors offer intelligent solutions to the challenges facing agriculture in the 21st century. Whether you are in search of heavy machinery, hand tools, or computer software, you will find a wide selection of essential products and accessories for all your agribusiness needs.

**COST: \$55/person - Includes Bus, Snacks, and Dinner**

**Payment and RSVP due by Monday, February 10, 2020 to Randolph County Farm Bureau, 618-443-4511**



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# We Want You to Count in the 2020 Census

Illinois Farm Bureau is working to ensure the U.S. Decennial Census counts each of its members.

"The results of the 2020 Census will have a large impact on each and every one of our members," said Kevin Semlow, IFB director of state legislation.

Not only will census results determine the makeup of the size and number of congressional districts, but is also used for the distribution of federal and state funds and grants, drawing state legislative district boundaries,

and a host of other important items.

Because the U.S. Census Bureau is focusing on electronic completion, especially through the internet, some Farm Bureau members may be challenged because they have limited internet access, Semlow said.

## Market Outlook Meeting

Joe Camp, Manager with AgriVisor will be the guest speaker at a Market Outlook Meeting at **12:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 20**. The meeting will be hosted at Pistol City Restaurant in Coulterville. The Randolph County marketing committee is partnering with Washington and Perry County Farm Bureaus to host the free event. The meeting will start with a buffet lunch before the presentation.

To guarantee room and food for all attendees, please RSVP to Randolph County Farm Bureau by **Monday, February 17**. To RSVP, call the office at (618) 443-4511. This is a great opportunity to plan for the year ahead.

IFB and Randolph County Farm Bureau leaders and staff are working together to raise awareness and show the importance of the census. Randolph County Farm Bureau will provide internet connections and some electronic devices to fill out the document. Second, RCFB and IFB are using our communication network to encourage Farm Bureau members to complete and submit the census. As a part of the campaign, together we will highlight the need to complete the census and where to receive electronic assistance.

"The end goal of the campaign is to ensure that each and every member is counted during the 2020 Census," Semlow concluded.

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24 Acres	Missouri Perry Co	Est Compost Business
1267 Acres	Missouri Perry Co	Fenced Pasture
24 Acres	Missouri Perry Co	Hunt/Homesite/Pond
7 Acres	Randolph Co	Homesite
60 Acres	Randolph Co	Farmstead
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240 Acres	Williamson Co	Hunt/Recreation
289 Acres	Williamson Co	Hunt/Recreation

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# Join us! Rules for the Road Meeting

Speakers from Illinois Farm Bureau, Illinois State Police & Illinois Department of Transportation

## Motor Vehicle Rules for Illinois Farmers

- Truck licenses & regulations
- Driver training & requirements
- Farmer exemptions

**Monday, February 24th • 2 PM**

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**Contact Randolph County Farm Bureau at 618-443-4511 to register today!**



Join us to get answers to your questions!



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# Randolph County Foundation Pancake Day

Proceeds To Benefit The Randolph County 4-H

Adults \$8 \* Children 4-10 \$5 \* Under 3 is Free  
\* All You Can Eat \* Carry-Outs Available

**SATURDAY MARCH 14, 2020**

**7AM-1PM**

**SPARTA VFW POST**

**1911 N. MARKET STREET**

For more information about the Randolph County Foundation or Pancake Day, please contact the Randolph County Extension Office 618-443-4364