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Members both Farmers and Non-Farmers*



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THANK YOU for renewing or becoming a member of the Randolph County Farm Bureau

Congratulations to our winners of our membership appreciation meat bundle! Everyone that paid their dues by April 30th was put into a drawing for a meat bundle of brats and bacon. Winners were: Charlie Cowell, Kayla Cowell, Melvin Heinemann, Nathan Voges, Glenn Naeger, Ronnie Liefer, Othann Sieberg, Mariah Harle,

Stuart Langrehr, Karl Langrehr, Gene Luthy, Denard Eggenmeyer, Robert Schaefer, Glenn Koester, Eric Vaneck, Louis Rehmer, Troy Eggemeyer, Kolan Schoenbeck, Kurt Braun, and Ralph Rheinecker. Thank you for your membership and enjoy your meat bundle this summer!

Your membership gives you

access to numerous benefits that were listed and enclosed with your dues notice. Take time to review the benefits and if you have any questions or suggestions, contact the office at (618) 443-4511 or e-mail contact@rcfb.org. We appreciate your support and dedication to Randolph County Farm Bureau.

Randolph County Passes Pro-Agriculture Resolution

Randolph County Farm Bureau leaders are excited to call the Randolph County Board an "Ally in Agriculture" after the board's adoption of a Pro-Agriculture Resolution, demonstrating local elected officials' support for farmers.

"Our farming community would like to thank members of the Randolph County board for showing their support by adopting this resolution," said Kent Liefer, Randolph CFB President. "Agriculture is a major economic driver in Randolph County, and this resolution shows our elected officials have our backs when making important decisions affecting our farms and livelihoods."

Randolph County commissioners adopted the resolution on May 12th following conversations with local farm leaders.

Local elected officials across the state are showing their support of their agricultural communities through the adoption of Pro-Agriculture Resolutions. County commissioners work with their local Farm Bureau to better understand the role agriculture plays in their local economy, such as providing jobs and generating property tax revenue, which is used to fund services for all citizens. The result is

a strong working relationship between county officials and the agriculture community.

"Agriculture is the state's largest industry, and passage of these Pro-Agriculture Resolutions show that our elected officials understand that agriculture goes far beyond providing food and fuel," said Illinois Farm Bureau President Richard Guebert Jr. "When commissioners pass these resolutions, they are showing their commitment to work with farm leaders so they can confidently be champions of agriculture."

Membership Appreciation Day at the Grand American

Join the Randolph County Farm Bureau on Wednesday August 2nd at the Grand American and enjoy a FREE bowl of ice cream if you show your membership card.

To say thank you to all of our members we will be offering a bowl of ice cream from 10-6 at the World Shooting Complex. Members can take their pick from five different flavors of ice cream like vanilla, choco-

late, peach, butter pecan, and cookies and cream. Members of our board will be there along with a few COUNTRY Financial agents. This is the perfect opportunity to not only enjoy homemade ice cream, but also talk to the leadership of the Farm Bureau.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday August 2nd from 10-6 at the World Shooting Complex!

Support our Foundation!



Join us for ice cream at the Grand American from
July 30- August 11 from 10 AM to 6 PM

Flavors:
Vanilla
Chocolate
Peach
Butter Pecan
Cookies & Cream

PULL FOR AGRICULTURE EDUCATION



A fundraiser for
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SPORTING CLAYS

Special Early Bird Registration

- \$70 per person/100 targets
- After July 1st - \$80 per person
(No guarantee on t-shirts after July 1)

Junior (18 & under) - \$45

Three-man Junior Team - \$135

Games & Team Competition

*Event registration includes lunch,
homemade ice cream, and a t-shirt!*

EVENT SCHEDULE

7:30 a.m. - Registration opens

8:00 a.m. - Course opens

11:00 a.m. - Last shooters on the course

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Lunch

2:00 p.m. - Shootouts (info below)

**Ties determined by
station breaks*



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Buy A Farm.Com Youth Shootout

Sporting Clays

1st Prize \$350, 2nd Prize \$150

Youth hitting 70 to 100 targets in the main sporting clays event will compete in a shoot off at 2 p.m.



\$500 Shootout

Sporting Clays - 1st Prize \$500, 2nd Prize \$250

Adult shooters hitting 90 to 100 targets in the main sporting clays event will compete in a shoot off at 2:00 p.m.



Pull for Ag Gun Raffle

**Prize: Glock G19 Gen 5
MOS OR \$500
Tickets \$10 each**



For more information, contact the Perry CFB at (618) 357-9355 or the Randolph CFB at (618) 443-4511 or at www.rcfb.org

TICKETS can be purchased at Randolph or Perry CFB. A maximum of 400 tickets will be offered, with the drawing to occur at 2:00 pm at the Pull for Ag Education event.

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2022-23 ATTENDANCE				SINCE
DIRECTORS	REGION & SEAT	Apr'23	May'23	Dec'22
Timothy Harle	Region 1 Seat A	P	P	5/6
Retha Meyerhoff	Region 1 Seat B	P	P	6/6
Dean Campbell	Region 1 Seat C	P	P	6/6
Jared McCormick	Region 2 Seat A	P	P	6/6
Kenneth Hecht	Region 2 Seat B	P	P	6/6
Christine Smith	Region 2 Seat C	P	P	4/6
Nathan Salger	Region 3 Seat A	P	A	5/6
Kent Liefer	Region 3 Seat B	P	P	6/6
Derek Uffelman	Region 3 Seat C	P	P	6/6
Diane Schoenbeck	Region 4 Seat A	P	P	6/6
Michael McConachie	Region 4 Seat B	P	P	4/6
Danny Brewer	Region 4 Seat C	A	P	4/6

COMMITTEE	CHAIRPERSONS
Ag-in-the-Classroom Coalition.....	Andrea Kohring
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Foundation Committee	Jack McCormick
Governmental Affairs Committee	Tim Harle
Issue Management Committee	Kent Liefer
Livestock Committee	Steve Uffelman
Marketing Committee	David Gramenz
Membership & Executive Committee	Kent Liefer
Prime Timers Committee	Group
Public Relations Committee	Retha Meyerhoff
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
Andrea Kohring, Ag in the Classroom Coordinator

RANDOLPH COUNTY FARM BUREAU

Mission Statement

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

Notice:

Current RCFB staff email address are as follows:

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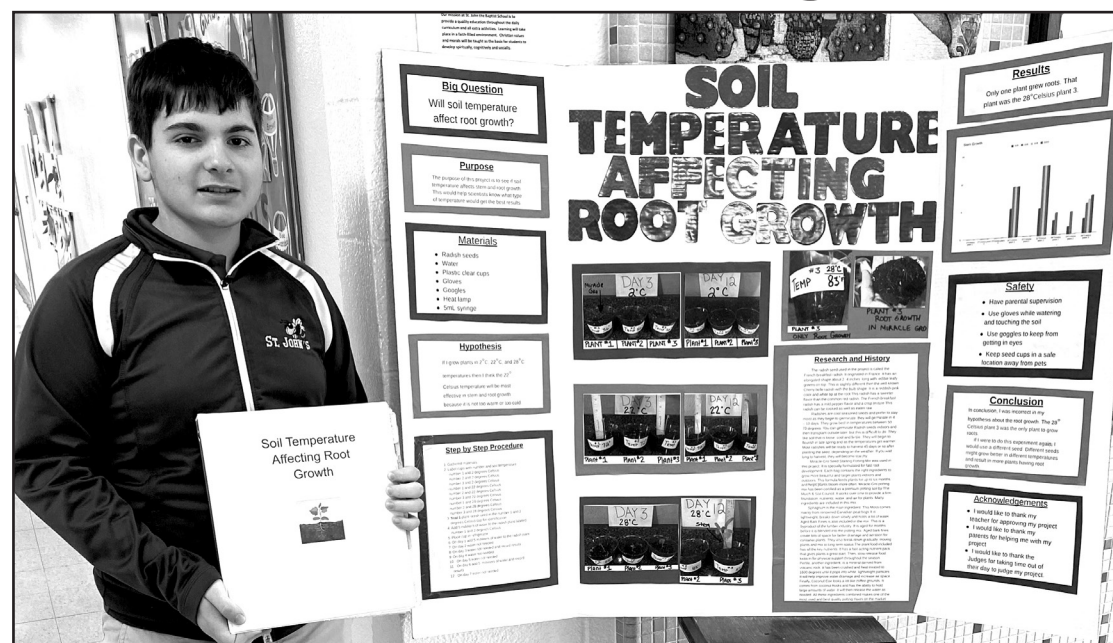
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aic@rcfb.org - Ag in the Classroom

information@rcfb.org - General (secretarial)

contact@rcfb.org - General (member & committee)

2022-23 Science Fair Ag Awards



Congratulations to Cole Montroy for his project "Soil Temperature Affecting Root Growth" He won the First-Place Agricultural Project in the 2023 St. John the Baptist Catholic School Science Fair.

The Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom Committee is encouraging the county students to carry out projects relating to agriculture in their school's

science fair.

The committee does this by offering a prize to the best project relating to agriculture in each school.

We believe this will help the students to think harder about the projects and provide unique research into many facets of agriculture.

RCFB hosted Charcuterie Board Class



Have you ever seen the beautiful charcuterie board displays and wondering how someone can make them? On Saturday, April 22, Randolph County Farm Bureau partnered with Big Picture Creations to teach 27 individuals how to create those unique charcuterie boards

at The Pour Vineyard.

Katie Burns, the owner of Big Picture Creations, taught attendees how to cut, assemble, and style a 12-inch by 12-inch board. Boards included various meats and cheeses, fruits and vegetables, dips, candies, and crackers. By the end of the

event, everyone's board was unique in how they decided how to design it with their own style.

Randolph County Farm Bureau hosted the event in conjunction with Big Picture Creations. Dietrich Bank sponsored the event as well.

Calendar of Events

MONDAY, JUNE 5TH

Women's Committee Meeting @ 7:00 PM

TUESDAY, JUNE 6TH

People Speak on WHCO @ 9:20 a.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 12TH

RCFB Board of Directors Meeting @ 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13TH

4H Livestock Auction, Pinckneyville

SUNDAY, JUNE 18TH

Happy Father's Day!

MONDAY & TUESDAY, JULY 3RD & 4TH

Office Closed for Independence Day!

TUESDAY, JULY 4

People Speak on WHCO @ 9:20 a.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 11TH

RCFB Board of Directors Meeting @ 8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 15TH

PULL for Agriculture Education @ WSRC;

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19TH

Farmer's Exchange Ads Deadline

JULY 27TH - 31ST

The AIM Shoot @ WSRC

AUGUST 2ND

Membership Day @ WSRC

AUGUST 2ND - 12TH

The Grand American Shoot @ WSRC

2023 Randolph County Scholarship Winners



Sarah Birchler

Sarah Birchler

Sarah is the daughter of Gregory and Kathy Birchler of Coulterville. She graduated from Red Bud High School in 2020 and then studied Agricultural Business at Rend Lake College. Sarah has been attending Murray State University since the Fall of 2022 majoring in Agribusiness, Emphasis in Crop Management. She feels that this scholarship will provide her with new opportunities in her college career, as she can further use the award to enroll in more than just her required classes and she will be able to finalize her bachelor's degree and potentially further pursue her master's degree. Sarah would not only like to give thanks, but also show the most gratitude to those who take the time out of their days to help her pursue her educational goals. She strives to be the best she can be in her education and to make every donation count.

Koby Jany

Koby is the son of Pete and Trisha Jany of Chester. He will graduate from Chester High School in May and plans to attend John A. Logan in the fall studying Agriculture. Koby feels very honored to be a recipient of the RCFB Foundation Scholarship. He also feels very accomplished and promises to apply himself the only way he's ever known how to and that is to the fullest of his capabilities. Adding to it he has a lot of pride in himself and his work. Whenever he gets something completed, he likes for it to be done right. So, in these coming years he will work to get everything he possibly can get out of school to further his education on farming. For Koby, applying himself to his fullest potential is the only way for him to be able to better the future of farming. Koby is first thankful to those that donate to the RCFB Foundation. Their donations are helping others and himself obtain their goal of our dream job. Winning this scholarship will help provide financial support to cover educational expenses, such as tuition fee, textbooks and other accommodations. This scholarship will help ease that financial burden and enable him to focus more on his studies.



Koby Jany



Emily Luebkmann

He worked really hard in high school for good grades, being a leader, and most of all being a good person. It feels great to be acknowledged.

Matthew Koester

Matthew is the son of Michael and Sara Koester of Red Bud. He graduated from COSLHS in 2020 and is enrolled at SIU Carbondale for a bachelor's degree majoring in Crop, Soil, and Environmental Management. Matthew plans to finish his degree this Fall semester and to remain active in student organizations such as Collegiate Farm Bureau, Soil Judging, and Agriculture Future of America. He considers these experiences very valuable and enjoys the connections he has made through them. This scholarship serves an important role in allowing him to continue his education and remain involved in school organizations. Matthew feels that donating to scholarships like this is a demonstration of support for agriculture and its continued development. It is an investment in the education of future Agriculturalists. He knows there are many who benefit from the Foundation Scholarship opportunity and he would like to say thank you to those who give generously for these opportunities.

Sophia Liefer

Sophia is the daughter of Kirk and Stephanie Liefer of Red Bud. She graduated from Red Bud High in 2020 and has been attending the University of Missouri majoring in Plant Sciences.

Sophia feels that she will be able to focus on her studies without having to worry about paying for some of her college expenses and that this scholarship greatly helps her with paying off any loans she may have, or any unpredictable expenses



Matthew Koester



Kaylee Luehr

that may come her way. This scholarship helps to relieve some of the pressures and anxieties of affording college. Sophia would like to say thank you to all the individuals who have donated or worked to support this scholarship fund. With your support, students like herself are able to continue college with a lessened financial worry. Your hard work and dedication to this foundation does not go unnoticed, and she is greatly appreciative of all of your efforts and support.

Brie Luebkmann

Brie is the daughter of Tim and Lisa Luebkmann of Red Bud. She graduated from COSLHS, Evansville in 2020 and is attending Southeastern Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau MO studying Agribusiness: Plant and Soil Science. Brie feels that with this scholarship she will be able to accomplish getting a bachelor's degree in agribusiness plant and soil science. This scholarship helps her be able to focus on her education, learn more about agriculture, and has prepared her to work in the agriculture industry. Brie would like to thank all the individuals that donated or helped put on the events for the scholarship foundation. She is grateful for all the support the Randolph County Farm Bureau and its members have given her throughout her education. Thank you!

Emily Luebkmann

Emily is the daughter of Tim and Lisa Luebkmann of Red Bud. She graduated from COSLHS, Evansville in 2022 and is now attending Southeastern Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau MO majoring in Ag Business: Industry. With this scholarship Emily feels that she will be able to accomplish not only being able to go to school



Sophia Liefer



Landon Luthy

and learn more about agriculture, but also be able to experience new agricultural related opportunities. With this scholarship she feels that she will have the ability to do more, this is one step closer accomplishing her goals of being able to graduate and start her own business. The individuals that have donated to the Foundation have really made an impact not only for Emily but for so many recipients. She would like to thank each one who has made this scholarship possible; the donors, the people who read and go through the applications, and the people who organized for this to be available to students.

Kaylee Luehr

Kaylee is the daughter of Terry and Denise Luehr Jr. She graduated from Steeleville HS in 2021 and is now pursuing a Pre-Veterinary major at Murray State University. Kaylee feels like she will be able to accomplish her plan of saving money for later on in school. This scholarship will lessen some of the financial burdens she has now in preparation for later. Also, this will help her in her dreams of completing her undergrad and doctorate program to become a veterinarian. Kaylee would like to say thank you for supporting her dreams of becoming a college graduate and helping finance those dreams. Without the help of this scholarship, she would have to save a little more money to complete her goals and this helps her be a little ahead of where she would be.

Landon Luthy

Landon is the son of Kevin and Kari Luthy of Marissa. He will graduate from Red Bud High School in May and in the fall plans to attend Rend Lake College studying Ag Production. Landon feels that he will



Brie Luebkmann



Kyle Rahlfs

be able to achieve a higher education and will eventually be able to return back to his family farm while learning the basics of mechanics in his agriculture production degree. He wants to thank the individuals of the RCFB Foundation for giving him the opportunity to accomplish a higher degree of education and for helping him to achieve his future goals. Landon would also like to thank the individuals for this scholarship opportunity so he will be able to continue his passion for farming and be able to continue as an advocate for agriculture.

Kyle Rahlfs

Kyle is the son of Craig and Melanie Rahlfs of Marissa. He graduated from Marissa HS in 2020, studied at SWIC for his Associates of Arts degree and is now attending Murray State University majoring in Horticulture. Kyle believes that with the help of this scholarship, he will be able to continue his education at Murray State University without the stress of student loans or debt, allowing him to have a more enjoyable experience while at college. The scholarship will assist him in the completion of his Bachelor's degree in Horticulture this December, and will help him moving forward as he pursues his Master's degree throughout the next school year. He would like to sincerely thank the Foundation for presenting students pursuing an agriculture-related education with the opportunity to receive a scholarship. Furthermore, Kyle extends his sincere gratitude to the individuals who work hard at various fundraisers in addition to those who donate to the Farm Bureau for providing young agriculturists this opportunity. Thank you to all for your time and dedication towards the program.

AITC Year End Recap

AITC returned to Randolph County third grade classrooms in October 2022 and covered a wide variety of lessons during the school year.

Thirty-three visits to classrooms connecting students to the food they consume were conducted; lessons included corn, wheat, pollinators, general agriculture, soybeans, and beef & dairy cattle.

Favorites were, of course,

anything that involved a hands-on activity. An AgMag accompanied every lesson so that students could reinforce what they learned and share educational material with their families. Making the connection from farmers to food and fiber is of utmost importance. Many children do not realize the significant impact Illinois farmers have in their daily lives. Telling students that Illinois farmers produce the

most soybeans in the US and are second in corn production always resulted in jaw-dropping reactions.

Looking ahead, summer plans include a workshop for area teachers that will include a visit to Barnside Flower Farm and Leiferbrau Brewery on Friday, July 14th. Please see the Save the Date in this issue and tell your favorite educator! Please reach out with any questions aite@rcfb.org

AITC Teacher of the Year

Randolph County AITC would like to recognize Ms. Kristy Young from St. Mark's Lutheran School in Steeleville for going above and beyond to help her students understand the importance of agriculture. Ms. Young takes a very active approach with her students and

reinforces lessons brought into her classroom. She allowed AITC to visit her students numerous times over the school year.

THANK YOU, Ms. Young and all the educators who've allowed AITC into their classroom this year!

RAIN FALL (INCHES) REPORTS FOR 2023

	Apr
Baldwin - Gerald Cox home	3.8
Chester - Mike & Janet Vasquez home	N/A
Coulterville - Sherwood Burns home	3.3
Ellis Grove - JoAnn & Anthony Meyer home	4.4
PrDuRocher - Arnold & Joann Donjon home	2.7
Red Bud - Vernon & Jane Lucht home	2.32
Sparta - Farm Bureau office	4.6

We are looking for new rain monitors around the county.

If you are interested please call our office at 618.443.4511 or email information@rcfb.org



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