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## President's Report

By Jack McCormick

Welcome to your County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting. I think it has been another exciting year. We have a very busy Farm Bureau, and we have you to thank for that. It is you, the member, bringing your issues and ideas forward, that makes it successful. I hope you know that we are always ready to help with your needs, whether it is to create new program, or propose a new policy at the state or national level, we will work for you. I hope you as a member have taken advantage of all that Farm Bureau has to offer you and it doesn't matter whether you have joined last week or 50 years ago. We have numerous membership benefits of travel, healthcare aids, and some retail companies, but the real benefits will come to you when you bring us problems and suggestions so we can further try to make Randolph County a better place to live and the agricultural industry more prosperous.

I think this has been a positive year for the Ag industry. On our farms, most of us asked for a normal weather year; a dry spring to work the fields, and some rain in the summer to grow crops. Real-

ity gave us the opposite- a wet spring and then heat and dryness took its toll on crops. At least commodity prices are at a nice level to smooth out some of the low yield bumps, but most likely the increasing crop input prices for next spring will take any of the increase in net farm income away. While no one knows what next year will bring, hopefully the weather next year can cut us some slack! Within the Farm Bureau, the state organization will be setting policy when the Association holds its annual meeting next month. Most of your county board will be attending this meeting and will be looking at all kinds of issues that our industry faces.

I have had a good Board of Directors to back me up this year and they are devoted to the organization. Our directors have a high attendance rate for the monthly Board meetings. In addition to this, there are many state and district meetings and local events where you will see your board representing you and Randolph County Agriculture. This Board makes it easier to be a County Farm Bureau President, because I know there is a group helping and supporting me in the organization. We are always looking at new ideas. For one new idea, we have won an award from the American Farm Bureau Federation called the County Award of Excellence, given to only 25 counties in the organization each year. Several years ago, the Farm Bureau purchased a semi van trailer to use as a traveling billboard. I am sure you have seen it, since we had it outfitted with logos talking about Biofuel use and have kept it moving around from location to location. Last winter our committees put a high priority on renewing the message on the trailer. The new award win-

ning idea was to use a message talking about how farmers care about doing a good job producing food and care about what they do. This fits right in with the Illinois Farm Families coalition doing some new promotion and research in the area of educating the public about how farmers are doing the right thing every day. We chose pictures of two multi-generational families along with positive messages about farming. We had this custom printed on a trailer wrap and applied to the sides. We featured it in some summertime parades already this year and look for it in the Christmas parades soon. Special thanks to Gateway FS and the Illinois Corn and Soybean Associations for helping us fund this project.

Thank you for coming to the meeting tonight and most importantly, thanks for being a member.

## Kirk and Stephanie Liefer Achieved Greatness And the Winner is....



Each year, Illinois Farm Bureau recognizes young farmers who have excelled in their operations and honed some serious leadership skills. IFB Young Leaders named their 2011 Achievement Award winner... Congrats to Kirk and Stephanie Liefer of Red Bud! Kirk and Stephanie will represent IFB at the AFBF Annual Meeting held in January in Honolulu, Hawaii! Great job Liefers!

## Randolph County Farm Bureau Trivia Night

Friday, February 17, 2012

K.C. Hall, Evansville

7:00 p.m. Start w Doors open 6:30 p.m.  
\$10 per person w 8 person maximum

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**Randolph County Farm Bureau  
 BOARD OF DIRECTOR**

2010-2011 ATTENDANCE		SINCE	
DIRECTOR	REGION & SEAT	Oct11	Nov11 DEC 10
Gerald Cox	Region 1 Seat A	P	P 12/12
Richard Tanner	Region 1 Seat B	A	P 10/12
Charles Schupbach	Region 1 Seat C	P	P 12/12
Glenn Meyer	Region 2 Seat A	P	P 11/12
Steve Stallman	Region 2 Seat B	P	P 11/12
Jack McCormick	Region 2 Seat C	P	P 12/12
Kirk Liefer	Region 3 Seat A	P	P 11/12
Gene Korando	Region 3 Seat B	P	P 11/12
David Gramenz	Region 4 Seat A	P	P 12/12
Ron Deterding	Region 4 Seat B	P	P 10/12
Kevin Luthy	Region 4 Seat C	P	A 10/12
Steve Uffelmann	Region 3 Seat C	P	P 10/12

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Prime Timers Committee	Group
Public Relations Committee	Steve Stallman
Sports Committee	Glenn Meyer
Viewpoint Committee	Kirk Liefer
Women's Committee	Christine Smith
Young Farmers Committee	Christine Smith

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Ryan Ford, Manager  
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**RANDOLPH COUNTY FARM BUREAU  
 STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

To promote and protect the development of a permanent and profitable system of agriculture in Randolph County, while promoting and maintaining the economies of the rural towns and communities encompassed in the County.

**Governmental Affairs Committee Report**

**By Glenn Meyer, Chair**

Taking a look back on the year 2011 in the political field, there are a number of things that happened. Very important was the passing of the free trade bill with France, Korea and Columbia. This export opportunity will help farmers for years to come. Many calls were made to senators and congressmen urging a "yes" vote.

Farm Bureau is still trying to eliminate the estate tax which would help pass the farm or business on to the children. Keep talking to our senators and congressmen in Washington, D.C. Remember they respond to those who take the time to voice their opinion.

For the past few years, the Randolph Co Farm Bureau board has invited the county

elected officials to an evening meal. Ryan is a great cook. The office holders tell us about their specific responsibilities and there is a question and answer session. We also thank them for their work on behalf of agriculture in the county.

During the year, Dan Reitz retired. We thank him for his work in our behalf. Jerry Costello II is his replacement and be sure to get acquainted with him when possible.

Jerry Costello has stated that he will not run again in 2012. He has been a key player in our local issue of keeping the lock and dam open and getting money to make repairs on the Kaskaskia River. We need to thank him for all the work he has done to benefit the district over the years.

2012 will be an election year. We will be tired of all the campaigning. However, it will be a challenge to each of us to be informed about the candidates (both national and local) and most importantly to vote. Remember you can't complain if you don't vote.

**Congressman Jerry Costello**  
 144 Lincoln Place Ct., Suite 4  
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 senddavel@midwest.net

**Representative Jerry Costello II**  
 128A W Main  
 Sparta, IL 62286  
 618-443-5757

**Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarship Deadline**

The Randolph County Farm Bureau Foundation scholarship deadline for 2012 is January 31st.

The Randolph County Farm Bureau Foundation is offering Scholarships to Graduating Seniors and Student in College. The students must be members or dependents of a Randolph County Farm Bureau Member in Good Standing! They must be entering agriculture or agriculture related fields of study.

The application is available on our website at [rcfb.org](http://rcfb.org) and can be filled out there and emailed to [information@rcfb.org](mailto:information@rcfb.org). If you have any questions please email [information@rcfb.org](mailto:information@rcfb.org) or call 618-443-4511. If a student cannot apply by email, then the paper copy **must** be typed and sent to PO Box 504, 1403 Hillcrest Dr., Sparta, IL 62286. **The deadline for application is January 31, 2012.**

If you have any questions concerning the scholarship or the application, please call the office at 618-443-4511 or email

[information@rcfb.org](mailto:information@rcfb.org). Thank you for your interest in Randolph County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarship.

**Harvest Wrap Up Round Table**

The Randolph County Farm Bureau Marketing Committee will host the 2012 Harvest Wrap Up discussion on Thursday, January 19, 2012. The round table discussion will start at 7:00 p.m. at the Farm Bureau Building in Sparta. The program is designed to where our area farmers can learn from each other as they

discussed what happened in their fields during the 2011 growing season. We will discuss different tillage, varieties of seed, fertilization and much more.

The Harvest Wrap Up Round-table is open to all farmers. We hope to see you there. If you have questions, please call the Farm Bureau Office at (618)443-4511.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Thurs., Nov. 24	Happy Thanksgiving, Office Closed
Fri., Nov. 25	Office Closed
Tues., Nov. 29	Resolutions Meeting, Pioneer Cabin; 6:30 p.m.
Tues., Nov. 29	Pinochle Night, RCFB; 7 p.m.
Dec. 3-6	IAA Annual Meeting, Chicago, Palmer House
Dec. 8 or 9	Fruit Delivery, Anticipate a phone call to let you know your fruit is in.
Mon., Dec. 12	RCFB Board Meeting, RCFB; 7 p.m.
Thurs., Dec. 22	Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting, RCFB; 6:30 p.m.
Thurs., Dec. 22	Public Relations Committee Meeting, RCFB; 8 p.m.
Dec. 23-Jan. 1	Office Closed for Christmas
Jan. 7-10	AFBF Annual Meeting, Honolulu, HI
Tues., Jan. 17	RCFB Board Meeting, RCFB; 7 p.m.
Thurs., Jan. 19	Harvest Wrap Up Meeting, RCFB; 7 p.m.
Mon., Jan. 23	Viewpoint Committee Meeting, RCFB; 6 p.m.
Mon., Jan. 23	Marketing Committee Meeting, RCFB; 7 p.m.
Wed., Jan. 25	LKSI Meeting, Red Bud; 12 p.m.

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**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, November 29th & January 31st @ 7:00 p.m. **THERE WILL BE NO PINOCHLE NIGHT IN DECEMBER**

*Due to the limited space available, only the first 40 members to sign in will be able to play and you must be a member of Randolph County Farm Bureau.*

# Randolph County Farm Bureau Foundation Report

By Steve Stallman, President  
First of all, THANK YOU for making 2011 another successful year for the Foundation. A special thank you goes to all of the people who have contributed to the Randolph County Farm Bureau Foundation during the past year. Without you, there would be no foundation, no scholarships, no educational materials for the classroom, or anything else that the foundation accomplishes.

The foundation was formed so County Farm Bureau members and local communities could have a means to provide money to promote agricultural education and careers. Numerous businesses and industries have come and gone in our county, but agriculture has always

been and will always be important to our county and to America. The importance of our industry needs to be taught in our schools and we also need to encourage and help our children to pursue careers in agriculture and agriculture related fields.

This year, we received nine applications for the RCFB Foundation Scholarship Committee to consider. The committee awarded scholarships to the following students: Megan Deterding, Christopher Fullerton, Ashley Helmers, Ashley Kloth, Jamie Long, Curtis Siegfried and Kaley Smith. We are proud of all of our scholarship winners! The Foundation does other things to promote agriculture; such as providing tuition for teachers to at-

tend a Summer Ag Institute, which teaches them how to incorporate agriculture in their teaching.

Our seventh annual Trivia Night in February brought in \$1108. The Farm Bureau booth during the Grand American Shoot brought in \$3,650, 50/50 drawing at annual meeting earned \$200, and \$2,191 of donations came in with dues notices. The Foundation did purchase a new ice cream freezer unit only for \$1,275.

One reminder - If you are in the process of writing or re-writing your will, please consider the Randolph County Farm Bureau Foundation in your giving plans. What a wonderful way to leave a legacy that will encourage future generations to understand or work in the field of Agriculture. The same field that is your way of life; that you have worked for and have enjoyed!

Any donations to the Randolph County Farm Bureau Foundation

are tax deductible!

We are hoping the generosity does not wear off, so that we can increase the number and/or amounts of scholarships in the 2011-2012 school year.

If you would like to leave a donation for the Foundation this evening, please place it in the toy wagon marked "Foundation Donations". There will again be a 50/50 drawing this year. I hope you will buy a ticket. Thank You!

## Marketing Committee Report

By Kirk Liefer, Chair

Once again we faced another year of challenges as we encountered times of extreme wetness, to spells of extended heat and lack of rain. However, we forged through and look forward to 2012. With the wide range of weather conditions and planting dates, the yields were extremely variable this year. For the most part we were able to have a good harvest season with few rain delays. After all is said and done, I think we should be thankful for the yields we have collected and the opportunity to do what we do.

The marketing committee has been busy promoting agriculture again this year. I'm sure many of you had seen our semi-trailer throughout the countryside promoting bio-fuels. This year we changed our message on the trailer and they now feature some farming families. This is a good way for the public to see that the farmers who produce their food have a family similar to their own.

The Marketing Committee sponsored No Till Tour will be back in 2012 and we will be looking for ideas of what you want to see on the tour. If you have any sugges-

tions please give us a call at the Farm Bureau Office, talk to one of the directors or send us an e-mail at [information@rcfb.org](mailto:information@rcfb.org).

As we are about to close this year out, we are getting near the Annual Harvest wrap-up. Last year we had a great turnout and discussion, allowing everyone to leave with ideas to consider. I always look forward to the wrap up and anticipate another good crowd. The harvest wrap-up is always a chance to reflect back

on the year and talk about the challenges we all faced and share ideas on how to make next year better. The program will be held in January; so be watching the mail or the website for a date and time. I want to thank the rain monitors for taking the time to collect the amounts.

If you are interested in serving on the committee or have any ideas to share, please call me at 618-282-8228 or Manager Ryan Ford at 618-443-4511

## TOY & FOOD DRIVES FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

Would you donate a toy to help a child receive a toy this Christmas? The Randolph County Farm Bureau Women's Committee will help WHCO and the Christmas Tree Lady by collecting toys from our members and friends.

If you would like to donate toys or funds to this cause, please drop them off at the Randolph County Farm Bureau Building, (1403 Hillcrest Dr, Sparta) by **December 16 at 4:30 p.m.**

This program helps area families as they struggle to work toward the betterment of their family unit. Let us find it in our hearts to help those less fortunate all year long and throughout this holiday season. If you have questions, please call the Farm Bureau Office at (618)443-4511.

**\*\*NON-PERISHABLE FOODS WILL ALSO BE COLLECTED FOR LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES DURING THIS PERIOD\*\***

## FARMER'S EXCHANGE

Items for this column need to reach our office by January 13, 2012 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: Cowboy Boots, 2 pairs, brown, size 10 D, 1 pair is Tony Lama-\$50, 1 pair Laredo-\$35, excellent condition. 978-8533FOR

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SALE: 1- 1 3/8 X 36 X 80 inside door with hinges, 1- 1 3/8 x 32 x 80 inside door, 1- 1 3/4 x 34 1/4 x 77 3/4 outside door with hinges, \$25 for all three. 2 round grass bales, \$50 for both. 282-2735

FOR SALE: Round Bales of Grass Hay, Baldwin. 785-2944

FOR SALE: Casio electronic keyboard w/stand, bench & instruction booklet, mint condition, \$40. Gas tank on stand, 150 gal, \$50. Swing set frame, \$20. 774-2430

FOR SALE: Fairbanks Farm Scale, 30 ft long, 9 ft wide, make offer. 282-3393

FOR SALE: 06 Starcraft Camper, 33ft., 14ft superslide, 16ft awning, sleeps up to 10, fully contained, 1/2 ton tow, excellent shape, everything works. \$14,000. 618-826-4425.

FOR SALE: Pecans \$1.20 lb, cracked. 282-2735

## Young Leaders Committee Report

By Christine Smith, Chair

I can't believe it's already annual meeting time again.

The YL Committee started the year off with a snowmobile trip to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

In February a group attended the YL convention in Springfield it was very informative and a good time was had by all.

Kirk and Stephanie Liefer and Jacob and I had the awesome opportunity to attend the YL and Market-

ing Tour to Arizona State in March where we saw bare root roses, a large dairy, dates and visited a boarder ranch just to name a few things. We were also hosted by local Arizona county FBs, so it was really neat to interact with real Arizona Farmers. We learned so much about the way things are done there it was a great learning experience.

YL committee also hosed an On The Road Program in March where farmers could learn about specifications on making trucks legal to haul grain and livestock.

In August we participated in the Agri Quiz Bowl at the Illinois State Fair and also learned that Kirk and Stephanie Liefer won the Ag Excellence Award for the state of Illinois.

We worked at the WSRC selling/ making ice cream and pie. We are hoping to have a fall cookout in November to wrap things up.

We really have had a great year with lots of interest and attendance at all of the events so keep up the good work.

Keep in mind what a great organization the FB is and that it needs all of our thought and ideas to be the best it can be.

Plan to attend the next YL meeting or function and encourage others, that may not realize they are eligible to attend, to come along and join the fun.

Remember to take time for family and friends and Happy Holidays!

## Rain Fall Reports for Apr - Sep 2011

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
<u>Baldwin</u>							
Gerald Cox	11.4	5.7	5.75	9.0	2.4	4.0	38.25
<u>Chester</u>							
Mike & Janet Vasquez	14.6	9.3	4.1	3.1	1.0	4.5	36.6
<u>Coulterville</u>							
Sherwood Burns	12.25	4.3	8.9	7.8	1.6	3.5	38.35
<u>Ellis Grove</u>							
JoAnn Meyer	15.5	8.6	6.7	12.6	2.0	4.2	49.6
<u>Evansville</u>							
Ed & Carla Pautler	n/a	5.18	7.42	7.73	2.63	4.19	27.15
<u>Pr Du Rocher</u>							
Arnold & Joann Donjon	11.1	5.8	8.5	4.2	2.6	4.6	36.8
<u>Red Bud</u>							
Vernon Lucht	10.81	5.1	7.58	4.28	1.47	5.08	34.32
<u>Sparta</u>							
Jane Schupbach	12.45	6.4	8.6	9.1	1.8	3.5	41.85
<u>Steeleville</u>							
Larry Ebers	11.3	9.35	6.35	3.2	1.4	5.2	36.8
<u>Tilden</u>							
Forrest & Pat Matson	13.6	5.8	7.1	5.4	1.3	3.8	37.0
<u>Walsh</u>							
Clarence & Marcia Kloth	12.0	5.5	9.25	7.1	2.15	3.3	39.3

## COUNTRY Financial Report Mark Luce, Agency Manager

COUNTRY Financial continues its commitment to the residents of Randolph County. When a question comes, "what's your idea of financial security?" the companies and financial representatives that comprise COUNTRY Financial are ready to serve. In Randolph County, that service and those questions are answered by Representatives Steve Eaton, Cheryl Zanders, Jim Walker, Betty McCoy and Alinda Ingles. It continues to be an honor to fill your insurance and investment needs.

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holders with financial strength. The A.M. Best Company, one of the most highly-respected, independent rating authorities, has again affirmed the A+ Superior Rating for Country Life and Country Mutual. Both companies have been included in Best's highest rating category for more than 65 consecutive years. According to information given by A.M. Best, the Superior rating was based on the groups "effective distribution network, customer loyalty, broad technology platform and local market knowledge."

It is our commitment to deliver these services through our professional representatives to the members of the Randolph County Farm Bureau. The partnership enjoyed between our representatives and the Randolph County Farm Bureau has introduced 105 new members to the organization this past year. Steve, Cheryl, Jim and Betty are familiar faces with long standing relationships with each of you. A new representative was introduced to Steelville in July. Alinda Ingles

brings many years of professional experience to her office and decades of relationships in the Steelville area. She will be another of the trusted advisors offered to serve your financial security needs. 2011 also provided an opportunity for Derek Nowicki, Agency Manager the previous 10 years, to move to a position with Country Financial in the Atlanta, Georgia area. He joined other members of his family already located in this area. During August, you were introduced to me. I came to you from Strasburg, Shelby County, Illinois. I came with over 20 years' COUNTRY experience and a strong farm and farm bureau background. It has been my pleasure to become a partner in our endeavors. I thank you for the warm welcome I have received and look forward to many prosperous years ahead.

From everyone in the COUNTRY family, thank you for your continued support.

Mark Luce, on behalf of Steve, Cheryl, Jim, Betty, Alinda and our families

## Ag In The Classroom Committee Report

By **Kendra Beattie, Coordinator**

Ag in the Classroom continues to be a success growing and reaching more students each year. In the 2010-2011 school year agriculture information was shared with 2598 students.

The focus ranges from general farming to details of a certain food or fiber. This past year Recycling and the Environment was an added program.

We need these students to be aware that the growing population needs a clean healthy environment to continue to feed the world. The resources we have available through the Illinois Farm Bureau enable us to offer lessons that meet the Illinois Learning Standards.

The county coordinators present and host workshops to teachers in our counties and offer lessons they can take back and use on their own in the classroom.

Our goal is to have as many teachers as we can make agriculture a part of their curriculum. Starting young and introducing students to the important role agriculture plays in their daily life helps them grow into wise consumers.

Thank you for your continued support of the Ag in the Classroom program.



## Minutes of 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Randolph County Farm Bureau

The 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Randolph County Farm Bureau was held November 19, 2010 at the St. John Lutheran School in Red Bud. As members entered the hall, the Board of Directors and RCFB Employee - Tammy Little greeted them with programs and handouts.

President Jack McCormick, welcomed the members and called the business meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. and thanked everyone for coming. Kevin Luthy led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary, Gene Korando came forward to give the official call of the meeting. President McCormick declared the meeting legally convened.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to, "dispense with the reading of the minutes from the 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting and approve the same as printed in the program booklet." The President called upon David Gramenz, Treasurer of the Randolph County Farm Bureau, to give the financial report. It was moved, seconded and approved, "To accept the treasurer's report as presented."

President McCormick then introduced Kirk Liefer, Vice-President of the board, to introduce the 2010 FB Board.

Richard Tanner, Chair of the Nominating Committee conducted the election of directors. He entered the following names in nomination for a three year term for the Board of Directors Position for the organization: District 1 Seat A - Gerald Cox, District 2 Seat A - Glenn Meyer, District 3 Seat A - Kirk Liefer, and District 4 Seat A - David Gramenz. Since there were no other nominations from the floor, it was moved,

seconded, and approved, "To suspend the rules and to instruct the secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for those nominated." Secretary Korando came forward and cast the unanimous ballot as instructed. Nominating Committee Chair Tanner declared these nominees to be duly elected for a term of three years or until a successor has been elected and qualified.

Richard Tanner introduced President McCormick and Manager Ford for their 2010 Farm Bureau Report to the members. Their focus was on the activities and programs that the RCFB completed in 09-10. President McCormick then conducted the other business of the meeting. It was moved, seconded, and approved, "To give the Randolph County Farm Bureau Board of Directors the authority to appoint delegates to the 2011 IAA Annual Meeting, to be held next December."

There being no other business to come before the meeting, it was moved, seconded, and approved, "To adjourn the annual business meeting." President McCormick encouraged everyone to talk to the RCFB Board of Directors, purchase Raffle Tickets, and fill out surveys before dinner was served.

At 6:30 p.m. President McCormick reconvened the meeting by introducing Richard Tanner to give the blessing of the meal prepared by the Women's Guild. After the meal, Jack introduced Betty Fehr to make the 2010 Coloring Contest presentations. 1<sup>st</sup> Place County Winner:

Brooke Epplin, Red Bud Elementary, Mrs Rushing's class, daughter of Dean & Cathy Epplin of Red Bud. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place County Winner: Alli

Klamm, Coulterville Elementary, Mrs Wolf's class, daughter of Christi & Kevin Marlow of Coulterville and Wesley Klamm of Du Quoin

Jack then introduced Darryl Brinkmann; District 16 IAA Director who made a special recognition of Glenn and Carol Meyer. Glenn and Carol will be selected presented with the coveted Eagle Award at the IAA Annual Meeting in St. Louis. Next, Mr. McCormick introduced IAA vice-president Rich Guebert, Jr. to give a report that included the main objectives of the IAA for 2011. Jack then introduced Mr. Steve Stallman; Chairman of the RCFB Foundation. He gave a brief report about the Foundation and then announced the 2010 Scholarship Winners; Elizabeth Blair Daughter of William and Kathleen Blair of Sparta. Kaley Smith Daughter of Mike and Renee Smith of Coulterville. Megan Deterding Daughter of Ron and Paulette Deterding of Prairie Du Rocher. Christopher Fullerton Son of Michael and Anne Fullerton of Coulterville. Ashley Kloth Daughter of Joyce Kloth of Ellis Grove and Dean Kloth. Ashley Helmers Daughter of Joe Helmers and Katharine June Helmers (Korando) of Chester. Jamie Long Daughter of Kevin Long of Evansville and Karen Stallman of Ellis Grove. Following Steve's report, several attendance prizes, donated by Farm Credit Services, First State Bank of Red Bud, 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank of Steelville, Country Financial, Gateway FS, Buchheit's, First Bank of Red Bud, U of I Extension Services, and Buy A Farm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Gene Korando

## Women's Committee Report

By **Christine Smith, Chair**

For a committee that hasn't had much interest I'm really proud of us.

In the month of December we had a van load of women who went to St Louis Glass Factory to learn about glass blowing and were able to make glass beads and jewelry.

In February we went to a grocery store in Chester and Red Bud to do Food Checkout Day where committee members talked with shoppers, handed out brochures, had food samples and gave away prizes.

In August we hosted a women's tour for the women at the

Grand American to the St Louis area to learn about agriculture and how the food goes from the farm to the plate. We were able to visit an orchard, fresh produce market, and a restaurant that uses food items from within 100 mi radius to create their dishes.

This committee is open to any woman that is a farm bureau member. We would love to have your attendance at the next meeting or event because we have lots of good ideas that we want to work on and would like your ideas too!

Remember to take time for family and friends and Happy Holidays!

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