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## Southern Illinois Farm Bureaus Support Illinois Farm Families

Thousands of people each day will get a glimpse of what a true Illinois Farm is all about thanks to an idea that was originated in the Randolph County Board Room and was supported by 20 Southern Illinois Farm Bureaus working together to showcase that 94% of all Illinois farms are owned/operated by farm families. The Marketing Committee and the Public Relations Committee wanted to revamp the "traveling billboard" that has promoted ethanol and biodiesel for the past 5 years. The group of local farmers wanted to help promote family farms and the overall image of farming, which coincides with the new Illinois Farm Families campaign. "The Illinois Farm Families movement is a great concept so we used it as our base and then added our own Southern Illinois spin to the project," stated Jack McCormick Randolph County Farm Bureau President. 20 Southern Illinois Farm Bureaus working together to showcase that 94% of all Illinois farms are owned/operated by farm families.

Ken Kashian, IFB Photographic Services Director, traveled to Southern Illinois on a hot, sultry week to capture images of young farmers and their families. He was able to create a vista that captures the true essence of what a typical Illinois farm is all about; family values, passion, hard work, and dedication.

The image and messages were fused together by IFB Art Director, Roger Tornow to generate a finished billboard style campaign. Instead of placing the artwork on a plain billboard, the Southern Illinois Farm Bureaus decided to diversify their marketing strategy by placing them on traveling billboards.

They worked with Craftsman Industries from St. Charles, MO and Norrenberns Trucking Service, better known as NOTS in Nashville, IL to accomplish their unique idea. Craftsman covered the RCFB 28' trailer and two 45' semi trailers owned

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*The McCormick family – Jack, Stacy, Jared, Paul and Shirley.*



*The Luthy family – Kevin, Kari, Taylor, Landon, Gene and Leland.*

## Illinois Farm Families Offer "Free Groceries for a Year!"

*Sweepstakes launched July 5 at [www.FarmersFeedUS.org](http://www.FarmersFeedUS.org)*

It turns out there is such a thing as a free lunch after all, thanks to Illinois Farm Families. In fact, they are offering Illinois residents the chance to win a free breakfast, lunch and dinner – by way of free groceries for an entire year. From July 5 through Oct. 2, 2011, Illinois residents can register for two grand prizes of "Free Groceries for a Year!"\* at [www.FarmersFeedUS.org](http://www.FarmersFeedUS.org).

Two additional sweepstakes prizes also are being offered, including an Illinois Fall Get-Away package to a bed and breakfast and a Family Harvest Day package out on an Illinois farm.

Upon visiting [www.FarmersFeedUS.org](http://www.FarmersFeedUS.org), consumers can register to win by "meeting one of five Illinois family farmers"

through a short video showing how each produces safe, healthy food. Visitors can register up to five times every day by watching all five featured farmer videos.

The Farmers Feed US website features beef, corn, dairy, hog, and soybean farmers from across the state, sharing information about their farms and their families. In addition to guiding visitors through the sweepstakes registration, each farmer also offers a brief online farm tour.

Featured Illinois Farm Families include:

Deb and Ron Moore, soybean farmers from Roseville

Brent and Kathy Scholl, pork farmers from Polo

Dale and Linda Drendel, dairy farmers from Hampshire

Mike and Lynn Martz, beef farmers from Maple Park

Steve and Elizabeth Ruh, corn

farmers from Sugar Grove

"As Illinois farmers, we're thrilled to offer free groceries for a year to the consumers of our great state," says Deb Moore, one of the featured farmers on [FarmersFeedUS.org](http://FarmersFeedUS.org). "This is an opportunity for Illinois Farm Families to show Illinois consumers how we grow their food, and to let them know we share their values - taking care of our families, taking care of our animals and land and giving back to our communities."

Over the course of the 90-day sweepstakes, consumers throughout the state will also see and hear from these Illinois Farm Families as they are featured in television and radio advertising, and on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/ilfarmfamilies](http://www.facebook.com/ilfarmfamilies)) and Twitter ([www.twitter.com/ilfarmfamilies](http://www.twitter.com/ilfarmfamilies)).

### **About Illinois Farm Families**

Illinois Farm Families are Illinois farmers who support Illinois Farm Bureau, Illinois Pork Producers, Illinois Corn Marketing Board, Illinois Soybean Association, and Illinois Beef Association. We are committed to having conversations with consumers, answering their questions about food, farmers, and farming, and sharing what really happens on today's Illinois family farms. More than 94 percent of Illinois farms are family owned and operated. We are passionate about showing consumers how we grow safe, healthy food for their families, and ours.

We invite you to visit us at [www.watchusgrow.org](http://www.watchusgrow.org).

\*Based on Food Marketing Institute figures, a \$5,000 value.

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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.

# Southern Illinois . . . .

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by NOTS, with high quality 3 M materials, transforming them into realistic farm scenes that highlight local Farm Families. NOTS will utilize their tractor trailers on a daily basis to haul their customers goods from one location to another in central and southern Illinois along with the St. Louis area. Our trailer will be parked along major roads, pulled in parades, and also be featured at various community events including the Grand American and County Fair.

The three trailers focus on 6 different Young Farm Families from Southern Illinois. The RCFB trailer features the McCormick family who operate a grain and livestock farm in Ellis Grove on one side and The Luthy family owners and operators of a grain farm north of Baldwin, IL. As for the NOTS trailers, one features the Range family, a specialty crop and orchard farm from Belleville, IL along with Ryan and Eli Henke a grain farm from Staunton, IL. The other trailer highlights the

Lynch family from West Salem, IL and the Trettor Family from Gorham, IL, both diversified grain and livestock farms. Each farm family serves as the District Young Leader representative in their area.

We would like to track the trailers locations, so be on the lookout; the trailers could be spotted in an area near you. Call 618-443-4511 and let us know if you see them. If you have any more questions or would like more information on Illinois Farm Families, please visit [www.watchusgrow.org](http://www.watchusgrow.org), where you can also learn how to win free groceries for an entire year.



Range Family from Belleville in St. Clair County



Ryan and Eli Henke from Staunton in Madison County



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Lynch Family from West Salem in Edwards County

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# —Ag in the Classroom—

**Kendra Beattie, Coordinator**

The poster contest for third graders was a success with twenty one of the county classrooms participating. The theme was again titled, "Agriculture In My Daily Life". Before the students were given their posters I gave a presentation focusing on where their food and fiber begins. The students that were first and second in their classes are shown with their posters.

This past year I was able to reach 2626 students with the Ag in the Classroom program. This includes the classroom presentations as well as community events. With the help of volunteers lessons presented were on, Apples, Pumpkins, Corn, Trees, Food & Fiber, Cotton, Soybeans, Recycling, Dairy, Fun on the Farm, Safety, Planting and Harvesting, Pizza,

Soil, Livestock, and Soil Conservation. If you have an interest in becoming a volunteer for Ag in the Classroom, please call me at 443-4511 or email [kendra.beattie@rcfb.org](mailto:kendra.beattie@rcfb.org). Without your support this program would not be able to continue. Thank you to all that have donated time and money to the program. Please come out and support the ice cream sales at the Grand American in August. The proceeds made from this fundraiser help the scholarship fund and Ag in the Classroom program.



*St. John's Lutheran, RB, Lauri Koen, 1st-Sophia Liefer (2nd in County), 2nd-Megan Schrader*



*Red Bud Elementary, Angela Rushing, 1st-Calyn Hartmann, 2nd-Anna Beshoar*



*Red Bud Elementary, Charlotte Liefer, 1st-Abby Wolter, 2nd-Ashlyn Knapp*



*Chester Grade School, Kyle Koeneman, 1st-Madison Williams, 2nd-Cordelia Stirnaman*



*St. John Lutheran Chester, Jeanne Wagner, 1st-Ryn Petrowske (1st in County), 2nd-Adeline Blechle*



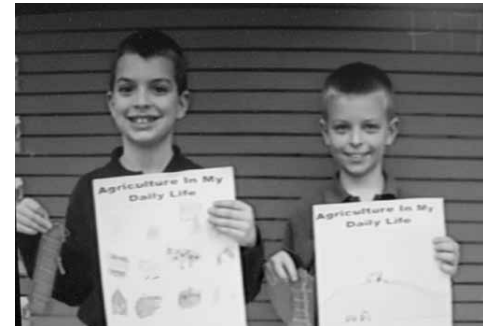
*Red Bud Elementary, Jennifer Mear, 1st-Brook Mason, 2nd-Caitlin Dehne*



*Red Bud Elementary, Margaret Simpson, 1st-Lindsey Johnston, 2nd-Samantha Price*



*Chester Grade School, Alisa Herrell, 1st-Nicholas James, 2nd-Taylor Hennrich*



*St. John the Baptist Catholic, Anna DiCarlo, 1st-Austin Menard, 2nd-Warren Mudd*



*Sparta Primary, Sherri Sroka, 1st-Madison Feng, 2nd-Peyton Manker*



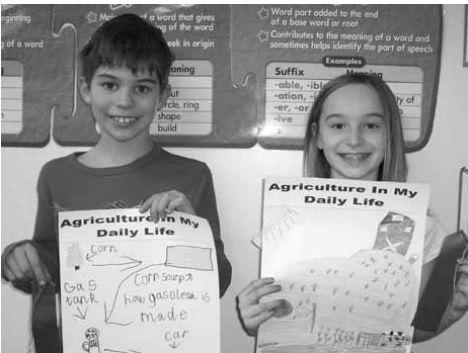
*Sparta Primary, Bethany Keller, 1st-Kayla Woodcock, 2nd-Kayla Hille*



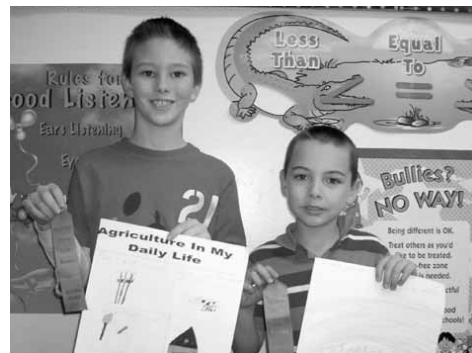
*Chester Grade School, Monica Gorecki, 1st-Morgan Sanders, 2nd-Deanna Bollinger*



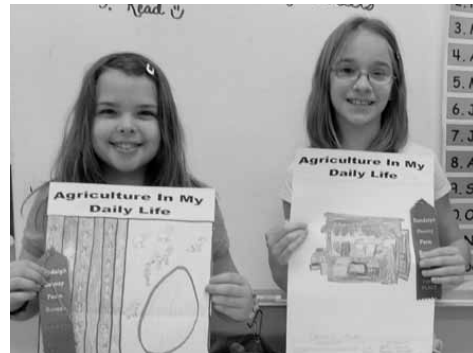
*Tilden Attendance Center, Jerenda Aitken, 1st-Layla Parker, 2nd-Anthony Kelly*



*Sparta Primary, Amanda Isringhaus, 1st-Jared Sauzek, 2nd-Allesa Montroy*



*Sparta Primary, Brittany Boston, 1st-Dakari Kiessel, 2nd-Bradyne Cometto*



*Steepleville Elementary, Katrina Niemeyer, 1st-Katie Huseman, 2nd-Kaley Shrum*



*Evansville Attendance Center, Julie Tieman, 1st-Anna Gaertner, 2nd-Adrienne Carril*



*Coulterville Elementary, Tracy Wolf, 1st-Paige Hand, 2nd-Grant Hoagland*



*Trinity Lutheran, Judy Marotzke, 1st-Isabella Liefer, 2nd-Anna Lucht*



*Steepleville Elementary, Julie Sutton, 1st-Jordan Wilson, 2nd-Lance Heuer*



*St. Mark's Lutheran, Sue Schwarz, 1st-Derek Weiser, 2nd-Kelsey Cowan*

## 2011 THEME PARK TICKET PRICES

(ALL SALES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE)

Available at or from the Randolph County Farm Bureau  
To Members Only - Until 8/31/11

Type of Ticket	Our Price	Gate Price	Savings
<b>SIX FLAGS - St. Louis, Missouri</b>			
1-Day General (3 yrs & up)	\$31.50	\$48.72	\$17.22
Tickets INCLUDE water park.			
<b>SILVER DOLLAR CITY - Branson, Missouri</b>			
Adult (12 yrs. & up)	\$55.00	\$59.11	\$ 4.11
Child (4-11 yrs.)	\$44.00	\$48.36	\$ 4.36
Age 3 & under are free. <b>AFTER 3 NEXT DAY FREE - SDC 1-day tickets can be redeemed after 3:00 pm to visit the park and utilized for a full day immediately following the first day visit.</b> Ticket DOES NOT include White Water or Celebration City. Cheaper for seniors to purchase the adult ticket.			

Type of Ticket	Our Price	Gate Price	Savings
<b>RAGING RIVERS - Grafton, Illinois</b>			
Adult 1-Day (over 48")	\$15.00	\$19.52	\$ 4.52
Child/Senior (under 48" & 60+ yrs)	\$12.00	\$16.43	\$ 4.43
Age 2 and under are free.			

Type of Ticket	Our Price	Gate Price	Savings
<b>HOLIDAY WORLD &amp; Splashin' Safari - Santa Claus, Indiana</b>			
Adult/Child (54" & up)	\$36.00	\$42.95	\$ 6.95
Child/Senior (under 54" & 60+)	\$31.00	\$32.95	\$ 1.95
Age 2 and under are free. 2 <sup>nd</sup> consecutive-day ticket available at park @ \$21 if purchased on the first day's visit. Free Parking - Unlimited soft drinks.			

**\*\*WE CAN GET TICKETS TO THESE PARKS, IF ORDERED IN ADVANCE\*\***

Type of Ticket	Our Price	Gate Price	Savings
<b>SIX FLAGS - Great America - Chicago, Illinois</b>			
<b>**WE MUST ORDER TICKETS TO THIS FACILITY**</b>			
1-Day General	\$35.00	\$58.69	\$23.69
Children 2 and under are free. Tickets include Hurricane Harbor. Tickets not valid for Fright Fest.			

Type of Ticket	Our Price	Gate Price	Savings
<b>KING'S ISLAND - Cincinnati, Ohio</b>			
<b>**WE MUST ORDER TICKETS TO THIS FACILITY**</b>			
Adult 1-Day (3-61yrs or 48" & over)	\$30.00	\$51.99	\$21.99
Child/Senior (under 48" or 62+yrs)	\$24.00	\$31.99	\$ 7.99
Adult 2-Day (3-61yrs or 48" & over)	\$52.00	\$51.99	\$ -0-
Age 2 and under are free. Ticket holders can enjoy the park after 5 p.m. (Ohio time) the night before a full-day visit for an additional \$10 fee at the gate. 2-day tickets DO NOT have to be consecutive days. Price INCLUDES entrance to Boomerang Bay (formerly WaterWorks.) No 2-day child tickets.			

Type of Ticket	Our Price	Gate Price	Savings
<b>ADVENTURELAND - Des Moines, Iowa</b>			
<b>**WE MUST ORDER TICKETS TO THIS FACILITY**</b>			
General 1-Day (4 yrs & up)	\$27.00	\$35.00	\$ 8.00
Age 3 and under are free. 2 <sup>nd</sup> day tickets may be purchased upon arrival at gate for an additional \$20 (tax included) per ticket.			

Type of Ticket	Our Price	Gate Price	Savings
<b>CEDAR POINT - Sandusky, Ohio</b>			
<b>**WE MUST ORDER TICKETS TO THIS FACILITY**</b>			
Good Any Day (Age 3-61, 48" or taller)	\$38.00	\$46.99	\$ 8.99
Good Any Day Junior/Senior: (Age 3-61, under 48" or 62+ yrs.)	\$19.00	\$21.00	\$ 2.00
Valid for admission to Cedar Point only. Does not include Soak City. Children 2 and under are free.			

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 3-13	Grand American Trap Shoot, WSRC
Thurs., Aug. 4	Regional Meeting, Benton; 10 a.m.
Tues., Aug. 9	RCFB Board Meeting, RCFB; 7 p.m.
Tues., Aug. 30	Pinochle Night, RCFB; 7 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 1	IFB Farm Talk Meeting, DuQuoin State Fair; 5 p.m.
Mon., Sept. 5	Labor Day, Office Closed
Thurs., Sept. 8	Regional meeting, Mt. Vernon; 10 a.m.
Sept. 13-15	Leaders to Washington
Tues., Sept. 13	St. Louis Agribusiness Club Legislative Reception, 101 Constitution, Washington DC; 5:30 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 20	RCFB Board Meeting, RCFB; 8 p.m.
Sept. 21-22	Defensive Driving, RCFB; 8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 27	Pinochle Night, RCFB; 7 p.m.

## 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 September 21 & 22 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.

The enrollment fee is \$12 per

person if you are currently an AARP Member and have your card with you; or \$14 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 September 15, 2011.

## FARMER'S EXCHANGE

Items for this column need to reach our office by September 16, 2011 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.

WANTED: Round or square bales of good quality mix horse hay. 763-4900

FOR SALE: Towing Business w/2 tow trucks, opportunity for someone willing to work. 965-3708

FOR SALE: King size Waterbed, make offer. 965-3708

FOR SALE: 22.5" Weber charcoal grill, \$25. 295-2655

FOR SALE: 100 lb. Zuber stainless steel Water Stuffer (pakkmobile), 120v - single phase, very good condition, \$3,500. 774-2560

FOR SALE: 1978 Chevy 1/2 ton pu, 113xxx, 350 motor and transmission, camper top, 475 gal water tank included, fair condition, \$1,750. 967-9295

FOR SALE: Australian Shepherd 10 mo old spaded/microchipped/AKC/Female. Very friendly, playful, good w/children & other dogs. Needs good home where she can run. 774-2898 or 615-1251

## 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, August 30 & September 27 at 7:00 p.m.

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.

## Weather Radios

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We appreciate your help in promoting 4-H for Randolph County

## Rain Fall (inches) Reports for 2011

	May	June
Baldwin - Gerald Cox home	5.7	5.75
Chester - Mike & Janet Vasquez home	9.3	4.1
Coulterville - Sherwood Burns home	4.3	8.9
Ellis Grove - JoAnn Meyer home	8.6	6.7
Evansville - Ed & Carla Pautler	5.18	7.42
PrDuRocher - Arnold & Joann Donjon home	5.8	8.5
Red Bud - Vernon Lucht home	5.1	7.58
Sparta - Marion & Jane Schupbach home	6.4	8.6
Steeleville - Larry Ebers home	9.35	6.35
Tilden - Forrest & Pat Matson home	5.8	7.1
Walsh - Clarence & Marcia Kloth home	5.5	9.25

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