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Minutes of 94th Annual Meeting of the Randolph County Farm Bureau

The 94th 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 93rd 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.

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, January 25th @ 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.



2011 Board of Directors

Pictured L-R Front; David Gramenz Treasurer, Gene Korando Secretary, Jack McCormick President, Kirk Liefer Vice-President, 2nd Row; Steve Stallman, Kevin Luthy, Steve Uffelmann, Gerald Cox, Glenn Meyer, 3rd row; Ron Deterding, Richard Tanner, and Charles Schupbach.

At 6:30 p.m. President McCormick reconvened the meeting by introducing Richard Tanner to give the blessing of the meal prepared by the Evening Guild. After the meal, Jack introduced Betty Fehr to make the 2010 Poster Contest presentations. 1st Place County Winner:

Brooke Epplin, Red Bud Elementary, Mrs Rushing's class, daughter of Dean & Cathy Epplin of Red Bud. 2nd 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 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 Coulter-

ville. 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 Evans-

ville and Karen Stallman of Ellis Grove. Following Steve's report, several attendance prizes, donated by Farm Credit Services, First State Bank of Red Bud, 1st National Bank of Steeleville, Country Financial, Gateway FS, Buchheit's, First Bank of Red Bud, U of I Extension Services, and Buy A Farm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gene Korando

Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarship Deadline

The Randolph County Farm Bureau Foundation scholarship deadline for 2011 is January 28th.

The Randolph County Farm Bureau Foundation is offering Scholarships to Graduating Seniors and Students 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

You can now download the scholarship application online, fill it out, then send to rcfb@egyptian.net.

For an application or more information, stop by the office or call 618-443-4511.



*from the Randolph County
Farm Bureau Board and staff.*

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 VICE PRESIDENT KIRK LIEFER
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 TREASURER DAVID GRAMENZ

Randolph County Farm Bureau BOARD OF DIRECTOR

2009-2010 ATTENDANCE

| DIRECTOR | REGION & SEAT | Oct | Nov | 2010-SINCE | DEC 09 |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----|-----|------------|--------|
| Gerald Cox | Region 1 Seat A | P | P | | 9/9 |
| Richard Tanner | Region 1 Seat B | P | P | | 8/9 |
| Charles Schupbach | Region 1 Seat C | P | P | | 8/9 |
| Glenn Meyer | Region 2 Seat A | P | P | | 9/9 |
| Steve Stallman | Region 2 Seat B | P | P | | 9/9 |
| Jack McCormick | Region 2 Seat C | P | P | | 9/9 |
| Kirk Liefer | Region 3 Seat A | P | P | | 6/9 |
| Gene Korando | Region 3 Seat B | P | P | | 9/9 |
| David Gramenz | Region 4 Seat A | P | P | | 8/9 |
| Ron Deterding | Region 4 Seat B | P | P | | 9/9 |
| Kevin Luthy | Region 4 Seat C | P | P | | 8/9 |
| Steve Uffelmann | Region 3 Seat C | P | P | | 8/9 |

| COMMITTEE..... | CHAIRPERSONS |
|--|-------------------|
| Ag-in-the-Classroom Committee..... | Kendra Beattie |
| Finance Committee..... | David Gramenz |
| Governmental Affairs Committee..... | Glenn Meyer |
| Legislative Sub-Committee Chair..... | Dean Campbell |
| Local Affairs Sub-Committee Chair..... | Steve Stallman |
| Issue Management Committee..... | Gerald Cox |
| Livestock Committee..... | Ron Deterding |
| Marketing Committee..... | Kirk Liefer |
| Membership & Executive Committee..... | Jack McCormick |
| Plant to Power..... | Charles Schupbach |
| 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 |

FARM BUREAU STAFF

Ryan Ford, Manager
 Kendra Beattie, Administrative Assistant/AITC Coordinator
 Tammy Little, Office Assistant/Bookkeeper

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.

President's Report

By Jack McCormick

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 reprieve from heavy spring rains from the previous two years. Maybe we wished a little too hard. Commodity prices are at a nice level, but most likely the increasing crop input prices for next spring will take most 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. The Board spent some extra time this year doing some long term strategic planning for the organization. This is a good exercise because it gets everyone's ideas on the table, and by majority consent, the Board takes the ideas and moves toward the common goal of a better industry. First, we started with a mission statement consisting of: "Promoting Agriculture with a unified voice through education, information, and legislation." Next, we came up with several core areas to concentrate efforts to work toward the mission statement. 1. Continue to portray a positive image for agri-

culture. We will do this by continuing to produce agriculture videos to inform the public, and working with Illinois Farm Bureau in ways such as assisting with their Positive Farmer Campaign message. 2. Our County Farm Bureau Foundation, to keep young people interested in agriculture. We would like to get to the \$1000 level for all college scholarships, and pool dollars for a community wide scholarship. 3. Expand the use of Technology in our county office, by using social media, videos, and possible online membership renewal, all to reach more people. 4. Making the public aware of agricultures' role in producing energy. We will tell the public that biofuel is a good choice, and the debate is not food verses fuel, it is food and fuel. We also want to teach students through school demonstrations about recycling waste vegetable oil with our Bioreactor Project. 5. Educate the non farm public about agriculture from the farmer's point of view. We want to invite legislators to the farm for demonstrations, and be proactive rather than defensive when talking to the public. 6. Networking with Agribusiness to combine resources

to maximize the efficiency of our efforts, and share the farmer's point of view with the agribusiness community. 7. Ag in the Classroom to educate where food and biofuel comes from. We want to adopt a St. Louis City school by talking to them and bringing them out to the farm. We will enhance our local program by giving handouts to the kids and their parents. 8. Reach out to youth by promoting and supporting local FFA and 4-H programs. We will educate about agribusiness careers using new technologies, even where there is no agriculture program. 9. Increase our effectiveness in the political process by keeping legislators in touch with what is going on at the farm and thanking them when they support our issues. We will pursue the Adopt an Urban Legislator Program. This strategic plan was not easy to come up with, and will be even harder to carry out. These will not all be accomplished next year, this is intended to be a 5+ year plan. If any of these ideas interest you, please let us know because we will need help to accomplish all of this.

Thanks to everyone that came to the annual meeting and most importantly, thanks for being a member.

RCFB Foundation Financial Report September 30, 2010

| | 2010 | 2009 |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Assets | | |
| Cash | \$ 9,201 | \$ 13,973 |
| Certificates of Deposit | \$ 27,326 | \$ 22,237 |
| Total Assets | \$ 36,527 | \$ 36,210 |
| Liabilities | | |
| Total Liabilities | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| Retained Equity | \$ 36,527 | \$ 36,210 |
| Total Liabilities & Equity | \$ 36,527 | \$ 36,210 |

TOY, FOOD & BLANKET 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 17.

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****

Sparta FFA Alumni is hosting a Blanket Drive (New or Gently Used) Nov 15 - Dec 13

Drop Off Sites: Randolph County Farm Bureau, Sun Scenes, Wright Do-It Center, Moody's Pharmacy, First National Bank of Steeleville, Pizza Hut, Lollie's Cafe, Frozen Delights, and Casey's General Store.

The blankets will be distributed to local families that are less fortunate through the Methodist Church of Sparta.

The FFA Alumni's purposes include supporting and promoting the FFA organization, cooperating with the local, state and national FFA, and promoting greater knowledge of the agricultural industry. We are a non-profit organization.

Contact Information: Kaylyn Heintz, Sparta FFA Alumni President - (618)967-1071, kheintz27@hotmail.com.

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Randolph County Farm Bureau Foundation Report



By Steve Stallman, President

First of all, THANK YOU for making 2010 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 Randolph 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 ten applications for the RCFB Foundation Scholarship Committee to consider. The committee awarded scholarships to the following students: Elizabeth Blair, Megan Deterding, Christopher Fullerton, Ashley Helmers, Ashley Kloth, Jamie Long, 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 attend a Summer Ag Institute, which teaches them how to incorporate agriculture in their teaching.

Our sixth annual Trivia Night in February brought in \$779. The Farm Bureau booth during the Grand American Shoot brought in \$2,752, 50/50 drawing at annual meeting earned \$101, \$215 donation from IAA Board in Glenn and Carol Meyer's Honor, and \$1958 of donations came in with dues notices. The Foundation did purchase the ice cream maker from Washington County Farm Bureau for \$2500. 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 2010-2011 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!



Elizabeth Blair
Daughter of William and Kathleen Blair of Sparta. 2010 Graduate of Sparta.



Ashley Kloth
Daughter of Joyce Kloth of Ellis Grove and Daen Kloth. 2009 graduate of Sparta.



Megan Deterding
Daughter of Ron and Paulette Deterding of Prairie Du Rocher. 2010 graduate of Red Bud.



Kailey Smith
Daughter of Mike and Renee Smith of Coulterville. 2009 graduate of Coulterville.



Christopher Fullerton
Son of Michael and Anne Fullerton of Coulterville. 2010 graduate of Coulterville.



Jamie Long
Daughter of Kevin Long of Evansville and Karen Stallman of Ellis Grove. 2010 graduate of Chester.



Ashley Helmers
Daughter of Randy Joe Helmers and Katharine June Helmers (Korando) of Chester. 2010 graduate of Chester.



2010 Poster Contest Winner

1st Place Brooke Epplin, Red Bud Elementary, Mrs Rushing's class, daughter of Dean & Cathy Epplin of Red Bud.

Marketing Committee Report

By Kirk Liefer, Chair

Well, after a couple of tough years, we finally had a year with a few less complications. The spring started off early and planting for the most part was timely and conditions were good. The summer brought tremendous heat and lack of rain in some areas but an early harvest with respectful yields and good prices have made 2010 a good year for the books

The marketing committee has been busy promoting agriculture again this year. The bio reactor has been a great learning tool for our local schools as we have been taking the reactor to them and teaching them the process of turning used cooking oil into fuel. It's important we teach our young adults the importance of recycling and the need for renewable fuels such as biodiesel.

The Marketing Committee sponsored a 2010 no-till tour at the Gene and Kevin Luthy farm and we had a great turn out with a lot of informational items and product displays. Also, be looking on the website www.rcfb.org in the future

for yield data and informational items from this year's tour. We will continue to have tours in the future and would like to again bring in new ideas and details to our event. If you have any ideas, please call the Farm Bureau Office, talk to one of the directors, or send us an e-mail at rcfb@egyptian.net.

As we are about to close this year out, we are getting near the Annual Harvest wrap-up. Last year we had an exceptional turnout with great discussion and everybody left with something to think about. 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 on Thursday, January 6, 2011 at the RCFB. 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

Rain Fall Reports for Apr - Sep 2010

| | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Total |
|-------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| <u>Baldwin</u> | | | | | | | |
| Gerald Cox | 3.0 | 6.55 | 3.7 | 3.15 | 6.2 | 3.3 | 25.90 |
| <u>Chester</u> | | | | | | | |
| Mike & Janet Vasquez | 4.45 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 3.1 | 2.5 | 4.9 | 24.65 |
| <u>Coulterville</u> | | | | | | | |
| Sherwood Burns | 3.3 | 4.3 | 5.0 | 2.5 | 8.0 | 5.0 | 28.10 |
| <u>Ellis Grove</u> | | | | | | | |
| JoAnn Meyer | 2.9 | 5.6 | 4.6 | 3.7 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 25.60 |
| <u>Evansville</u> | | | | | | | |
| Ed & Carla Pautler | 2.65 | 4.63 | 3.19 | 2.14 | 4.98 | 3.72 | 21.31 |
| <u>Pr Du Rocher</u> | | | | | | | |
| Arnold & Joann Donjon | 3.1 | 5.7 | 3.8 | 5.3 | 3.7 | 4.1 | 25.70 |
| <u>Red Bud</u> | | | | | | | |
| Vernon Lucht | 3.65 | 4.92 | 3.03 | 3.15 | 3.2 | 4.27 | 22.22 |
| <u>Sparta</u> | | | | | | | |
| Marion & Jane Schupbach | 2.1 | 4.65 | 4.20 | 2.8 | 5.9 | 2.75 | 22.40 |
| <u>Steeleville</u> | | | | | | | |
| Larry Ebers | N/A | 3.7 | 5.15 | 2.65 | 2.6 | 4.35 | 18.45 |
| <u>Tilden</u> | | | | | | | |
| Forrest & Pat Matson | 2.8 | 3.5 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 4.0 | 2.1 | 18.30 |
| <u>Walsh</u> | | | | | | | |
| Clarence & Marcia Kloth | 2.7 | 4.1 | 3.95 | 3.15 | 4.7 | 3.9 | 22.50 |

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Ag In The Classroom Committee Report

Kendra Beattie, Coordinator

Apples and Pumpkins have been the focus in September and October for visiting the classroom. Presentations given to Kindergarten through Second grade show how the seeds become the products they are able to enjoy. While tasting apples I find it interesting that most children this age prefer the tart, crisp Granny Smith over the others. They are given several different varieties and when voting for their favorite the Granny Smith usually wins. Many students at this age have never tried pumpkin and often find they really like the taste. Hopefully the students will remember that Illinois is #1 in the production of pumpkins.

The Du Quoin Conservation Fair enabled me to visit with over 100 students sharing how the season's change affects what is happening on the farm. Each student made a Farm Charm that they wore as a necklace. The charm reminds them of all the different things found on a farm. Even though we live in a rural area the number of students

living on the farm is fewer all the time. Therefore, many of them have no idea what kind of corn or beans we are growing and what they are used for.

The Coordinators from Perry and Washington Counties and myself worked together to present our materials to teachers at the Mt Vernon Teacher Conference as well as hosting our individual work-

shops in each of our counties. Our shelves are lined with kits and other resources available for the teachers to use. These workshops give us the opportunity to share ways to bring agriculture into their classrooms.

In September and October I was able to reach over 650 students through the Ag in the Classroom program, some of those more than once. Your continued support of this program is appreciated and needed.

Harvest Wrap-Up Meeting, January 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Are you willing to share what has happened on your farm in the last growing season and hear what has happened to others around the county? The Randolph County Farm Bureau Marketing Committee will host the 2010 Harvest Wrap Up discussion on Thursday, January 6, 2011 at the Farm Bureau Building in Sparta.

The round table discussion will

start at 7:00 p.m. The program will help our area farmers learn from each other as they discuss what has happened in their fields during the 2010 growing season. We will discuss different tillage, varieties of seed, fertilization and much more.

The meeting is open to all farmers. If you have any questions please call Ryan at the Office 443-4511.



Red Bud Elementary 2nd graders show off their apples with a smile.



Kendra Beattie shares with the teachers a book on Corn.

FARMER'S EXCHANGE

Items for this column need to reach our office by January 14, 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.

FOR SALE: Bale Wagon, holds 8 round bales on E-Z Trail 8-ton wagon gear. E-Z Trail bale basket. 284-7286

FOR SALE: 2 Solid wood(Birch) doors 36"X80" \$60 ea; 1 new white frame window approx. 30" X 60" \$50.00; Table 3x4 ft. solid wood top \$25. 965-3520 Harry A Rahlfs

FOR SALE: Hutchinson Grain Auger, 8" x 32'. Lyle Liefer 967-2250

FOR SALE: Small sq. bales of alfalfa grass hay. 618-615-2322

For Sale: Oak 5-shelf media storage unit \$65; stereo cabinet \$5; Rival 5-qt crockpot \$5; laminate kitchen countertop in 2 pieces (one has sink in it). 295-2655

FOR SALE: Pecans \$1.00 lb; Rascal 500 battery operated Wheelchair; Firewood. 853-4459 after 6 p.m.

FOR SALE: Firewood for reg. pickup truck bed \$45. 965-3731.

FOR SALE: 5 hp Briggs & Stratton Engine, vertical shaft, used 10 hrs. 284-7704

FOR SALE: Cracked pecans, \$1.10 lb. 282-2735

FOR SALE: Pentair Water Softener Used 6 years but now on city water. No brine tank. \$200. 317-3046

FOR SALE: Coon-hound. 618-334-0153

FOR SALE: Farmall "B" tractor, circa 1940's, always shedded, may need new tires, asking \$500. 443-5686

FOR SALE: G.E. 15 c.f. upright frost-free Freezer, used very little. 443-3302

FOR SALE. Ford 9N tractor w/3 pt hitch & high/low range, includes 5ft landpride finish mower, runs very good. 618-559-1625

FOR SALE: 100 to 150 ft chain link fence & posts, buyer must remove, good condition, \$50. 282-2554

FOR SALE: 4-Wheeler Yamaha Timberwolf, rebuilt motor, new tires on back \$1,200 obo. 853-4494

FREE: Barn Cats or Kittens. 859-2841



The Kindergarten students at St. Mary's in Chester enjoy their Pumpkin Patch Pie.

Executive/Membership Committee Report

By Jack McCormick, Chair

Our organization made a last minute attempt to reach out to potential farming/landowner members and achieved voting quota for the 10th year in a row. We were able to sign 2 new MM members, reinstate 5, and reclassify 1 member to obtain our goal. Here is the 2010 Membership Report! Without it you really do not know if our organization is growing or not. Here are the numbers from September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2010. This membership year coincides with the Illinois Farm Bureau fiscal year and not ours.

Total Membership

| Region | Ann. Date | 2010 Quota | Total MIGS | DIFFERENCE | Total MIGS | % GAIN |
|----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------|
| Region 4 | Ann. Date | 2010 Quota | Total MIGS | DIFFERENCE | Total MIGS | % GAIN |
| Randolph | April | 3,871 | 3,829 | -42 | 3,833 | 99.90 |

Voting Membership

| Region | Ann. Date | 2010 Quota | AM/EM | MM/MS | 2010 MIGS | DIFFERENCE | 2009 MIGS | % GAIN |
|----------|-----------|------------|-------|-------|-----------|------------|-----------|--------|
| Region 4 | Ann. Date | 2010 Quota | AM/EM | MM/MS | 2010 MIGS | DIFFERENCE | 2009 MIGS | % GAIN |
| Randolph | April | 1112 | 46 | 1,067 | 1113 | +1 | 1111 | 100.18 |

Through the various circumstances that effected membership; we increased our voting membership by one member, but we lost 42 associate members. This made our net gain/loss of -42. Truly with the average age of our farming members and the economic difficulties in our region for the past few years, our voting members have been holding steady.

Our committee is always looking at numbers, member perception, how to get new members, retain the current members, and what is the best for the average member. In other words, how can we be all things to all members and still stay in the black financially. We are looking toward the future.

Our committee does help to bring the services and programs of Farm Bureau to life, for the members. We offer several services to our members including bail bond cards, discount theme park tickets, insurance, income tax preparation, free ads in the Farmer, regular agriculture articles in the local papers, and much, much more. We are always looking for new services and new members. If you have ideas or suggestions, do not hesitate to contact me or the Farm Bureau Office. We will do our best to follow through on the idea.