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Follow the River

The Lower Kaskaskia Stakeholders Inc. held their annual Barge Cruise on Friday, September 9, 2011. The evening began with registration and networking at the Water Street Bar and Grill.

At 5:30 p.m. the nearly 300 guests were allowed to board the barge. They went through the buffet line provided by Ricky Rover's BBQ and then found their seat.

Shortly after 1800 hours the barge left port and ventured out for its three hour tour pushed by Kurt Johnson and his crew from Southern Illinois Transit.

Shortly after departure, Norma Hall, Ranger with the Corp of Engineers, welcomed everyone and went over some brief safety instructions before introducing Ryan Ford, President of LKSI (manager of the

Randolph County Farm Bureau).

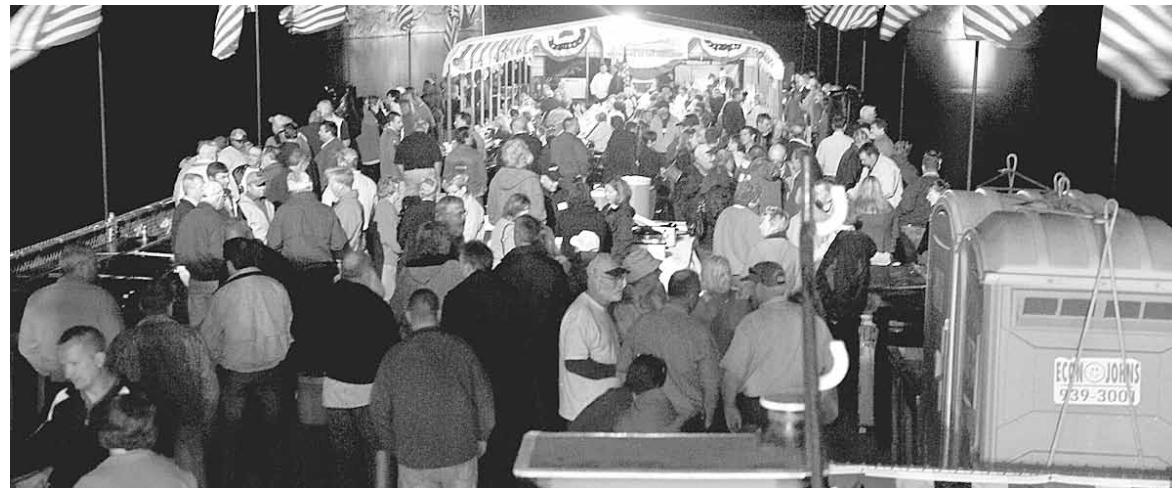
Ryan told some interesting facts about the river and emphasized the importance of working together for the betterment of the Kaskaskia River. He thanked a variety of groups and individuals for their support, sponsorship, and commitment to the river.

A special gift was given to Past President of LKSI, Pat Wetzel and Barge Committee Chairperson, Norma Hall for their efforts to make the evening possible. He then forwarded Congressman Jerry Costello's apologies for not attending due to scheduling conflicts.

Next, Mr. Ford introduced George Andres, Kaskaskia Port District Director, who talked about some of the new infrastructure that is being built along the river.

He also discussed funding of the Kaskaskia River Project and his recent trip to DC to tell the Corp of Engineers the impact that underfunding would have on the river and the surrounding businesses.

The tonnage will dramatically increase when Prairie State is in full operation bringing in limestone and



Nearly 300 LKSI members, business leaders, and government officials enjoyed an evening cruise on the Kaskaskia River to help raise awareness of river and the lock and dam.

shipping out fly ash.

Before George left the podium, Ryan presented him a plaque representing the LKSI's sincere appreciation for his diligent work towards the Kaskaskia River.

Next Ford introduced a representative from the Corp of Engineers that commended LKSI for their cooperation with each other and the CORP.

The final speaker for the evening was Richard Guebert, Jr, vice president of the Illinois Farm Bureau. Rich reiterated the importance of

the river and the cooperation of everyone involved.

He also talked about the urgency to pass free trade agreements with



The featured speaker for the 2011 Barge Tour was George Andres, Kaskaskia River Port District Director. He enlightened the crowd on new business development along the river and funding for the upcoming year.

Panama, Columbia, and Korea to add new markets which would help increase the tonnage on our river.

President Ford, wrapped up with a few closing remarks before letting everyone enjoy cookies from Fast Stop and home made ice cream provided by the Randolph County Farm Bureau.

When the three hour tour came to an end, everyone was pleasantly surprised to have a magnificent display of fireworks in Evansville.

The guests were given calendars and a soft sided cooler as they disembarked. They were also provided with a couple of drink tickets for the Water Street Bar and Grill.

A great time was had by all, thanks to the numerous sponsors, donations, and volunteers that make the Barge Trip possible.



Farm Bureau Manager, Ryan Ford is currently serving as the President of LKSI. He welcomed everyone to the 11th Annual Kaskaskia River Barge Tour, which was held on September 9, 2011.



The 2011 LKSI Barge Tour embarked on a 3 hour tour from Water Street Bar and Grill in Evansville, IL.

Want To Help Local Schools Earn Credit?

We do too! Sparta Schools earn credit for supplies by recycling old cell phones and empty toner and printer cartridges for laser printers. The Farm Bureau office will be taking their old cell phones and empty toner and printer cartridges for laser printers to the schools and anyone is welcome to drop any of these items off at the office to add to the effort.

****Please include the entire shipping box for the cartridges.****

Just a reminder that most schools collect cell phones, ink cartridges, Campbell's Soup Labels, General Mills "Labels for Education" & "Project A+ Labels" on Tyson Products. You can help out by taking your labels to the school of your choice or bring them into our office at 1403 Hillcrest Dr, Sparta.

Official Call of the Randolph County Farm Bureau 95th Annual Meeting

The 95th Annual Meeting of the Randolph County Farm Bureau will be held Monday, November 21, 2011 at the St. Mark's Lutheran school in Steeleville, IL. The evening will feature business, awards and attendance prizes. This year the business meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by an Appreciation Dinner at 6:30pm.

The evening will facilitate a report of the past years activities to the membership. Also, we will gather ideas from the members present through the Annual Meeting Survey. We use the results to plan for the future. Farm Bureau is - members working together to improve agriculture and Randolph

County. Working together we can make a difference!

The members will elect Directors to the County Farm Bureau Board from each Region, for the B seats. Ballots will be mailed to all MM Members. The meeting is open to all Randolph County Farm Bureau Members.

All Members who plan to attend the meal must notify the Farm Bureau office by November 10, 2011, in order to process the meal arrangements. You may notify the office by calling (618)443-4511. You may leave a message after office hours.

We hope each of you can join us for an enjoyable evening.

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Steve Stallman	Region 2 Seat B	A	P	9/10
Jack McCormick	Region 2 Seat C	P	P	10/10
Kirk Liefer	Region 3 Seat A	P	P	9/10
Gene Korando	Region 3 Seat B	P	P	9/10
David Gramenz	Region 4 Seat A	P	P	10/10
Ron Deterding	Region 4 Seat B	P	P	8/10
Kevin Luthy	Region 4 Seat C	P	P	9/10
Steve Uffelmann	Region 3 Seat C	P	A	8/10

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

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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.

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Items for this column need to reach our office by November 10, 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: Pressure Washer, gas engine, 2450 P.S.I., 2.0 GPM, 6.75 hp., Chester. 618-615-1434

FOR SALE: Butchering kettle \$100, Trailer hitch \$20, Weed wipe for deer food plot \$100. 826-2491

FOR SALE: Wood fence post, all sizes. Troy built gas power washer, 2 yrs old. 3 point hitch for C or Super C International tractor. 284-7704

FOR SALE: Sears Kenmore Microwave, like new, bought in Jan., 1.2 cu. Ft., Use & Care Book included and in original box, asking \$75. 965-3520

2011 Membership Citrus Campaign

Pricing for this year's Citrus Campaign was not available in time for printing in this Farmer Issue! Last year's pecan crop was not correctly priced, so this year Mascot is waiting until even later to announce their prices and they are expecting them to be considerably higher than last year.

At this time we have not decided to offer any different products, but will know more later and hope to still include order sheets in mailing of Board of Director Ballots sent to all voting members.

If you are an associate member and have ordered before, we will mail your order sheets as soon as they are finalized. If you have not ordered our Florida Citrus, Georgia Pecans or Amish Cheeses before and would like to have your name added to this mailing or just have question, please call us at 618-443-4511.

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, October 25th & November 29th 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.

FOR SALE: Round Bales (alfalfa, clover, orchard grass mix) \$40 ea. 978-8533

FOR SALE: Landscaping Trees at reasonable prices, locally grown, pin oak, weeping willow, pecan and many more. Hamer's Orchard, Sparta, IL 978-8533

FOR SALE: Full sized comforter w/matching sheets & dust ruffle for girls room. Comforter is reversible w/polka dots on 1 side & stripes on other, \$25. 965-3515

FOR SALE: Pecans, picked out. 853-2247

FOR SALE: 2 Tickets to Silver Dollar City, Branson, MO., \$90 total. 618-806-6043

FOR SALE: Therma Tru Fiberglass Patio Doors w/mini blinds inside windows, hinged on right fits opening 75"W x 82"H, bought at Wright Do-It Center, never installed, brand new, paid \$927 selling for \$700. 443-3388

FOR SALE: A pair of 18.4 X 38 Tractor Tires w/slightly under 50% of tread remaining, used tubes included, \$350 ea. 618-534-7930

FOR SALE: 2004 Chevy Impala in good condition, good gas mileage. 774-2531.

FOR SALE: 7-Gun, Gun Cabinet w/glass door, \$75 obo. 282-2768


FOR SALE: 48" round Oak table w/24" leaf, 2 captain chairs, and 4 regular chairs. \$300. 497-2664

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2011 "Pull & Cast for Agriculture Education" Winners Announced

The 2011 "Pull & Cast for Agriculture Education," hosted by the Perry and Randolph County Farm Bureaus (CFB), awarded over \$4,000 in cash and prizes for shooters and anglers participating in the July 24th event. In addition to the cash and prizes distributed, approximately \$6,000 was raised to help increase agricultural literacy efforts through each CFB's Agriculture in the Classroom (AIRC) program.

One-hundred and sixteen (116) shooters took to the sporting clay course in the extreme heat to compete individually or as a team. Numerous shooting games and the new fishing tournament also provided different opportunities for the avid outdoorsmen to compete and have fun. In total, the event drew 9 two-man fishing teams, 116 total shooters, 17 four-person teams, 3 husband/wife teams, and 6 three-person youth teams.

The Perry and Randolph County Farm Bureaus are pleased to announce the top shooters from the 2011 "Pull & Cast for Agriculture Education."

Tom Ruck from Millstadt, IL

was the top sporting clays shooter, breaking 96 out of 100 targets. Jeff Odle from Sparta, IL, and Jeff Dickey from Paris, MO also broke 96 targets, but using random station breaks as a tie-breaker gave Ruck the top placing and the Henry Lever-Action Rifle prize.

Jeff Dickey from Paris, MO took top honors in the individual Farm Bureau member competition with his 96 out of 100 score.

The **buyafarm.com** youth shoot-off winner was Willie Wessel from Fulst, IL. Willie received \$350 cash from buyafarm.com. Coming in second and receiving \$150 cash from buyafarm.com was Justin Greco from Jerseyville, IL.

This year's Gateway and Southern FS \$500 Shootout winner was Tom Ruck of Millstadt, IL. Jeff Odle from Sparta, IL was the runner up, receiving \$250.

The top overall 4-person sporting clays team consisted of Jeff Dickey, Clyde Mosby, J.W. Pulliam, and Ron Shafer. The Farm Bureau 4-person team consisted of Eric Fender, Chad Iffert, Jesse Lewis, and Josh Porter.

In youth shooting, Justin Greco from Jerseyville, IL took top honors with his score of 90 targets by edging out Todd Bathon's 90 targets through the random station breaks.



Randolph CFB Foundation Chairman Steve Stallman presents the **buyafarm.com** Youth Shootout checks to Justin Greco (L) and Willie Wessel (R). Greco received \$150 for second place and Wessel received \$350 for winning the shootout. Youth shooters breaking 70 targets or more qualified for the **buyafarm.com** Youth Shootout.

The top three-man junior team included Greco, Justin Phillips, and Jordan Klope.

Due to the heat, this year's new fishing tournament only filled 9 of the 35 slots available for boats, but the teams took advantage of the open water to catch some pretty good fish. Cash prizes were awarded to the top 5 teams, and Gateway and Southern FS kicked in an extra \$250 to make the "Big Bass" prize a little more attractive.

Winning the first "Pull & Cast for Agriculture" fishing tournament were Greg Fender and Collin Vaughn. The "Big Bass" prize of \$340 was taken home by the team of David Robinson and Dennis Moore.

All of the "Pull & Cast for Agriculture Education" results may be found at www.rcfb.org.

On behalf of the Perry and Randolph CFB's, thank you to all of our

sponsors, donors, participants, and volunteers for making this event possible. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to Sparta for a bigger and better 2012 event!

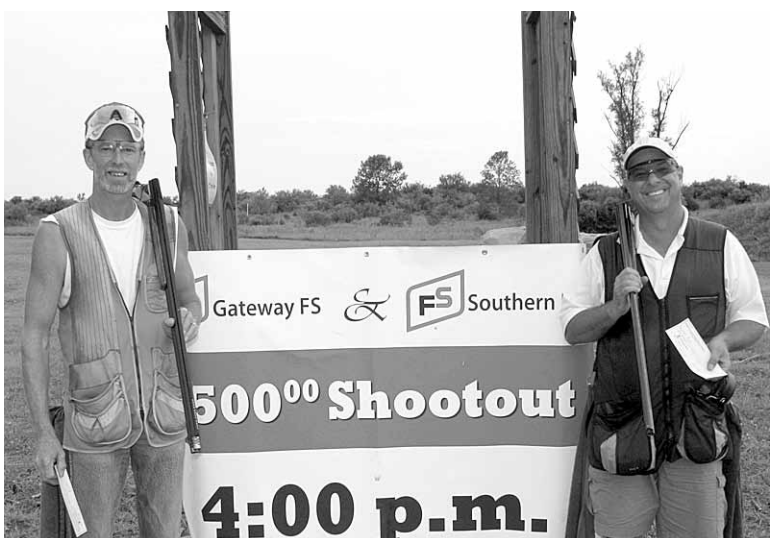
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Shannon Ford helps participants weigh their catch as the teams brought in the fish to determine placings. The top five teams took home cash prizes, and \$340 was awarded for the "Big Bass."



Collin Vaughn (R) and Greg Fender won \$257 for 1st Place in the first "Pull & Cast for Agriculture Education" fishing tournament with a total catch of 16.25 pounds.



Tom Ruck (R) was this year's winner in the Gateway and Southern FS \$500 Shootout. Jeff Odle (L) was runner up and received \$250. Shooters had to hit 85 out of 100 targets to qualify for the \$500 shootout.



A participant takes aim at the target in the distance during the 2011 "Pull & Cast for Agriculture Education". 116 shooters attended the event and helped raise approximately \$6,000 for AIRC efforts in Perry and Randolph County.



Perry CFB President Alan Jenkel and teammate David Wassung fish in the distance as a "Thank You" banner displays the event sponsors for 2011.

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"Pull & Cast for Agriculture Education"

116 Sporting Clays Shooters and 18 anglers attended the revamped 2011 "Pull & Cast for Agriculture Education". Held at the World Shooting & Recreational Complex in Sparta, IL., shooters participated in a 100 target competition, games, and the Buyafarm.com Youth Shootout and Gateway & Southern FS Shootout. Anglers competed for cash prizes, a "Big Bass Bonus" sponsored by Gateway & Southern FS, and bragging rights. Proceeds from the event benefit the Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom program in Perry and Randolph Counties.

Thank you to our sponsors, prize donors, participants and volunteers who all helped make a successful event.

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Congressional Reception in DC

Ryan Ford, manager of the Randolph County Farm Bureau, helped organize and implement an evening in DC for 34 members of the St. Louis Agribusiness Club and 22 IFB leaders to network with US Legislators and their staff.

The event took place at 101 Constitution, Brotherhood of Carpenters rooftop, which overlooks the US Capitol. Probably the most sought after location in DC.

Nearly 60 members of Congress and/or staff from Illinois and Mis-

souri attended the event including Senator Roy Blunt, Representative Tim Johnson, Representative Danny Davis, Representative Blaine Luetkemeyer, Representative Russ Carnahan, Representative Todd Akin, Representative Billy Long, and Representative Bobby Schilling.

The reception was catered by Avalon Caterers, who did an exceptional job implementing agriculture into our venue. The floral arrangements consisted of ears of corn, wheat, and sunflowers. A wide

variety of local and national foods were served throughout the 2 hour event. Schaffly's Brewing Company provided Midwestern beverages so everyone felt right at home.

Stephanie Regagnon, past president of the St. Louis Agribusiness Club welcomed everyone and thanked the sponsors before introducing Wendell Knehans, Novus International.

Mr. Knehans spoke briefly about the economic impact study results and the importance of working

together for the betterment of agriculture.

The remainder of the evening everyone enjoyed the scenic views while improving working relationships with the Congressional offices.



Ryan and Carrie Ford pose in front of the US Capitol on their recent trip to DC to lead a delegation from Illinois and Missouri to meet with Congressional Staff and Representatives.



Wendell Knehans, Novus International, addressed the crowd of over 100 Ag Business Leaders, Congressional Staff, 8 Representatives, and 1 Senator on the rooftop of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters Building in Washington DC during the St. Louis Agribusiness Club DC Reception.

LST 325 Comes to Town

The Regional Leadership Committee worked with the city of Chester, Regional Housing Authority, and Randolph County to coordinate an event during the weekend of the LST 325.

Instead of having their usual October breakfast, the committee decided to merge their event into a weekend of remembering World War II. When our group heard that the LST 325 was coming to town,

we felt that it would be a natural fit. One hundred sixty-five area leaders and students attended the luncheon at the VFW in Chester.

The group enjoyed an Italian lunch served and prepared by the VFW before they were welcomed by the city of Chester.

Mark Kiehnan, Regional Superintendent of Schools, recognized staff and future Randolph County Leaders from six area schools. The

students were selected to attend by teachers for their exceptional leadership qualities and eagerness to help others.

Sponsors were recognized by Melanie Johnson, Monroe-Randolph Regional Office of Education, while Karen Stallman, Vice Provost of SWIC introduced the featured speaker, Captain Robert Jorlin.

Captain Jorlin delivered an inspiring tale of 30+ WWII veterans that left their homes and families to embark on adventure to repair and sail the LST 325 across the Atlantic Ocean back to the US.

The crew had an average age of 72 making the quest not only improbable, but nearly impossible. They were able to overcome months of setbacks, hardships, and illness to bring the LST 235 back to Alabama in January 2001.

The ship is a major part of history that they wanted to share with fellow Americans. No other LST exists in the continental US. Now the ship docks near Evansville, Ind., on the Ohio River. It sails up and down the river allowing people all across the nation to get a glimpse of history.

After the luncheon was over, guests were treated to a chartered bus ride down to the Mississippi River to take a guided tour of the LST 325.

The crew has done an exceptional job restoring the ship to its glory days of the 1950's. This was a great way the Regional Leadership Group could reach out to the community.



Business Leaders that attended the Regional Leadership Breakfast were treated with an in-depth tour of the LST 325 stationed at Chester.



The Illinois Leaders to Washington delegation and members of the St. Louis Agribusiness Club enjoyed a beautiful evening in DC talking to US Representatives, Senators, and their staff during a recent visit to DC.

Calendar of Events

- Wed., Oct. 5: Regional Manager's Meeting, Benton; 10 a.m.
- Tues. Oct. 18: RCFB Board Meeting, RCFB; 8 p.m.
- Tues., Oct. 25: Pinochle Night, RCFB; 7 p.m.
- Thurs., Nov. 3: Regional Manager's Meeting, Mt. Vernon; 10 a.m.
- Tues., Nov. 8: RCFB Board Meeting, RCFB; 7 p.m.
- Fri., Nov. 11: Office Closed, Veterans Day
- Fri., Nov. 11: Gateway FS Annual Meeting, Red Bud; 6 p.m.
- Mon., Nov. 21: RCFB Annual Meeting, American Legion in Steeleville; 5:30 p.m.
- 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

Rain Fall Reports for 2011

	Inches	
	Jul	Aug
Baldwin-Gerald Cox home	9.0	2.4
Chester-Mike & Janet Vasquez home	3.1	1.0
Coulterville-Sherwood Burns home	7.8	1.6
Ellis Grove-JoAnn Meyer home	12.6	2.0
Evansville-Ed & Carla Pautler	7.73	2.63
PrDuRocher-Arnold & Joann Donjon home	4.2	2.6
Red Bud-Vernon Lucht home	4.28	1.47
Sparta-Jane Schupbach home	9.1	1.8
Steeleville-Larry Ebers home	3.2	1.4
Tilden-Forrest & Pat Matson home	5.4	1.3
Walsh-Clarence & Marcia Kloth home	7.1	2.15



Captain Robert Jorlin told the humbling story of how 30+ WWII heroes and veterans traveled half-way around the world to repair and claim the LST 325 from Greece. It took them nearly a year to repair, maintain, and sail the ship back to the US.

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