

2023 Fulton County Fair

The 2023 Fulton County Fair is a WRAP! Everyone enjoyed the watermelon we provided following the livestock auction, MOST everyone enjoyed the YL Pedal Pull, our AITC folks worked the booth in the Merchant Building, Directors and family worked the Front Gate and Grandstands Wednesday afternoon and evening. The Friday night before Fair Week, we relaxed with about 100 members at our Pool Party at Big Creek Park!



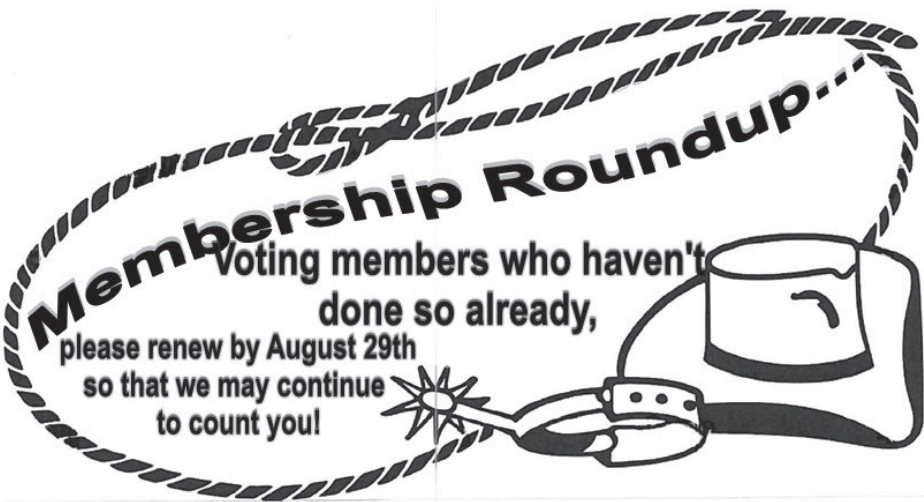
New FCFB Adopted Legislator

Fulton County Farm Bureau has adopted IL Representative Kimberly du Buclet (D) 5th District (Hyde Park and the Museum Campus-area). We still have Representative Kelly Burke (D-36) and think this will be a GREAT partnership for all of us!



Rep. du Buclet was appointed to her office in May of this year, and we've met her before in her role as a Commissioner for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago. Her committee assignments include Cybersecurity, Data Analytics, & IT; Appropriations-Higher Education; Health Care Availability & Access; Personnel & Pensions; Public Utilities.

We are making plans to welcome her to Fulton County this Fall during harvest. We're excited to help her learn more about Illinois Agriculture and look forward to working with both Rep. du Buclet and Rep. Burke on issues that impact us.





JULY HIGHLIGHTS

The Fulton County Farm Bureau Board of Directors met in regular session on Thursday, July 13, 2023, at the Farm Bureau office in Lewistown starting at 7:00 p.m. pursuant to due notice given. The meeting was called to order and presided over by President Barry Fisher. Other board members present were Robin Fisher, Linda Rock, Bob Vohland, Levi Porter, David Tolley, Jason Chatterton, Jeff Shelby, Seth Vohland, Johnathan Lock and Keely Wilcoxon. Director Nick Cleer was present via Zoom. Also present in person was Manager Elaine Stone and District 8 IFB Director Richard Carroll.

Richard Carrol, District 8 IFB Director, reported on IAA activities, including a recently formed committee to look at the future of Farm Bureau. Directors reviewed letters from our Adopted Class, and a thank you was received for the tour. A thank you letter was received from the Christy Family (Bryant, IL) for assistance during the loss of their home and shop from the April tornado.

There were no Affiliate Reports. The minutes from the May meeting were emailed and mailed out before the meeting for the board members to read. These were approved on a recommendation of Secretary Wilcoxon with no corrections. Linda Rock discussed the financial statements for June. These were placed on file for audit.

Bob Vohland gave the Membership Report: In total, we have 976 regular mem-

bers at the end of previous month, 13 professional members, and 1532 associate members for a total of 2521 members. Quota (to be achieved by August 31) is ONLY on Farmer Members and Profession Members this year. We are currently over 40 from our quota. Directors were reminded to contact those on the “unpaid” list.

Committee Reports:

Young Leaders – John reported that YL members are gearing up for Fair; silent auction at the booth, kid tractor pull on Saturday, farmer tan contest (entries due Tuesday July 18th). They had a good turnout at the Chief’s baseball game. The group had discussion on using fundraising funds to send Young Leaders to Annual Meeting in Chicago.

Ag in the Classroom- Julie submitted a report. She’s working on grant report/request. She continues to do Tuesday morning YMCA Day Camp activities. She is making new connections with schools and working with SWCD for a conservation day for 6th graders. Working on organizing a scavenger hunt during the fair.

Local Issues – Jeff reported on \$1.4 million federal budget to connect IL program for internet. \$350 million IL had put into the program. Inflation is up 3% for the year. All food is up 5.7% and out to eat food is up to 7%. Still trying to get Buckheart Solar meeting. RFD has a podcast now.

Legislative- David discussed the CO2 Pipeline-Hosted meeting on Monday for landowners only.

Marketing – Levi discussed the drought monitor map was passed around. Livestock market is high. Corn \$5.49 Beans \$15.09 Wheat \$5.88

Business service – Seth presented the garage repair bid from tornado damage. The bid was approved by directors.

DIRECTOR SCOREBOARD	Aug 2022	Sept 2022	Oct 2022	Nov 2022	Dec 2022	Jan 2023	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	Apr 2023	May 2023	June 2023	July 2023
Barry Fisher	✓	✓	N o M e e t i n g	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N o M e e t i n g	✓	✓	✓
Bob Vohland	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Robin Fisher	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Keely Wilcoxon	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Linda Rock	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
David Tolley	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Seth Vohland	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Levi Porter	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
Nick Cleer	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓
Jeff Shelby	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓
Jason Chatterton		✓		✓								✓
John Lock		✓			✓	✓	✓			✓		✓

Promotion and Education – Keely reported that the June Blood drive collected 32 units. They are all getting ready for the fair activities.

Manager’s Report was included in the book. Elaine reported that we finalized the agreement with the SIU School of Medicine Tele-Health program. She reminded everyone of the pool party on July 21. Directors were to work front gate and grandstands on July 26 (Wednesday of the fair). We will serve watermelon and water after the livestock auction.

Old Business was discussed:

CO2 Pipeline Resolution- County Resolutions Submitted were passed around. 4 resolutions are being brought forward on this topic from other counties in the state.

Adopted Class Visit- Directors agreed we had a great visit, lots of Facebook coverage. Kids have a great time at the sale barn.

Adopted Class Plans/Continue- Directors agreed to continue with our class. We need to have the “skipped” class that couldn’t come during COVID year included next year.

Directors were reminded of the Country Appreciation Event- August 14th for dinner at the Bistro 6:30

Nutrient Management Grant Event Re-

cap- It was well attended.

Fulton County Fair- duties were assigned and sign up conducted.

Fulton County Bicentennial Event- Sunday September 3rd 12-9 pm. FCFB has been asked to play a role. YL will have a petting zoo and IATC will have some activities. Directors voted to contribute \$500 towards the event.

12) New Business

A. We are to host the District 8 Fall Meeting. It will be Monday August 28th possibly at American Grill. Program/speaker TBD.

B. IFB has asked us to adopt an additional Legislator. State Rep. Kimberly duBucet represents Hyde Park and the Museum Campus-area. She is a former MWRD commissioner and has visited Fulton County for one of the past Field Days. She’s interested in working more with Fulton CFB and expanding her farm knowledge. Directors agree she’ll be a good fit for us and will “team” well with our other adoptee Kelly Burke.

C. Chicago Annual Meeting- Directors voted to again reserve a suite for County Delegation. Directors were asked to start thinking about their plans/commitments to attend.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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FULTON COUNTY FARM BUREAU

Fulton County 200th Anniversary

Fulton County is celebrating its Bicentennial this year! A celebration is planned for Sunday, September 3rd at the Fulton County Fairgrounds. Festivities start at 12pm and conclude at 9pm with fireworks.

Activities will include live music, inflatables, a barnyard zoo, food, history displays, and vendors. Admission and parking are free. For more information call 547-0901 or email bicentennial@fultonco.org.

Farmland Owners Conference Set For November 20 at ICC

University of Illinois Extension in conjunction with Illinois Central College is hosting the Farmland Owners Conference November 20, 2023, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at ICC in East Peoria. Topics covered in this fast-paced conference range from financial management and grain marketing to field crop production.

Owning farmland is a large responsibility and may come with a steep learning curve for some. In today’s world, a lot of farmland is farmed by one person, maybe managed by another person, and owned by a third person. It is important for those land owners to build solid relationships with the tenant, have an understanding of today’s agriculture practices, and be prepared to pass on their land to the next generation. The 2023 Farmland Owners Conference is a great way for land owners and family members to gain better understanding of how to best manage their farmland.

“In addition to those who currently own farmland, the program will be very helpful to those who will inherit farmland in the future,” stated Kevin Brooks, Illinois Extension farm business management and marketing educator serving in the Fulton-Mason-Peoria-Tazewell Unit. “The speakers and topics we have lined up are also

beneficial for farmers who are tenants, as well as family members of the farmers and/or land owners who are new to the family and world of agriculture.”

Some of the speakers on the agenda include Scott Halpin, state director of Illinois Farm Service Agency, who will discuss FSA programs and documents for landowners and Doug Yoder, COUNTRY Financial crop agency manager, who will address crop insurance. Co-conference coordinator Pete Fandel, ICC agriculture professor, is on the line-up to present about soil fertility. Matt Montgomery, former Illinois Extension educator and currently known as “The Short Bald Agronomist” with Pioneer will be on stage talking about new technology and information management. Another “well-known in these parts” presenter is Don Meyer. He is currently using his expertise in farm real estate and will be talking about land values and auctions.

“These are just a few of the high-level speakers who will present at the conference,” Brooks explained. “They are coming from government agencies and agriculture businesses from throughout Illinois and be covering topics that range from legal aspects of owning farmland to best management practices.”

Space is limited and registration is expected to reach capacity quickly. Conference details are available at go.illinois.edu/farmlandownersconference.

The registration fee of \$65 includes lunch. For further details or request for a reasonable accommodation contact Kevin Brooks at (309) 543-3308 or kwbrooks@illinois.edu.

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2023 Pedal Tractor Winners

2023 Miss Fulton County Fair Taylor Malott handed out candy and ribbons during the YL Pedal Pull, and is pictured with each of our class winners!



Under 29 lb. Class; 1st Gabriel Motsinger, 2nd Leighton Miller, 3rd Ben Vohland.



30-45 lb. Class; 1st Maddy Howe, 2nd Ace Smith, 3rd Anna Vohland.



46-60 lb. Class; 1st Luke Beard, 2nd Henry Vohland, 3rd Brant Miller.



61-80 lb. Class; 1st Macie Howe, 2nd Tyson Derry, 3rd Tucker Ford.



81-100 lb. Class; 1st Calvin Gorsuch, 2nd Johnny Lynch.



Summertime AITC

Even though we haven't been in school, AITC Coordinator Julie has kept busy this summer! In addition to completing the FCAE Grant and applying for next year, she has regularly presented at the YMCA day camp each Tuesday, had some hands-on activities at the County Fair, and had a booth at the county-wide "welcome back" in-service for teachers the first day of school. Watch for more great things to come from our AITC Program. Call Julie at 547-3011 to get her into your classroom!



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Young Leaders Chiefs Outing

The FCFB Young Leader committee enjoyed an evening at the Peoria Chiefs’ game on June 30th. The outing included all of the IFB District 8 County Farm Bureau YL groups, as well as those from IFB District 7. The group is pictured here in their party suite with “Homer”!



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