



# *103rd Annual Meeting*

*March 15, 2023*

*7:00 p.m.*

## *Our Mission:*

*Be the voice, resource, and advocate for  
farm families and agriculture,  
while promoting stewardship for  
today and future generations.*

**Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau®**  
**103<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting**  
**March 15, 2023**

Welcome

Call to Order

Pledge & Invocation

Notice of the Meeting

Minutes of the 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting

Financial Report

Election of Directors

Recognition

President's Report

Manager's Report

New Business

Adjournment

# Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau®

## Board of Directors

### Officers:

Brent Pollard, President\*  
John Mitchell, Vice President  
Jessica Bubert, Secretary  
Sid Moate, Treasurer

### Remaining Directors:

Amanda Anderson	Phillip Raines
Cody Book	John Reid
Matt Bullard	Kevin Shedd
Jeremy Franseen	Brian Sisson
Curt Greenlee	Clay Sohner
Angie Grotjan	Brad Watson
Trevor Olson	

\* Directors whose term expires or resigned

### Staff

Ann Marie Cain, FBCM..... Manager  
Diane Cleland..... Ag Literacy Coordinator  
Kaylynn Spencer.....Ag Literacy Educator  
Holly Wakeley .....Ag Literacy Educator  
Christine Wundrow..... Ag Literacy Educator

Sandy Mitchell.....Membership Secretary/Bookkeeper  
Sheri Lee..... Administrative Assistant  
Tammy Wakeley..... Administrative Assistant

### 2022 Team/Committee Chairs

Education Team.....Trevor Olson  
Farm to Fork Planning Committee.....Phillip Raines  
Internal Affairs & Member Relations Team.....Sid Moate  
Young Leader's Committee..... Emily Backeberg  
Legislative Team.....John Mitchell



**102<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the  
Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau  
Rockford, Illinois**

The 102nd Annual Business Meeting of the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau was held at the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau building, Rockford, Illinois and by Zoom on March 16, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm. by President Julie Newhouse, who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Members Jessica Bubert, Matt Bullard, John Cleland, John Mitchell, Sidney Moate, Julie Newhouse, Trevor Olson, Brent Pollard, Brian Sisson, Kevin Shedd, and Ann Marie Cain, Manager were present on site. Richard and Judy Beuth, Jeremy Franseen, John Reid, and staff: Diane Cleland, Katie Rudy and Holly Wakeley participated via video conference.

The Official Notice of the Annual Meeting was read by Secretary, Brent Pollard. Ann Marie Cain, member of the Credentials Committee, certified that a quorum of the voting members was present in person, participating by video conference or by proxy and that official business could be conducted. Brent Pollard reported that we received one-hundred thirty-six valid proxies naming the President to cast votes on their behalf.

President Julie Newhouse then announced that the minutes of the 101st Annual Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Meeting held on March 18, 2021, were printed in the annual report. As no member requested that the minutes be read aloud, President Newhouse asked for a motion to approve the 101st Annual Meeting Minutes as printed. A motion was made by Trevor Olson, seconded by Brian Sisson, and passed to approve the minutes as printed.

President Julie Newhouse called upon Board Treasurer, Sidney Moate, to give the Financial Report. The Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Activities, as printed in the annual report, were presented as well as the Financial Report for the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Foundation, which was also included in the annual report.

President Julie Newhouse introduced the Nominating Committee: Jessica Bubert, Trevor Olson, Brent Pollard, John Reid, and Brian Sisson. President Julie Newhouse then called on Brent Pollard, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, to report on the actions of the Nominating Committee and the election results.

Brent Pollard reported that Cody Book, Jeremy Franseen, Angela Grotjan, Kevin Shedd and Clay Sohner have been elected by ballot to serve on the Farm Bureau Board of Directors for the ensuing three-year period. The Nominating Committee hereby certified that they are voting members in good standing and duly qualified to serve on the Board of Directors of the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau. A motion was made by Sid Moate, seconded by Brian Sisson, and passed to approve the report and actions of the Credentials Committee. Brent Pollard turned the meeting over to Vice President John Mitchell.

Vice President, John Mitchell then recognized John Cleland and Julie Newhouse for their years of service to the Farm Bureau. John served on the board for 27 years. He served as Secretary for four years and Vice President for 17 years. Julie served on the board for nine years. She served as Secretary for five years and as President for the past two years.

President Julie Newhouse then asked for a motion to give authority for the Board of Directors to appoint voting delegates to the IAA Annual Meeting to be held in December 2022. A motion was made by Trevor Olson, seconded by Brian Sisson, and passed. President Julie Newhouse referred to the President's and Manager's Reports provided in the annual report. President Julie Newhouse asked for a motion to approve the actions of the Board of Directors for the past fiscal year. The motion to approve the Board's actions was made by John Cleland, seconded by Jessica Bubert, and passed.

President Newhouse then asked the members if there was any other business to come before the meeting. As there was no other business, a motion was made by Trevor Olson, seconded by Brian Sisson, and passed to adjourn the business meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Brent Pollard, Secretary

**Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**12/31/2022**

<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
<b><u>CURRENT ASSETS</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 14,746	\$ 15,621
Short-Term Investments	\$ -	-
Accounts Receivable	\$ 21,843	\$ 27,009
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 10,488	\$ 4,843
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TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 47,077	\$ 47,473
<b><u>INVESTMENTS</u></b>		
Investments in Cooperatives & Partnerships		
Long-Term Marketable Securities	\$ 1,726,866	\$ 2,027,429
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TOTAL INVESTMENTS	\$ 1,726,866	\$ 2,027,429
<b><u>PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET</u></b>	\$ 160,933	\$ 179,678
<b><u>TOTAL ASSETS</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,934,876</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,254,580</u></b>
<b><u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u></b>		
<b><u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u></b>		
Accounts Payable	\$ 180	\$ 6,278
Accrued Salaries	\$ 4,413	\$ 4,520
Corporate Income Taxes Payable	\$ -	\$ 365
Other Taxes Accrued and Payable	\$ 8,352	\$ 8,639
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TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$ 12,945	\$ 19,802
<b><u>NET ASSETS</u></b>		
Without Donor Restrictions	\$ 1,921,931	\$ 2,234,778
<b><u>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,934,876</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,254,580</u></b>

**Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau**  
**Statement of Activities**  
**12/31/2022**

<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>
Membership Dues	\$ 97,930	\$ 90,650
Interest and Dividends, Net of Fees.	\$ 50,869	\$ 78,704
Realized/Unrealized Gain	\$ (256,407)	\$ 140,822
Gain (Loss) on Disposition of Fixed Assets	\$ -	\$ (20,937)
Franchise Income	\$ 171,099	\$ 170,372
Rental Income	\$ 59,539	\$ 59,837
Commerical Dept. Income	\$ 2,888	\$ 2,962
Fee for Service to Insurance	\$ 67,557	\$ 69,126
Grants & Contributions	\$ 43,600	\$ 40,524
Insurance Proceeds	\$ -	\$ -
Prime Timers Income	\$ 841	\$ 4,322
Reinstatement Fees and Other	\$ 650	\$ 710
<b><u>TOTAL REVENUE</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 238,566</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 637,092</u></b>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>		
General Mtgs., Travel, & Salaries	\$ 332,915	\$ 297,879
Building	\$ 29,182	\$ 29,059
Office	\$ 44,666	\$ 36,240
Publicity	\$ 6,998	\$ 6,369
Activities & Programs	\$ 50,479	\$ 30,426
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FARM BUREAU</b>	<b>\$ 464,240</b>	<b>\$ 399,973</b>
Extension Contribution	\$ 14,700	\$ 14,400
Cost of Services to Insurance Co	\$ 3,041	\$ 2,889
Commerical Department	\$ 2,933	\$ 2,813
Rental Property Operations	\$ 49,687	\$ 49,478
	<b>\$ 70,361</b>	<b>\$ 69,580</b>
<b><u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 534,601</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 469,553</u></b>
Unrestricted Net Assets before income taxes	\$ (296,035)	\$ 167,539
Federal & State income taxes	\$ 16,812	\$ 16,369
Change in Unrestricted Net Assets	<b>\$ (312,847)</b>	<b>\$ 151,170</b>
Net Assets- Beginning of Year	\$ 2,234,778	\$ 2,083,608
<b><u>Net Assets- Year End</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,921,931</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,234,778</u></b>

## President's Report

By: Brent Pollard



The Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau mission statement is recited at the beginning of every meeting. It reads, “Be the voice, resource, and advocate for farm families and agriculture, while promoting stewardship for today and future generations.” As an organization, we enacted this statement after going through strategic planning to determine ways to best serve our members and our organization moving forward after our two counties merged our farm bureau operations together.

To be the voice, starts with listening and working to benefit our members. The backbone of the grassroots mission of Illinois Farm Bureau and Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau is our policy book and policy development process. This past year, the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Board of Directors identified a need for a change in the policy concerning livestock marketing. A member brought forth a concern regarding carbon markets and data measurements. Both resolutions were successfully adopted in Illinois Farm Bureau policy and then adopted by the American Farm Bureau Federation this past January. It’s amazing to plant the seed of a great idea locally and watch it grow into national policy.

As a resource, our organization is a one stop shop to help our members through our staff, our volunteers, and the information on our website. This year, our members received postcards that provided a QR code or website address to help them make informed decisions before heading to the ballot box on election day. We continue to assist our members by providing information to our local units of government including issues pertaining to property rights and renewable energy projects; information on animals shows and rodeos; and construction of farm buildings in agricultural zoned areas.

The Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau advocates for our members throughout the year. We work very hard to have good relationships with our elected officials and our adopted legislator to inform them about issues

affecting farmers and agriculture. Thank you to our members that opened their doors and welcomed legislators out to their farms. It is great to see that six of our state representatives and senators received the “Friend of Agriculture” designation for their voting record with Illinois Farm Bureau.

Every year, our Farm Breakfast showcases our farm families and agriculture. Thank you to the Franseen family for hosting the 2022 Farm Breakfast and all of our volunteers for making this and other Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Foundation events a success.

The promotion of stewardship continues by sharing the story that our farmers have always been great stewards of the land with local media. In addition, we have installed pollinator plots as part of the landscaping around the property and continue to look for different ways to promote the importance of pollinators and environmental work Farm Bureau does every day.

We reach future generations through the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom program. This year, AITC staff and volunteers reached over 36,000 students. AITC is a great opportunity to share the story of agriculture with future consumers of the food, fiber, and fuel we produce.

Hitting a little closer to home, we are working to protect the most precious commodity we grow on the farm. Please contact the Farm Bureau office to purchase “Start Seeing Farm Kids” t-shirts.

I am honored that your Board of Directors selected me to serve as your president for this past year. It is really great to serve our members and fulfill the mission of our great organization. I wish all of you the best and most prosperous year.

## Looking Back at 2022

### Ag Literacy

Last fall, we welcomed Kaylynn Spencer and Christine Wundrow to our Ag Literacy team. Take a moment to learn more in the 2021-2022 Winnebago-Boone Ag Literacy Annual Meeting Report.

Check out our Ag Literacy YouTube channel. Take one of our many virtual farm tours at [WBFB AITC - YouTube!](#)



### Legislation

The Farm Bureau Legislative Team continued to meet with local legislators. We appreciated Representative Andrew Chesney and Representative Dave Vella taking time to discuss issues that are of concern to our members.

**February:** Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau leaders attended the 2022 IFB Governmental Affairs Conference. The Legislative Reception provided an opportunity to discuss local issues, concerns, and the potential impacts the proposed bills will have on the agricultural industry with our Representatives and Senators.



Left photo: (L to R: Ann Marie Cain, Brent Pollard, Rep. Andrew Chesney- Dist. 89, Sen. Brian Stewart- Dist. 45, Sen. Dave Syverson- Dist. 35, Earl Williams Jr., John Mitchell, Jessica Bubert, and Emily Newcomer. Right photo: (L to R: Rep. Tony McCombie, Dist. 71, John Mitchell, Jessica Bubert, and Brent Pollard)

The Legislative Team mailed out postcards promoting Farm Bureau's new election resource available at [www.winnebagoboonefarmbureau.org](http://www.winnebagoboonefarmbureau.org) for both 2022 Elections to help our members find the information they need to get out and vote.

**June:** Representative Vella and staff toured Claretta Dairy to hear more about the dairy industry and jumped right in and milked a cow.



**July:** Mitchell Dairy Farm welcomed State Representative Maurice West's READY (Reaching Exposing and Developing Youth) program to the dairy farm for a tour. The mission of READY is "to Reach and connect youth with the diverse culture and opportunities within their community. We want to Expose our youth to elements of the community that they might not otherwise have a chance to experience, And

we want to help them Develop the tools to become more successful in their lives. Our Youth are our most vital resource, and the READY Program is committed to helping them grow." After lunch, John Mitchell walked them through the dairy operation. Local youth learned about cow care, animal nutrition, milking operations and made new friends.



L to R: Sen. Stadelman, Kevin Shedd, Sen. Syverson, John Mitchell, Rep. Vella, Brent Pollard, Rep. McCombie and Grant Anderson.

Illinois Farm Bureau **ACTIVATOR**© is the organization's political action committee that endorses candidates for **reelection** to the Illinois General Assembly by recognizing candidates with the Friend of Agriculture award.

The endorsement by Illinois Farm Bureau **ACTIVATOR** is based on candidates' voting

record and many other efforts on behalf of farmers in their respective legislative districts.

2022 Friends of Agriculture: Rep. Dave Vella, 68<sup>th</sup> House District, Rep. Joe C. Sosnowski, 69<sup>th</sup> House District, Rep. Tony McCombie, 89<sup>th</sup> House District, Rep. Jeff Keicher, 70<sup>th</sup> House District, Sen. Steve Stadelman, 34<sup>th</sup> Senate District, Sen. Dave Syverson, 35<sup>th</sup> Senate District

We encourage you to get more involved with your local legislators at the county, state, and national level. Reach out to them when issues arise that will affect agriculture and take a moment to *THANK THEM* for supporting agriculture.

### Join FB ACT

The easiest way to get involved is to join FB ACT. As an FB ACT member, you will receive notification to contact your legislators regarding important legislation affecting agriculture. Go to <https://www.ilfb.org/take-action/fb-act/join/> and sign up today.



Members can also join the IFB action request texting group at any time by texting the keyword “FARM” to the number: 52886.

### Policy Development

It is important that we hear from you regarding your concerns and suggestions on what direction your organization should take on issues at the county, state, and national level. Policy Development starts with you.

### Local Affairs

**February:** Boone, Winnebago, and neighboring counties have seen renewed interest from developers of solar energy sites. Energy projects generally require land, and many of our members have, at some point, been engaged in easement negotiations related to pipelines, transmission

An infographic titled "POLICY DEVELOPMENT Illinois Farm Bureau" with the subtext "It starts with YOU". The infographic is set against a background of a large, modern building. It lists six steps: Step 1: YOU have an idea, need or problem. Share it with YOUR county Farm Bureau (CFB) staff. Step 2: After YOU share YOUR idea with CFB staff and it's deemed appropriate for statewide policy, work with CFB staff to research the topic, develop a policy resolution, and gather support from county leadership. Step 3: Submit YOUR policy resolution through YOUR CFB office for review by the state Resolutions Committee. Step 4: Farmer delegates from across the state will debate and vote on YOUR policy resolution at the IAA Annual Meeting. Step 5: YOUR policy resolution becomes Illinois Farm Bureau policy. Step 6: POLICY IN ACTION! Illinois Farm Bureau works on YOUR behalf to accomplish policy at the county level, in Springfield and Washington, D.C. The infographic includes the Illinois Farm Bureau logo and the tagline "Farm. Family. Food." at the bottom.

lines, solar or wind farms. Easements represent obligations for landowners and tenants that usually last for over 20 years, and they have the potential to dramatically alter the way that affected land can be used. Winnebago-Boone and Stephenson County Farm Bureau cohosted a solar landowners informational meeting for our members.

The Farm Bureau continues to work with county government as they deal with zoning issues in the two counties.

## **Education & Outreach**



**January:** To help develop Advocates for the future, the Farm Bureau continues to invest in our youth by partnering with the Boone and Winnebago County 4-H. The Farm Bureau sponsored our third public speaking training session for twenty-three 4-Hers. The training invited 4-Her's from Boone and Winnebago Counties to improve their public speaking skills and boost their confidence as a public speaker. Each 4-Her that completed the training and

competed in the Boone or the Winnebago public speaking contest received a gift from the Farm Bureau. A total of twelve 4-Her's from Boone and two 4-Her's from Winnebago completed the training and competed locally.

**February:** Farm Bureau partnered with Illinois Farm Bureau to host our annual Breakfast before Business for the Belvidere Area Chamber of Commerce. Approximately 60 businessmen and women participated in discussion with the three local agribusiness panelists (shown left to right) Brent Mueller, Claretta Dairy; Tom Eickman, Eickman's Processing Company; and Phillip Raines, Raines Honey Farm; on the current food supply chain issues. Topics of discussion included labor shortages, modernization of current operations, delays in supply chain for packaging materials and changes in consumer demands.



Farm Bureau hosted an Anhydrous Ammonia Safety Certification training in February for eighteen members. Growers and grower farm operators who transport or apply

anhydrous ammonia, or otherwise maintain anhydrous ammonia equipment, are now required to become certified and must participate in refresher training every three years.

**March:** Congratulations to Emily (Newcomer) Backeberg and Jessica Bubert for completing the 43rd ALOT program. IFB's Agricultural Leaders of Tomorrow (ALOT) is an agricultural leadership development program designed to give participants a head-start on tackling tomorrow's leadership responsibilities.



**August:** Farm Bureau went to the Boone and Winnebago County Fairs for family farm fun. Fairgoers experienced where their tacos come from with our “Lettuce Taco Bout It” activity station. Visitors also learned about honeybees, baseball and football. Members enjoyed a nice cool ice cream cone.

**October:** Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau partnered with ADM-Seward, Central Grain, Delong (Garden Prairie) and Farm City. Thank to the local elevators' staff for helping us hand out 400 Harvest snack bags to our local farmers and their employees as they worked hard to bring in the harvest. The bags were packed by some of our youth volunteers.



### **Stewardship**

The Farm Bureau expanded our efforts to protect the environment. In the spring of 2021, the Farm Bureau put in a pollinator garden in front of the building. Later that fall, we planted about a half-acre wildflower prairie plot. The first year it looked a little rough. We are excited to see how it will look this year.

## Travel

The Farm Bureau has a few travel opportunities scheduled. You don't want to miss Mamma Mia at Circa 21 in April or the cruise down the Mississippi River. Visit our website <http://www.winnebagoboonefarmbureau.org/trips-and-tours.html> or check out the Calendar of Events for more information on our upcoming trips.

## Young Leaders



**January:** Our Young Leaders attended the 2022 IFB Young Leaders Conference.

**June:** The Young Leader Committee partnered with Culvers of Winnebago and hosted a Donate while you Dine event to help support the local food pantries. The Young Leaders brought out farm friends of all sizes including pigs, rabbits, a lamb and a calf. Thank you, Young Leaders and Culvers of Winnebago, for helping us raise over \$300 for our local food pantries!



The Young Leaders donated their time to help support the WBFB Foundation by selling 50/50 tickets at the Farm Breakfast. They raised over \$270 for ag education.



**September:** WBFB YL's, held a Farm Safety Expo for the Boone and Winnebago FFA in honor of National Farm Safety Week. Presenters talked to over 60 students from Belvidere FFA, Durand FFA, North Boone FFA, and Pecatonica High School FFA about Farm Safety. Conserv FS, Grain Handling Safety Coalition, Johnson Tractor and

Stateline Farm Rescue presented the safety sessions. This event was co-sponsored by Illinois Farm Bureau, COUNTRY Financial, and Bates Next Generation Farms. Peterson-Daly Farms loaned us 200 bushels of corn for the Grain Bin Rescue Simulation.

Members on Facebook can join the Young Leaders at [www.facebook.com/groups/WinnebagoBooneYoungLeaders](http://www.facebook.com/groups/WinnebagoBooneYoungLeaders)

### **WBFB Foundation:**



Approximately 1400 people attended Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Foundation's 23rd Annual Farm Breakfast held at Friendly Franseen Acres, Poplar Grove, on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. Kids of all ages enjoyed the horse drawn wagon rides provided by local horse teams; the antique tractors from the N. IL Antique Tractor and Engine Club; Pickles the Clown provided by COUNTRY Financial; kids games provided by Boone County 4-H; 50/50 raffle provided by the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Young Leaders; and the wonderful activities at the Discovery Center Museum and Agriculture in the Classroom tents. Thank you to the Franseen family for hosting the breakfast this year and thank you to the Boone

County 4-H, North Boone FFA, Team 2x4, Discovery Center Museum, The Matt Wundrow Band, Northern Illinois Vintage Tractor and Engine Association, wagon teams, and all of our wonderful volunteers.

**Thank you to our Sponsors:** Midwest Dairy; Prairie Farms Dairy; COUNTRY Financial; Edwards Apple Orchard- Poplar Grove; John Cabello-State Rep; Complete Feed Service; Conserv FS, Inc; Donald & Donna Nelson; Garner Excavating; Johnson- Five Holsteins, LLC; Midland States Bank; Tobin, Ramon & Barber Law Firm; Eickman's Processing Co; Brandl Trucking, LLC.; McGilvra Electric Inc; Ag Consulting Team; Jack's Tire Sales & Service, Inc; RCM Direct Fence and Tube; Woodstock Progressive Milk Producers Association; Hildebrandt Farms, LLC; The Scharine Group, Inc; Central Grain Co; Extra Mile Dairy Supply; The Delong Co; Jeff's Lettering and Signs; Solutions Bank- Poplar Grove; Town Bank; Tri-County Dairy Supply, Inc; A I Supply, Inc; and Dairy Farmers of America

Like us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/WinnebagoBooneFarmBreakfast>) for more photos and information on future Farm Breakfasts.

The Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Foundation hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tractor Trek on Saturday, September 10, 2022, to help support the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom program, scholarships, and internships. Twenty-four antique tractor enthusiasts traveled approximately 42 miles through the rolling hills of northwestern Winnebago County raising over \$4,000 for agriculture education. Thank you to our Planning Committee, Sponsors, Drivers, Hosts, and Volunteers for a great day. Special Thank you to our members, Joan Rabe and Brett Klein, for the wonderful photos that captured the 2022 Drive for Ag Education.



**Thank you to our Sponsors:** Northern Illinois Vintage Tractor & Engine Association; COUNTRY Financial: Tyler Hoffman of Rockton, Jeff Young of Rockton, and Becca Ireland of Rockford; Ginny Meyers, Gambino Realtors; Lou Bachrodt Chevrolet; Gallano Trucking; Solutions Bank; Jack’s Tire Sales and Service; A.C. McCartney; Edwards Orchard- Poplar Grove; Pearl City Elevator Inc.; Winnebago County Fair Association; Ewe N Me Enterprises; Heritage Woods of Belvidere; Mike Weerda, Gambino Realtors and Merri Milk Maids

Special Thank you to the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Foundation Board of Directors for all their hard work to promote the Foundation, raise money for ag education, and provide financial support to college students and the Winnebago-Boone Agriculture in the Classroom program. (L to R: Ron Waldschmidt and Carl Dumoulin at the Community Foundation Scholarship Fair in December.)



We would like to take a moment to remember those members we lost this last year.

**Voting members who have recently passed, you will be missed!**

Janet Anderson - Rockford  
Mark A. Austin - Shirland  
Ronald Arthur Aves - Belvidere  
Robert C. Babcock - Rockford  
Ruth Ann Behling - Belvidere  
Vernon LeRoy Blackmer – Cherry Valley  
Parker Brauer – Troy, MO  
Mary Alice Cross - Winnebago  
Glen W. Ekberg - Rockford  
Robert J. “Bob” Ellingson – Poplar Grove  
Marvin K. Eyster - Rockford  
Phyllis E. Gallano - Belvidere  
Paul Ralph Grover - Belvidere  
Natalie Nadine Hazlewood – Poplar Grove  
Jaime Horstemeier- Davis  
Marie Ann Horstmeier – Davis\*  
Grace Hulstedt - Rockford  
Patricia “Pat” Mae Koning - Winnebago  
Elaine A. Long - Pecatonica  
Ted Long - Pecatonica  
Brian Lee Lovett - Winnebago  
Doris J. Luckey - Caledonia  
Donald E. Meissen - Durand  
Jack L. Mitchell - Durand  
Donna Lee Neblock - Durand  
Adell V. Peterson - Pecatonica  
Charles “Chuck” Piper - Roscoe  
Carolyn J. Rhyner - Durand  
Julie Walberg – Rockford\*  
Lois Marie Westphal - Winnebago  
Helen F. White – Caledonia\*

*\* Associate members, who were previously voting members or actively involved in Farm Bureau*

*(Please accept our apologies if we missed anyone.)*

**Membership** (Members in Good Standing)

**Winnebago- Boone Farm Bureau**

Total Members

August 31, 2021	8330
August 31, 2022	<u>7998</u>
Net Increase or (Loss)	(332)

Voting Members

August 31, 2021	1,140
August 31, 2022	<u>1,116</u>
Net Increase or (Loss)	(24)

**Illinois Farm Bureau**

Total Members

August 31, 2021	372,326
August 31, 2022	<u>366,043</u>
Net Increase or (Loss)	(6,283)

Voting Members

August 31, 2021	77,462
August 31, 2022	<u>76,527</u>
Net Increase or (Loss)	(935)

An additional membership classification called a “Professional Member” is available for an individual who does not have a substantial financial interest in the production of agricultural products such as a farm owner/operator or full-time on farm employee (at his or her election) with \$2,500 gross farm income per year but is employed in an ag-related occupation (at his or her election). A professional membership may have the right to vote and serve on the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Board of Directors.

Ideally, every farm/landowner or operator in the two counties should be a Farm Bureau member. We will continue working to encourage those that are not members to join.

We appreciate the efforts of the COUNTRY Financial representatives for the work they do in signing new Farm Bureau members and meeting the insurance needs of our members.

Also included in this program are a list of upcoming programs and a list of member benefits and discounts.

We thank each of you for your patience and the continued support you have given the organization this past year. We know that as a nation we are facing many challenges that we have never faced before. As an organization, we too are also facing new challenges. Winston Churchill once said, “A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; and optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty”. Let’s all be optimists and see the opportunities that lie ahead. Success comes when we all work together. With your help and continued support, together we can lead this organization, and help our nation through these difficult times to a brighter future.

# WINNEBAGO-BOONE AG LITERACY ANNUAL MEETING REPORT 2022-2023



## Ag In the Classroom Highlights

September 1, 2022 - March 31, 2023

- YTD 32982 students received AITC in person programs
- Embryology programs in 28 classrooms in spring 2023
- Adopt A Classroom programs in two area schools
- Attended career fairs for high school and middle school students

# Upcoming Events:

## Summer Ag Institutes for Teachers

June 13 & 14, 2023

June 21 & 22, 2023



## 2023 Summer Events

Lockwood Park AgVenture Summer Camp

Belvidere Park District Summer Camp

EIEIO Event at the Discovery Center

Boone and Winnebago County Fairs



## Welcome back our 2022 Summer Interns



Ali Asche and Chloe Gustafson

I was a member of the Winnebago County 4-H program where I showed swine. I live on a farm where my family raises bison and beef cattle. I graduated from Durand High School where I was involved in FFA and many sports. Last spring I earned my Associate's Degree at Highland Community College where I studied Ag Business. I transferred to the University of Wisconsin-Platteville to receive my bachelor's degree.

- Ali Asche



Hello, I come from Boone County, which is where I got my start in the agriculture industry. In my younger years I had the desire to learn more about agriculture which led me to join 4-H and FFA. During my FFA years I gained a stronger connection and passion for the agriculture industry, which also led to my passion for the sheep industry that started while showing and raising sheep, judging livestock, and participating in skill-a-thon events. From there I became passionate about agriculture education. I began my college career at Black Hawk

College East Campus graduating as an Ag transfer student. While at Black Hawk I had the amazing

opportunity to participate in the Growing Agriculture Science Teachers Grant. This grant allowed me to shadow and be a part of Kewanee High School's agriculture department during my freshman and sophomore years of college. This hands-on experience expanded my passion for agriculture education. Last spring, I completed my degree in agriculture education at Iowa State University. This summer I am honored to be provided the opportunity of being back with the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau as one of their 2022 summer education interns.

The Farm Bureau is an amazing organization that helps provide education opportunities to many individuals and communities. I plan to implement the experience I gain from this opportunity into my future agriculture program. Being a future Ag education teacher, I want to provide my students with the best educational opportunities just like the Farm Bureau thrives to do for their members and communities.

-Chloe Gustafson





Ag in the Classroom ♦ Adopt-a-Classroom ♦ Summer Ag Institutes

- ♦ Summer Camps & Schools ♦ Farm Breakfast
- ♦ Fundraising ♦ Consumer Outreach
- ♦ County Fairs and more!

## WINNEBAGO-BOONE FARM BUREAU INTERNSHIP AGRICULTURAL FIELDS OF STUDY

**Location:** Rockford, Illinois

**Dates:** May-August 2023

**Pre-requisites:** Graduating high school senior or current college student, enrolled in a college/university for the upcoming semester studying Agriculture, Communications, Marketing, or Education

**Requirements:** Approximately of 25 hrs./week  
(days with occasional evenings and weekends)

**Salary:** \$14/hour

### Responsibilities:

- Promote and facilitate Ag-in-the-Classroom and Consumer Education projects
- Assist with Summer Ag Institute for teachers
- Assist with public relations efforts through social media, newsletters, press releases and other correspondence
- Coordinate activities and volunteers for the County Fairs
- Assist with fundraising for the comprehensive Ag Ed program in Boone and Winnebago counties
- Other duties as assigned

**Contact:** Ann Marie Cain, Manager at 815-962-0653 or email [wfbmanager@live.com](mailto:wfbmanager@live.com)

Applications are available at [www.winnebago-boonefarmbureau.org](http://www.winnebago-boonefarmbureau.org)

**Annual Application Deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup>.**

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**Statement of Financial Position**  
**12/31/2022**

**ASSETS**

**CURRENT ASSETS**

	<b><u>2022</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 88,270	\$ 75,129
Short-Term Investments	\$ -	\$ -
Accounts Receivable	\$ -	\$ -
Prepaid Expenses	\$ -	\$ -

<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 88,270</b>	<b>\$ 75,129</b>
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**INVESTMENTS**

Long-Term Marketable Securities	\$ 96,782	\$ 107,627
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Total Investments	\$ 96,782	\$ 107,627
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<b><u>TOTAL ASSETS</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 185,052</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 182,756</u></b>
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**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

**NET ASSETS**

Retained Earnings	\$ 182,756	\$ 175,798
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Net Income	\$ 2,296	\$ 6,958
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<b><u>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 185,052</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 182,756</u></b>
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**Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Foundation**  
**Statement of Activities**  
**12/31/2022**

<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>
AITC Designated Contributions	\$ 2,550	\$ 2,152
Fundraising Contributions	\$ 7,306	\$ 16,385
IFB Transition Payments	\$ -	\$ -
Dues Notice Income (EFT)	\$ 9,083	\$ 10,598
Income Dues Inserts	\$ 25	\$ 345
Dues Notice Income (E-Com Stand Alone)	\$ 4,420	\$ 4,650
Scholarship Contributions	\$ 18,000	
Contributions (unrestricted)	\$ 1,054	\$ 5,617
Grants	\$ 2,000	\$ -
Farm Breakfast Income	\$ 22,612	\$ -
Tractor Trek	\$ 6,150	\$ 6,983
Raffle Income	\$ -	\$ -
Unrealized G/L on Investment	\$ (10,845)	\$ 9,692
Misc. Income	\$ 64	\$ 45
Interest/Dividends	\$ 210	\$ 57
CD Interest	\$ -	\$ 187
Saving Interest	\$ 12	\$ 11
<b><u>TOTAL REVENUE</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 62,641</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 56,722</u></b>

<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>		
Ag in the Classroom	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
Scholarships	\$ 16,500	\$ 19,000
Auditing Fees	\$ 735	\$ 709
Professional Fundraising	\$ -	\$ -
Fundraising Letter Campaign	\$ 5,489	\$ 1,022
General Expenses	\$ 707	\$ 176
Printing Expenses	\$ -	\$ -
Meeting Expenses	\$ 137	\$ 157
Farm Breakfast Expenses	\$ 9,717	\$ 1,000
Tractor Trek	\$ 2,137	\$ 2,786
Raffle Fundraising	\$ 10	
<b><u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 60,431</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 49,850</u></b>

<b><u>NET INCOME</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,210</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 6,872</u></b>
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## 2022 Foundation Scholarships Awarded

The Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau® Foundation awarded eleven \$1,500 scholarships. These scholarships are for students of Farm Bureau members that are enrolled in a college or university and are majoring in an agricultural field of study.

### Lawrence & Hazel McColl Memorial Scholarship



Allyson Aves of Belvidere will be a freshman at Iowa State University in the fall. She is majoring in Applied Agricultural Economics and Food Sciences.

Allyson is the daughter of Todd and Brenda Aves.



Tyler Lee of Durand will be a freshman at Lake Land College in the fall. He will be majoring in Animal Science and Beef Production. Tyler is the son of Scott and

Casey Lee.

## **Gary Shedd Memorial Scholarship**



Emma Richardson of Capron will be a junior at South Dakota State University in the fall. She is majoring in Animal Science. Emma is the daughter of Jamie and Cathy Richardson.

## **\$1,500 Scholarship**



Alena Asche of Pecatonica will be a junior at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville in the fall. She is majoring in Ag Business/Animal Science. Alena is the daughter of Allen and Mary Asche.



Rebecca Baird of Durand will be a senior at Iowa State University in the fall. She is majoring in Natural Resources Ecology and Management Forestry. Rebecca is the daughter of David and Reita Baird.



Holly Black of Rockton will be a first year student at U of I College of Veterinary Medicine in the fall. She is majoring in Biology and Sustainability (Environmental Science). Holly is the daughter of Mike & Ann Black.



Brady Dolan of Durand will be a sophomore at University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign in the fall. He will be majoring in ACE Markets and Management. Brady is the son of Ben and Darcie Dolan.



Dellana Muck of Caledonia will be a freshman at Rock Valley College in the fall. She will be majoring in Agronomy and Precision Agriculture. Dellana is the daughter of Dale and Suzette Muck.



Morgan Richardson of Belvidere will be a freshman at Black Hawk College-East this fall. She will be majoring in Animal Science/Pre-Vet Medicine. Morgan is the daughter of James and Cathy Richardson.



Abby Stevens of Caledonia will be a senior at University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign in the fall. She will be majoring in Animal Science/Pre-Vet. Abby is the daughter of Daryl and Karin Stevens.



Emma Walberg of Belvidere will be a freshman this fall at Judson University. She will be majoring in Agriculture Business. Emma is the daughter of Thomas and Pamela Walberg.

We want to congratulate each of the scholarship recipients and wish them the very best as they pursue their degrees. The Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Foundation is proud to be able to assist these students with their college education.

The funds for the scholarship awards come from the support of our members and income generated from interest. If you would like to make a contribution to the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau® Foundation for the purpose of providing scholarships, we would encourage you to do so.



The Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau® Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization; therefore, your donation is tax deductible within IRS guidelines. If you would be interested in donating to the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau® Foundation, contact the Farm Bureau office at 815-962-0654 and we will be glad to assist you in the process.

## Farm Breakfast Hosts

2022	Friendly Franseen Acres
2019	Luckey Dairy Farm
2018	Hildebrandt Farms
2017	Family Af-Ayr Farm
2016	Aves Dairy Farm
2015	Friendly Franseen Acres
2014	Friendly Franseen Acres
2013	Johnson Farms
2012	Susie's Garden Patch
2010	Ward View Farm
2009	James & Marilyn Turner
2007	Kevin & Julie Aves
2006	Gregg & Patricia Borchardt
2005	Brent Mueller
2004	Kevin & Julie Aves
2000	Fred & Ann Hildebrandt
1999	Joedy & Mary Ulrich
1998	Dale & Lisa Fitzgerald
1997	Ron & Sylvia Mueller



**2022**

**FARM BREAKFAST FUN!**





## 24th Annual Farm Breakfast

June 10, 2023  
6:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.



At the  
Johnson-Five Holsteins  
6431 Stateline Rd, Poplar Grove, IL

*To Benefit:*



## Upcoming Events

- Mar. 23 Legislative Team- 6 p.m. at the IL Machine Shed
- Apr. 4 ELECTION DAY**
- Apr. 4 Young Leaders Raffle Basket Building & Dinner Meeting- 7 p.m. at Farm Bureau
- Apr. 7 Office Closed- Good Friday**
- Apr. 10 Farm Breakfast Planning Committee- 10:30 a.m. at Johnson-Five Holsteins
- Apr. 12 Scholarship Review Committee- 6:00 p.m. at FB office
- Apr. 12 WBFB Foundation Board Meeting- 6:30 p.m. at FB office
- Apr. 19 Internal Affairs & Member Relations Team- 6 p.m. at the Farm Bureau
- Apr. 25 Ag Literacy Advisory Council- 6 p.m.
- May 24 Circa 21 Dinner Theater presents “Mamma Mia”
- May 29 Office Closed- Memorial Day**
- Jun. 10 WBFB Foundation’s Farm Breakfast- 6:30-11 a.m. at Johnson 5 Holsteins, Poplar Grove, IL
- Jun. 14 WBFB Foundation Board Meeting- 6:30 p.m. at FB office
- Jun. 13-14 SAI-Ogle, Carroll, & Stephenson Co.
- Jun. 21-22 SAI-Boone and Winnebago Co.
- Jul. 4 Office Closed- Independence Day**
- Jul. 10 Education Team Meeting- 8:30 a.m. at the IL Machine Shed Restaurant
- Aug. 8-13 Boone County Fair
- Aug. 16-20 Winnebago County Fair

Aug. 28 District 2 Ya'll Come Meeting- 7 p.m.

Aug. 29-31 Farm Progress Show- Decatur, IL

**Sept. 4 Office Closed- Labor Day**

Sept. 9 WBFB Foundation's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Tractor Trek

Sept. 13 Celebration Belle Lunch Cruise

Sept. 13 WBFB Foundation Board Meeting- 6:30 p.m. at FB office

Sept. 20 Board Meeting- 7 p.m. at Farm Bureau

Sept. 27-28 Building Local Relationships to Engage in Issues with IFB GAC & News and Communications- Bloomington, IL (Ann)

Oct. 1 CFB Goals are due

Oct. 6-9 IFB Membership Conference (Ann)

Oct. 17-19 IFB Managers' to DC

Nov. 7 Election Day

Nov. 15 Board Meeting- 7 p.m. at Farm Bureau

**Nov. 23 Office Closed- Thanksgiving**

**Nov. 24 Office Closed- Thanksgiving**

Dec. 2-5 IAA Annual Meeting- Palmer House, Chicago, IL

Dec. 13 WBFB Foundation Board Meeting- 6:30 p.m. at FB office

Dec. 20 Board Meeting- 7 p.m. at Farm Bureau

**Dec. 22 Office Closed- Christmas Eve**

**Dec. 25 Office Closed- Christmas Day**

**Dec. 29 Office Closed- New Year's Eve**

**Jan. 1 Office Closed- New Year's Day**

## Benefits and Discounts

**Bowling Cards:** One free game of bowling with each paid game at Forest Hills Lanes.

**Windy Hill Upholstery-Pecatonica:** 10% discount on custom upholstery and minor furniture repair.

**All About Eyes:** 20% off Buy One, Get One Free complete pairs of glasses (excludes designer frames). Eye exams for \$40.00 or a contact lens exam for \$69.00. Located at 6430 E. State St., Rockford.

**LASIK Surgery:** Up to 50% on corrective surgery. Call 1-866-977-3012 or [www.qualsight.com/-ilfb](http://www.qualsight.com/-ilfb)

**Prescription Service Discounts:** Save at more than 2000 Illinois pharmacies. (This is not an insurance policy & does not provide insurance coverage. Discounts are available exclusively through participating pharmacies.)

**Agelity:** Ask Farm Bureau for your Agelity card.

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**GrainCoat®:** Take advantage of GrainCoat, an on-the-go farm marketing and inventory tracking tool available via web and iPhone. GrainCoat offers two platforms: One is FREE and the other one is \$199 per year. Illinois Farm Bureau members will get a \$20 discount on the \$199 platform with discount code ILFB19. Get more information on GrainCoat's website at: <https://graincoat.com/>

**NAPA:** 10% discount at any participating NAPA auto parts store. Excludes tax, special orders & delivery costs.

**Case IH Discounts:** Illinois Farm Bureau members will receive a manufacturer's incentive discount of \$200-\$500, depending on the tractor or implement acquired. Certificate, list of discounts and terms and conditions are available at <https://www.ilfb.org/membership/benefits/#case>

**John Deere:** Members receive an upgraded John Deere Rewards membership (Platinum 1) unlocking EXTRA DISCOUNTS on equipment, parts, and merchandise. Check out the savings on the following equipment categories:

Commercial Mowing -- \$200 to \$1,700 off

Residential Mowing -- \$50 to \$150 off

Utility Vehicles -- \$100 to \$300 off

Tractors -- \$200 to \$300 off

Compact Construction -- \$550 to \$1,400 off.

Visit <https://www.ilfb.org/membership/benefits/#jd> for more information. ((Must be a valid Farm Bureau Member for 30 days with a valid email address.))

**Caterpillar:** Save up to \$5,000 on the purchase or lease of eligible Cat® excavators, skid steers, wheel loaders and more.

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# Happy National Ag Day

to those who work in acres not miles.

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Farm Bureau Members Receive a  
**\$500 Exclusive Cash Reward\***

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**FORD- \$500 Bonus Cash:** \$500 Exclusive Cash Reward on the purchase or lease of an eligible new 2022/2023/2024 Ford Maverick, Ranger, F-150 or Super Duty®. Not available on F-150 Lightning, F-150 Raptor, F-650 and F-750 Super Duty®. This offer may not be used in conjunction with most other Ford Motor Company private incentives or AXZD-Plans. Some customer and purchase eligibility restrictions apply. (Must be a Farm Bureau Member for 30 consecutive days prior to the purchase or lease and take new retail delivery from an authorized Ford Dealer's stock by January 2, 2024.)

**Mark's Auto Service:** Located on S. Alpine in Rockford— 10% discount on parts and labor. Show membership card.

**Butitta Bros. Automotive:** Save 10% off parts and labor at participating area locations. Show membership card.

**Rental Car Discounts:** Savings up to 35% off base rates with "PAY NOW" at AVIS and Budget, up to 20% off at Alamo, National, and 5% at Enterprise. Use special code numbers. Information available at <https://www.ilfb.org/membership/benefits/#car>

**Santa's Village:** Discounted tickets for Santa's Village located in East Dundee, IL.

Save up to **30%** on **THOUSANDS** of Hotels

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**La Costa Bora:** 10% discount on food only. Located at 426 S. State Street, Belvidere, IL.

**Dairy Queen Grill and Chill of Rockford:** 10% off on order that is \$10 or more. Located at 2222 S Perryville Rd, Rockford, IL (this location only).

**Susie's Garden Patch:** 10% discount on produce bought at the farm. Located at 10258 U.S. 20, Garden Prairie, IL.

**Seasonal Fruit Programs:** Southern IL Peaches and Holiday Nuts and More Sales. We also sell nuts, candies and local honey year-round.

**Soil Testing:** Mail in lawn & gardens kits are available.

#### **Water Testing:**

Well Water: Testing Kits and analysis forms are available at the Farm Bureau office during office hours. For the most current information contact the City of Rockford Water Department at 779.348.7151.

**IAA Credit Union:** Founded in 1951 to serve the employees of the Illinois Farm Bureau Family of Companies. Since that time, membership eligibility has grown to include all IFB members, COUNTRY Financial policyholders, GROWMARK patrons, and other local employee groups. Family members and retirees of these groups are also eligible to join!

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- Competitively priced products and PERSONALIZED service from a national mortgage lender!
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**Calendars:** Farm Bureau members can pick up scenic or antique tractor calendars at the office in the fall. These are free to members while supplies last.

**Please Note: Discounts are always subject to change.**

Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau® does not intend this to be an endorsement of any of the professionals, businesses by whom, or products on which, discounts are offered to our members, and assumes no liability for any services rendered under this program. Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau® will consider requests from other professionals and businesses who might wish to provide discounts to our members.

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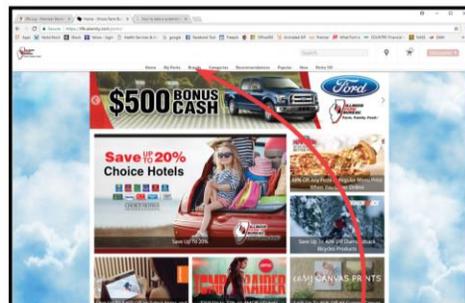
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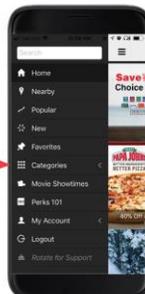
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#6: On the next screen select "Categories".



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A) **Sign In** (you will be asked to sign in if you have an abenity login) Type in your user name and your membership number which can be found on your card.

B) **Register** (new users - you will need to go to the web site to register. See **Internet Browser** to the right. You will need your membership number which can be found on your card.)



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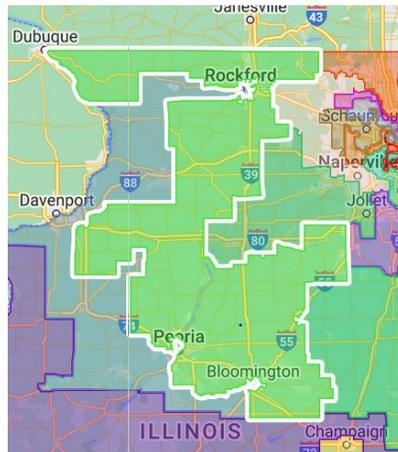
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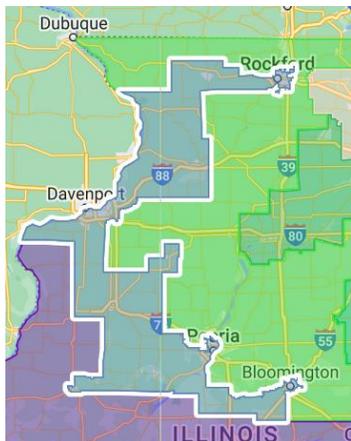
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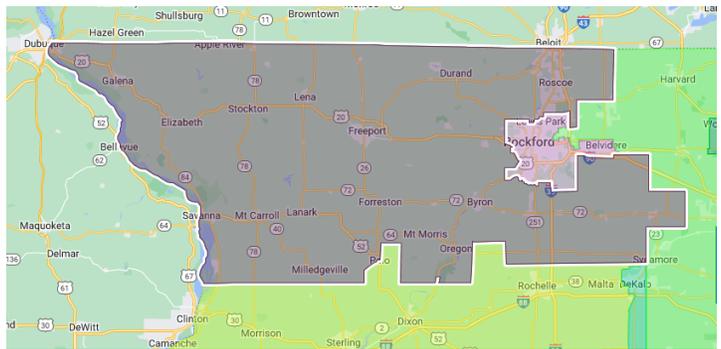
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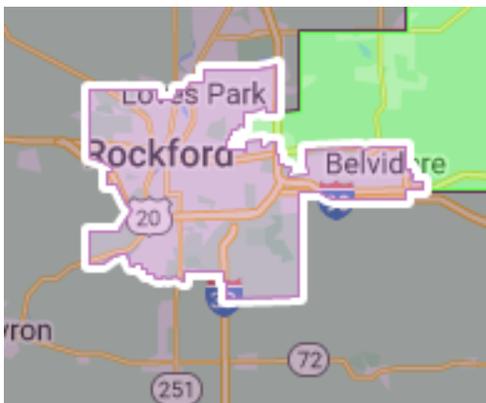
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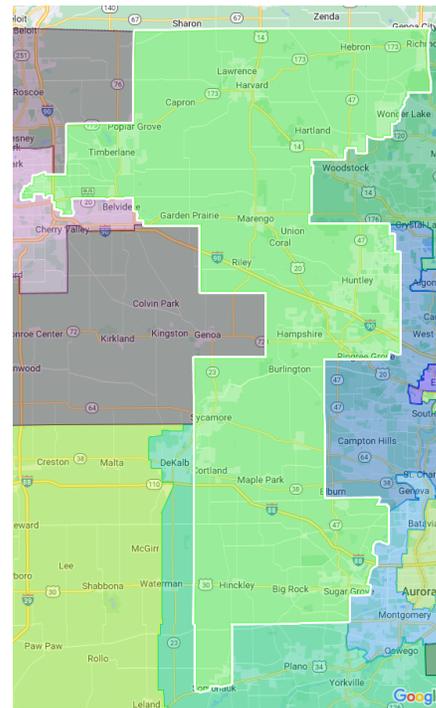
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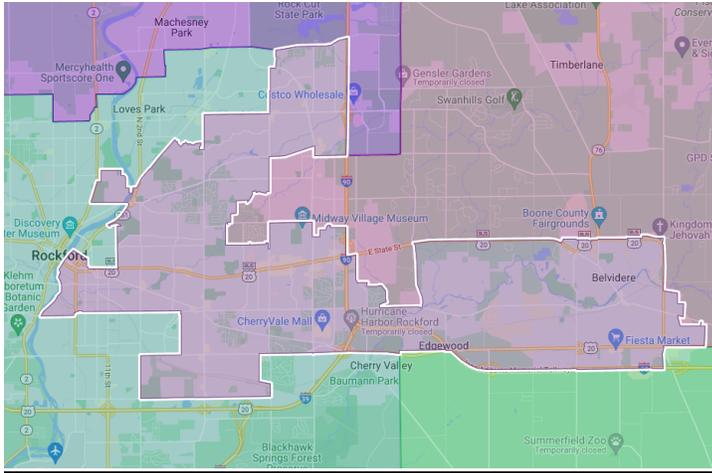
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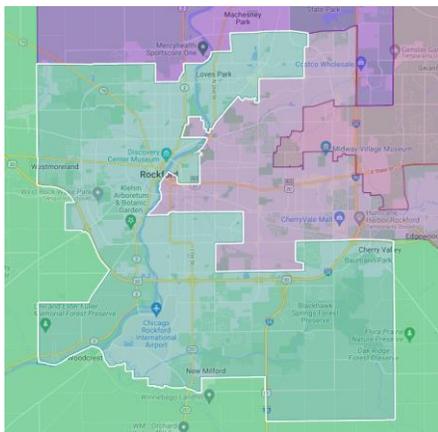
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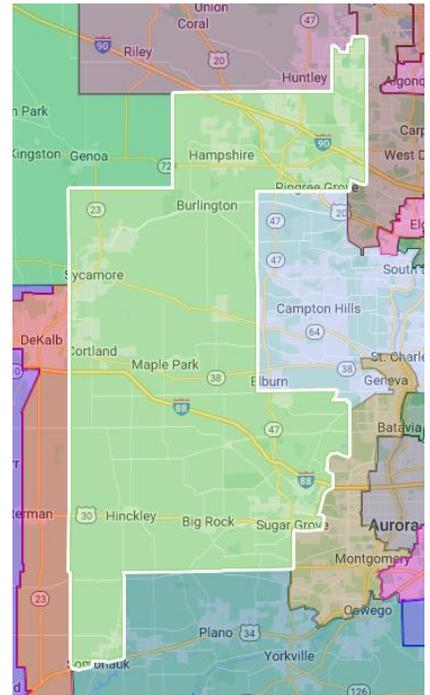
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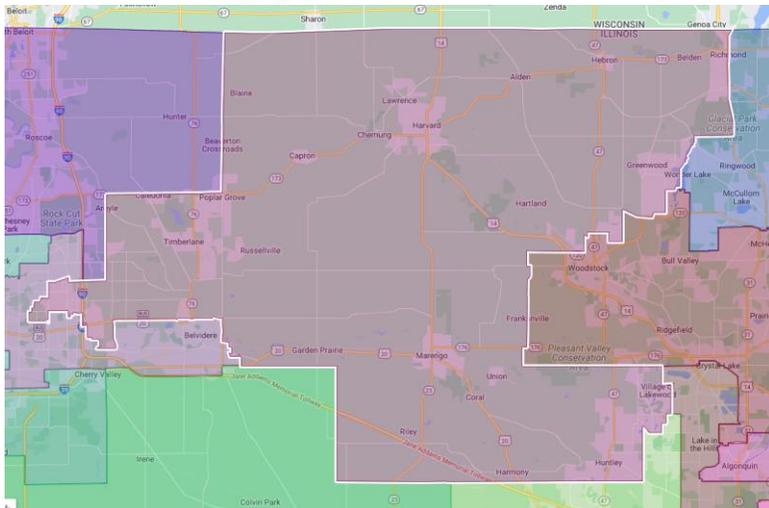
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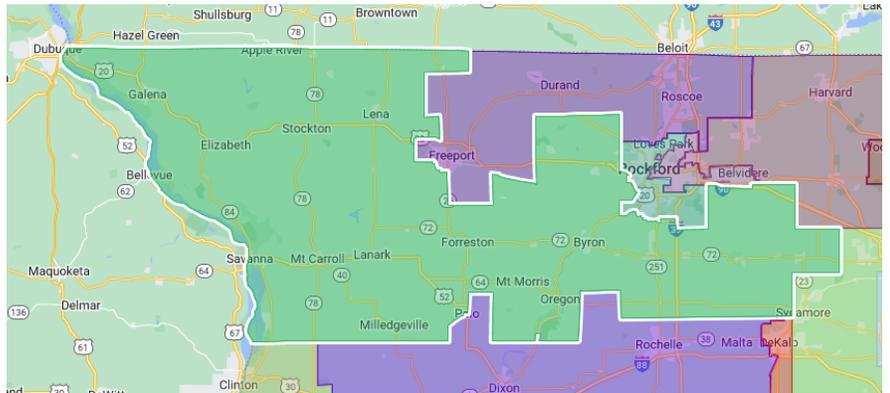
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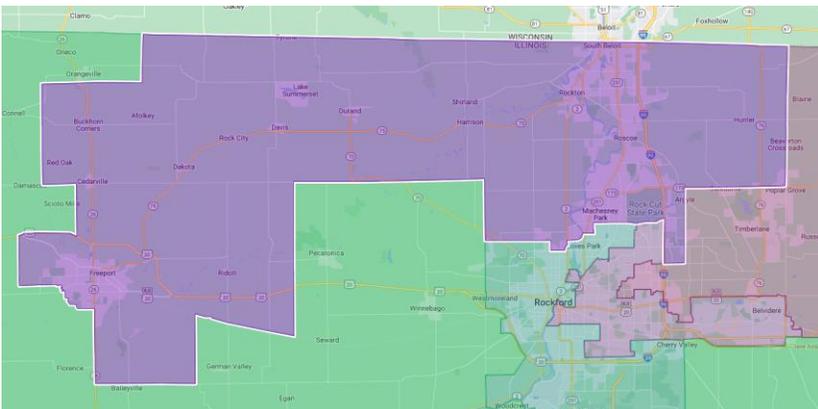
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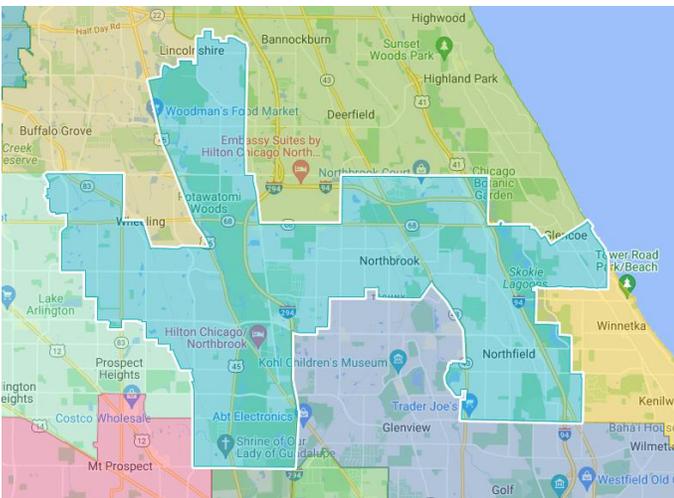
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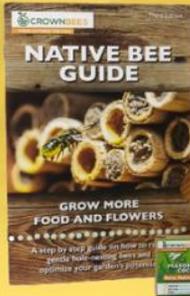
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