



# *104th Annual Meeting*

*March 20, 2024*

*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®**  
**104<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**  
**March 20, 2024**

Welcome

Call to Order

Pledge & Invocation

Notice of the Meeting

Minutes of the 103<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting

Financial Report

Report on Election of Directors

Recognition

President's Report

Manager's Report

New Business

Adjournment

# Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau®

## Board of Directors

### Officers:

John Mitchell, President  
Cody Book, Vice President  
Jessica Bubert, Secretary\*  
Sid Moate, Treasurer

### Remaining Directors:

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

\* Directors whose term expires or resigned

### Staff

Ann Marie Cain, FBCM.....	Manager
Diane Cleland.....	Ag Literacy Coordinator
Gwen Babler.....	Ag Literacy Educator
Sarah Fitzgerald.....	Ag Literacy Educator
Angi Litow.....	Ag Literacy Educator
Holly Wiltfang .....	Consumer Engagement Director & Ag Literacy Educator
Sandy Mitchell.....	Membership Secretary/Bookkeeper
Sheri Lee.....	Administrative Assistant

### 2023 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.....	Kevin Shedd



## 103<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Rockford, Illinois

The 103rd 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 15, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. by President Brent Pollard, who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Board Members Amanda Anderson (virtual), Cody Book, Jessica Bubert, Matt Bullard, Curt Greenlee, Angie Grotjan, John Mitchell, Sidney Moate (virtual), Trevor Olson, Brent Pollard, Phillip Raines, Kevin Shedd, Brian Sisson (virtual), and Clay Sohner were present. Ann Marie Cain, Manager and Farm Bureau members Richard Beuth (virtual), John Cleland, Daniel Hermeling, and Tom Walberg (virtual) were also present.

The Official Notice of the Annual Meeting was read by Secretary, Jessica Bubert. 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. Jessica Bubert reported that we received 163 valid proxies naming the President to cast votes on their behalf.

President Brent Pollard then announced that the minutes of the 102nd Annual Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Meeting held on March 16, 2022, were printed in the annual report. As no member requested that the minutes be read aloud, President Pollard asked for a motion to approve the 102nd Annual Meeting Minutes as printed. A motion was made by Kevin Shedd, seconded by Cody Book, and passed to approve the minutes as printed.

President Brent Pollard called upon Board Vice President, John Mitchell, 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 Brent Pollard introduced the Nominating Committee: Cody Book, Jeremy Franseen, Angie Grotjan, Kevin Shedd and Clay Sohner. President Brent



Pollard then called on Cody Book, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, to report on the actions of the Nominating Committee and the election results.

Cody Book reported that Amanda Anderson, Matt Bullard, Curt Greenlee, John Mitchell, Sidney Moate, and Phillip Raines 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 Trevor Olson, seconded by Kevin Shedd, and passed to approve the report and actions of the Credentials Committee. Cody Book turned the meeting over to Vice President John Mitchell.

Vice President, John Mitchell then recognized Brent Pollard for his years of service to the Farm Bureau. Brent served on the board for thirteen years. He served as Secretary for eight years and President this past year.

President Brent Pollard 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 2023. A motion was made by Kevin Shedd, seconded by Trevor Olson, and passed. President Brent Pollard referred to the printed President's and Manager's Reports. President Brent Pollard 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 Cody Book, seconded by Trevor Olson, and passed.

President Pollard 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 Matt Bullard, seconded by Kevin Shedd, and passed to adjourn the business meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Jessica Bubert, Secretary

**Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**12/31/20223**

**ASSETS**

<b><u>CURRENT ASSETS</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 11,843	\$ 14,746
Short-Term Investments	\$ -	\$ -
Accounts Receivable	\$ 24,104	\$ 21,843
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 10,687	\$ 10,488
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TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 46,634	\$ 47,077
<b><u>INVESTMENTS</u></b>		
Investments in Cooperatives & Partnerships		
Long-Term Marketable Securities	\$ 1,780,815	\$ 1,726,866
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TOTAL INVESTMENTS	\$ 1,780,815	\$ 1,726,866
<b><u>PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET</u></b>	\$ 155,366	\$ 160,933
<b><u>TOTAL ASSETS</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,982,815</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,934,876</u></b>

**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

<b><u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u></b>		
Accounts Payable	\$ 180	\$ 180
Accrued Salaries	\$ 4,413	\$ 4,413
Corporate Income Taxes Payable	\$ -	\$ -
Other Taxes Accrued and Payable	\$ 8,352	\$ 8,352
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TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$ 14,409	\$ 12,945
<b><u>NET ASSETS</u></b>		
Without Donor Restrictions	\$ 1,968,406	\$ 1,921,931
<b><u>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,982,815</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,934,876</u></b>

**Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau**  
**Statement of Activities**  
**12/31/2023**

<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>
Membership Dues	\$ 96,682	\$ 97,930
Interest and Dividends, Net of Fees.	\$ 59,997	\$ 50,869
Realized/Unrealized Gain	\$ 146,453	\$ (256,407)
Gain (Loss) on Disposition of Fixed Assets	\$ -	\$ -
Franchise Income	\$ 185,934	\$ 171,099
Rental Income	\$ 59,049	\$ 59,539
Commerical Dept. Income	\$ 2,548	\$ 2,888
Fee for Service to Insurance	\$ 76,985	\$ 67,557
Grants & Contributions	\$ 34,428	\$ 43,600
Insurance Proceeds	\$ -	\$ -
Prime Timers Income	\$ 7,500	\$ 841
Reinstatement Fees and Other	\$ 560	\$ 650
<b><u>TOTAL REVENUE</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 670,136</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 238,566</u></b>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>		
General Mtgs., Travel, & Salaries	\$ 373,406	\$ 332,915
Building	\$ 33,373	\$ 29,182
Office	\$ 48,256	\$ 44,666
Publicity	\$ 7,306	\$ 6,998
Activities & Programs	\$ 64,109	\$ 50,479
<b><u>TOTAL GENERAL FARM BUREAU</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 526,450</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 464,240</u></b>
Extension Contribution	\$ 15,000	\$ 14,700
Cost of Services to Insurance Co	\$ 3,266	\$ 3,041
Commerical Department	\$ 3,156	\$ 2,933
Rental Property Operations	\$ 56,825	\$ 49,687
	<b><u>\$ 78,247</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 70,361</u></b>
<b><u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 604,697</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 534,601</u></b>
Unrestricted Net Assets before income taxes	\$ 65,439	\$ (296,035)
Federal & State income taxes	\$ 18,964	\$ 16,812
Change in Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 46,475	\$ (312,847)
Net Assets- Beginning of Year	\$ 1,921,931	\$ 2,234,778
<b><u>Net Assets- Year End</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,968,406</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,921,931</u></b>

## 2023 President's Report

By: John Mitchell



It's been another great year for Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau. After serving as your Vice President under the past three Presidents, the board wasn't going to let me off the hook. Many thanks to the members, board, and staff for all your support this year.

Our mission is to “be the voice, resource, and advocate for farm families and agriculture, while promoting stewardship for today and future generations”. To accomplish this mission, our Board of Directors and advisory members work under three committees: Legislative Team, Education Team, and Internal Affairs & Member Relations Team.

It has been a banner year for our Legislative Team building relationships with local legislators. A new meeting format for our quarterly meetings allowed us to meet individually with each county board chairman and staff and hold legislative roundtables with the Republican and Democratic elected officials. A new program for 2023 was Adopt-an-Acre. Local legislators could follow an acre of corn or soybeans on farm visits throughout the year to understand the work and investments that go into growing a crop. At the end of the year, the profits from the acre were matched and donated to the food pantry of the legislator's choice. We were also active on local issues like zoning for farm buildings, animal shows/rodeos, and rewriting ordinances for the new statewide standards for wind and solar projects.

As we move into 2024, I am most proud that we have multiple local legislators sponsoring the Family Farm Preservation Act in Springfield. This potential legislation represents a major shift in the way estate taxes will impact our family farms.

Our Education Team also saw continued growth. Our Ag in the Classroom program, led by Ag Literacy Coordinator, Diane Cleland, and her staff, saw over 45,000 students in the 2022-2023 school year and they are poised to do it again! We also welcomed Holly Wiltfang into a new role as our Consumer Engagement Director while she continues to work in the classroom with our AITC program. I am excited to see how Holly will expand our interactions with the public and continue to tell our story to consumers. The Education Team also assists with some of our biggest events including the county fairs, the Farm Breakfast, and Ag All Around Us, where we will see tens of thousands of people each year. This team is also responsible for the “Start Seeing Farmers” signs you’ve seen along the roadways and the Farmer-in-Training safety t-shirts available now!

The Internal Affairs & Member Relations Team saw a positive year in our finances which allowed all our great programs to happen! The biggest building projects at the Farm Bureau this year were the sealcoating and striping of our parking lots and driveways and the roof replacement to the FB building at the Boone County Fairgrounds.

Our Young Leader committee has been very active in promoting several farm safety efforts and engaging with FFA and 4-H, our future leaders.

We also saw growth in the number of members taking advantage of opportunities to travel with us, including many shows and tours, even a bus trip to the Farm Progress Show. We had a fun evening of camaraderie at a Rockford Rivets game last summer. Look for more exciting events in 2024!

Our Foundation Board has done a tremendous job supporting our local scholars and the Ag in the Classroom program.

Last, but not least, a big thank you to our Manager, Ann Marie Cain! Ann is truly second to none in the Illinois Farm Bureau family and I’d be terribly lost without her and our awesome staff.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you!



## Looking Back at 2023

### Ag Literacy

Our Agriculture in the Classroom staff welcomed Gwen Babler, Sarah Fitzgerald, and Angi Litow to our Ag Literacy team. Take a moment to learn more in the 2022-2023 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!](#)



Visit our Kids Corner at <https://www.winnebagoboonefarmbureau.org/kids-corner.html> for monthly activities for you and your family.

### Legislation

The Farm Bureau Legislative Team continued to build relationships with our local legislators on the farm and off the farm, in Rockford and in Springfield.

**February:** Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau leaders attended the 2023 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.



L to R: Senator Dave Syverson- 35D, Brent Pollard- WBFB President, Representative Joe Sosnowski- 69D, Ann Marie Cain- WBFB Manager, Representative Dave Vella-68D, & John Mitchell- WBFB Vice President

L to R: Senator Steve Stadelman- 34D, Brent Pollard- WBFB President, Senator Dave Syverson- 35D, Rep. Jeff Keicher- 70D, Ann Marie Cain- WBFB Manager, John Mitchell- WBFB Vice President, Representative Brad Stephens- 20D, Senator Andrew Chesney-45D, Representative Joe Sosnowski- 69D, & Representative John Cabello- 90D



**July:** Cross-Wake Dairy Farm welcomed Comprehensive Community Solutions, through State Representative Maurice West's READY (Reaching Exposing and Developing Youth) program to the dairy farm for a tour and discussion on career opportunities available in the agriculture industry.



Senators, Representatives, or members of their staff participated in our summer and fall Legislative Roundtables.

Farm Tours: Representative David Vella visited Ten Men Farm and worked bees with Raines Honey Farm. Getting legislators out to the farm to experience the many different aspects of agriculture is key to building better relationships with our local legislators that have little background in agriculture. The Hildebrandt Farm, in partnership with Midwest Dairy, hosted Congressman Darin LaHood and gave him a tour of their dairy farm.



Adopt-a-Legislator Representative Jonathan Carroll toured Ben's Christmas Tree Farm and Randall Farms. Throughout the day, Rep. Carroll learned about the process of producing Christmas trees as well as how Illinois farmers raise hogs. Later, Rep. Carroll enjoyed lunch with local farmers and discussed important agricultural issues. Thank you to Ben's Christmas Tree Farm, Doetch Farms, and Randall Farms for providing


Rep. Carroll with the opportunity to learn more about local agriculture.

Representative Tony McCombie, Representative David Vella, and Representative Maurice West traveled out to Shedd Farms for our Adopt-a-Acre program this summer. Representative Vella helped harvest corn this fall and donated the proceeds, matched by the Farm Bureau to the Community Closet in Belvidere, IL.






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.



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**FOR MORE LOCAL AND STATE  
 ELECTION INFORMATION.**



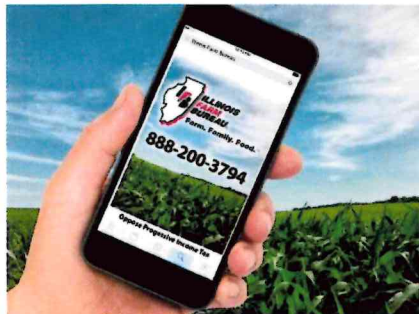
Election resources are available at [www.winnebagoboonefarmbureau.org](http://www.winnebagoboonefarmbureau.org) to help our members find the information they need to get out and vote.



**Your Farm. Your Future.**

**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

The Legislative Team met with Winnebago County Chairman Joe Chiarelli, Boone County Chairman Rodney Riley and administrative staff from both counties to discuss local issues impacting agriculture. Issues ranged from ag exemptions for building permits for farm buildings, rural roads and bridges, illegal dumping, animal welfare, and more.

**POLICY DEVELOPMENT**  
**Illinois Farm Bureau**  
It starts with **YOU**

**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.  
— If approved —

**Step 4:** Farmer delegates from across the state will debate and vote on **YOUR** policy resolution at the IAA Annual Meeting.  
— If approved —

**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.

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**March/June:** Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau leaders are excited to call the Boone County Board and the Winnebago County Board an “Ally in Agriculture” after the boards’ adoption of a Pro-Agriculture Resolution, demonstrating local elected officials’ support for farmers.

Illinois is home to more than 71,000 farms, 96% of which are family-owned and a third of which include livestock. Boone County accounts for 457 of those farms and Winnebago County accounts for 736. Farmland is a finite resource that is vital to agriculture, food production, and the economic well-being of Boone and Winnebago Counties.

Local elected officials across the state are showing support of agricultural communities through the adoption of Pro-Agriculture Resolutions. County board members work with their local Farm Bureau to better understand the role agriculture plays in their local economy, such as providing jobs and generating property tax revenue, which is used to fund services for all citizens. The result is a strong working relationship between county officials and the agriculture community.





The Farm Bureau continues to work with county government on 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 up with the Boone and Winnebago County 4-H.



The Farm Bureau sponsored our fourth Public Speaking Training session for forty-six 4-Hers. The training invited 4-Her's from the U of I Extension: Boone-DeKalb-Ogle and Winnebago-Stephenson-Jo Daviess Units 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 six 4-Her's from Boone and three 4-Her's from Winnebago completed the training and competed locally.

**February:** The Farm Bureau, in partnership with the Illinois Farm Bureau, hosted our annual Belvidere Chamber of Commerce Farmer's Breakfast Before Business.

Approximately 40 businessmen and women participated in a discussion with Adam Day, Conserv FS Agronomy Sales and Marketing Manager, on the impacts global events have



on agriculture for local farmers. Topics of discussion included global impacts on fertilizer markets, seed inputs, CPP markets, and additional impacts such as inflation, interest rates, equipment purchases, employee shortages, trucking shortages, etc. Farm Bureau volunteers served breakfast prepared by the Steam Plant Restaurant.

**March-** Answering consumers' questions about food production, food safety and food labeling is one of Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau's top priorities. The Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau and WBFB Agriculture in the Classroom partnered with the Discovery Center Museum to host our 5th Annual Ag All Around Us event to celebrate agriculture. Stations covered various agricultural topics, including goats, dairy



and butter churning, honeybees and pollinators, poultry (chickens, ducks, turkeys and more), corn, pigs, sheep, “Making Sense of Food Labels,” and a Kids Corral. Approximately 1,400 people attended on Saturday, March 11, 2023, and talked with 19 local farmers and family members about food and fiber production.



The Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau would like to thank Lockwood Park, the Belvidere FFA and Durand FFA students, and the Winnebago County 2023 Fair Queens for volunteering their time to provide agricultural experiences for the museum visitors. This event was sponsored in part by the Illinois Farm Bureau.

Adyson & Ashlyn Haerterich helped attendees make their own chick in an egg to take home.

**April-** Our farm kids are our most precious commodity. Fun highly visible shirts are a way to help keep them safe while playing on the farm. The Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau sold 48 FARMER IN TRAINING t-shirts in yellow and safety green during the “Start Seeing Farm Kids Campaign”. The Education Team decided to expand the safety line to include more designs and different styles. Order online anytime and select pick up at Embroid This in Machesney Park or have your order shipped directly to you.

**START SEEING FARM FAMILIES!**

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Keep the members of your family safe... Order your shirts today!

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- T-Shirts
- Long Sleeves
- Sweatshirts
- Hoodies




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**July:** The Farm Bureau invited families to join us at Belvidere Park for Touch a Tractor at Unplug Illinois Day. Families took pictures in a tractor and made a tractor photo frame to take home.

**August:** Farm Bureau went to the Boone and Winnebago County Fairs for family farm fun. Fairgoers joined our “Burger Bash” backyard BBQ. We celebrated “We are the 96”, provided proper



meat cooking temperature magnets, measurement conversion magnets, and substitution magnets along with recipes in reusable sandwich bags. Visitors learned about how farmers raise the items needed to make hamburgers as well as fun facts about honeybees and baby chicks. Members enjoyed a ice cream cone.



**October:** Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau partnered with ADM-Seward, Central Grain, Delong’s (Garden Prairie) and Farm City. Thank you 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. The second year yielded some color and wildlife. We are excited to see how it will look this year.

To help promote pollinators, Farm Bureau gave away one Mason Bee Station kit each Friday between March 13-April 28. In addition to the weekly drawing, Farm Bureau donated a Mason Bee Station kit to the five local FFA Chapters. The kit included a bee station house, spring natural reeds, 10 Mason Bee cocoons, the 26-page Native Bee Guide and accessories to increase the success of hosting Mason Bees.



### Travel Time

Looking for a day trip or a little bit more of an adventure. Join the Farm Bureau on our next trip. You don’t want to miss a cruise down the Mississippi River in July or Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street at the Fireside in November. Visit our website



<http://www.winnebago-boone-farm-bureau.org/trips-and-tours.html> or check out the Calendar of Events for our upcoming trips.



**January:** Young Leaders attended the 2023 IFB Young Leaders Conference.

L to R: Ashley Mitchell, Aaron Mitchell- IFB YL Chair, Emily Backeberg, and Paige Heinke.

**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, farm equipment, activities and held a Basket Raffle. Thank you, Young Leaders and Culvers of Winnebago, for helping us raise just under \$700 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 \$460 for ag education.



**September:** WBFB YL's held their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 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. Students learned about how to apply tourniquets and wraps to Stop the Bleed, Road Safety and Sharing the Road with large farm equipment. Students had the opportunity to experience Conserv FS' sprayer simulator and see a drone demonstration. Aaron Mitchell joined the FFA students for lunch and discussed opportunities available through the Young Leader program. This event was sponsored in part by Illinois Farm Bureau and COUNTRY Financial.



The Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Young Leaders program provides opportunities for individuals ages 18-35 to fuel their passion for agriculture.

Whether you're a full or part-time farmer, ag professional, college student, or supporter of the industry, there is a place for you in Young Leaders. Email [wfbmanager@winnebagoboonefarmbureau.org](mailto:wfbmanager@winnebagoboonefarmbureau.org) if you would like to be added to our Young Leader's email list. Members on Facebook can join the Young Leaders at [www.facebook.com/groups/WinnebagoBooneYoungLeaders](http://www.facebook.com/groups/WinnebagoBooneYoungLeaders)

### **Inside Farm Bureau**

Ann Marie Cain, FBCM, completed all requirements to continue her designation as a Farm Bureau Certified Manager (FBCM). She originally earned the FBCM designation in 2018.



The FBCM program, which recognizes county managers for professional achievement and staff leadership, was started in 1993 by the Illinois Farm Bureau. To receive the FBCM designation, county Farm Bureau managers must complete a series of six exams which assess expertise in various managerial areas. Recertification is granted every five years based on 50 hours of continuing education areas and professional staff leadership.

It is with great sadness that we lost long-time friends, former Winnebago County Farm Bureau Manager Del Tedrick (below, far left) and Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Foundation Director Brian Lyons (below, far right), this last year.





**WBFB Foundation:**

Approximately 1500 people attended Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Foundation's 24th Annual Farm Breakfast held at Johnson-Five Holsteins, Poplar Grove, on Saturday, June 10<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 Vintage Tractor and Engine Association; kids games provided by Boone County 4-H; 50/50 raffle provided by the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Young Leaders; and the wonderful activities provided by Discovery Center Museum, NIL Reg. Groundwater Protection Planning Committee, Turtle Tex Robotics Team, Agriculture in the Classroom. Thank you to the Johnson family for hosting the breakfast this year and thank you to all our wonderful volunteers.

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



**2023  
FARM BREAKFAST FUN!**





**24TH ANNUAL**  
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# **BREAKFAST**

# THANK YOU!

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| JOHNSON-FIVE<br>HOLSTEINS | LAKES GAS CO                                 | COMFORT 1ST<br>INSULATION & ENERGY<br>SOLUTIONS INC | DISCOVERY CENTER<br>MUSEUM                                       |
| MIDWEST DAIRY             | MIDLAND STATES BANK                          | FARM-CITY<br>ELEVATOR INC                           | FARMLAND PROTECTION<br>PROJECT                                   |
| PRAIRIE FARMS DAIRY       | EICKMAN'S<br>PROCESSING CO                   | CENTRAL GRAIN CO                                    | N IL REGIONAL<br>GROUNDWATER<br>PROTECTION PLANNING<br>COMMITTEE |
| COUNTRY FINANCIAL         | MCGILVRA ELECTRIC INC                        | THE DELONG CO                                       | TURTLE TEK<br>ROBOTICS TEAM                                      |
| AYRE EXCAVATING           | DAIRY FARMERS<br>OF AMERICA                  | BOOK CATTLE & GRAIN                                 | THE MATT<br>WUNDROW BAND   |
| COMPEER FINANCIAL         | JAMES CHURCHILL &<br>SONS EXCAVATING LLC     | DOETCH FARMS  | BOONE COUNTY<br>WAGON TEAMS                                      |
| EDWARDS APPLE<br>ORCHARD  | CLARETTA DAIRY FARM                          | EXTRA MILE<br>DAIRY SUPPLY                          | THE LINDBERG<br>PUMPKIN PATCH                                    |
| TAKES ELECTRIC            | CLINTON AUTOMOTIVE                           | FB REEDER PLUMBING,<br>HEATING, & COOLING           | NORTHERN ILLINOIS<br>VINTAGE TRACTOR &<br>ENGINE ASSOCIATION     |
| COLLINS<br>SANITARY LLC   | FRANSEEN FAMILY                              | JEFF'S LETTERING<br>AND SIGNS                       | DALE & LISA FITZGERALD   |
| COMPLETE FEED SERVICE     | JACK'S TIRE SALES<br>& SERVICE, INC          | JOHNSON TRACTOR                                     | BOONE COUNTY<br>SHERIFF'S RESERVE                                |
| CONSERV FS, INC           | STATELINE VET SERVICE                        | TOWN BANK   | MCCURDY TOOL &<br>MACHINE COMPANY                                |
| GARNER EXCAVATING         | TRIEBOLD IMPLEMENT                           | TRI-COUNTY DAIRY<br>SUPPLY, INC                     | NORTH BOONE FIRE<br>DISTRICT #3                                  |
| HULSTEDT FARMS            | WOODSTOCK<br>PROGRESSIVE MILK<br>PROD. ASSOC | BOONE COUNTY 4-H                                    |  |
|                           | HILDEBRANDT<br>FARMS, LLC                    | BELVIDERE FFA                                       |  |
|                           | AUTOLAND OUTLETS                             | NORTH BOONE FFA                                     |  |



The Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Foundation hosted the 3rd Annual Tractor Trek on Saturday, September 9, 2023, to help support the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom program, scholarships, and internships. Twenty-six antique tractor enthusiasts traveled approximately 42 miles through scenic southwestern Winnebago County and into Ogle County raising over \$4,500 for agriculture education. Thank you to our Planning Committee, Sponsors, Drivers, Hosts, and Volunteers for a great day. Special Thank you to our members, and Joan Rabe for the wonderful photos that captured the 2023 Drive for Ag Education.



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: Ann Marie Cain and Linda Oshita 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!**

Jean Babcock -Rockford  
Harold Behling - Caledonia  
Charles Curttright – Rockton  
Mary Dal Santo- Rockford\*  
Barry Fagerstrom - Pecatonica  
Norma Gesell - Rockford  
Geraldine Glenny - Winnebago  
Melvin Globin - Leaf River  
Carol M. Halderson - Rockford  
David Heeren - Winnebago  
Doug Hildebrand - Rockford  
Bill Hoople – Rockton  
Kenneth Koch – Garden Prairie  
Darlene Langley – Durand  
Brian Lyons - Rockford  
Ruth Moate - Durand  
Patricia Neely - Pecatonica  
Jack Nelson – Winnebago  
Gary Noller – Rockton  
Wanda Reynolds – Winnebago  
Carolyn Rhyner – Durand  
Mary Joyce Stockdale – Durand  
Del Tedrick – Cherry Valley  
Ann Turner – Garden Prairie  
Lorraine Vormezeele – Davis  
Bill Walsh - Durand

*\* 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, 2022	7998
August 31, 2023	<u>7778</u>
Net Increase or (Loss)	(220)

#### Voting Members

August 31, 2022	1,116
August 31, 2023	<u>1068</u>
Net Increase or (Loss)	(48)

### **Illinois Farm Bureau**

#### Total Members

August 31, 2022	366,043
August 31, 2023	<u>364,452</u>
Net Increase or (Loss)	(1,591)

#### Voting Members

August 31, 2022	76,527
August 31, 2023	<u>75,959</u>
Net Increase or (Loss)	(568)

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 report 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 2023-24



## Ag In the Classroom Highlights

September 1, 2023-March 31, 2024

- AITC classroom programs reached 37,258 students year to date.
- AITC has embryology programs in 32 classrooms in spring 2024.
- AITC has a Adopt A Classroom programs in two area schools.
- AITC attended career fairs for high school and middle school students.
- Nearly 400 students attended fall and spring agriculture field trips to Lockwood Park.



# Upcoming Events

Summer Ag Institute for Teachers

June 18 & 19, 2024



## 2024 Summer Events

Lockwood Park AgVenture Summer Camp

Belvidere Park District Summer Camp

EIEIO Event at the Discovery Center

Boone and Winnebago County Fairs



## Welcome to our 2023 Summer Intern

My name is Quinten Roush, and I am from Pecatonica, IL. This summer, I have the privilege of interning at the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau. As an intern, I plan to learn new things that will be useful in my future career after graduation. This fall, I will be a sophomore at Iowa State University, majoring in Agricultural Engineering with an option in Land and Water Resources. With this major, I want to work to improve the soil and water qualities on and around farmland.

When I'm not working, I'm usually out fishing. So, if you see me in the office, you will probably see me out on the lake later. Thank you to the Farm Bureau for providing me with this great opportunity. I can't wait to learn more about what the Farm Bureau does for our communities.

- Quinten Roush



**Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau® Foundation**  
**Board of Directors**

**Officers:**

President..... Carl Dumoulin, Hampshire  
Vice President..... John Cleland, Capron  
Secretary (April-October).....Brian Lyons, Rockford  
Acting Secretary (October-March 2024) ..... Maren Reid, Caledonia  
Treasurer.....Sid Moate, Rockford

**Remaining Directors:**

Dr. Linda Oshita, Rockford  
Andy Smith, Poplar Grove  
Ron Waldschmidt, Davis

**Staff**

Ann Marie Cain, FBCM..... Manager  
Sandy Mitchell.....Accounting







**Statement of Financial Position**  
**12/31/2023**

**ASSETS**

**CURRENT ASSETS**

	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 102,311	\$ 88,270
Short-Term Investments	\$ -	\$ -
Accounts Receivable	\$ -	\$ -
Prepaid Expenses	\$ -	\$ -

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 102,311	\$ 88,270
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**INVESTMENTS**

Long-Term Marketable Securities	\$ 108,632	\$ 96,782
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Total Investments	\$ 108,632	\$ 96,782
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<b><u>TOTAL ASSETS</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 210,943</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 185,052</u></b>
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**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

**NET ASSETS**

Retained Earnings	\$ 184,966	\$ 182,756
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Net Income	\$ 25,977	\$ 2,296
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<b><u>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 210,943</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 185,052</u></b>
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**Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Foundation**  
**Statement of Activities**  
**12/31/2023**

<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>
AITC Designated Contributions	\$ 3,280	\$ 2,550
Fundraising Contributions	\$ 12,995	\$ 7,306
IFB Transition Payments	\$ -	\$ -
Dues Notice Income (EFT)	\$ 9,677	\$ 9,083
Income Dues Inserts	\$ 330	\$ 25
Dues Notice Income (E-Com Stand Alone)	\$ 3,980	\$ 4,420
Scholarship Contributions	\$ 6,175	\$ 18,000
Contributions (unrestricted)	\$ 1,076	\$ 1,054
Grants	\$ -	\$ 2,000
Farm Breakfast Income	\$ 26,788	\$ 22,612
Tractor Trek	\$ 8,014	\$ 6,150
Raffle Income	\$ -	\$ -
Unrealized G/L on Investment	\$ 11,854	\$ (10,845)
Misc. Income	\$ 55	\$ 64
Interest/Dividends	\$ 680	\$ 210
CD Interest	\$ -	\$ -
Saving Interest	\$ 11	\$ 12
<b><u>TOTAL REVENUE</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 84,915</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 62,641</u></b>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>		
Ag in the Classroom	\$ 20,000	\$ 25,000
Scholarships	\$ 16,500	\$ 16,500
Auditing Fees	\$ 788	\$ 735
Professional Fundraising	\$ -	\$ -
Fundraising Letter Campaign	\$ 5,699	\$ 5,489
General Expenses	\$ 336	\$ 707
Printing Expenses	\$ -	\$ -
Meeting Expenses	\$ 400	\$ 137
Farm Breakfast Expenses	\$ 11,811	\$ 9,717
Tractor Trek	\$ 3,491	\$ 2,137
Raffle Fundraising	\$ -	\$ 10
<b><u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 59,024</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 60,431</u></b>
<b><u>NET INCOME</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 25,891</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,210</u></b>

## 2023 Foundation Scholarships Awarded

The Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau® Foundation awarded eleven 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 Scholarships



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



Nickole Ryan of Belvidere will be a junior at Iowa State University in the fall. She is majoring in Veterinary Medicine. Nickole is the daughter of Jack and Marilyn Ryan.

### Gary Shedd Memorial Scholarships



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



Tyler Lee of Durand will be a sophomore 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.





Mason Yunk of Popular Grove will be a student at South Dakota State University in the fall. He will be enrolled in a Professional Program in Veterinary Medicine. Mason is the son of Scott and Debbie Yunk.

### Foundation Scholarships



Elinor Ellingson of Popular Grove will be a freshman at the University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign in the fall. She will be majoring in Costume Design and Technology/Sustainability. Elinor is the daughter of John and Toni Ellingson.



Abigail Muck of Caledonia will be a sophomore at Kansas State University in the fall. She will be majoring in Animal Science/Pre-Vet. Abigail is the daughter of Dale and Suzette Muck.



Dellana Muck of Caledonia will be a sophomore at South Dakota State University in the fall. She will be majoring in Agronomy. Dellana is the daughter of Dale and Suzette Muck.



Madeline Rathbun of Belvidere will be a senior at the University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign in the fall. She will be majoring in Crop Science/Plant Biotechnology & Molecular Biology. Madeline is the daughter of Michael and Martha Rathbun.



Emma Richardson of Capron will be a senior at South Dakota State University in the fall. She will be majoring in Animal Science specializing in production management. Emma is the daughter of James and Cathy Richardson.



Emma Walberg of Belvidere will be a sophomore at Judson University in the fall. 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.

## Upcoming Events

- Mar. 29**      **Office Closed- Good Friday**
- May 2            Young Leaders Virtual Business Meeting- 7 p.m.
- Apr. 10          Scholarship Review Committee- 6:00 p.m. at FB office
- Apr. 10          WBFB Foundation Board Meeting- 6:30 p.m. at FB office
- Apr. 16          Education Team- 7:30 a.m. at the IL Machine Shed
- May 23          Tractor Trek Planning Meeting- 7:30 a.m. at the IL Machine Shed
- May 27**      **Office Closed- Memorial Day**
- Jun. 4            Culver's of Winnebago Share Night hosted by YL- 5-8 p.m.
- Jun. 10          Legislative Team- 6 p.m. at the IL Machine Shed
- Jun. 10-11      SAI-Ogle, Carroll, & Stephenson Co.
- Jun. 18-19      SAI-Boone and Winnebago Co.
- Jun. 22          WBFB Foundation's Farm Breakfast- 6:30-11 a.m. at Boone County Fairgrounds, Belvidere, IL
- Jul. 4**         **Office Closed- Independence Day**
- Jul. 17          Celebration Belle Mississippi River Cruise
- Aug. 6-11        Boone County Fair
- Aug. 14-18      Winnebago County Fair
- Sept. 2**        **Office Closed- Labor Day**
- Sept. 9          Legislative Team- 6 p.m. at the IL Machine Shed
- Sept. 14         WBFB Foundation's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Tractor Trek
- Nov. 7            Election Day
- Nov. 28-29**    **Office Closed- Thanksgiving**
- Dec. 7-10        IAA Annual Meeting- Palmer House, Chicago, IL
- Dec. 24-25**    **Office Closed- Christmas Eve & Christmas Day**
- Dec. 31- Jan. 1** **Office Closed- New Year's Eve & New Year's Day**





## 25th Annual Farm Breakfast

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June 22, 2024  
6:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.



At the  
Boone County Fairgrounds  
Belvidere, IL

*To Benefit:*



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<https://www.winnebago-boone-farm-bureau.org/foundation-events.html> for more event information!

## 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 savings of 45% off the national average price for traditional LASIK. For more information, call 1-866-977-3012 or visit [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.)

**Prescription Discounts:** With Illinois Farm Bureau's two prescription programs to choose from, you're sure to find one to meet your needs. You and your immediate family can instantly save on both brand name and generic drugs. Plus, there is no limit to how many times you can use the card. To get the most out of this member-only discount, get both prescription cards and ask your pharmacist which is the best deal for you.



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- Look up prescription costs

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## Benefits and Discounts

**Grainger:** Illinois Farm Bureau members get deep discounts on equipment and supplies AND enjoy free standard ground shipping when ordering items online, over the phone or at your local Grainger branch. It's as Easy as 1-2-3

1. IL Farm Bureau Grainger Account Number - 853007128
2. Head to Farm Bureau - Grainger Industrial Supply (choose Business Use and place 853007128 in the account box at the bottom of the screen) or call 1-800-GRAINGER to get started.
3. Start Shopping

**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/>



**Case IH Discounts:** Illinois Farm Bureau members save \$500 per unit on the purchase or lease of [Case IH Maxxum®](#) and [Vestrum® tractors](#); [self-propelled windrowers](#) and [large square balers](#). A \$200 per unit incentive is available for Case IH Farmall® [C series utility](#), [U series utility](#), [A series utility](#) and [100A series](#) tractors; [Farmall® C series compact](#) and [Farmall® A series compact](#) tractors; [Farmall N series](#) and [Farmall V series](#) tractors; Other hay tools, including [round balers](#), [small square balers](#), [disc mower conditioners](#) and [sicklebar mower conditioners](#).

**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



**JOHN DEERE**



## Benefits and Discounts

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:** Eligible Illinois Farm Bureau members\* can save up to \$2,750 on the purchase or lease of eligible Cat® compact track loaders, compact and small wheel loaders, skid steer loaders, small dozers, backhoe loaders, mini hydraulic excavators and telehandlers. Also, receive an additional \$250 credit on select work tool attachments purchased with new Cat machines (Promotion excludes Buckets, Forks, Thumbs, and Coupler attachments). These discounts can be combined with any current retail discount, promotion, rebates or offers available through Caterpillar or its dealers, with the exception of the Cat NCBA membership incentive.

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**FORD- \$500 Bonus Cash:** \$500 Exclusive Cash Reward is exclusively for active Farm Bureau members who are residents of the United States. \$500 Exclusive Cash Reward on the purchase or lease of an eligible new 2023/2024/2025 Ford Maverick®, Ranger®, F-150®, Super Duty® or F-150 Lightning®. This incentive is not available on Ranger Raptor®, 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 purchase or lease and take new retail delivery from an authorized Ford Dealer's stock by January 2, 2025. See your authorized Ford Dealer for qualifications and complete details.



## Benefits and Discounts

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

**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.



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## Benefits and Discounts



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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.



## Benefits and Discounts



Formed in 1951, the IAA Credit Union serves the financial needs of the Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) Family of Companies. This includes employees and members of the IFB, COUNTRY Financial employees and clients, GROWMARK and others, as well as family members and retirees of

those groups.

We are a not-for-profit cooperative offering a full line of INNOVATIVE financial products to meet your lending and savings needs whether personal or commercial. By joining IAACU, Illinois Farm Bureau members will receive:

- Free Checking, Free Online Banking, and Free Mobile Banking.
- Competitively priced products and PERSONALIZED service from a national mortgage lender!
- Great rates and a simple digital signing process to finance your next auto purchase or to refinance your current loan.
- Commercial lending products designed for business owners in the state of Illinois.

IAA Credit Union strives to be the First Choice for all of your financial needs! If you'd like more information on becoming a member or the services we offer, please visit [www.iaacu.org](http://www.iaacu.org) or call 800-676-2541.

**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.



# Benefits and Discounts

## Access ABENITY

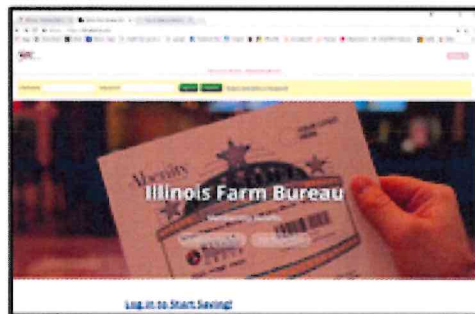


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### Internet Browser

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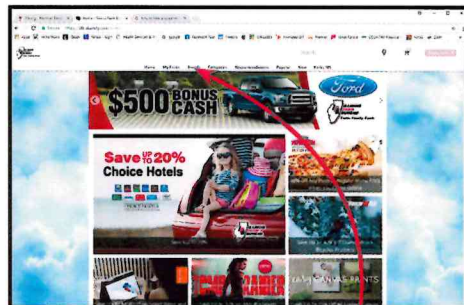
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#3: You will be asked to:

- A) **Sign In** (Type in your username and your membership number which can be found on your card.)
- B) **Register** (new users-you will need to fill out the fields to register your new username and password. You will need your membership number which can be found on your card.)

#4: Once you are in, select "Browse Our Discounts".



#5: This page shows you savings offers.  
You can search by brand or by the  
14 categories if you are looking  
for something specific.



# Benefits and Discounts

## ONE STOP SAVINGS

Download the IFB Member Benefits App to start saving today.

### iPhone

#1: Go to the App Store



Search for: "Illinois Farm Bureau Member Benefits"

The App looks like this:

Select: Install



#2: Once the app is installed, select "Open"

#3: You will be asked to:

A) **Sign In** (you will be asked to sign in if you have an abenity login)

Type in your username and your membership number which can be found on your card.

B) **Register** (new users-you will need to fill out the fields to register your new username and password. You will need your membership number which can be found on your card.)



#4: Once you are in, you will see the "Getting Started" page. Select the "Start Saving" option.



#5: The home page shows you savings offers. To view all 14 categories, select the three black bars in the upper left corner.



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



# Benefits and Discounts

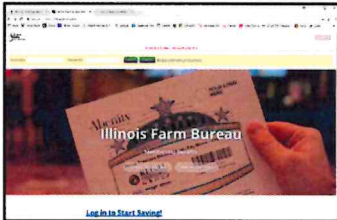
## ONE STOP SAVINGS

Login in on [ilfb.abenity.com](http://ilfb.abenity.com) to start saving today.

### Internet Browser

#1: Go to your internet browser and type in: [ilfb.abenity.com](http://ilfb.abenity.com)

#2: The home page looks like this:

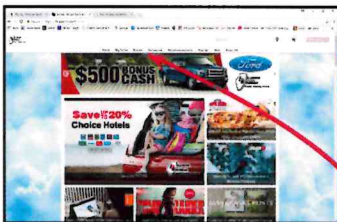


#3: You will be asked to:

A) **Sign In** (Type in your username and your membership number which can be found on your card.)

B) **Register** (new users - you will need to fill out the fields to register your new username and password. You will need your membership number which can be found on your card.)

#4: Once you are in, select "Browse Our Discounts".



#5: This page shows you savings offers. You can search by brand or by the 14 categories if you are looking for something specific.

Download the IFB Member Benefits App to start saving today.

### Android

#1: Go to the Google Play Store



Search for: "Abenity"

The App looks like this:

Select: Install

#2: Once the app is installed, select "Open"

#3: You will be asked to:

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.)



#4: Once you are in, you will see the "Getting Started" page. Select the "Start Saving" option.

#5: The home page shows you savings offers. To view all 14 categories, select the three black bars in the upper left corner.

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





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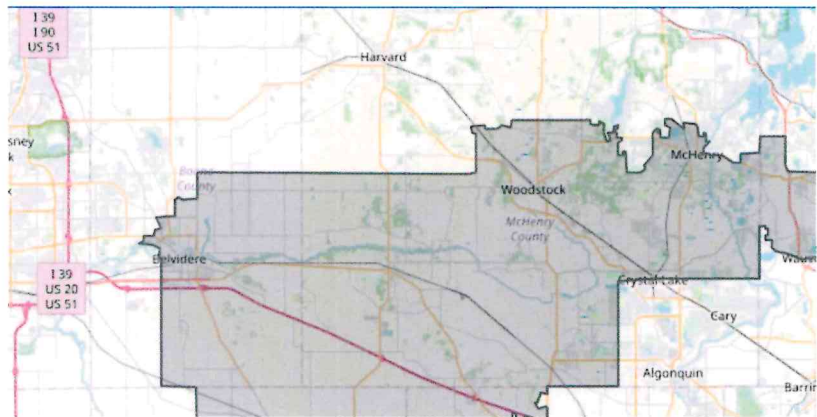
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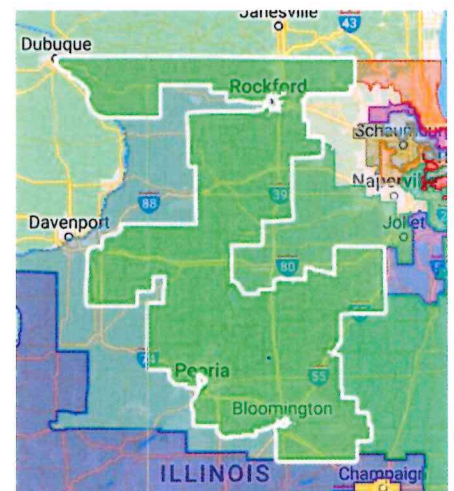
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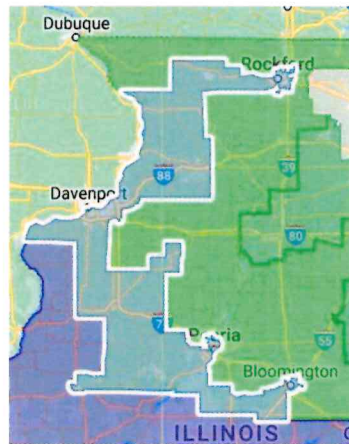
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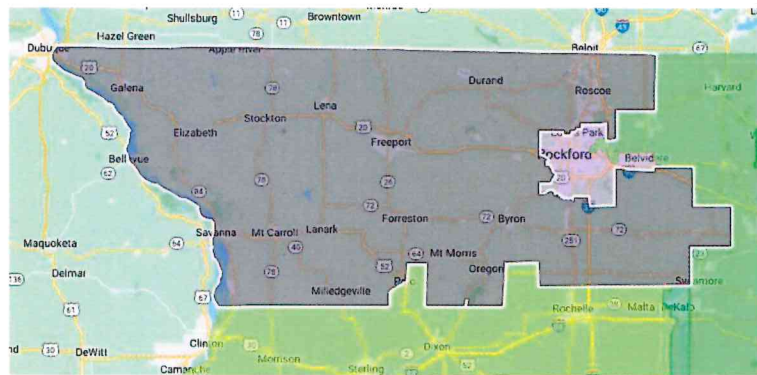
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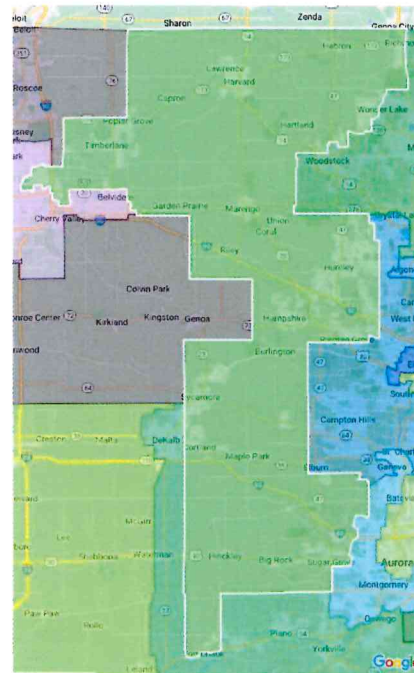
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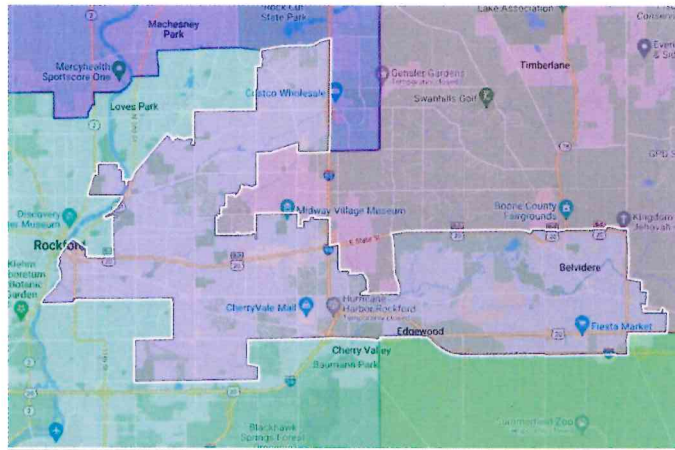
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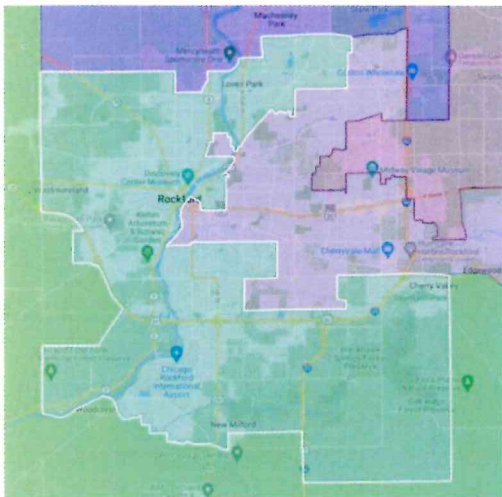
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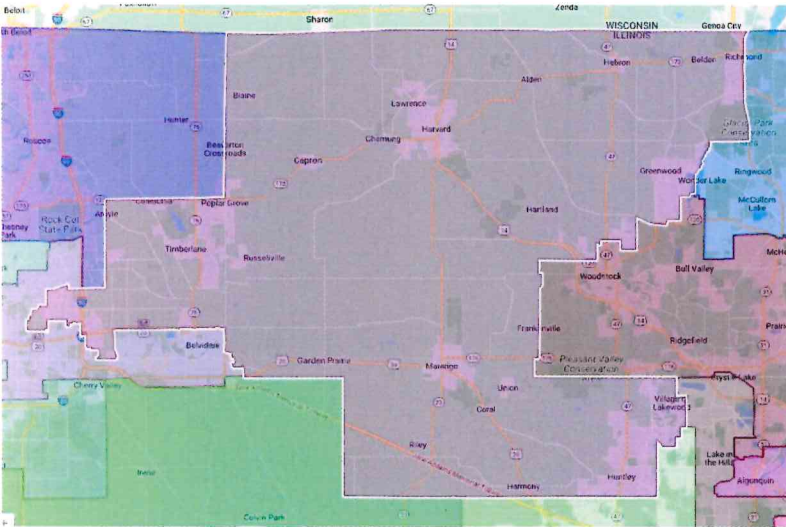
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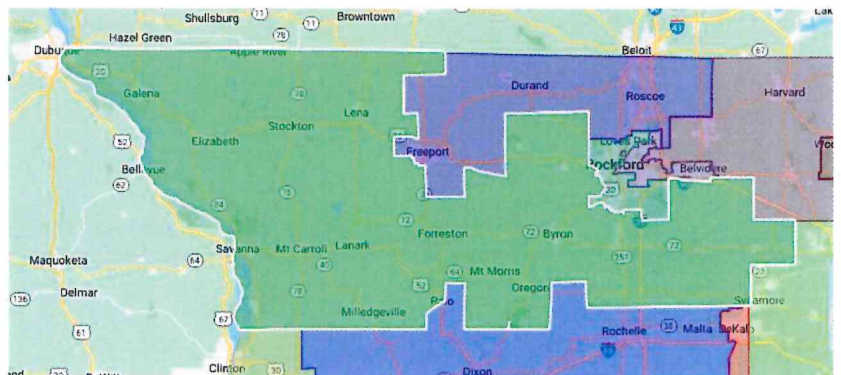
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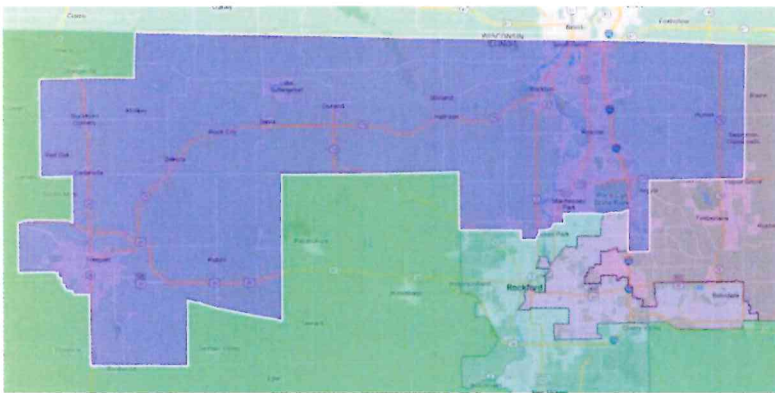




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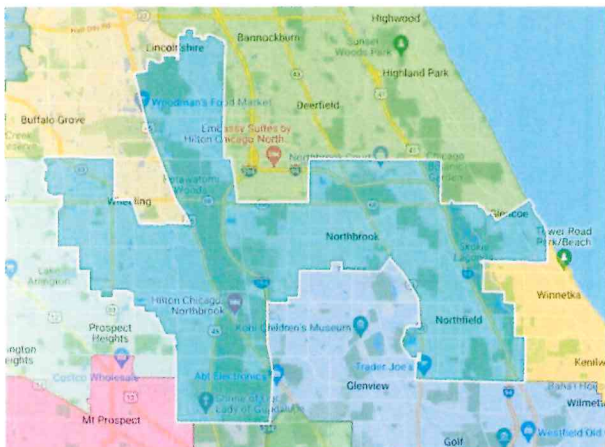
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