

Adams County  
Farm Bureau



# Agri Newsletter

News, Views, Information and Programs for Today's Farm Bureau Member

## Golden Bridges Semi-Finalist In AFBF Rural Entrepreneurship Contest



The American Farm Bureau Federation together with Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business Global Social Enterprise Initiative and the Georgetown Entrepreneurship Initiative's Startup Hoyas announced the 10 national semi-finalists of the first-ever Rural Entrepreneurship Challenge. The challenge provides an opportunity for individuals to showcase ideas and business innovations being developed in rural regions of the United States. A locally based business has been selected as one of ten semi-finalist Golden Bridges owned by Suzanne Ellerbrock, Susan Scholz, & Nancy Waters applied for the contest and made the cut from over 200 applications to the semi-finals.

After a series of virtual team interviews, judges will choose four finalists to continue in the challenge. The four challenge finalists will each win \$15,000. They will pitch their business ideas to a team of judges at the AFBF 96th Annual Convention in January in hopes of winning the Rural Entrepreneur of the Year Award for an additional \$15,000, and the Peoples' Choice Award for \$10,000 more, totaling prize money of up to \$40,000 to implement their ideas. The Farm Bureau Rural Entrepreneurship Challenge is a key component of the Rural Entrepreneurship Initiative, a joint effort between AFBF and Georgetown McDonough.

A Senior Move Manager is a professional who specializes in assisting older adults and their families with the emotional and physical aspects of relocation and/or aging in place. Senior Move Managers provide a multi-faceted approach to the move process, from space planning to post-move support and advocacy. Our team at Golden Bridges has experience in senior services, social work, health care, marketing, and project management. We work closely with you to customize a plan that will meet your specific needs in a professional, caring, and efficient manner.

For more information about Golden Bridges please contact: 217-242-2898 info@goldenbridges4you.com



## Welcome New Members

Charles Anders  
David and Jennifer Bell  
Kathleen Boese  
Cheyenne and Seth Browning  
Mackenzie Buyck  
Melissa Coyle  
Elva Dixon  
Brent Frye  
Bryson Jibben  
Soraida Jimenez and  
Kenneth Hackmack  
Greg Kirlin

Courtney Mathews  
Lori Mayfield  
Paul Mealiff  
Gregory and Anna Paben  
Selena Pepper  
Robert Reeves and Song-Yi Han  
Donald Rossiter and Paula Walker  
Ryan Sager  
Travis Smith  
Grant and Danielle Surprenant  
Tiffany Vogler

## Chamber Of Commerce To Hold Community Ag Banquet

After the success of the evening program last year in commemoration of the Adams County Farm Bureau's 100th Anniversary the Chamber Ag Committee decided to try an evening event in place of their usual ag breakfast. The event will be held March 11th at the Holiday Inn starting at 5 p.m. with a social hour and dinner at 6:00 p.m.

The featured program will be about unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) or drones in agriculture. Following the program we will honor the following:

- Ag Educator Award
- Chamber of Commerce Agribusiness Award
- Herald Whig Farm Family of the year award

The ag educator award is new this year and something the committee thought would be a nice addition to the banquet. The contest is open to all educators within a 50 mile radius of Quincy who have strong ties to the ag community. Past or present teachers can be recognized for their impact on students and the agricultural industry. Teachers in High school or college, Ag literacy educators and professionals who work with producers can be nominated for the award. Nomination letters should highlight what the educator does in the classroom and beyond - and the effect the message has on the students.

Written nominations may be mailed to the Chamber of Commerce at 300 Civic Center Plaza Suite 245, Quincy, IL 62301 or emailed to Mary@quincychamber.org.



## Farm Bill Meeting Scheduled For January 19th

Doug Yoder, Senior Director of Affiliate & Risk Management, will present information about the new Farm Bill on January 19th at 1:00 p.m. in the community room at the Quincy Mall. We anticipate a large crowd for this event and wanted to provide ease of parking and accessibility.

## New Rep Joins Country Financial



Crystal Goings has joined Country Financial as a new agent. Crystal was born in Quincy and was raised in the Ewing, MO area. She graduated from Highland High School in 2006 then went on to college to major in special education.

Crystal shares her life with

her best friend, Alan. They currently live in Edina, MO. Together they have two girls, MaKennah who is 5 years old. She is their little princess who does not like to get dirty and loves to play dress up, wear make-up and do anything girly. Jennah who is 15 months is their youngest daughter and she is their laid back child who enjoys doing whatever the family is doing no matter where it is as long as she has a cracker in each hand. She is more of a farm girl and LOVES looking at the cattle and saying "Moo". Crystal and Alan love to spend time with their girls; going to t-ball games, dance recitals, fishing, boating, and raising cattle.

Crystal and her family are excited about the new opportunity her career has in store for all of them.

## IFB, IPPA Hosting Informational Meetings On State CAFO Rules

Livestock farmers will hear details of the new state rules for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO) at seven informational meetings next month hosted by the Illinois Farm Bureau and Illinois Pork Producers Association (IPPA). It is important to note that portions of the updated rules impact all livestock farms - not just those required to obtain National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

The meetings are open to all farmers. There is no charge, but reservations are required at least one week prior to the meeting date.

Information will be presented from 4 to 6 p.m., followed by a meal at 6:30 p.m.

Dates, locations and registration information are:

- Nov. 10, Pike County Farm Bureau, 1301 E. Washington, Pittsfield, call 217-285-2233 or email office@pikecfb.org;
- Nov. 12, Sangamon County Farm Bureau, 2631 Beechler Court, Springfield, call 217-753-5200 or email amason@sangamonfb.org;
- Nov. 13, Nashville Community Center, 455 S. Washington St., Nashville, call Washington County Farm Bureau at 618-327-3081;
- Nov. 17, Effingham Knights of Columbus Hall, 1501 W. Fayette Ave., Effingham, call Effingham County Farm Bureau at 217-342-2103 or email ecfbmgr@consolidated.net;
- Nov. 18, Knox Agri Center, 180 S. Soangetaha Road, Suite 101, Galesburg, call Knox County Farm Bureau at 309-342-2036 or visit knoxcfb.org;
- Nov. 19, DeKalb County Farm Bureau, 1350 W. Prairie Drive, Sycamore, call 815-756-6361; and
- Nov. 20, Evergreen FS auditorium, 402 N. Hershey Road, Bloomington, call the McLean County Farm Bureau at 309-663-6497 or email anna@mcfb.org.

