



News and Notes for Board, Committee Members and Friends of LaSalle County Farm Bureau

DATEBOOK

December

- 3-6 IAA Annual Mtg.
Palmer House,
Chicago
- 13 Young Leader Meeting/Christmas
7:00 p.m. - FB Bldg.
- 15 Grainco FS Annual Meeting - 9:00 a.m.
FB Auditorium
- 15 Finance Committee Meeting - 9:30 a.m.
FB Bldg.
- 15 Board Meeting - 10:00 a.m. - FB Bldg.
- 26 - Office closed in observance of Christmas
- 27 Holiday
- 28- Office closed in observance of the New Year
- 29 Holiday



WELCOME STEVE!

Steve Wilson of Utica was elected to the LaSalle County Farm Bureau Board of Directors at the 97th Annual Meeting that took place on Tuesday, November 29, 2011. Steve is replacing Jerry Enger who decided not to seek re-election to the board. In addition at the annual meeting the following directors were re-elected to another two year term: **Doug Stockley, Monty Whipple, Dan Mitchell, William Gray, David Michlik, and Bob Beutke.**

Young Leaders Elect Officers

An election of officers for 2011-2012 took place at the Young Leaders Committee members meeting held in November. The elected officers are **Chairman, Bill McDonnell; Vice-Chairman, Justin Durdan, and Secretary, Brock Flanigan**

THANK YOU JERRY

Jerry Enger retired from the LaSalle County Farm Bureau Board at the annual meeting on Tuesday, November 29. Jerry became a board member in 1995 serving as an At-Large Director. .

DELEGATES TO THE IAA ANNUAL MEETING

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| Monty Whipple | Darren Walter |
| David Michlik | Bill McDonnell |
| David Isermann | |

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

HAPPY NEW YEAR

GOOD LUCK JOE AND BILL

Joe Cantlin of Earlville and Bill McDonnell of Ottawa will be participating at the IAA Annual Meeting Young Leader Discussion meet on Saturday, December 3 in Chicago. Joe and Bill became finalists in the District 4 Discussion Meet held in Mendota this past August. Our wishes for good luck to Joe and Bill.

LASALLE COUNTY FARM BUREAU RECEIVES GOLD, SILVER, AND BRONZE STARS!

At the Annual Meeting in Chicago, the LaSalle County Farm Bureau will be receiving the following awards:

- A Gold Star for Membership Quota**
- A Gold Star for Continuous Membership Growth**
- Voting Quota Since 2009
- Total Quota Since 2009
- A Silver Star for Policy Development**
- A Bronze Star for Young Leaders—Committee Excellence**
- A Bronze Star for Ag Literacy, Member Relations, Health and Safety, and Communication and Promotion**
- A Gold Star for Continuous Membership Growth**

Last Call

Illinois Farm Bureau encourages members to apply for involvement in ACTION TEAMS, a unique leadership opportunity. Brochure applications are now available at County Farm Bureaus or through "Programs and Activities" on the www.ilfb.org website. Applications are due **December 9, 2011**. Applicants can select the TEAM that matches their interests - Public Relations, Education, Membership and Quality of Life. Each TEAM is comprised of 10-15 men and women with a variety of leadership and life experiences.

LASALLE COUNTY FARM BUREAU MEMBERS APPOINTED TO GRITS TEAM

Congratulations to Bob Beutke and Kati Hagenbuch on their appointment to membership on the Illinois Farm Bureau 's 2012 Grassroot Issue Teams (GRITS). Grits have made numerous contributions to issue analysis and policy recommendations over the past 11 years and have become an integral component of the Illinois Farm Bureau's policy process. Bob has been assigned to the Crop Production and Trade Team and Kati has been assigned to the Livestock and Dairy Team.

2011 PLAT BOOKS

2011 Plat Books are available at the LaSalle County Farm Bureau office. The cost is \$30.00 for non-members and \$20.00 for members. For an additional \$3.00 to cover postage, we will mail the plat book to you.