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## PCFB HOLDS NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING

The Page County Farm Bureau Board of Directors held its first meeting of the 2026 Farm Bureau year on Nov. 13 at the Farm Bureau office in Clarinda. The meeting was called to order by President Logan Henry. The Aug. 21, meeting minutes and the financial reports for August, September, and October 2025 were approved.

2026 goals were set and Committees and FB Response Team were approved. Other agenda items discussed were issue surfacing, pre-legislative training,

holiday dinner plans, scholarships, food pantry donations, and membership drive incentives. District 9 Director Will Frazee gave a report, followed by Regional Manager Jason Wetzel's report. The meeting was then adjourned. There will not be a meeting in December, only a Holiday Dinner.

The 2026 Board of Directors are Logan Henry, Megan Ripley, Jackie Meier, Nicole Wenstrand Larson, Aaron Williams, Kaleb Tillman, Dwight Sederburg, and Michael Johnson.



Four Bedford FFA members attended the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Ind. at the end of October.

## BEDFORD FFA MEMBERS TRAVEL TO NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION

Four Bedford FFA members headed to Indianapolis, Ind. in October to attend the 98th National FFA Convention. On day one, members visited the Wieczorek Farm, a farm which specializes in hay and has contracts with Purina and Massey Furgeson. Day two the members went to a reindeer farm and learned about their specialized care and got to feed them. Purdue University gave the seven chapters a tour of their Agriculture facilities. Day three was filled with sessions at Lucas Oil Stadium and Career Fair / College Fair along with student workshops at the Convention Center.

Day four was filled with a tour of Poe Hampshires, a sheep farm, that produces show and breeding stock for the sheep industry along with creating some interesting bedding and insulation options with pelletized wool, wheat straw and rye straw along with using short

wool as insulation in buildings. Umbarger Feeds where during the tour members watched the process of bagging feed after going through the plant and seeing all the different components that goes into show feeds and supplements. Next, the members went to Cummins Technical Center. There were no pictures in the actual facility for security reasons, but the members looked at the different phases of making Cummins motors. The last tour of the day was Tuttle Orchards which is over 100 years of being a family-owned operation. The tour included learning about different apple types, how they manage the orchard, and what happens from flowering in spring to harvest in the fall and how the apples are marketed and used. Members got to taste different types of apples and drink cider during the tour. The day ended attending the rodeo.

## JOHNSON ATTENDS IALF'S AITC LEARNING CONFERENCE

Trish Johnson, Ag in the Classroom (AITC) Coordinator for Page and Taylor County Farm Bureaus, joined other Ag in the Classroom representatives and Outreach Coordinators across the state at the 2025 Iowa AITC Learning Conference "The Root of Learning: Exploring Agriculture's Role in Education" on Nov. 12-13. The Conference was held at the Landus office building in Des Moines. Nov. 12 was an afternoon of touring and learning and having fun networking. The tours included the Central Iowa Shelters Agrihood & Greenhouse; Kemin Industries, Inc.; and WesleyLife Meals on Wheels with a hydroponic farm in the basement. Participants scrubbed in, wore lab coats and gloves and planted lettuce seeds one at a time with tweezers to grow in the Prairie Meadows Hydroponic Farm. A networking supper at Smokey D's BBQ wrapped up the day.

On Nov. 13, the keynote speaker was Jori Showalter, Director of Learning & Development at Landus. There were 12 breakout sessions to choose four of the sessions to attend, plus "Lightning Talks" on various topics. Dr. Cindy Haynes, Professor in Horticulture at Iowa State University, spoke about "The Power of Plants." Johnson learned a lot of information and techniques from the Conference and from networking with



Region 14 Farm Bureau representatives attending the Iowa Ag Literacy Foundation (IALF) Learning Conference for Ag in the Classroom held Nov. 13 at Landus in Des Moines, Iowa, were left to right, Amber McClary, Fremont and Mills County FB; Marilea Mullen, Adams County FB; Trish Johnson, Page and Taylor County FB. Attending but not pictured Krista Huntsman, Montgomery County Farm Bureau.

others to bring back to Page County and Taylor County classrooms.

## TVATA YEAR-END BANQUET HELD

By Diane Ferguson

The Tarkio Valley Antique Tractor Association's (TVATA) annual year-end banquet was held Nov. 11 at the Garrison House in Clarinda. A Veteran's Day salute followed by a wonderful meal was enjoyed

by members and invited guests. A review of the 2025 club activities, a recognition of members lost, followed by entertainment by CC and Company closed the evening. The TVATA always welcomes new members.

## Calendar

**Dec. 9-10**  
Iowa Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting in Des Moines.

**Dec. 25-26**  
Page County and Taylor County Farm Bureau offices closed for Christmas holiday.

**Dec. 24 and 31**  
No Spokesman publications.

**Monday, 4 p.m.**  
Deadline for exchange ads and articles for Spokesman.

## IOWA FB MEMBER BENEFITS

### IOWA FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIPS

Iowa Farm Bureau and many of its 100 county Farm Bureaus offer a variety of scholarships ranging from \$250-\$2,500. Visit [www.IowaFarmBureau.com](http://www.IowaFarmBureau.com) or contact your county office for details.

Are you taking advantage of exclusive member savings? For a complete list and benefit details, visit [www.iowafarmbureau.com/member-benefits](http://www.iowafarmbureau.com/member-benefits).

Questions? Call 866-598-3693. [Benefits are subject to change.]

## TRUMP CALLS FOR INVESTIGATION OF U.S. MEAT PACKERS

President Donald Trump called on the U.S. Department of Justice to investigate the nation's four largest meat packers — JBS, Cargill, Tyson Foods and National Beef—for possible collusion, price fixing and price manipulation.

The four firms now control 85% of U.S. cattle purchases, up from 36% in 1980, sparking concerns about reduced competition. In a statement, the White House said the investigation "will root out any illegal collusion, restore fair competition and protect our food security."

Attorney General Pam Bondi said Assistant Attorney General Abigail Slater and USDA Secretary Brooke Rollins will lead the probe.