



Rep. Camille Lilly visited Menard County on Oct. 14 to learn more about agriculture. Pictured are: (back row) Dee Dee Gellerman, Rep. Camille Lilly, Terry Entwistle, David Leischner, Nicholas Paulsmeyer, John Leischner (front row) Glenda Bridges, DeAndre Robinson; Wanda Hill.

## Rep. Camille Lilly visits Menard County

On Oct. 14, Rep. Camille Lilly of Chicago, along with some of her staff and a high school senior from Chicago, visited Menard County and learned more about agriculture. The day started with lunch at J & B's in Petersburg. We invited Josh Gronewald from the Athens State Bank to join us for lunch. Josh serves as president of the Petersburg Chamber of Commerce. Rep. Lilly has been deeply involved in the Austin Chamber of Commerce and she enjoyed learning about the issues that a small community

faces.

Following lunch, we stopped at the PORTA Ag Department and picked up PORTA FFA Vice President Nicholas Paulsmeyer, who joined us for the day. We then went to the Lincoln Land FS elevator in Atterberry for a tour given by Manager Randy Sexton. The next stop was a visit at the Hill Prairie Winery, where Mark and Connie Lounsbury talked about their business.

The representative and her group learned more about cattle production on

the farm of Menard County Farm Bureau President Terry Entwistle. Lastly, we went to a field of David & John Leischner for a ride in the combine during soybean harvest. Of course, no day in Petersburg would be complete without a stop at the Dairy Queen, so one last stop was made there.

Menard County Farm Bureau truly enjoyed hosting Rep. Lilly and her staff in Menard County. We look forward to continuing our relationship with our "adopted" legislator, Camille Lilly.

## 170 fifth-graders learn about ag on Discovery Day

The fifth annual Ag Discovery Day for all the fifth-grade students in Menard County was held Friday, Sept. 24, at the Menard County Fairgrounds.

The event was sponsored by the Menard County Soil & Water Conservation District, Menard County Farm Bureau, University of Illinois Extension-Sangamon-Menard Unit, and the Sangamon-Menard Ag Education Partnership.

During the event, the 170 students rotated between eight different learning stations. Speakers and topics were: Duane Friend, U of I Extension, streamtable; Monsanto, farm safety; Glenda Cox, Cass County SWCD, wildlife trivia; Barb Lieberoff, IEPA, recycling/water quality; Carrie Winkelmann, Sangamon-Menard Ag Education, machinery; Jodie Tate, U of I Extension, Life Cycle of a Frog;

Mike Parrish, Department of Natural Resources, Mineral and Rock Box; and Matt Montgomery, U of I Extension, entomology.

The Illinois Farm Service Agency provided a grant that helped fund the program.

To wrap up the event, a trivia tournament was held to see how much everyone learned. Each classroom worked together as a team to answer trivia questions from each of the learning stations. The classroom with the most correct answers won a tree for their school. Winning classrooms were: Mrs. Boston from Greenview; Mr. Walter from PORTA; and Mrs. Budinger's and Ms. Glenn's classes tied from Cantrall Intermediate.

The trees were donated by the Menard County Soil & Water Conservation District.

## Country agency manager receives international honor

Country Financial Agency Manager Al Stevens of Springfield recently received the Diamond International Management Award for excellence in management.

The International Management Award is presented annually by GAMA International, a professional organization in the financial services industry.

Agency managers receiving this award offer superior sales and service to clients and excel in the leadership,

recruitment and encouragement of professional growth and development of the agents in their offices.

Stevens furthered his insurance education and received the Certified Financial Planner and Chartered Life Underwriter designations. He manages the Sangamon-Menard agency.

Stevens serves clients from his office at 3601 W. Wabash, Suite 103, Springfield.

The office phone number is (217) 698-3456.



## Meeting with Lilly

Members of the Menard County Farm Bureau traveled to Chicago on Aug. 30 to meet their new adopted legislator, Rep. Camille Lilly, and to tour her district. The group toured the Shriner's Hospital for Children, Mars Candy Co. and several urban gardens. Rep. Lilly is planning to come to Menard County this fall to learn more about agriculture.

Pictured are Bill Montgomery, Menard County Farm Bureau secretary; Terry Entwistle, Menard County Farm Bureau president; Dee Dee Gellerman, Menard County Farm Bureau manager; Rep. Lilly; Christina Nourie, Northeast legislative coordinator for Illinois Farm Bureau; and Bona Heinsohn, public policy director for Cook County Farm Bureau.

## Welcome!

The Menard County Farm Bureau would like to welcome the following new members:

- Jess-Menard Farm
- Abigail Collins
- William Elliott
- Jason Pollard
- Mack Raikes
- Kimberly Feagans
- Laura Flessner
- Heath Lovelace
- Kenneth Knuppel

Thank you for your support of Menard County agriculture!

## Annual meeting to be Nov. 19

The Menard County Farm Bureau will hold its annual meeting Friday, Nov. 19, at the PORTA High School. The business meeting will immediately follow the 5:30 p.m. dinner.

Following the business meetings, our featured speaker will be Mary Ellen Fricke, who is the promotion manager for Illinois Farm Bureau. Mary Ellen will be speaking about reaching out to the consumers of our products.

Dinner tickets are \$2 per person and are on sale now. Contact your director or stop by the Farm Bureau office to purchase your tickets.

Ticket sales end Nov. 11 and will not be sold at the door.

## Board attendance

	J	F	M	A	M	Jn	Jl	Ag	S	O
Terry Entwistle, Pres	X	X	X	C	X	X	X	X	C	X
Kyle Winkelmann, VP	X	X	X	A	X	X	X		A	X
Bill Montgomery, Sec			X	N	X	X	X	X	N	X
Mark Stewart, Treas.	X	X	X	C	X	X	X	X	C	X
David Evers	X	X		E	X	X	X		E	X
Richard Holliday	X	X	X	L	X	X	X	X	L	X
Gary Jurgens	X		X	E	X	X		X	E	
Dennis Kunken	X	X	X	D	X	X	X	X	D	X
David Leischner	X	X	X		X	X	X			X