



## Dr. Karla Gage to Keynote April Nutrient Stewardship Field Day

As part of Clinton County Farm Bureau's (CFB) 2025 Nutrient Stewardship Grant project, we are looking forward to hearing from Dr. Karla Gage, Associate Professor of Weed Science and Plant Biology at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, at our April 26th Nutrient Stewardship Field Day.



Dr. Karla Gage

Dr. Gage's presentation will focus on maximizing the benefits of cover crops for weed suppression. Dr. Gage commented that "Integrated Weed Management (IWM) is becoming more important as weeds like water hemp develop

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### Allies in Agriculture

Clinton CFB Directors Mark Litteken, Cliff Schuette, Lucas Hanke, and Brian Becker present the "Allies in Agriculture" designation to the Clinton County Board and Chairman Brad Knolhoff to recognize the passage of the pro-agriculture resolution.

## Clinton County passes pro-Agriculture Resolution

Clinton County Farm Bureau (CFB) leaders are excited to call the Clinton County Board an "Ally in Agriculture" after the board's adoption of a Pro-Agriculture Resolution, demonstrating local elected officials' support for farmers.

"Our farming community would like to thank members of the Clinton County Board for showing their support by adopting this resolution," said Mark Litteken, Clinton CFB President. "Agriculture is a major

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## Foundation scholarship winners announced

Nineteen (19) students have been selected to receive a total of \$26,000 in scholarships from the Clinton County Farm Bureau (CFB) Foundation for the 2025-26 school year based on their academic ability, financial need, leadership involvement, and professional career goals.

From a strong belief in agriculture and the education of American youth, funds for many of the scholarships were made possible by a \$22,000 donation from the Dorothy & Wilhemine Ratermann Trust. The Foundation also received over \$5,400 in contributions from approximately 1,000 Clinton CFB members this past year.

In addition to the general scholarship program, the Foundation also awarded the 3rd annual Marie Krausz Memorial Scholarship. Donated funds were designated to assist a student pursuing a degree in nursing. And new this year, we

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### Barn Quilt Adult Ag in the Classroom Workshop held

Twenty-eight (28) participants joined us for the final workshop in our first "Adult Ag in the Classroom" series. Participants learned a little history on barn quilts and spent the evening creating their own unique block.

Thank you to everyone who participated in any of the four workshops in our series and we look forward to bringing a whole new set of workshops starting again in the fall!

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### Allies in Agriculture

Clinton CFB President Mark Litteken provides comments and asks for the board's support of the Pro-Agriculture Resolution at the March 17th Clinton County Board meeting.

### Resolution

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economic driver in Clinton County, and this resolution shows that our elected officials have our backs when making important decisions affecting our farms and livelihoods."

Clinton County Board members adopted the resolution at their March 17th meeting following conversations with local farm leaders.

Local elected officials across the state are showing their support of their 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.

"Agriculture is the state's largest industry, and passage of these Pro-Agriculture Resolutions show that our elected officials understand that agriculture goes far beyond providing food and fuel," said Illinois Farm Bureau President Brian Duncan. "When county boards pass these resolutions, they are showing their commitment to work with farm leaders so they can confidently be champions of agriculture."

### Gage

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new herbicide resistances. Cover crops are a valuable weed management tool but also present their own management challenges."

Topics such as cover crop termination timing and planting green, the interaction of cover crop residues and pre-emergence herbicides, and herbicide carryover concerns will be presented. The Field Day will also include a tour of cover crop mixes and early planted beans in standing covers. On-site demonstrations will include a look at water infiltration, "planting green", forage and soil sampling, and more.

Be sure to join us at Sugar Creek Valley Farms in Aviston

from 10 a.m. to noon on April 26th to learn about cover crop research in Clinton County and get the latest producer insights regarding cover crops and nutrient management strategies. Lunch will follow the event, and eligible producers can also be entered into a drawing to subsidize 40-acres worth of cover crop seed expenses to get them started on their own regenerative journey in the Fall of 2025.

More information is available by contacting the Clinton CFB office or checking out our website at [www.clintoncofb.org](http://www.clintoncofb.org). Registration is requested by Wednesday, April 23rd by contacting the Farm Bureau office or completing the online registration form available from our website or by scanning the QR Code in the graphic below.

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## NUTRIENT STEWARDSHIP FIELD DAY

SAT **APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>**  
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### \$26,000 awarded in scholarships



**Kaitlyn Steinkamp**  
\$3,000 Recipient



**Courtney Davison**  
\$2,500 Recipient



**Cara Carrillon**  
\$2,000 Recipient



**Samantha Heinzmann**  
\$2,000 Recipient



**Kierstan Lampe**  
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**Tyler Horstmann**  
\$1,500 Recipient



**Michael Brinkmann**  
\$1,250 Recipient



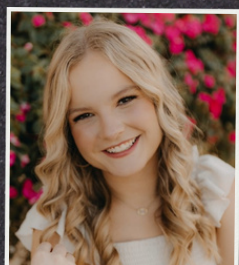
**Bradley Huelsmann**  
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**Christopher Richter**  
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**Connor Wademan**  
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**Alayna Benhoff**  
\$1,000 Recipient



**Daisy Brammeier**  
\$1,000 Recipient



**Carissa Litteken**  
\$1,000 Recipient



**Makenna Reckling**  
\$1,000 Recipient



**Carlie Wademan**  
\$1,000 Recipient



**Jensen Boatright**  
\$750 Recipient



**Abigail Crosby**  
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**Trent Korte**  
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**Abigail Voss**  
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**Marie Krausz Memorial Nursing Scholarship awarded to Carissa Litteken**  
**Ag Mechanic Scholarships awarded to Tyler Horstmann & Bradley Huelsmann**





## Winners

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awarded our first two (2) Ag Mechanics Scholarships from funds raised through our first "Pulling for Agriculture" tractor pull held last September.

The Clinton CFB Foundation is a charitable trust foundation that is the property of Clinton CFB members and administered by a local board of directors. The Clinton CFB Foundation was formed to provide scholarships and other resources for the promotion and education of agriculture. Anyone can contribute to the Foundation and all contributions are tax-deductible. To-date, the Clinton CFB Foundation has awarded 565 scholarships to sons and daughters of Clinton CFB members, bringing the total to \$526,300.

The Clinton CFB Foundation salutes each of this year's winners and wishes them continued success in their future pursuits.

**Kaitlyn Steinkamp (\$3,000)** -- daughter of Eric and Jennifer Steinkamp of Bartelso. She is a 2023 graduate of Carlyle High School and is currently attending the University of Missouri pursuing a degree in chemical engineering.

**Courtney Davison (\$2,500)** -- daughter of Jason and Alison Davison of Carlyle. She is a 2024 graduate of Carlyle High School and is currently attending Southeast Missouri State University pursuing a degree in agribusiness.

**Cara Carrillon (\$2,000)** -- daughter of Curt and Nicole Carrillon of Carlyle. Cara is currently a senior at Central High School, planning on pursuing a degree in agronomy or agribusiness.

**Samantha Heinzmann (\$2,000)** -- daughter of Aaron and Jenn Heinzmann of Carlyle. Samantha is currently a senior at Carlyle High School, planning on attending Kaskaskia College to pursue a degree in agriculture education.

**Kierstan Lampe (\$2,000)** -- daughter of Craig & Stacey Lampe of Aviston. Kierstan is a 2023 graduate of Central High School and is currently pursuing an animal science degree at Iowa State University.

**Tyler Horstmann (\$1,500)** -- son of Brian and Tara Horstmann of Trenton. Tyler is a 2024 graduate of Wesclin High School currently attending Kaskaskia College with plans to transfer to Southern Illinois University Edwardsville to attain a degree in mechanical engineering.

**Michael Brinkmann (\$1,250)** -- son of Jason and Elisha Brinkmann of Carlyle. Michael is a 2024 graduate of Carlyle High School and is currently attending Kaskaskia College studying Ag Business and Agronomy.

**Bradley Huelsmann (\$1,250)** -- son of Vernon and Janice Huelsmann of Trenton. Bradley is a 2024 graduate of Mater Dei High School and is currently attending Kaskaskia College earning an associate degree in welding technology.

**Christopher Richter (\$1,250)** -- son of Allen and Barbara Richter of Aviston. Christopher is a 2024 graduate of Central High School currently attending Southern Illinois University Edwardsville pursuing a degree in computer science.

**Connor Wademan (\$1,250)** -- son of Ben and Amy Wademan of Keyesport. Connor is a 2023 graduate of Carlyle High School currently attending Kaskaskia College with plans on transferring to Southern Illinois University Edwardsville to major in biology with a concentration in medical sciences.

**Alayna Benhoff (\$1,000)** -- daughter of Justin and Pamela Benhoff of Carlyle. Alayna is a 2024 graduate of Mater Dei High School and is currently attending Saint Louis University pursuing a nursing degree.

**Daisy Brammeier (\$1,000)** -- daughter of Jason and Dena Brammeier of Carlyle. Daisy is currently a senior at Carlyle High School. After graduation, she plans on attending Kaskaskia College and later transferring to

a university to obtain a bachelor's degree in social work.

**Carissa Litteken (\$1,000)** -- daughter of Mark and Jennifer Litteken of Aviston. Carissa is a 2023 graduate of Mater Dei High School and is currently attending Kaskaskia College pursuing a degree in nursing.

**Makenna Reckling (\$1,000)** -- daughter of Greg and Linda Reckling of Carlyle. Makenna is currently a senior at Carlyle High School and plans to attend Greenville University to pursue a degree in business accounting.

**Carlie Wademan (\$1,000)** -- daughter of Ben and Amy Wademan of Keyesport. Carlie is a 2024 graduate of Carlyle High School and is currently attending Kaskaskia College with plans to transfer to Eastern Illinois University to become a registered dietitian.

**Jensen Boatright (\$750)** -- son of Bradley and Jamie Boatright of Carlyle. Jensen is a 2022 graduate of Carlyle High School and is currently attending Kaskaskia College pursuing a bachelor's degree in economics and finance.

**Abigail Crosby (\$750)** -- daughter of Amanda and the late Aaron Crosby of Aviston. Abigail is a 2023 graduate of Central High School and is currently attending Iowa State University to pursue a degree in agronomy.

**Trent Korte (\$750)** -- son of Keith and Erin Korte of Damiansville. Trent is currently a senior at Mater Dei High School and plans on attending Kaskaskia College and later transferring to a university to obtain a degree in either finance or ag business.

**Abigail Voss (\$750)** -- daughter of Jared & Lisa Voss of Carlyle. Abigail is currently a senior at Central High School and plans on attending Southern Illinois University Edwardsville to pursue a degree in elementary education.

Carissa Litteken was awarded the Marie Krausz Memorial Scholarship and Tyler Horstmann and Bradley Huelsmann were awarded Ag Mechanics Scholarships.



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## Repair, maintenance keep the farm running

Dad lifts the side panel of the combine to expose the gears, bearings, pulleys, chains and belts. And every single time, I'm in awe of its complexity and how anyone can understand how to engineer the machine or repair and maintain it. I'm thankful for the genius minds who designed a combine that "combined" the functions previously accomplished by multiple pieces of equipment, horses and open-station tractors. I'm especially grateful to the mechanically inclined brains on our farm who can fix and maintain it.

Socially accepted advice tells us to spend time on what's important, and our farm commits a significant amount of time on repair and maintenance. In fact, my son has an FFA recordbook project with 1,000 hours focused on the subject area.

Repairs generally reduce costs compared to replacement. Maintenance intends to prevent repairs and costly "machine down" situations in the busy seasons. That strategy works most of the time to provide risk mitigation, a fancy way of saying we want to minimize the risk of breakdowns, accidents, delayed field operations, extra man hours and mental stress.

Equipment cycles through the shop about 60 days before its intended use in the field. This winter, our shop

crew disassembled and replaced wear parts on every row unit on the planters, changed oils and filters in the tractors that pull them, and checked over the sprayers by early March. On each item, they look for small problems that could morph into big ones. That shop time soon will extend to each combine. Each head attachment. The grain carts. The tractors again. Semi trucks and grain trailers. By winter, the cycle resets.

In all, our farm keeps repair and maintenance records for about 100 items, from lots of little equipment like leaf blowers and chainsaws to 500-horsepower tractors – anything that has an engine, tires, grease points or wearable parts. We DIY as much as possible and call in a technician when the repair exceeds our abilities.

My dad and experienced employees teach the next generation shop skills as their interests and time allow. My son starts a typical weekday leaving home at 6:45 a.m. to train at a college welding class to improve his repair skills. Then, he goes to high school and afterward focuses on repair and maintenance in the farm shop when we're not in the field. He plans to be among the next mechanically minded who keep the farm running.

About the author: Joanie Stiers farms with her family in West Central Illinois, where they raise corn, soybeans, hay, beef cattle, backyard chickens and farmkids.



### "Sonya's Chickens"

During the month of April, the first-grade students will be learning about all things Chicken. Mrs. Kleiboeker will be reading "Sonya's Chickens" to the class and then the kids learn how to draw a chicken. During this lesson, the first graders learn about how the Comb and Waddle help to keep the chicken's cool and the different food items that they eat. The book also discusses the circle of life and how chickens eat insects and worms and foxes eat chickens. The kids are enjoying learning about how interesting chickens can be.



### Adopt-A-Classroom deliveries being made



The classes that were adopted by a business or individuals are receiving another bag of goodies that includes sidewalk chalk, card games and other items needed in the classroom.



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### Damiansville Community Development Club Awarded 2024 Community Impact Grant

Members of the Damiansville Community Development Club recently meet to receive their 2024 Community Impact Grant Check. The development club was awarded \$1,250 for park improvements. Funds were used to help update the swing structure at the park. The new structure includes four regular swings as well as two toddler swings.

### Community Grant Deadline approaching

The Clinton County Farm Bureau (CFB) has at least \$5,000 to fund community improvement projects for 2025 through an online application process.

To-date, the Clinton CFB has awarded \$19,550 in grants for 20 community improvement projects. 2025 "Community Impact Grant" applications are due by April 30th and are available on our website: [www.clintoncofb.org](http://www.clintoncofb.org)



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### Fair Association Awarded 2024 Community Impact Grant

Members of the Clinton County Fair Association were presented their 2024 Community Impact Grant check during their recent Fair Board meeting. The Fair Association was awarded \$1,250 for their project "Fair Petting Farm". Five pens and gates were purchased to house baby farm animals for fairgoers to see up-close and pet during the Family Fun Night at the Fair this past July. Many informative posters were hung outside each pen to educate the viewers on the animals. The owners of the animals also helped educate visitors on the animals.



## Community IMPACT GRANT *Applications Available*

The Clinton County Farm Bureau's "Community Impact Grant" program seeks to identify projects that will improve our communities and create partnerships with groups and individuals to make them happen.

Examples of eligible organizations in Clinton County could include schools, civic organizations, churches, 4-H clubs, FFA chapters and more. Project ideas could include efforts like upgrades to community buildings, spaces, and playgrounds; needed equipment for 4-H clubs, FFA Chapters, or other school clubs/organizations; and other community-based projects that could use additional funding.



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# Adult Ag in the Classroom Barn Quilt Workshop



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## Top college instructor shaping 'next generation of agriculturalists'

By PHYLLIS COULTER FarmWeek

During the annual ag awards night at Kaskaskia College (KC), ag teacher Bill Waggoner was so involved with his students' achievements that he didn't have a clue that he was going to receive the prestigious Golden Owl award honoring the 2025 outstanding post-secondary ag educator in the state.

"It was a surprise," he told FarmWeek. "I'm privileged to do what I do."

For the ag teacher of 23 years, it's all about "the kids."

Waggoner is only the second winner of the Golden Owl for post-secondary instructors awarded by the Illinois Association of Vocational Agriculture Teachers. In 2024, Bill Harmon of Lincoln Land Community College was the first.

"He is shaping the next generation of agriculturalists by demonstrating the critical role that agriculture has on society and in our daily lives," Ellee Bumgarner, a current student, said of Waggoner.

He has instilled a deep understanding and a great appreciation for agriculture overall and continuously strives to grow the Kaskaskia College Ag Club and Collegiate Farm Bureau, she said. He also helps facilitate multiple high school FFA contests in the Kaskaskia College district.

"It is truly inspiring to be one of his students and to have someone so personable, experienced and educated who is genuinely invested in my success in the agriculture industry," Bumgarner said.

Waggoner, who felt led to the profession as a high school ag teacher in 2002 and then to the college in 2011, said "I'm a firm believer in faith. Aaron (Heinzmann, his co-ag teacher) and I work great together," he said, adding that the program is so popular a third ag teacher has been hired.

Former KC student David Stine is teaching part time while he finishes his education and will join the team fulltime this year.

Waggoner, who teaches agronomy and ag business, has been around production ag his whole life, and like his father, is both an ag teacher and a grain farmer on his own operation. Time management is a skill that the husband and father of a 6-year-old has honed over the years and instills in his students and future teachers.

"It is an honor to work alongside a true professional like Bill. I have learned much from his approach to teaching and I am lucky to call him a friend," Heinzmann said.

"He is exceptional at connecting with students, especially through delivering



Kaskaskia College ag teacher and 2025 Illinois Golden Owl award winner for post-secondary instructors Bill Waggoner poses with student Black Twenhafel.

laboratory activities to provide hands-on learning experiences. Bill's dedicated work ethic has helped grow the KC agriculture program through great classroom instruction and outstanding recruiting, and you will always find him willing to provide any extra effort necessary to make our program the best it can be."

Blake Twenhafel, a current student agrees. "Throughout high school and college, I have had numerous agriculture teachers who each have made an impact on my education and Professor Waggoner exemplifies that through his wisdom," he said.

"Even though I am in the last semester taking his classes, I will never forget the memorable experiences I have had while in the classroom and through the Kaskaskia College agriculture events," said Twenhafel, the 2024-25 vice president of Illinois (PAS).

### Southern Illinois Farmers for Soil Health Spring 2025 Cover Crop Tour



**When:** Sunday, April 13, 2025  
noon-4pm

**Where:** Meyer's Farm

18718 Ellwood Rd Breese, IL 62230

**What:** Air conditioned bus tour of local cover crop fields where we will learn about planting timing and seed selection, covers as feed, cover crop termination, manure application, and more!

**Cost:** \$10

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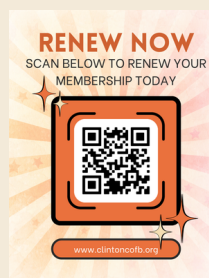
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We continue to see firsthand the important role farming and agriculture plays every day in Clinton County and in our country. We continue supporting area food, fiber, and fuel producers to help provide high-quality, farm fresh products to local consumers. We view this as important work.

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### Quiz Bowl Competition

Teams competing as Young Leaders moderate the annual Quiz Bowl event that included six (6) teams from four Clinton County FFA Chapters.

## Area FFA members compete in Quiz Bowl

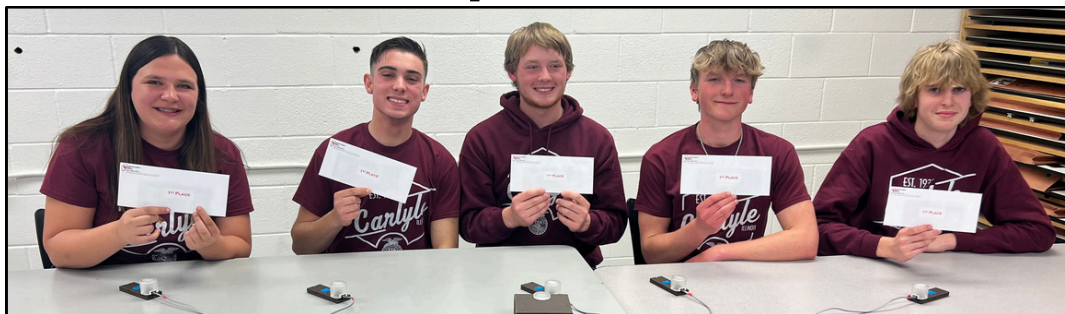
On March 27th, four (4) Clinton County FFA chapters participated in a "FFA Quiz Bowl" sponsored by the Clinton County Farm Bureau's Young Leader Committee. held at Central High School in Breese hosted the event, which also included teams from Carlyle, Mater Dei, and Wesclin High School.

Students were asked multiple choice questions with four possible answers where they could buzz in with the correct answer to earn points for their team. The questions asked included subjects such as Agriculture Safety, Agriculture Mechanics, Animal Science, Crop Production, FFA, Natural Resources, and Agriculture Issues/Current Events.

In between competitions, teams also enjoyed pizza and drinks and had an opportunity to become more familiar with the Farm Bureau and the Young Leader Committee members. Prizes were awarded to students from the top three teams, but every participant and Advisor received t-shirts and other Farm Bureau freebies for participating.

Approximately 30 students competed this year, with each team competing in two preliminary rounds before three teams advanced to the finals.

This year's winning teams were: Carlyle Team #1 (1st place), Central Team #1 (2nd place), and Carlyle Team #2 (3rd place).



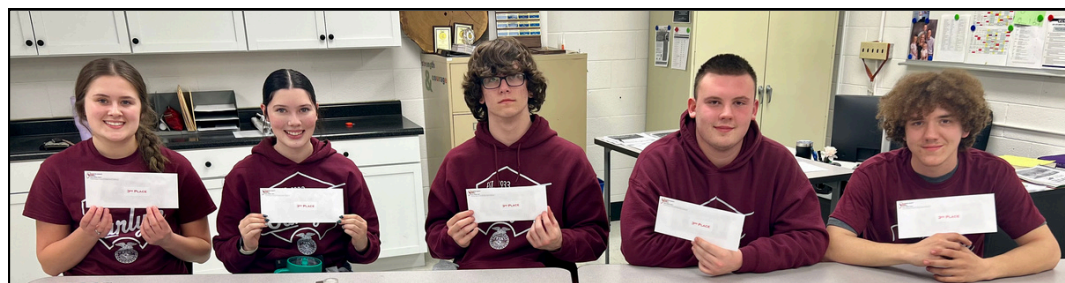
### First Place Team

Audrey Rahm, Tanner Speiser, Hunter Rich, Nick Schomaker, and Cooper Diekemper from Carlyle FFA took 1st place in this year's FFA Quiz Bowl at Central High School on March 27th.



### Second Place Team

Marshall Timmermann, Maecie Carrillon, Josie Muskopf, Caiden Litteken, and Cara Carrillon from Central FFA took 2nd place in the recent "FFA Quiz Bowl" sponsored by the Clinton CFB Young Leader Committee.



### Third Place Team

Ella Jordan, Samantha Heinzmann, Hunter Schmidt, Landon Hitpas, and Landon Johnson from Carlyle FFA won 3rd place at the Farm Bureau's FFA Quiz Bowl.



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## AGENDA:

**Brad Conant,**  
Manager, CFB

Welcome

**Mark Litteken,**  
Host Farmer

**Terry Wyciskalla,**  
Certified Crop Advisor,  
Wyciskalla Consulting  
Water Infiltration Demo and  
Forage/Soil sampling

**Cliff Schuette,**  
Schuette Seeds  
Research Plot Tour

**Karla Gage,**  
Associate Professor of Weed  
Science and Plant Biology  
Maximizing the benefits of cover  
crops for weed suppression

## LOCATION:

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