



## Note our walk-in office hours

Office hours at the Farm Bureau? Although the office hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, those are our “walk-in office hours.”

Before or after those hours, if at all possible call ahead at 309-736-7432 to see if DeAnne or her part-time administrative assistant can help you.

This office hour schedule allows the county Farm Bureau to operate with a part-time person and allow the manager to attend meetings outside the office at a variety of times.

That essentially provides cost savings for our members.

## Dear Rock Island County Farm Bureau members,

On Friday, Oct. 26, I accepted the position of director of issues management for the Illinois Farm Bureau. Here is the summary of the position:

*Our director of issues management within Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB), parent company of Country Financial, monitors media coverage, and, working across IFB divisions, tracks policy developments and identifies and addresses issues likely to impact the organization, agriculture, and/or farmers. Coordinates publicity, messaging, social media and communication activities for priority issues across the organization and county Farm Bureaus; seeking consistency and effectiveness. Oversees media relations functions.*

Through many conversations and meetings with Chris Magnuson, assistant to the president and executive director of news and communications, IFB is allowing me to work three, sometimes more, days per week in the home office and then remotely from my home, where my husband Brent and I reside on the fourth-generation family farm home.

I'm grateful for all of the genuine support and incredible opportunities we've worked together on in Rock Island County since December 1998. You've raised the bar on so many occasions and you should be proud of that! I'm excited for your next hire to bring new life and energy to this county – the foundation and history is here with incredible opportunity!

I will start Nov. 26 with IFB but will definitely work through the transition, as will Carroll County Farm Bureau Manager and Contract Bookkeeper Chas Welch, Rock Island County Farm Bureau Agriculture in the Classroom coordinator Sheryl Solomonson and part-time membership assistant Barb Coe.

Thank you again for allowing me to be your county Farm Bureau manager for just under 20 years.

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## Grisafi to be featured at Market Outlook

Tommy Grisafi, Advance Trading, will be the featured speaker on Thursday, Nov. 15 at Lavender Crest Winery, 5401 U.S. Highway 6, Colona. The evening will begin with a buffet dinner at 6:15 p.m., followed by an update from Gold Star FS Grain Merchandiser, Mike Schaver. Reservations must be made by Nov. 8 to guarantee a meal.

Tommy Grisafi, a commodity risk management adviser at Advance Trading in Valparaiso, Indiana, developed interest in managing risk in 1990 when he attended a class field trip to the Chicago Board of Trade in High School. Tommy became a recognized member of the CBOT and CME group



Tommy Grisafi

on his 21st birthday and has maintained this status for 24 years. In addition to his position as an ag risk management consultant and an independent trader, he also operates “Ag Squawk,” a weekly roundtable discussion among ag industry leaders and enjoys public speaking at farm meetings and events.

Cost for the series is \$75 and a single session is \$25 (if not pre-registered, cost will be \$30). To make reservations, please call the Henry County Farm Bureau 309-937-2411, Rock Island County Farm Bureau 309-736-7432 or Mercer County Farm Bureau 309-582-5116.

The Market Outlook Series is sponsored by the Henry, Rock Island and Mercer County Farm Bureau Marketing Committees, in conjunction with BankORION, Compeer Financial, Gold Star FS, Steve Sim — Country Financial, Wells Fargo and Blackhawk State Bank.

## Calendar of Events

### NOVEMBER

- 15 Market Outlook with Tommy Grisafi at Lavender Crest 6:15 p.m.
- 19 Regular monthly board meeting
- 22-23 Office closed in observance of Thanksgiving holiday
- 26 District 3 Resolutions Review Meeting; 6 p.m. at Geneseo Happy Joe's

### DECEMBER

- 1-4 IAA Annual Meeting at Palmer House in Chicago
- 17 Farm Bureau Board Meeting
- 24-26 Office closed for Christmas Eve

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