

Business

Consider stepping up to serve the soybean industry



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If you want to have a say in how your soybean check-off dollars are invested or help create farm policy positions, the Illinois Soybean Association needs you. Landowners, cash renters, 10- or 10,000-acre male or female farmers, we want all of the above.

ISA strives to enable Illinois soybean producers to be the most knowledgeable and profitable soybean producers around the world. ISA represents the more than 43,000 soybean farmers in Illinois as both the Illinois Soybean Board and Illinois

Soybean Growers.

The Illinois Soybean Board, through the soybean checkoff, funds market development, soybean production and profitability research, promotion, issues management and analysis, communications and education. Illinois Soybean Growers manages membership and advocacy efforts that support Illinois interests in local areas, Springfield and Washington, D.C.

Developing and building upon opportunities for Illinois soybeans around the world is what ISA does. With that in mind, ISA's objective is to attract effective, progressive leaders to our organization.

We want you to get involved, whether that is first to simply attend one of our events, apply for a leadership development program or be willing to serve as a director. Many farmers don't feel like

they have the time to volunteer with ISA, myself included. But once I became involved, I realized how important ISA is to soybean farmers. I wanted to learn more about what my soybean checkoff really is.

After being elected, I found there are multiple activities going on that benefit farmers. Together with other board members and staff, we share a common goal to make things better. Staying the same is not good enough.

ISA soon will have five openings on its board of directors for those who are willing to serve. The board consists of 24 volunteer farmers — 18 district directors, representing specific Illinois geographic districts, and six at-large directors, representing the state as a whole.

Directors may serve a maximum of two, three-year terms. When the current fiscal year

ends Aug. 31, 2018, three of ISA's district directors and two of the at-large directors will retire.

The process for at-large director elections begins first, officially in February 2018. However, we hope interested candidates will consider the application process now as no write-in provision exists.

Two nominees from the application pool will be elected by a majority of farmers in attendance at the annual meeting, Aug. 1, 2018, in Champaign.

The process for district director elections officially begins in April 2018, but interested farmers also are encouraged to consider the process soon. Districts with openings will be District 10, representing Christian, Dewitt, Macon, Moultrie and Shelby counties; District 16, representing Clay, Edwards, Lawrence, Richland, Wabash, Wayne and White counties; and District 17, representing

Jackson, Jefferson, Perry, Randolph and Washington counties. These positions will be filled through elections held in July 2018 at county Extension offices.

Please consider if one of these positions — district director or at-large director — would be a good fit for you. I have found my experience to be very rewarding.

I have grown incredibly because of this organization. I have come out of my shell and believe in doing what is necessary and right as a voice for my fellow Illinois soybean farmers and for young producers in my home community.

I am giving back to the farmers and future producers in my area by doing my best to serve. If you will consider giving back, too, contact Angel Terrell at terrella@ilsoy.org.

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McHenry County Made celebrates 'going local'

CARY, Ill. — As more consumers choose to shop close to home and more home-grown businesses open to accommodate them, there's no question that "going local" is a rising trend.

According to Rex Hammock, founder of SmallBusiness.com, it didn't take the local food movement long to go from an exotic concept to mainstream on menus coast-to-coast: "Next up: everything else, local."

With that in mind, www.visitmchenrycounty.org has launched McHenry County Made, a program to identify local artisans, makers and businesses which share a common thread in their bond to McHenry County.

Examples include, but are not limited to, food and beverage makers, farmers, artists, crafts people, musicians and performers. Participants are designated by a McHenry County Made Seal on the website.

"Subjects are McHenry County, through and through. They reside here and produce their crafts, products and wares here," said Jaki Berggren, Visit McHenry County's executive director.

"Small-batch operations are favored over mass producers, and subjects use local resources, if possible. The more history behind the enterprise, the better, whether that means a family-owned business that spans generations or one housed in a building with rich history."

Berggren added that a goal of McHenry County Made is to profile the most unique members of those communities and show that they help support each other.

"We look for McHenry County companies intertwined with other McHenry County businesses," she said. "And we look for artisans and businesses who have purposely come to McHenry County for a specific reason or natural resource."

Early McHenry County Made designees include:

■ **Blue Eagle Pottery, Woodstock.** The husband-and-wife team of Bob Blue and Susan Galloway create functional stoneware pottery that is dishwasher- and microwave-safe and can be used in the oven with proper care. Each piece is lead-free, non-toxic, unique and handcrafted. And it is useful in the kitchen, on the table or as an accent to decor. Their studio and gallery is located outside of Woodstock in what used to be Franklinville, an early stagecoach stop in McHenry County. www.blueeaglepottery.com.

■ **Chain O' Lakes Brewing Co., McHenry.** Owner Curt Ames is a retired Marine Corps colonel with 30 years of service, whose passion for making beer began with small batch home brews. McHenry County's oldest brewery, Chain O' Lakes offers a full line of seasonal and small-batch beers, including Scotch ales, IPAs, bocks, Belgian witbiers, German blacks, American lagers, English brown and Irish ales, stouts and Oktoberfest. The taproom at the brewery is adorned with Marine Corps mem-

orabilia, and on Friday nights, anyone wearing a red shirt gets a dollar off their beers. www.chainolakesbrewing.com.

■ **Conscious Cup, Crystal Lake.** This family-owned shop buys coffees from the world's best economically and environmentally sustainable small-plot and cooperative coffee farms that earn a fair price for their work. www.consciouscup.com.

■ **Crystal Lake Brewing, Crystal Lake.** The beer makers at Crystal Lake Brewing are all about creating world-class beer right in your back yard. Choose from a golden lager, IPA, marzen, rye IPA and seasonals such as Belgian witbier and English brown ale. www.crystallakebrew.com.

■ **Ethereal Confections, Woodstock.** Sisters-in-law Mary and Sara, who share a passion for chocolate, attended Barry Callebaut Chocolate Academy in Chicago and launched their own store in 2011.

They craft chocolates that transcend and blend flavors from around the world. This isn't just a chocolate shop, this is a culinary experience. Their menu offers bean-to-bark chocolates, handcrafted truffles, chocolates expertly paired with spirits and unique coffee and tea delights. A variety of soups and quiches and panini round out the menu. www.etherealconfections.com.

■ **Potts & Pans Steelband, Woodstock.** Tucked into an unassuming building on an unassuming street in the heart of McHenry County is one of the most unique cultural experiences you'll find in the Midwest. Potts & Pans, Chicagoland's largest steelpan organization, along with their not-for-profit organization, Culture, Arts & Music, delivers both steelpan entertainment and education where you'd least expect to find it. You, too, can learn to build and play a steelpan instrument and play in a steelpan band. www.pottsandpans.com.

■ **Rush Creek Distilling, Harvard.** Rush Creek Distilling products are impeccably slow-crafted distilled spirits that take no shortcuts in their production, all created with pure deep-spring water, select local grains and uncompromising craftsmanship. Take a tour and sample their fine whiskies, gin and vodka in the tasting room. www.rushcreekdistilling.com.

■ **Scorched Earth Brewing Co., Algonquin.** Using locally-sourced ingredients and old-world brewing techniques, you'll choose from pilsners, ales, IPAs, stouts, bocks, saisons, dubbels, zwickelbier, marzen, porters and seasonals such as Oktoberfest. www.scorchedearthbrewing.com.

■ **Silver Prairie Farm Natural Soap Co., Woodstock.** Silver Prairie Farm began selling soaps at craft shows, farmers markets, home shows and fairs, and in February, they opened their own retail shop in Woodstock. They also make luxurious lotions, body butters, scrubs, bath bombs and other natural hair and skin care products. www.silverprairiefarm.com.

Springfield Plastics opens new agriculture pipe yard

AUBURN, Ill. — Springfield Plastics Inc. has announced it will open a new pipe yard in Humboldt, Iowa, in late fall.

Low crop prices and steady input costs are causing farmers to feel the pressure to produce the best crop possible and quality

drainage is the first step, said Springfield Plastics President Steve Baker. "The demand for the company's higher quality

drainage pipe continues to broaden out over the Midwest from its home base in Illinois," he said. "We are different than other pipe companies in our focus on agriculture. Agriculture has been our business for nearly 40 years and continues to be our focus."

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