



**THE
GIFFORD
STATE BANK** **Upcoming Events**

2017

January

Midwest Equipment Dealers Ag Expo (Jan 25-26)

Thousands of people attend the annual expo held in Gordyville which showcases everything new in the agricultural industry. We have a booth at this show every year. Please contact Andy at 217-568-7311 for more information.

February

FFA Week (Feb 18-25)

We salute the local FFA in our local schools whose mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

Annual Grower's Meeting (Feb 23)

Located at the Gifford Community Building, breakfast will be served at 7:30 AM and the meeting will begin at 8:00 AM. We will have various speakers, that will talk about crop insurance and give agronomy updates. Contact Roger Miller and Callie Heidbreder at 217-568-7311 for more information.

March

National Ag Week (Mar 19-25)

Our Ag department will host activities during National Ag Week. Watch for more details to be released or contact Andy at 217-568-7311 for more information. Ag day is March 21th.

April

Community Shred Days (April 17-22)

Let us help you Spring clean this year! We will have shred bins at each of our bank locations this week for you to drop off your old paperwork. Take advantage of this free service during normal lobby hours. Please contact us at 217-568-7311 for more information.

May

Thomasboro Celebration & Street Dance (May 20)

The all day event will feature a 5K and kid run, BBQ Cook off, car show, vendor craft show, and countless activities for children.

June

Gifford Community Celebration (June 24)

This yearly Independence Day event promises fun for all ages. A parade, games, fireworks, music and food are among the planned festivities. Please contact Callie or Kelly at 217-568-7311 for more information.

July

Historic Farm Days (July 13-16)

Anyone interested in the "good ole days" of farming can step back in time for a glimpse of the past, at Historic Farm Days. This annual Penfield event features more than 1,000 antique farm tractors and farm implements.



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St. Joseph Celebration (August 10-12)

The yearly, three day community event includes a parade, carnival, talent show, music and tons of food. This year the celebration will be held at the East Side Baseball Park. The fun begins Thursday at 5:00 PM and finishes with a street dance Saturday night at the Community Park basketball courts.

Royal Days (TBA)

Fun filled day of activities including a 5K, softball tournament, food, inflatables, golf cart parade, and bags tournament.

Half Century of Progress (Aug 24-27)

Half Century of Progress Show is a four day event. This event showcases a Horse pull, Tractor pull, Horse farming demonstration, Steam engines and much more in the Agriculture & Forestry industry.

19th Annual Gifford State Bank Ag Expo (TBA)

The location this year is the Gifford Community Building. We will begin at 6pm with the exhibitors and then dinner with speakers to follow. We are planning to have a Q&A panel discussion. Please contact Andy at 217-568-7311 for more information.

September

National Farm Safety & Health Week (Sept 17-23)

“This week, let us recognize the steadfast dedication and commitment of agricultural producers and their families, and let us reaffirm our resolve to promote their health and safety.”^[2] *"Presidential Proclamation – National Farm Safety and Health Week, 2015"*.

Potomac Artesian Festival (Sept 21-24)

The yearly, three day community event celebrates the beginning of fall and the history of Potomac and the Artesian wells. Enjoy the parade, carnival, music and tons of food.

October

14th Annual Covered Bridge Bus Trip (TBA)

Join us for our annual bus trip to Park County Covered Bridge Festival. The cost of the trip is to be determined. The bus will leave the bank parking lot in Gifford at 7:30 AM and return around 6:00 PM. If you would like to reserve a seat, please contact Kristi or Joleen at 217-568-7311.

November

35th Annual Country Christmas Craft Show (November 18-19)

Over 300 craft and food booths fill Gordyville's heated, indoor facilities for two days of "shop til ya drop" fun. Scheduled just before the holidays every year, you are sure to find that perfect gift for everyone on your list. Have your picture taken with Santa Claus. Parking is free. Donation is just a \$1. Harvest Lunch is available from 11-2 both days. Please contact Barla or Heather at 217-568-7311 for more information.