



# THE GIFFORD STATE BANK **Upcoming Events**

2018

**January**

## **Midwest Equipment Dealers Ag Expo (Jan 24-25)**

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.

## **FFA Week (Feb 17-24)**

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 22)**

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

**March**

## **National Ag Week (Mar 18-24)**

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 20th.

**April**

## **Community Shred Days (April 16-20)**

Let us help you with Spring cleaning 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 (TBA)**

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 30)**

This annual community celebration promises fun for all ages. The day will include a 5K run/walk, parade, inflatables, games, food vendors, car show and music! Please contact Callie or Kelly at 217-568-7311 for more information.

**July**

## **Historic Farm Days (July 12-15)**

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 9-11)**

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 (August 3-5)**

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

### **Half Century of Progress (Aug 2019)**

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.

### **20th Annual Gifford State Bank Ag Expo (Sept 13)**

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

### **National Farm Safety & Health Week (Sept 16-22)**

“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.”<sup>[2]</sup> [\*"Presidential Proclamation – National Farm Safety and Health Week, 2015"\*](#)

September

### **Potomac Artesian Festival (Sept 27-29)**

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

### **15th Annual Covered Bridge Bus Trip (Oct 18)**

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 7:00 a.m. and return around 6:00 p.m. If you would like to reserve a seat, please contact Kristi or Joleen at 217-568-7311.

November

### **36th Annual Country Christmas Craft Show (November 17-18)**

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 Heather or Stacey at 217-568-7311 for more information.