

Something looks different about this section this year

In 2022 farming considerations extend beyond county lines

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At the Democrat newspapers we take a lot of pride in providing local news to our readers.

When it comes to our special sections, like this Farm Tab, we like to describe it as "news about people you know and places you've been to."

We like to have a local angle on the stories we run in our special sections.

This year our local angle stretches from our service area of Mason and Fulton counties across the world to the embattled country of Ukraine.

It is an interconnected world that we live in, and it is clear that what is happening 5,200 miles away will have an impact on the farmers who account for a significant part of the local economy here.

We were fortunate to find several sources who could help make the connections between the faraway lands of Ukraine and the local farm fields here.

Reporters John Froehling and Gavin Maliska interviewed local farmers about what their plans are for this year, and how the war half a world away is expected to impact their operations.

We appreciate the time these farmers have taken to speak with us, as well as the assistance of the Mason County and Fulton County Farm Bureaus.

And we appreciate the interest and encouragement from readers for their reception of this special section every year.

We especially appreciate their support of our broader look this year at farming issues locally and worldwide.

Lady Landowners are invited to lunch Ap. 12

Don't stress! Join the MCFB Women's Committee for some fun

The Women's Committee of the Mason County Farm Bureau is inviting Lady Landowners to a special program for them on Tuesday, April 12.

Participants will enjoy refreshments, fellowship and a program about Dealing with

Stress.

The event begins with refreshments and social time at 9:30 a.m.

At 10 a.m., Adrienne DeSutter, Ag Wellness Specialist, will provide a program, followed at 11 by entertaining by Julie of Gisela's Haus.

Lunch will be offered at noon with Ms. Bridget's Dinner To Go.

The Lady Landowners event will be held at the Mason County Farm Bureau building at 127 S. High Street in Havana.

Reservations are requested and should be made by Tuesday, April 5 by calling the Mason County Farm Bureau at 309 543-4451.



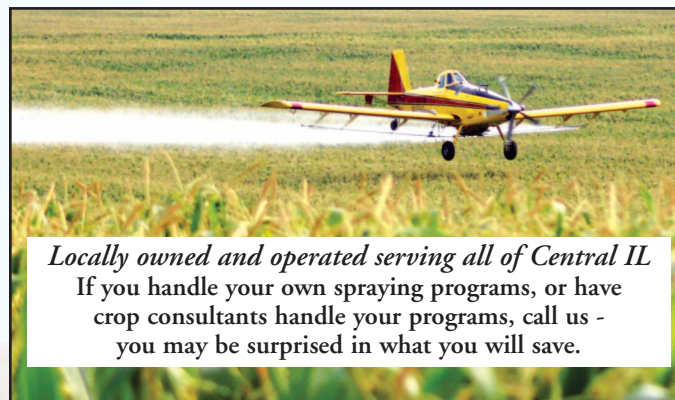
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