

Coming Up:

March 18-24 National Ag Week

May 5-Willoughby Spring Farm Festival

May 12-Children's Museum Farm Day

June 5-7 Agriculture Academy for educators

July 9-13 Ag Camp for 4th and 5th graders

July 24-29 Madison County Fair

Prairie Farms Our Caps Your Cause



Continue to save Prairie Farms milk caps for CAREE. So far CAREE has redeemed 5,041 milk cap codes. Generating over 250 dollars for the program. Schools throughout the county are collecting milk caps for CAREE!

Give the Gift of Grain

The CAREE Program accepts contributions of harvested grains at: Hamel Co-op Grain Company, M&M Service Company, CHS, Oberbeck Grain Company, and Prairietown Feed Service.

Please encourage local farmers to donate the "Gift of Grain" to the CAREE Program.

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Coordinator Meeting

Margaret and Chelsea attended an AITC Coordinator meeting in Benton on February 8th. This event was put on by Illinois Ag in the Classroom (IAITC) staff from Bloomington. The day was filled with updates on future plans, new ideas, lesson plans and hands-on assignments which can be shared with other educators, parents and students of all grade levels. IAITC and county coordinators are working on creating new ideas to help celebrate the 200th Birthday of the State of Illinois with an agriculture twist. Several brainstorm options came out of this meeting which consisted of about 30 southern Illinois county coordinators.



Annual Meeting Raffle



Going once, going twice . . . Sold!

Madison County CAREE would like to thank everyone who either bought a raffle ticket or participated in the auction at the Madison County Farm Bureau 100th Anniversary. CAREE sold \$889 worth of raffle tickets for the Case IH fire pit. Steve Koeller, winner of the raffle drawing, kindly donated it back to the program with the request it be auctioned off to the highest bidder. Fortunately, auctioneer and Madison County Farm Bureau board member, John Schoen was available for the task.

The heavy metal, engraved fire pit filled with goodies was auctioned for an additional \$500! CAREE thanks Dennis Heepke for this generous contribution. The proceeds from the event will assist the Ag in the Classroom program to continue providing educational services throughout Madison County as it has since 1996. Pictured is board member Dennis Heepke and board member (auctioneer) John Schoen.