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The Carroll, Lee, and Whiteside County Farm Bureaus® will be sponsoring a Local Government Series. The three-hour Local Government Conference will be held on Wednesday, July 30 at 1 p.m. at the Sauk Valley Community College in Dixon. This is an opportunity for you to learn the latest information on government issues, share your thoughts, and ask questions.

Attendees will be provided an overview of statewide issues that are affecting local government—including new legislation—plus a focus on three other major topics:

- **Local Road Funding:** Review various funding sources for local road systems, and how today's economy is affecting them. A look at the new State and Federal infrastructure funding packages and what that means for local systems.
- **Rural Development:** Focuses on opportunities to strengthen rural communities through an understanding of programs promoting economic development strategies. Consider the importance of stimulating rural jobs and economic growth to sustain rural communities and surrounding farms; and,
- **Local Government Financing:** – Efforts regarding local government finance tends to focus on revenue...taxes. But demand for tax dollars is driven by expenditures. This session will study the budgeting and spending process used by local governments and the opportunities to influence demand for tax dollars and efficiency while they are spent.

Speakers include Illinois Farm Bureau specialists and local government officials that deal with these topics day-to-day.

There is no charge for attendance, but **advance registration is requested.** For registration information please contact the Carroll County Farm Bureau at 815-244-3001.