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Drucilla Shotts Named Big I Illinois Young Agent of the Year

Springfield, IL (September 2026) Drucilla Shotts of Shore-Murphy in Marshall, IL, was named Young Agent of the Year by Big I Illinois, an association representing independent insurance agents throughout the state. Shotts was presented with the Young Agent of the Year Award for demonstrating exceptional service to the insurance industry, professional trade associations, and community.

Shotts was a livestock advisor with a rigorous travel schedule when she found her way into the insurance industry, for a career that would allow her to be closer to home, but still maintain a connection to agriculture. "Making the transition into insurance has been one of the best career decisions I've ever made," said Shotts. She didn't expect that she would grow to enjoy serving beyond just the agricultural clients. Shotts explained, "I've had the privilege of getting to know so many wonderful families through personal insurance and learning about the unique businesses that make our community thrive."

At Shore-Murphy, she led a six-month long project to research and implement a new management system, resulting in streamlined processes and greater consistency in client services. Shotts said she is fortunate to work with a team that embraces new ideas, allowing her to implement changes that will make a lasting impact on the agency.

In the community, Shotts is passionate about supporting youth education. She has volunteered for 4-H, participated in the University of Illinois Extension's iDream iCreate program and in the Marshall School District. As an insurance professional, she's spoken to driver's education and economics classes on topics including insurance, risk management and financial wellness.

Shotts has set professional goals around earning education designations in the near future. But, her ultimate goal, she said, "is to continue this legacy in our agency that is celebrating 50 years this year and leave it for the generations behind me to have great careers in this industry that serves our community well."

Big I Illinois is an association representing independent insurance agents throughout the state. Big I Illinois membership is comprised of 800 insurance agencies representing 10,000 licensed independent agents engaged in all facets of the insurance industry, including property, casualty, life, and health. Its members offer customers a choice of policies from a variety of insurance companies. In addition to serving the professional needs of members, Big I Illinois works for the betterment of the insurance industry through legislative and consumer awareness programs. For more information, visit www.ilbigi.org.

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