



Calendar of Events

APRIL 2017

17

Board Meeting; 7:30 p.m.

Notice the slim calendar of Farm Bureau meetings – it's the season for fieldwork and planting! Stay safe, everyone! Meanwhile, look around on this page for just a glimpse of what happened in March with Farm Bureau members!



212 attend Women in Ag event

March 17 marked the 6th year for the Women in Agriculture event at Jumer's Casino in Rock Island. Thanks to the generous support of Country Financial, Deere and Company, River Valley Cooperative and 1st Farm Credit Services this event drew women from all over Iowa and Illinois and is headquartered at Rock Island County Farm Bureau with major efforts led by 11 additional cfb managers in Illinois. Above is a picture of the Rock Island CFB ladies enjoying the day: Seated: Karen Bohnert, Dana Fuhr, Jenna Preston; Standing: Beth Whisman and Julie Derrer. At right, Country Financial sponsored Jolene Brown of West Branch as the featured speaker. Jolene spent the day with a 90-minute keynote, followed by a breakout session and the final wrap-up to leave the ladies charged and ready



to succeed in the home, farm and community.



Rockridge FFA helpers

Rockridge FFA members Jake Bohnsack (standing) and Cole Whisman (standing) take a moment to thank River Valley Coop for its support of the event and were greeters for ladies on Friday morning. They also helped sponsors set up their booths for the morning "trade show area." Thanks to these young men for their help!



KWQC Women's Health and Lifestyle Fair

Rock Island County Farm Bureau teamed up with Mercer, Henry, Warren Henderson and Knox CFBs to participate for the third year in a row at KWQC's Women's Health and Lifestyle Fair at the Davenport RiverCenter on March 4. The reason for the involvement is for our farmers to build a connection with consumers and women who are involved in the purchase of their food budget. This year, visitors to the booth were asked a question from our "Spin the Wheel" before they could receive a free spatula courtesy of the participating CFBs. The other focus was our popular visual display of the amount of hormone levels in common foods vs. a birth control pill. This event always continues to attract a few questions. We were glad to have young "agvocates" and CFB members like Henry CFB member and Deere employee Amelia Martens and RICFB member and constant supporter Jenna Preston answering questions about hormones in milk from a passer-by. If you are interested in helping in events like these, please contact the Farm Bureau office.



3rd RICFB Machine Shed Cookout

For the third year in a row, the Rock Island County Farm Bureau Governmental Affairs Committee and Board of Directors hosted Rock Island County board members and state representatives for an informal conversation about Rock Island County. This year's event was March 9 at Fred Nightingale's machine shed in rural Orion. Past hosts have included Bill Onken and Todd DeClercq. Farm Bureau members attending were Brent and Lindy Riewerts, Marty McManus, Bill Onken, Dennis and Cherie Van Daele, Drew, Bubis and Jordan Hohenboken, Fred and Kim Nightingale, Kevin and Nathan Oak, Andy DeKeyrel and Rich Morthland. In top photo, Rock Island County Board Members DeWayne Cremeens, second from left, and Drue Mielke (third from right) listen to concerns of directors and members. Pictured, from left: Fred Nightingale, Cremeens, Jordan Hohenboken, Mielke, Bubis and Drew Hohenboken.



Directly above, Rock Island County Board Member Rod Simmer (District 18) talks with RICFB President Marty McManus, Andy DeKeyrel, Fred Nightingale and Governmental Affairs' Bill Onken.