



**Thank you,
Rep. Pat
Verschoore, for
your service to
agriculture in
our state**

On behalf of the Rock Island County Farm Bureau we want to recognize Rock Island County Farm Bureau farmer member Pat Verschoore for his time and commitment to serving his District as State Representative from 2002 through 2016. During his tenure he received Verschoore received the Illinois Farm Bureau's ACTIVATOR Friend of Agriculture every year he was eligible (2004-2014).

We wish Pat and his wife Char the very best as they enjoy life post-public service!

Tri-County Cover-Cropping Seminar & Museum Tour

Tuesday, December 13th, 2016 4:00 PM

Kenny Bush Farm

6706 78th Ave. W, Milan, IL

Meal Provided – RSVP Required by Dec. 2nd (309) 937-5263 ext. 3

Schedule:

- **Museum and Cover-Crop Tour**
 - Kenny and his wife have restored an old barn into a multi-story museum full of everything agricultural. From the home to the field the Bush's have captured rural American with items appealing to everyone from a young child to an avid collector; this historical collection is a must-see.
 - The Farm utilizes cover-crops as part of its conservation cropping system.
- **Evening Meal with Guest Speaker**
 - Gordon Roskamp, Adjunct Professor of Agriculture, Illinois Central College
 - How to be successful in Cover-Crops and avoid Herbicide Carryover
- **Producer Panel**
 - Local Producers discuss cover-crop use within their operation
- **Focus Group**
 - Attendees will discuss possibility of future events and organized producer group

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Seminar to cover motor vehicle rules

Trucking regulations got you scratching your head? To sort truth from conjecture and fact from rumor come join us Tuesday, Feb. 7, at the American Legion, 501 Main St., Reynolds. Afternoon start time to be determined; check back in January issue and further mailings for start time!

Rock Island and Mercer County Farm Bureaus are hosting this two-hour seminar that focuses on trucking laws for farmers — both new and well-worn. It will take a special look at the latest "Covered Farm Vehicle" exemptions and participants will have the chance to ask those trucking questions that you can't seem to find the answers for anywhere else.

A lot of laws have changed in the past 18 months! In fact, just in mid-July the governor signed legislation adding a new exemption from the CDL. Prior to that we've seen changes to regulations regarding: the medical card, hours of service limitations, equipment inspection requirements, ATV operation, mobile phone use, out-of-state CDL use, post-trip inspections, and more.

We'll cover those recent changes and some of the more-established but still misunderstood rules, too, such as the USDOT Number, UCR registrations, and driver's license classifications.

Presenting the seminar will be Kevin Rund, who has specialized in farm transportation issues for the Illinois Farm Bureau for more than 30 years. Participants will receive take-home materials covering these topics.

The seminar is free, courtesy of your county and state Farm Bureaus, but advance registration is requested. Please call RICFB at 309-736-7432 or email accounts@ricofarmbureau.org to reserve your place at the On-the-Road Seminar.

Calendar of Events

DECEMBER

12-16	Extended holiday office hours 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
13	Tri County Cover Crop RSVP required (see ad)
19	FB board meeting 5:30 p.m.
23	Office closed for the Christmas holiday
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JANUARY

2	Office closed for New Year's
11-13	Illinois Specialty Grower's Conference at Crowne Plaza in Springfield; contact 309-557-2107 for registration and details
15-17	QC Farm Show at QCCA Expo Center
16	Farm Bureau Board Meeting
17	Rock Island County Board meets at 5:30 p.m. at 3rd floor County Office Building