



Deadline nearing on scholarships

The Rock Island County Farm Bureau Foundation is proud to announce the 2018 Foundation Scholarship Program. Applications for the scholarships are due to the Farm Bureau office in Moline by 4 p.m. March 29, 2018.

Applications are available at www.ricofarmbureau.org.

We are fortunate to offer several scholarships this year.

The RICFB Foundation scholarships are available only to high school seniors.

These scholarships have been established by the Rock Island County Farm Bureau Foundation and are supported through generous contributions from local families. Applicant must be a member or dependent of a member in good standing of the Rock Island County Farm Bureau since January 2017. Applicant can be majoring in any field; major does not have to be Ag related.

The Wilbert and Carol Keppy Scholarship is open to graduating high school seniors as well as college students. Scholarship applications will be judged separately, however, applicant can only win one scholarship from the RICFB Foundation per year.

NOTE: An applicant can only win one Keppy scholarship per year and previous Keppy Scholarship winners are ineligible from receiving future Keppy Scholarship funds. Criteria for selection will be achievements in agriculture activities, including an essay, leadership in school and the community, scholastic achievement and financial need.

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The Bernice E. Fowler Scholarship is open to a Rockridge High School graduating senior or graduate who is pursuing a degree of study in the education field. Bernice E. Fowler taught for 11 years in an Illinois City one room school house. She continued teaching second grade at Grant School in Moline where she retired with a 25-year teaching career.

This scholarship has been established by her son and will yield a \$1,000 scholarship each year beginning in May 2013. This scholarship was established late in 2012 and the application can be downloaded at www.ricofarmbureau.org/ Preferred candidates will be pursuing a degree in education.

NEW in 2018 is the recent announcement of the George and Irene Stulz Family Scholarship.

This scholarship is designed for students who will be entering their junior or senior year of a four year university. Current RICFB members who have dependents pursuing a degree in an agriculture-related field are encouraged to apply. The family wishes to assist and support a student who demonstrates financial need, strong involvement in the farm and/or agriculture field while also fulfilling a full academic course load. All applications available for download on our website.

For more questions, please contact the RICFB office at 309-736-7432 or email dbloomberg@ricofarmbureau.org.

'Farm Babe' to headline March 16 ag conference

Farm women and all those involved in the agriculture industry should plan to attend the Women in Agriculture Conference, scheduled for Friday, March 16, at Jumer's Casino and Hotel in Moline, Ill.

This conference is a one-day seminar to help women become empowered in agriculture.

The conference, in its seventh year, will feature keynote speaker Michelle Miller, known as the "Farm Babe," presenting "Bridging the Gap Between Farmers and Consumers." Miller was once a big city girl and moved to rural Iowa for love. Once there, she learned that her original thoughts of modern agriculture were very inaccurate (based on mainstream Hollywood media and marketing) and now enjoys debunking myths and spreading facts about REAL Farms from REAL farmers. She is a writer with a column on AgDaily. She also does international public speaking and has been featured on channel 9 news in Oklahoma City. She has been featured in Forbes.

The Women in Agriculture Conference will begin with registration at 8 a.m. The keynote address will be followed by a variety of breakout sessions that participants may choose among. A lunch break will be included between the morning and afternoon breakout sessions.

The conference will wrap up around 3 p.m. with Kim Bremmer, a vocal champion of agriculture everywhere she travels, from the grocery store to the airport, drawing on her background as a dairy nutritionist for 15 years.

She is the Wisconsin State Coordinator for Common Ground, a national movement of farm women who share information about farming and the food we grow, a regular contributor on Rural Route radio, and the president of Wisconsin Women for Agriculture. Kim will inspire participants to feel confident in answering consumer questions, telling farming's story and in sharing enthusiasm for the agriculture industry.

Included in the day is an exhibit area, with many businesses and organizations offering materials, promotional items and give-away drawings.

The cost of the program is \$50 prior to February 28th, which will include a breakfast and a luncheon buffet. as well as a mid-day snack break. Walk-ins the day of the conference will be \$100.

To register, contact any of the sponsoring County Farm Bureaus in Illinois,



'Farm Babe' Michelle Miller



Kim Bremmer

or register online at womeninagriculture-reconference.com.

The conference is sponsored by the Bureau, Carroll, Fulton, Henry, Knox, Lee, Mercer, McDonough, Rock Island, Stark, Stephenson, Warren-Henderson,

and Whiteside County Farm Bureaus in Illinois as well as Illinois Farm Bureau, Country Financial, River Valley Cooperative, University of Illinois Extension, and Iowa State University Extension.

ON-THE-ROAD SEMINAR

Motor vehicle rules for state farmers

Trucking regulations can be complicated, and farm exemptions compound that complexity.

Seems everyone has a different answer to your question. Come join us at 9 a.m. on

Feb. 13, 2018, at Reynolds Legion to find out what you need to know.

We're hosting a two-hour seminar that focuses on trucking laws — old and new — specifically for farmers. We'll use a new format this year to remind you of rules that apply and help you identify means of relief. And a new segment will use your real-life examples to illustrate how regulations

affect farmers.

Throughout it all, you'll have the chance to ask those farm trucking questions that everyone seems to have an opinion about, but about which no one can agree on an answer.

Trucking laws have been reshaped in recent years with more changes scheduled for 2018. Rules affected include: farmer exemptions, Harvest Season Emergency permit, longer trucks on local roads, Electronic Logging Devices (ELDs), UCR filing deadline, anhydrous ammonia nurse tank movements and proof of citizenship requirements. Presenting the seminar will be Kevin

Rund and Kirby Wagner who specialize in farm transportation issues for the Illinois Farm Bureau. And you'll 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 Rock Island County Farm Bureau 309-736-7432 or email dbloomberg@ricofarmbureau.org to reserve your place at the On-the-Road Seminar. We need reservations to supply take away materials.

Come join us and get your farm trucking questions answered.

Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY

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| Feb. 8 | Dr. Steve Johnson at Lavender Crest as part of Market Outlook Series |
| Feb. 13 | On the Road with Kevin Rund; Reynolds Legion; 9 a.m. |
| Feb. 10 | Area Young Leader Social at Cerno's in Kewanee |
| Feb. 19 | FB Board Meeting; 6 p.m. (Exec at 5:30 p.m.) |
| Feb. 20 | Rock Island County Board Meeting; 5:30 p.m.; third floor County Office building |
| Feb. 27-Mar. 1 | Commodity Classic – Anaheim, CA |

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| March 8 | Dr. Sterling Elwynn Taylor at Market Outlook at Lavender Crest |
| March 11 | Daylight Savings Time Begins; 2 a.m. |
| March 14-15 | IFB Governmental Affairs Conference – Springfield |
| March 16 | Women in Agriculture Conference with Farm Babe, Michelle Miller and Kim Bremmer |
| March 19 | FB Board meeting TBA |
| March 20 | March primary Election Day |



Cubs vs. Cardinals bus trip to Wrigley Field

VS.

Friday, Sept. 28, 2018
Game time – 1:20 p.m.

Cost is \$100 per member
(Payment secures your seat)

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