



## Calendar of Events

### JANUARY 2015

- 6 Building Committee meeting 10 a.m.
- 7 Rock Island Clean Line Meeting at Hoopole United Methodist Church
- 8 Regional Managers Meeting – Knox CFB; 10 a.m.  
Corn and Soybean Classic – iWireless Center; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- 11-14 AFBF in San Diego, Calif.
- 18 QC Farm Show; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- 19 QC Farm Show continues 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Board meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- 20 QC Farm Show continues 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- 23-24 Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leader Conference
- 26 Farm Bill Seminar at Stoney Creek Conference Center (see article in this issue)
- 29 SWAT – Illinois Farm Bureau
- 31 Mercer and Rock Island County Young Leader Ugly Sweater Party; 7 p.m.; Evan Marston's shop – Buffalo Prairie; reservations required to Farm Bureau office
- 31 Last Day to Donate to Bushels For Hunger

### FEBRUARY 2015

- 9 Crop Insurance and Farm Bill update offered by Country Financial representative Steve Sim – 10 a.m. at Camden Center (formerly Milan Community Center); reservations required to Steve Sim's office; 764-3116
- 16 Board meeting; 7:30 p.m.
- 24-25 Governmental Affairs Leadership Conference in Springfield

### MARCH 2015

- 4 Market Outlook with Elwynn Taylor at Lavender Crest
- 5 Foundation Board meeting; noon
- 16 Board meeting; 8 p.m.
- 21 Women in Agriculture Conference at Jumer's Casino in Rock Island

## Farm Bill seminar offered

University of Illinois Extension and Illinois Farm Bureau are working together to offer an Agricultural Act of 2014 seminar from 1 to 4 p.m. Jan. 26 at the Stoney Creek Inn, Moline. Farm owners and operators will get assistance in learning how to update base acreage and program yields and how to make decisions among the three choices for the farm program. Join Gary Schnitkey, University of Illinois profes-

sor of agricultural economics, Johnathan Coppess, assistant professor of agricultural law and policy, and Doug Yoder of the Illinois Farm Bureau for this FREE program. Register here at <http://farmbilltoolbox.farmdoc.illinois.edu/seminar-series.html>.

For further information please contact the Extension office in Milan at 309-756-9978.



From left, RICFB President Marty McManus and Illinois Farm Bureau President Richard Guebert.

## RICFB awarded by IFB

The Rock Island County Farm Bureau was recognized for its achievements during the 100th annual meeting of the Illinois Farm Bureau held in Chicago on Dec. 6-9, 2014.

A member of Membership Group V, Rock Island County received bronze awards for the following programs: Membership Quota; Ag Literacy; Legislative/Political Process; Member Relations; and Policy Development.

County Farm Bureaus in Membership Group V are those with 5,621 and more members. Rock Island County's total membership is 5,800, with 628 farmer

members.

As part of its Annual Meeting, Illinois Farm Bureau presents program and committee awards in recognition of outstanding county Farm Bureau volunteer efforts throughout the year.

The Illinois Farm Bureau is a member of the American Farm Bureau Federation, a national organization of farmers and ranchers.

Founded in 1916, IFB is a non-profit, membership organization controlled by farmers who join through their county Farm Bureau. IFB represents two out of three Illinois farmers.

## Visit us at the QC Farm Show Jan. 18-20 and get a free sandwich!

Stop by Rock Island County Farm Bureau booth at Quad Cities Farm Show Jan. 18-20 and receive a free sandwich coupon (with paid 2015 membership) at the concessions booth at the QCCA Expo Center during the Farm Show. The Rock Island County Farm Bureau booth is co-located with the Rock Island County Soil and Water Conservation District booth in the northeast corner of the QCCA Expo Center. 2012 plat books will also be for sale with current paid FB members receiving a \$5 off coupon.

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### HOURS

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday  
Closed on holidays

### BOARD MEMBERS

President, Marty McManus      Vice President, Stan Woodburn  
Secretary, Dennis Van Daele      Treasurer, Fred Nightingale  
At-Large, Phil Fuhr

#### DISTRICT 1

Brian Brown, David Mueller, Kevin Oak, Bill Onken, Phil Fuhr

#### DISTRICT 2

Andy DeKeyrel, Marty McManus, Dennis Van Daele, Fred Nightingale, Bradley Erickson

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## \$7,000 in scholarships available

The Rock Island County Farm Bureau Foundation is proud to announce the 2015 Foundation Scholarship Program. Applications for the scholarships are due to the Farm Bureau office in Moline until 4 p.m. March 27.

Applications are available at [www.ricofarmbureau.org](http://www.ricofarmbureau.org). New this year – applicants can apply online and email more information as requested in the application.

The Rock Island County Farm Bureau Foundation will be awarding three \$1,000 scholarships. These scholarships have been established by the Rock Island County Farm Bureau Foundation and are supported through generous contributions from local families. The applicant must be a high school senior. Applicant must be a member or dependent of a member in good standing of the Rock Island County Farm Bureau since January 2014.

Applicant can be majoring in any field; major does not have to be ag-related.

Applicants may apply for the Rock Island County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarship, as well as the Keppy Scholarship. 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.

The Rock Island County Farm Bureau Foundation also awards two scholarships for the Wilbert and Carol Keppy Foundation. Applicants may be a graduating high school senior or student currently enrolled in an undergraduate college degree program.

## Rockridge H.S. scholarship

This 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 from a 25-year teaching career. This scholarship has been established by her son and will yield a \$1,000 scholarship each year.

This scholarship was established late in 2012 and the application can be downloaded at [www.ricofarmbureau.org/](http://www.ricofarmbureau.org/). Preferred candidates will be pursuing a degree in education. For more questions, please contact the RICFB office at 309-736-7432 or email [dbloomberg@ricofarmbureau.org](mailto:dbloomberg@ricofarmbureau.org).