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On-the-road seminar to cover new farmer rules

Trucking regulations got you scratching your head? Hearing conflicting explanations?

To sort truth from conjecture and fact from rumor, come join us at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, at the Reynolds Legion, 501 N. Main St., Reynolds, Ill.

Mercer and Rock Island Counties will be co-hosting this two-hour seminar that focuses on trucking laws for farmers — both new and well-worn. It'll take a special look at the latest "Covered Farm Vehicle" exemptions and you'll 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 last 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. Also confirmed is Cory Malek of District 7 Illinois State Police.

The seminar is free, courtesy of your county and state Farm Bureaus, but advance registration is requested. Please call the Mercer County Farm Bureau at (309) 582-5116 or the Rock Island County Farm Bureau at (309) 736-7432 to reserve your place at the On-the-Road Seminar.

NEWS & NOTES

■ Ralph Miller will be back at the RICFB on Mondays and Tuesdays beginning in Jan. 30 to prepare taxes. Contact Ralph directly to schedule an appointment. If you need his phone number, please contact the RICFB office at 309-736-7432 or email accounts@ricofarmbureau.org.

Time to apply for RICFB scholarships

The Rock Island County Farm Bureau Foundation is proud to announce the 2017 Foundation Scholarship Program. Applications for the scholarships are due to the Farm Bureau office in Moline by 4 p.m. March 31, 2017.

Applications are available at www.ricofarmbureau.org.

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 2016.

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 money. Criteria for selection will be achievements in agriculture activities, including an essay, leadership in school and the community, scholastic achievement and financial need.

Keppy Scholarship Applicants may be a graduating high school senior or currently enrolled in an undergraduate college degree program.

Rockridge parents, students: Bernice E. Fowler 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 schoolhouse. 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 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.

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

Calendar of Events

JANUARY 2017

- 11-13 Illinois Specialty Grower's Conference at Crowne Plaza in Springfield; call 309-557-2107 for registration and conference 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. in third-floor County Office Building
- 31 Last Day to Donate to Bushels For Hunger

FEBRUARY 2017

- 7 On the Road seminar at Reynolds Legion at 1 p.m.
- 20 Board Meeting 7 p.m.

MARCH 2017

- 8 Market Outlook with Mike McClellan 6:15 p.m.
- 17 Women in Agriculture Conference at Jumer's Casino in Rock Island; Jolene Brown featured speaker — www.womeninagricultureconference.com
- 21 Board Meeting

Stop and see us at the

QC Farm Show

Stop by Rock Island County Farm Bureau booth (shared with Rock Island County SWCD and located in the NE corner of the QCCA Expo Center) at Quad Cities Farm Show Jan. 15-17 and receive a free sandwich coupon (with paid 2017 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.