



## What's going on this summer?

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## Calendar of Events

### JUNE 2018

18 Board meeting

### JULY 2018

4 Independence Day; office closed

6 Celebrate Agriculture Night at QC River Bandits with WRMU's Jim Taylor throwing out the first pitch!

11 Market Outlook with Al Kluis

16 Board meeting

17-21 Rock Island County Fair

## Kluis to talk on markets

Al Kluis, Kluis Commodity Advisors, will be the featured speaker on Wednesday, July 11, at Lavender Crest Winery, 5401 U.S. Highway 6, Colona. The evening will begin with a buffet dinner at 6:15 p.m., followed by an update from Gold Star FS Grain Merchandiser, Mike Schaver. Reservations must be made by July 3 to guarantee a meal.

Al Kluis has been a commodity advisor and broker since 1976. He is the managing director of Kluis Commodity Advisors and Kluis Commodity Publishing in Wayzata, Minn. Al is also a writer. He writes a column, Your Profit, which appears in Successful Farming magazine. Al has published two books on commodities trading.

Al is commonly quoted in major publications including the Wall Street Journal, and is a featured speaker at commodity conferences nationwide. He is a frequent market analyst for the Linder Farm Radio News Network. Al is the author of the weekly commodity advisory newsletter, The Al Kluis Report and works with a team to send out daily email reports to 2,500 subscribers by email and on his app.

Cost for the series is \$75 and a single session is \$25 (if not pre-registered, cost will be \$30). To make reservations, call the Henry County Farm Bureau (309) 937-2411 or the Rock Island County Farm Bureau (309) 736-7432.

# Recipients of scholarships totaling \$21,500 named

The Rock Island County Farm Bureau Foundation is pleased to announce the recipients of its 2018 scholarships. This award is given to outstanding high school students who have achieved a well-rounded high school career and understand the value of volunteerism. These applicants were selected based upon their academic, school and community involvement by an independent committee appointed by the Rock Island County Farm Bureau Foundation Board of Directors.

This year, the Rock Island County Farm Bureau Foundation awarded three \$2,500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors. The 2018 Foundation Scholarship winners are:

**Jacob Bohnsack**, son of Jay and Sarah Bohnsack, a 2018 graduate of Rockridge High School

**Nathan Flickinger**, son of Elizabeth and Jason Flickinger, a 2018 graduate of Rockridge High School

**Madalyn Mueller**, daughter of Jason Mueller, a 2018 graduate of Rockridge High School

These scholarships have been made possible thanks to financial gifts from several families. We also want to extend our sincere appreciation to the family of Myron Mueller who donated over \$5,000 to the Foundation in support of funding one of the Foundation Scholarships each year beginning in 2009. Currently, because of their additional giving, the funds have grown and will help fund a Foundation Scholarship each year until the funds are exhausted.

The family of Glenn Mueller; the Lowell Johnson Charitable Foundation; and the Churchill Family Foundation have all contributed dollars toward the scholarships for the RICFB Foundation as well.

### Keppy Charitable Foundation Scholarship

This year four Farm Bureau member dependents will receive a \$3,000 scholarship for their continuing education courtesy of the Wilbert and Carol Keppy Charitable Foundation. The



Front row, from left: Cheyenne Bush, Brittany Olson, Madalyn Mueller  
Standing, from left: Glenn Saddoris, Foundation president; Nathan Parchert, Nathan Flickinger, Jacob Bohnsack and John Searl.

2018 Keppy Scholarship winners are:

**Cheyenne Bush**, daughter of Jared and DeAnna Bush, a 2017 Rockridge High School graduate

**Brittany Olson**, daughter of Rob and Tammy Olson, a 2017 Rockridge High School graduate

**Nathan Parchert**, son of Tom and Carol Parchert, a 2018 Rockridge High School graduate

**John Searl**, son of Mark and Karen Searl, a 2018 Riverdale High School graduate

### George and Irene Stulz Family Scholarship

The first-ever George and Irene Stulz Family Scholarships were awarded in 2018 to the following college students:

**Rylee Derrer**, daughter of Julie and Rod Derrer, is attending Iowa State University. She is entering her senior year at Iowa State with a major in Agriculture and Society. Rylee is currently an intern at Kent Feeds for the summer.

**Taylor Johnson**, daughter of Jamie and Scott Johnson, will be a junior at Iowa State University this fall majoring

in animal science. Taylor will be serving as an intern for AkSarBen Stock Show based in Grand Island, Neb.

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.

A reminder that scholarship applications are available from the Farm Bureau office after Jan. 1 each year and are open to those Farm Bureau members who have been a current Rock Island County Farm Bureau member for two years or more. For more information regarding the Rock Island County Farm Bureau Foundation and their scholarships, please contact the FB office at 736-7432, or visit [www.ricofarmbureau.org](http://www.ricofarmbureau.org).

## Cubs vs. Cardinals

### bus trip to Wrigley Field

**Sunday, July 23, 2018 -- night game!**

Cost is \$100 per member, \$150 per non-member  
(Price includes transportation and game ticket. Depart Jumer's Casino in Rock Island at 1:30 p.m. July 23.)

*Call the FB office today to make your reservations. Payment guarantees ticket/seat on bus. 309-736-7432. First come, first served. Sponsored by the Mercer and Rock Island Farm Bureaus.*

# FRIDAY JULY 6TH CELEBRATE AGRICULTURE NIGHT

Presented by:

**GATES OPEN AT 5:35 PM  
GAME TIME 6:35 PM  
POSTGAME FIREWORKS &  
HOUSTON ASTROS WORLD SERIES  
RING GIVEAWAY**

Show your Illinois Farm Bureau card at the Modern Woodmen Park Box Office for \$3-off Admission!

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563-324-3000

# SAVE the DATE

Wednesday, August 8 | 8:30am-2pm | FS Building, Woodhull, IL | Lunch Provided

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## WHAT'S IN YOUR TOOLBOX?

Illinois Farm Bureau and several partners are coming together to help you learn new ways to benefit your farm.

**SUMMIT AGENDA:**

- 8:30-10:00am Viewing of Bioreactor at the Curry Farm
- 10:00-10:30am Registration/Exhibitors at Gold Star FS, Woodhull
- 10:30-11:30am "Farm Bill Update" Adam Nielsen, Illinois Farm Bureau & Jonathan Coppess, University of Illinois
- 11:30am-12:30pm "Building Soil Health with Cover Crops and Other Strategies" Barry Fisher, Central Region Leader for the Soil Health Division of the Natural Resources Conservation Service
- 12:30-1:00pm FREE Lunch by Carlson Catering
- 1:00pm 4R4U update, Cargill speaker discussing program (via Brian Corkill)

**Featured Exhibitors:**

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