



## Centennial Memories Contest

Who is in this photo? Help us identify everyone in this photo and we'll give you a gift!

## FFA students attend conference

More than 350 FFA members, County Farm Bureau managers and FFA advisers from 74 Illinois counties attended the 2016 Illinois Farm Bureau & Affiliates Youth Conference, April 4-5 at the Embassy Suites, East Peoria.

"Build," the theme of this year's conference, offered FFA members in their junior year of high school a unique opportunity for career and personal development. This year's attendees got the opportunity to visit with representatives about scholarships, internships, leadership programs and career opportunities from community colleges, universities, agriculture commodity groups and the Illinois Farm Bureau and its family of companies at an opportunity fair.

The conference also provided a series of breakout sessions that outlined opportunities in agriculture and provided information about the Illinois Farm Bureau and its family of companies. Participants brought 1,532 cans of food to the conference for the Harvest For All program.

The annual two-day conference is



Pictured, from left, are: Max Grau, Riverdale FFA; Jacob Lester, Riverdale FFA; Kyle Salmon, Rockridge FFA; Briana Gorham, Rockridge FFA and Illinois Association FFA President Kade Hill.

sponsored by Illinois Farm Bureau and its affiliated companies, which include Growmark, Country Financial, Prairie Farms Dairy and the IAA Credit

Union. Please visit [www.youthed.org](http://www.youthed.org) for more information on the Illinois Farm Bureau & affiliated companies Youth Education program.

## Rock Island Co. budget meetings to begin in May

At the April Rock Island County Board meeting The Rock Island County Board approved salary increases for four elected officials: county recorder, coroner, auditor and circuit clerk all 90,800, effective Dec. 1, 2016. The five board members who voted against the salary changes were Ron Oelke, Andalusia; Mike Steffen, Moline; Chris Filbert, Cordova; Dewayne Cremeens, Rapids City; and Drue Mielke, Coal Valley.

In preparation for the 2016/2017 Rock Island County budget, as promised, County Administrator Dave Ross will be making his initial presentation at 5:30 p.m. May 4 at the County Office Building. On May 11 and May 12, beginning at 5:30 p.m., the public will hear from elected officials/department heads and on May 24. Farm Bureau members are encouraged to watch the budget process begin for the upcoming budget cycle.

## What's going **ON** this summer

### MAY 2016

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| 10 | Scholarship Awards Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at Happy Joe's in Coal Valley |
| 16 | Board Meeting Time TBD based on planting and field progress             |
| 30 | Memorial Day office closed  |

### JUNE 2016

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| 15    | Foundation Board meeting; 5:30 p.m.                 |
| 20    | Board Meeting; time TBD                             |
| 23-24 | Pollinator Conference, Jumer's Casino – Rock Island |

### JULY 2016

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| 4     | Independence Day – Office closed  |
| 11-15 | Summer Ag Institute for Teachers; deadline for registration is June 1 for teachers wanting 3 hours of grad credit |
| 16    | John Deere's Learn and Play Day at John Deere Pavilion  |
| 18    | Board Meeting; time TBD   |
| 19-23 | Rock Island County Fair   |
| 25-26 | Illinois Farm Bureau County President's Conference  |
| 27    | Commodities Conference  |
| 20    | Board Meeting; time TBD   |
| 29    | Celebrate Agriculture Night with QC River Bandits   |

## SAVE THE DATE CELEBRATE AGRICULTURE NIGHT

Presented by:  **ILLINOIS  
FARM  
BUREAU**

**FRIDAY JULY 29TH ★ 7PM**  
**GATES OPEN AT 6PM**  
**POST GAME FIREWORKS**  
**AND BOBBLE GIVEAWAY**

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

For more info:

**RIVERBANDITS.com**

**563-324-3000**



## Cubs vs. Cardinals

in Chicago on Friday, Aug. 12



Join Mercer and Rock Island County Farm Bureau on a bus trip to see the Cubs play the Cardinals!

**Friday, Aug. 12, 2016**

**1:20 – Game time**

**Chicago Cubs vs. St. Louis Cardinals**

**Depart Jumer's Casino office at 8 a.m.**

Cost: \$100 per person – Farm Bureau members  
\$150 per person – NonFarm Bureau members  
(Price includes transportation and ticket to ball game)

Call the FB office today to make your reservations. Payment guarantees your ticket and seat on bus. 309-736-7432. First-come, first-served.

- Leave Jumer's at 8 a.m.
- Doughnuts, juice and water will be served on the bus.
- Game time is 1:20 p.m.
- We will stop at Portillo's on the way home.
- Will only stop for lunch on way if time allows, so bring some snacks.