



Rock Island Farm Bureau honored

From left, RICFB Board President Marty McManus accepts the county award plaque from Vice President Richard Guebert, now IFB president, for Rock Island County during the awards ceremony at the IFB Annual Meeting in Chicago in early December.

Calendar of Events

JANUARY 2014

- 12-15 AFBF in San Antonio, TX
- 14 Illinois Corn and Soybean Classic at iWireless Center in Moline
Coordinated by the University of Illinois Extension
- 15 Building Committee meeting; 10 a.m.
- 16 Teacher Advisory Council; 4 p.m.
- 19 QC Farm Show Begins at 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.
- 20 QC Farm Show continues 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Board Meeting; 7:30 p.m.
- 21 QC Farm Show continues 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- 31 Last Day to Donate to Bushels For Hunger

- 31-Feb. 1 Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leader Conference

FEBRUARY 2014

- 17 Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 26-27 Governmental Affairs Leadership Conference in Springfield

MARCH 2014

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

Time to apply for scholarships

\$7,000 total available!

The Rock Island County Farm Bureau Foundation is proud to announce the 2014 Foundation Scholarship Program. Applications for the scholarships are due to the Farm Bureau office in Moline through March 28, 2014, until 4 p.m.

Applications are available at 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 2013.

Applicant can be majoring in any field; major does not have to be agriculture-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 currently enrolled in an undergraduate college degree program.

Rockridge parents and students: Bernice E. Fowler Memorial 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 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. For more information, please contact the RICFB office at 309-736-7432 or email dbloomberg@ricofarmbureau.org.

BUSHELs for HUNGER

August 1 - January 31

More than
\$70,000
donated since 2010

Tell a participating elevator that you would like to donate. Proceeds support the River Bend Foodbank. Participating elevators:

ADM
Atkinson Grain
Big River Resources
Cargill
CGB
Gold Star FS

Hillsdale Elevator
Michlig Grain
Patriot Renewable Fuels
River Gulf Grain
River Valley Cooperative
Rumbold & Kuhn

DONATE TODAY!!

Sponsored by the Henry, Mercer, Rock Island, Stark and Whiteside County Farm Bureaus



See you at
**THE QC
FARM
SHOW**

Stop and see us at the QC Farm Show Jan. 19-21 and get a free sandwich!

MONDAY FROM 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M. ONLY

Have questions regarding your CDL? Or other transportation questions? Kevin Rund, senior director of local government for Illinois Farm Bureau, will be on hand to answer your questions — a valuable resource for Farm Bureau members.

Stop by Rock Island County Farm Bureau booth #945 (shared with Rock Island County SWCD at the Quad Cities Farm Show Jan. 19-21 and receive a free sandwich coupon (with paid 2014 membership) at the concessions booth at the QCCA Expo Center during the Farm Show.

**WOMEN in
AGRICULTURE**

Jumer's Casino & Hotel
Rock Island, Illinois

March 21, 2014
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Scan me for more information

www.womeninagricultureconference.com

**SPECIAL
Thursday Night
Conversation**



Dr. Ron Hanson
Professor of Agribusiness
University of Nebraska-Lincoln

"I Only Need a Minute of Your Time"

Many times in a family farming operation or a family business, the efforts and contributions of individual family members are quite easily taken for granted and are never fully recognized. Too often the hectic pace, the burdensome workload, and the numerous stresses of the farm business itself prevent family members from expressing their actual feelings and needs for each other.

This conversation uses real life humor to emphasize the importance for family members, especially farm couples, to initiate a determined effort to spend more personal time together and to better communicate and share their feelings with each other.

- How Profitable Is Your Cow Herd? ~ Denise Schwab, Iowa State University Extension
- Marketing 101 ~ Naomi Blohm & Cathy Ekstrand, Stewart-Peterson
- Getting Your Yard Ready for Spring ~ Craig Hignight, Wallace's Garden Center
- Discover & Appreciate Your iPad ~ Erin Duffy, Black Hawk College
- Marketing 201 ~ Naomi Blohm & Cathy Ekstrand, Stewart-Peterson
- Estate Planning ~ Rick Morgan, Country Financial
- Social Advocacy ~ Dairy Carrie (Carrie Mess), www.dairycarrie.com
- Common Misconceptions in Animal Agriculture ~ Jim Fraley, Illinois Farm Bureau
- Current Environmental Issues That Effect You ~ Laura Lurkins, Illinois Farm Bureau