



What's going on **THIS SUMMER**

JUNE 2014

- 16 Board meeting; 8 p.m.
- 17-21 Rock Island County Fair! NOTE earlier fair dates!!!!
- 17-18 Dairy Promotion Tuesday and Wednesday 9 a.m. to noon
- 17 Celebrity Showmanship Contest 5 p.m.
- 19 Ag Olympics 3 p.m.
- 27 Young Leader cookout Terry and Drue Sponheim's for Mercer and Rock Island County Young Farmers 6:30 p.m.; RSVP to dbloomberg@ricofarmbureau.org

JULY 2014

- 4 Independence Day; office closed
- 10 Market Outlook with Arlan Suderman at Lavender Crest
- 18 Celebrate Agriculture night with the River Bandits
- 19 Learn and Play Day at the JD Pavilion; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- 21 Board meeting; 8 p.m.
- 30 IFB Commodities Conference in Bloomington

AUGUST 2014

- 18 Annual Meeting/Election of Directors 6:30 p.m. at FB office 7:30 p.m. – Regular board meeting and election of officers

SEPTEMBER 2014

- 1 Labor Day; office closed
- 10 Foundation Board meeting; 7 p.m., FB office
- 15 Board meeting; 8 p.m.
- 17-19 AgXPerience 2014

Suderman featured speaker at Market Outlook on July 10

Arlan Suderman, senior market analyst at Water Street Solutions, will be the featured speaker Thursday, July 10, at the 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.

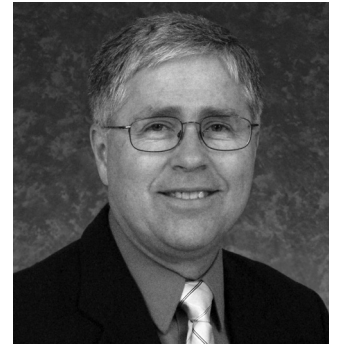
A native of Kansas, Arlan is with Water Street Solutions out of Peoria. He joined Water Street from Farm Progress Companies, where he was a market analyst for 12 years. He also worked for the Kansas Extension Service in marketing and operated his own consulting firm for

a time.

The cost for the program is \$20 if pre-registered by July 1 (cost will be \$30 per session after the deadline).

To make a reservation, please call the Henry County Farm Bureau 309-937-2411 or the Rock Island County Farm Bureau 309-736-7432.

The Market Outlook Series is sponsored by the Henry and Rock Island County Farm Bureau Marketing Committees, Gold Star FS, BankOrion, Patriot Renewable Fuels, Steve Sim — Country Financial, 1st Farm Credit Services (Aledo & Geneseo), Big River Resources and Wells Fargo.



Arlan Suderman

FARM BUREAU NEWS OF NOTE

- Save the date for a night at the ballpark to Celebrate Agriculture! The Rock Island County Farm Bureau and area CFBs are sponsoring a "Celebrate Agriculture" night at the QC River Bandits Game at 7 p.m. Friday, July 18. First 1,000 attendees will receive a pint glass from the Farm Bureau. For your Farm Bureau membership you can receive \$3 off any ticket when you purchase at the River Bandits box office.
- Theme park tickets for Great America and Six Flags in St Louis are now available for purchase at the Farm Bureau office. NOTE: Adventureland tickets are available for purchase online. Call the office for more details and look for ticket prices in the June edition of the Rock Island County news.

- The MerRoc Agency, which houses Rick Pettit, agency manager, and his agency assistant, Carol Bartels, has moved from its office on 52nd Avenue to 4740 38th Ave. Moline, IL 61265.
- Want to support the Rock Island County Farm Bureau Foundation and fund college scholarships and our Agriculture in the Classroom program? Fill in 1008 as the birdie for the Birdies for Charity program.

Scholars awarded \$7,000 in money for education

The RICFB Foundation is pleased to announce the recipients of their 2014 Scholarships. It is with great pleasure that the RICFB Foundation is able to award scholarships 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, and the names were kept anonymous from our independent selection committee. The recipients were selected by an independent committee appointed by the Rock Island County Farm Bureau Foundation Board of Directors.

The Rock Island County Farm Bureau Foundation awarded three \$1,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors. The 2014 foundation scholarship winners are:

■ Lucas Crawford, son of Mary Kay and Lauren Crawford, 2014 Rockridge graduate. While at Rockridge, Lucas was the Rockridge FFA president and the Star FFA Greenhand. Lucas also served as president of his 4H Club and assisted the Crime Prevention Unit, which included serving on the Operation Teen Safe Driving Committee. He is actively engaged in the family's farming operation and also showing livestock at the county fair. Lucas is continuing his college education at Joliet Junior College.

■ Ryan Mueller, son of Greg and Diane Mueller, 2014 Rockridge graduate. Ryan is an Illinois State Scholar and National Honor Society Treasurer. He ran cross country and qualified for sectionals, was co-captain of the Varsity Scholastic Bowl Team and first chair baritone in Concert Band. Ryan's academic achievements also awarded him West Central Conference Academic All Conference award, top 10% in class in freshman, sophomore and junior years and has exceeded state standards in reading and science. Ryan is a member of the St. Matthew Lutheran Church Youth Group in Milan. He will be studying history and political science at Valparaiso University.

■ Jenna Preston, daughter of Kelly and Brian Preston, 2014 Rockridge graduate. Jenna is currently the Rockridge FFA vice president and very active member in her 4H club as well as serving on the Rock Island County 4H Teen Federation. She is a 10-year member of Edgington Go Getters. She is active in the family's dairy operation. Jenna was recently selected as the Rockridge Prom Queen by her peers. Jenna will be pursuing an agriculture communications and education degree at Illinois Central College.



From left, seated: Jenna Preston and Gabriel Buckrop. Standing: RICFB Foundation Scholarship and Schools Chairman Connie Curry, Lucas Crawford, Jake Olson, Tyson Schulte, Ryan Mueller, RICFB Foundation President Glenn Saddoris.

These scholarships have been made possible, thanks to the financial gifts from several families. We also want to extend our sincere appreciation to the family of Myron Mueller who donated more than \$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, Lowell Johnson Charitable Foundation and the Churchill Family Foundation have all contributed dollars towards the scholarships for the RICFB Foundation.

Bernice E. Fowler Memorial Scholarship

In 2013 the Bernice E. Fowler Scholarship award was established by the son of Bernice – Jay Fowler — as a way to honor his mother's legacy in the education field.

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 teach-

ing second grade at Grant School in Moline, where she retired after a 25-year teaching career. This scholarship has been established by her son and yields a \$1,000 scholarship each year, as of May 2013.

This year's winner of the \$1,000 scholarship is Gabriel Buckrop, daughter of Becky and Kent Buckrop, 2014 Rockridge graduate. Gabriel was an active member of the National Honor Society while also active in cheerleading all four years at Rockridge. She also was an active member of Show Choir and Madrigal. She is currently a personal social worker and has volunteered for the Rock Island County 4H Summer Camps in the past and was a 2013 attendee to the University of Illinois Extension's QC Teen Leadership Academy in February 2013. She also served as the Spanish Club President during her senior year. Gabriel will be pursuing a degree in education and Spanish at Illinois State University.

This year two Farm Bureau member dependents will each receive a scholarship for their continuing education courtesy of the Wilbert and Carol Keppy Charitable Foundation. The 2014 Keppy Scholarship winners this year are Jake

Olson and Tyson Schulte.

Jake Olson, son of Rod and Tammy Olson, is a 2013 Rockridge graduate who recently completed his freshman year at Illinois Central College. Olson recently wrapped up his freshman year at Illinois Central College, where he is studying agronomy/crop sciences. Jake served as president, treasurer and reporter of the Rockridge FFA and was a 10-year member of the Buffalo Prairie Rambler's 4H Club. Jake was a member of the state 4H livestock judging team and is a State FFA Degree recipient. Jake is very active in his community and is active in the family farm operation. While at Rockridge, Jake was in the top 10 of his class all eight semesters.

Our second recipient of the Keppy Scholarship is Tyson Schulte, a 2012 Sherrard High School graduate and is currently wrapping up his freshman year at Lakeland College. Tyson took a year off to serve as an Illinois State FFA treasurer. Tyson was a 2012 Foundation Scholarship winner. Tyson is attending LakeLand College and will be pursuing a degree in ag engineering. After completing his classes at Lakeland, he will transfer to a four-year college to complete his study in engineering. While at Sherrard, Tyson was an active member of the Sherrard FFA and the Rural Go Getter's 4H Club. Tyson is a member of the Illinois State 4-H Livestock Judging Team, which won the National Contest in Louisville. As a result of that national honor he and his teammates will now compete at the Royal Highlands in Scotland and Ireland and participate in the International Livestock Judging and Agricultural Tour in June. Tyson is an active member of the Pheasants Forever and Honest Woods Whitetails chapters while helping with general farm labor in the area and at home.

Both Jake and Tyson have been actively involved in 4H and FFA activities their entire life and are both extremely passionate about livestock – a wonderful tribute to the Keppy heritage.

Congratulations to Jake and Tyson on their outstanding achievements to date and for being selected as a recipient of the Wilbert and Carol Keppy Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500.

A reminder scholarship applications are available from the Farm Bureau office after Jan. 1 each year and are open to Farm Bureau members who have been RICFB members 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.