

## Bernick to headline Women in Ag event

All women involved in farming and the agriculture industry are encouraged to attend the Women in Agriculture Conference on Friday, March 25, 2022, at Bally's Quad Cities Casino & Hotel, Rock Island, Illinois. This one-day seminar empowers women within agriculture industries.

This conference, celebrating its 10th year, will feature keynote speaker Jeanne Bernick. Bernick is an agribusiness consultant and market Growth Leader for the national business advisory firm, K-Coe Isom. She offers depth of industry insights and works alongside clients with financial tools that help keep their farms and businesses not just viable but thriving. Her presentation "How Women Change the World One Farm at a Time" will focus on how the world is changing for the better as more women are coming back to their agricultural roots. Bernick will provide tips and tricks on leading as a woman working in agriculture. She also co-authored the book, "Ceres Rising: How Women are Leading Farm Business."

The keynote address will be followed by a variety of breakout sessions available to participants. Breakout session themes include Livestock Panel, Mental Health, Eating for Health, Contacting your Legislators, Everyday Videography

and Photography, and Tax Planning.

The conference will wrap up with Dr. Kim Kidwell, associate chancellor for Strategic Partnerships and Initiatives, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Dr. Kidwell is a proud alumna of the College of ACES, where she earned a bachelor's degree in both genetics, development and agriculture sciences. She received her master's and Ph.D. in plant breeding and genetics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her presentation, "Women Changing Agriculture," will highlight how women have served as the heartbeat of agriculture since civilization began.

Included in the day is an exhibit area, with many businesses and organizations offering materials, promotional items, and give-away drawings, a breakfast and luncheon buffet and mid-day snack break. Conference cost if registered prior to March 1 is \$60. After March 1 the cost is \$80. Walk-in registrations the day of the conference are \$100. Registration the day of the conference begins at 8 a.m.

To pre-register, contact the Rock Island County Farm Bureau or register online at [womeninagriculture-conference.com](http://womeninagriculture-conference.com).

The conference is sponsored by the Farm Bureau Women in Agriculture Conference Committee.

## March Market Outlook features meteorologist Mike McClellan

Mike McClellan, Mobile Weather Team Inc., will be the featured speaker on Thursday, March 10 at 6:15 p.m. at Lavender Crest Winery, 5401 US Highway 6, Colona. Dinner will be served, followed by an update from Tom Parchert, Big River Resources. Reservations are required and must be made by March 3 to guarantee your attendance.



Mike McClellan

Mike McClellan is owner/president of Mobile Weather Team Inc., a Washington, Illinois-based company specializing in on-site weather forecasting, advance storm warning, lightning prediction and detection, plus long-range AG weather forecasting.

McClellan earned his bachelor of science degree in meteorology from Northern Illinois University in 1983. McClellan has been the chief meteorologist at KTTC-TV in Rochester, MN, WICS-TV in Springfield, IL, WXII-TV in Winston-Salem, N.C., and at WMBD-TV, the CBS affiliate in Peoria. In 1995, he earned the award for Best Weathercast in the state of Illinois from the Illinois Broadcasters Association. As a broadcast meteorologist, McClellan holds the American Meteorological Society's Seal of

Approval and was the 2001 National Chairman of the Board of Broadcast Meteorology of the American Meteorological Society.

In 1991, McClellan combined his passion for both weather and golf by creating the Mobile Weather Team, which provides forecasts, lightning detection and prediction for outdoor events around the world. The main focus has been with the PGA Golf Tours around the world but Mobile Weather Team meteorologists also have provided weather coverage and consultation for the Daytona 500, Texas and Oklahoma State Fairs, numerous Illinois radio stations and airports. However, in February 2008, McClellan sold its North American golf operations but expanded its operations around the world.

Today, we are proud to launch a new all-in-one mobile weather solution called Mobile AG Solutions powered by the Mobile Weather Team.

Combining state-of-the-art information via (Mobile AG Solutions app), its website, AI-powered weather stations and Met On-Call service where you can talk directly with a forecaster, watch radar, check real-time conditions on your farm along with guaranteed accurate forecasts right to your phone, plus long-range outlooks and much more.

Cost for the series is \$85 and a single session is \$30; if not pre-registered, the cost will be \$35). To make reservations, please call the Henry County Farm Bureau 309-937-2411, Rock Island County Farm Bureau 309-736-7432 or Mercer County Farm Bureau 309-582-5116.

Also part of the 2021-2022 series is Ted Seifried, Zaner Ag Hedge, on July 7.

The Market Outlook Series is sponsored by the Henry, Rock Island and Mercer County Farm Bureau Marketing Committees in conjunction with: Gold Star FS, BankOrion, Country Financial - Brent Bigham, Chad Nelson, John Waugh; Central Bank, River Valley Cooperative, Wyffels Hybrids, Compeer Financial (Aledo and Geneseo), Blackhawk Bank & Trust, Hertz Farm Management.

## Women's committee forming

Are you a female member of the Rock Island County Farm Bureau who is wanting to become more active in our organization?

We are revamping our previous Women's Committee into a Women's Leadership Committee that will focus

on farm health and safety. The committee will meet twice a year as needed to plan and steer the direction of our farm health and safety programs.

If you are interested, please email Tara at [tmayhew@rico.farmbureau.org](mailto:tmayhew@rico.farmbureau.org) by Feb. 25.

**FREEZER MEAL FUNDRAISER**

**COST FOR 10 MEALS = \$175**

**DEADLINE TO ORDER: MARCH 10**

- MEALS BY CUSTOM CATERING & BBQ
- MEALS WILL BE PREPARED & FROZEN FOR YOU! ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS COOK THEM!
- A MEAL SET (10 MEALS) INCLUDES ONE MEAL OF EACH ITEM ON THE MENU - NO SUBSTITUTIONS. STOP BY THE ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FARM BUREAU OFFICE ON MARCH 31 AND PICK UP 10 DELICIOUS MEALS.
- SERVES 3-5 PEOPLE DEPENDING ON EATERS.

Proceeds to benefit the Rock Island County Farm Bureau Foundation.

**MEAL PICK-UP: MARCH 31 TIME: TBA**

**MENU:**

HICKORY SMOKED PULLED PORK

BBQ PULLED CHICKEN

COUNTRY FRIED STEAK WITH GRAVY

SMOKED PORK LOIN

SWEET CHILI MEATBALLS

SHAVED BBQ BEEF

BROCCOLI CHEESE SOUP

BAKED MOSTACCIOLI

CHICKEN BACON RANCH PASTA

PULLED PORK MAC & CHEESE

Return this portion with payment by March 10<sup>th</sup>  
 \*\*Make checks payable to Rock Island County Farm Bureau Foundation\*\*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# of meal sets ordered: \_\_\_\_\_ Payment total (Included): \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: 1601 52<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Suite 3, Moline, IL 61265

**Learn more about trucking regulations to help you stay legal and safe when you hit the road.**

**MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup> AT 10 AM**

HOSTED BY: HENRY COUNTY FARM BUREAU

Annawan Community Center, 314 N State St., Annawan

9:30 am Coffee & Donuts

Attendance is open to all Illinois Farm Bureau Members

REGISTRATION OPENS MONDAY, JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>. Please contact your local County Farm Bureau to register.

## Know rules on trucking

Illinois Farm Bureau will host a series of two-hour trucking focusing on transportation laws and regulations as they pertain to the agricultural industry.

Henry County Farm Bureau will host one of the sessions on Thursday, March 3, at 10 a.m. at the Annawan Community Center, 314 N. State Street, Annawan.

"There are some trucking laws that have been reshaped in recent years, such as the Entry Level Driver Training Requirement that goes into effect on Feb. 7, 2022," said Rodney Knittel, IFB assistant director of transportation and infrastructure. "These presentations are designed to take a closer look at these latest rules and provide an opportunity for farmers to ask those ag-related trucking questions that they can't seem to find clear answers for."

The Rules for the Road Seminar will cover recent changes and some of the more established but still misunderstood rules, such as the USDOT Number, UCR registrations and driver's license classifications, to name a few. In addition, two of the events will also be broadcast virtually on Feb. 22 and 24, 2022.

For more information, contact Rock Island County Farm Bureau at (309) 736-7432 or [tmayhew@rico.farmbureau.org](mailto:tmayhew@rico.farmbureau.org), or Rodney Knittel at [rknittel@ilfb.org](mailto:rknittel@ilfb.org).

## Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY	
4	Deadline to register for Governmental Affairs Leadership Conference
15	Governmental Affairs Leadership Conference
19-26	National FFA Week
21	RICFB Board of Directors meeting
MARCH	
3	Rules for the Road seminar, Annawan Community Center
3	RSVP due for Market Outlook
9	RICFB Foundation Board of Directors meeting
10	Market Outlook with Mike McClellan, Lavender Crest Winery
21	RICFB Board of Directors meeting
25	Women in Ag Conference, Bally's Quad Cities
25	Deadline for RICFB Foundation scholarship applications

## NEED HELP?

We have a new member, Filandi Abaou, who has recently relocated to our area and is interested in farming. If you are interested in extra help on your farm or would like to visit with him about farming practices on your operation, please reach out to him directly at [filandiabaou@gmail.com](mailto:filandiabaou@gmail.com).