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Rock Island County Farm Bureau  
Preventive Health Screenings  
Feb. 28, 2023 • 6:00 - 9:00 am

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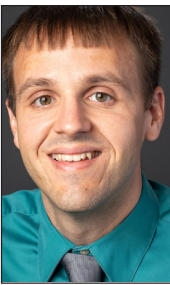
Call Thrive Wellness, Inc at 309-550-9172  
or bob@thrivewellnessinc.com to schedule



Ford to lead Market Outlook

Dr. Trent Ford, Illinois state climatologist, will be the featured speaker on Thursday, March 9, at 6:15 p.m. at Lavender Crest Winery, 5401 US Highway 6, Colona. Dinner will be served, followed by the local grain market update from Tom Parchert of Big River Resources. Reservations are required and must be made by March 2 to guarantee your attendance.

Ford has been the Illinois state climatologist since 2019. He and his team provide information online, through traditional and social media, and by speaking to folks across the state. In addition to his role in climate education and outreach, Ford conducts research



Trent Ford

before completing his master's and Ph.D. at Texas A&M University.

Additional dates and speakers for the 2022-2023 series include:

on the climate and extreme climate events, like drought and heat waves; monitors current conditions; and studies climate change. A native of Roanoke, Illinois, Ford earned a bachelor's in geography from Illinois

State University

July 6, Clayton Pope, Clayton Pope Commodities.

Cost for the series is \$85 and a single session is \$30 (if not pre-registered, cost will be \$35). To make reservations, call the Rock Island County Farm Bureau at 309-736-7432.

The Market Outlook Seminar Series is sponsored by the Henry, Rock Island and Mercer County Farm Bureau Marketing Committees in conjunction with: Gold Star FS; Country Financial; Brent Bigham, Chad Nelson, John Waugh; Compeer Financial; River Valley Cooperative; Wyffels Hybrids; Big River Resources; BankORION; Blackhawk Bank & Trust; Central Bank.



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

SAVE THE DATE

FEBRUARY

22<sup>ND</sup> AT 10 AM RANDOLPH CFB  
22<sup>ND</sup> AT 6 PM CLAY CFB  
23<sup>RD</sup> AT 10 AM WILLIAMSON CFB  
27<sup>TH</sup> AT 10 AM CASS-MORGAN FB

MARCH

1<sup>ST</sup> AT 6 PM MACON CFB\*  
2<sup>ND</sup> AT 9 AM MONTGOMERY CFB  
7<sup>TH</sup> AT 9 AM FORD-IROQUOIS CFB  
7<sup>TH</sup> AT 6 PM WOODFORD CFB  
9<sup>TH</sup> AT 6 PM LASALLE CFB  
14<sup>TH</sup> AT 6 PM KANE CFB  
15<sup>TH</sup> AT 6 PM KNOX CFB  
15<sup>TH</sup> AT 10 AM JO DAVIESS CFB

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON

Attendance is open to all Illinois Farm Bureau Members  
REGISTRATION OPENS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST.  
Please contact your local County Farm Bureau to register.  
\*Virtual option available

Rules for Road seminars set

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

Knox County Farm Bureau will host one of the sessions at 6 p.m. March 15 at their office, 180 S Soangetaha Road, Galesburg. A virtual option will be offered at 6 p.m. March 1. Registration is required for each.

The Rules for the Road Seminar will cover recent changes, as well as some of the more established but still misunderstood rules.

Topics will include the USDOT number, UCR registration, Entry Level Driver Training, and driver's license classifications, to name a few.

"These presentations take a closer look at the rules and provide an opportunity for farmers to ask ag-related trucking questions that they can't seem to find clear answers for," said Rodney Knittel, IFB Assistant Director of Transportation and Infrastructure. Knittel specializes in farm transportation issues and will lead the seminar series and will be joined by Illinois enforcement agencies.

Rules for the Road seminars are open to all Illinois Farm Bureau members. Attendance is free, but advance registration is required. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact the Rock Island County Farm Bureau at 309-736-7432 or tmayhew@ricofarmbureau.org.

Women in Ag  
event March 24

The Women in Agriculture Conference committee is excited for the 2023 Women in Agriculture Conference. Carey Portell will headline for the annual Women in Agriculture Conference in Rock Island on Friday, March 24. Portell is a survivor and a thriver, but most importantly she is a mom, wife, neighbor and friend. She and her husband oversee a farm in mid-Missouri, where she balances between speaking and cattle farming.

The keynote will be followed by a variety of breakout sessions as well a buffet lunch.

Closing out the conference is Amanda Radke. She is a fifth-generation rancher from Mitchell, S.D., who has dedicated her career to serving as a voice for the nation's farmers and ranchers. Radke regularly tackles industry issues as a columnist and speaker. Radke challenges listeners to change their outlook in the face of great uncertainties to pivot, connect, serve and lead with positivity.

Registration for this event began Jan. 9. More details are at womeninagricultureconference.com. This conference is sponsored by the Farm Bureau Women in Agriculture Conference Committee.

Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY

12	"We Are The 96" ad runs during the Super Bowl
14	Governmental Affairs Leadership Conference
20	RICFB Board of Directors meeting
28	Thrive Wellness health screenings
28	Mercer - Rock Island Young Leaders meeting; Lloyd's Longbranch, Reynolds
28	Last day for early registration for WIA Conference (fee goes up March 1!)

MARCH

1	WIA Conference registration fee increases
1	Virtual Rules for the Road seminar
2	Bushels for Hunger check presentation at River Bend Food Bank
2	Deadline to register for Market Outlook Seminar
9	Market Outlook featuring Dr. Trent Ford at Lavender Crest Winery
15	Freezer Meal orders due
15	Rules for the Road in-person seminar at Knox CFB
20	RICFB Board of Directors meeting
22	RICFB Foundation Board of Directors meeting
24	Deadline to apply for RICFB Foundation scholarships
24	Women in Agriculture Conference, Bally's Quad Cities

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WOMEN  
IN AGRICULTURE  
CONFERENCE

Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Bally's Quad Cities