

MARCH 2020

## RICFB Foundation offers range of scholarships

The Rock Island County Farm Bureau Foundation is pleased to announce that the online application for scholarships is now available. Applicants must be a current member or dependent of a member in good standing of the Rock Island County Farm Bureau since January 2019.

Available scholarships include RICFB Foundation Scholarship, Keppy Scholarship awarded by the

Wilbert and Carol Keppy Charitable Foundation, Bernice E. Fowler Memorial Scholarship awarded by the Bernice E. Fowler Memorial Fund, and the George and Irene Stulz Family Scholarship awarded by the George and Irene Stulz family.

The deadline to apply is Friday, March 27. For more information and to complete the online application, visit [www.ricofarmbureau.org/scholarships.html](http://www.ricofarmbureau.org/scholarships.html).

## Outlook speaker changed

Kirk Hinz, BAM Weather, replaces Michael Clark as featured speaker on Thursday, March 12, at Lavender Crest Winery, 5401 US 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. Reservations must be made by March 5 to guarantee a meal.

Kirk Hinz grew up in Plymouth, Indiana, which is about 20 minutes south of South Bend, Indiana (go Irish!). He currently lives in Bargersville, Indiana, which has been his home for the past year with his wife, Amelia, and 1-year-old daughter, Eleanor. He started with BAM in early August 2016. He studied at Ball State University, where he majored in professional meteorology and a minor in emergency management homeland security. Since he was about 5 years old, he has had an extreme fascination for all things weather. There was never a time growing up when he didn't have the TV weather on or that he wasn't begging his dad to go outside and watch the storms roll in. He couldn't imagine not following that passion as a profession, so here he is! In his spare time he enjoys doing new things and creating memories with his wife and daughter, traveling, reading, listening to music, watching and playing sports and doing anything outdoors.

Cost for the series is \$75, and a single session is \$25 (if not pre-registered, cost will be \$30). To make reservations, please call the Henry County Farm Bureau 309-937-2411, Rock



Kirk Hinz of BAM Weather

Island County Farm Bureau 309-736-7432 or Mercer County Farm Bureau 309-582-5116.

The Market Outlook Series is sponsored by the Henry, Rock Island and Mercer County Farm Bureau Marketing Committees, in conjunction with BankORION, Big River Resources, Blackhawk Bank & Trust, Compeer Financial, Gold Star FS, Steve Sim - Country Financial and Wells Fargo.

## Calendar of Events

### MARCH

- 1-7 Ag Safety Awareness Program Week
- 5 Rules for the Road Meeting; Tettens Grain, Dixon, IL
- 5 Region 1 Manager's Meeting
- 11 RICFB Foundation Board of Directors Meeting
- 12 Market Outlook Seminar featuring Kirk Hinz with BAM Weather; Lavender Crest Winery, Colona, IL
- 16 RICFB Board of Directors meeting
- 27 Deadline to apply for RICFB scholarships
- 27 Women in Agriculture Conference – Jumer's Hotel & Casino, Rock Island, IL

### APRIL

- 15 Region 1 Manager's Meeting
- 20 RICFB Board of Directors meeting

## 20:20

### Vision on Ag Safety

### Mental Health

### Transportation Safety

### Weather Disasters

### Confined Spaces

### Farmer Wellness

## IPads to help with 2020 Census

To help mobilize the agricultural community, the Illinois Farm Bureau is equipping each of its county Farm Bureaus with technology to aid the public in completing the 2020 census.

Each county Farm Bureau has received an iPad to be used in coordination with IFB's efforts to assist both members and non-members in getting access to the internet to complete their 2020 Census survey.

This is the first time the U.S. Census Bureau is asking household residents to complete the survey online.

"The U.S. Census is directly related to Illinois' representation in the U.S. House of Representatives," said Illinois Farm Bureau President Richard Guebert Jr. "With Illinois losing population over the last several years, the state could lose one, maybe two, seats in the U.S. House. That makes this survey extremely important for the state to have widespread participation and accurate responses from its citizens."

Reapportioning occurs after each

U.S. Census, starting with the number of seats given to each state in the U.S. House of Representatives.

From there, boundaries will be redrawn for those seats as well as for the General Assembly and county boards.

"Illinois Farm Bureau is aware that not everyone has equal access to the internet, so we are providing county Farm Bureau offices throughout the state with an iPad to serve as a 'Census Access Center' for members or non-members to help them complete this important survey," said Guebert.

Federal funding heavily relies on Census results. U.S. Census data determines how \$675 billion dollars is distributed, impacting education, fire and emergency response services, transportation, employment, housing, health care and public policy.

Illinois Farm Bureau offers the following timeline for the 2020 Census:

- In mid-March, the U.S. Census Bureau will send an "Invitation to

Respond" to every citizen. Residents may fill out their census online or call the listed contact number to either fill the census out via phone or to request a hard copy via U.S. Postal Service.

► April 1, 2020 is Census Day.

IFB members and non-members are encouraged to make this date their goal for census completion and to consider what their household will look like on that date when answering questions.

► After Census Day, U.S. Census Bureau representatives will make home visits to assist citizens in filling out the survey in person. Completing a survey is required for every U.S. citizen.

Locally, Rock Island County Farm Bureau will have hours of operation from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. between Monday to Friday, but request that an appointment be made to ensure adequate staffing.

For more information and to schedule an appointment, please contact Tara Mayhew at 309-736-7432 or [tmayhew@ricofarmbureau.org](mailto:tmayhew@ricofarmbureau.org).



**Don't miss this year's  
Women In Agriculture  
Conference!**  
**Register today!**

## Cubs vs Cardinals bus trip to Wrigley Field!

Friday, September 25, 2020  
Game time 1:20pm

Cost is \$100 per member (limit 6)

Contact your local Farm Bureau to  
reserve your seat!



309-582-5116



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**Ford has announced its 2020 Ford Sweepstakes for Farm Bureau members.  
Members can enter to win a chance at a two-year lease on a new Ford vehicle.**

**Members can sign up now through Sept. 30, 2020.**

Members can enter two ways:

1. Text the word SWEEPS to 46786
2. Online: <https://www.fordspecialoffer.com/FarmBureau/Sweeps>

### SWEEPSTAKES DISCLAIMER

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. A PURCHASE WILL NOT INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF WINNING. MUST BE LEGAL RESIDENT OF U.S. OR D.C., 21 YEARS OR OLDER WITH VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE TO ENTER AND A CURRENT FARM BUREAU MEMBER. ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY. Void where prohibited. Sweepstakes ends 9/30/2020. Click here for entry and official rules with complete eligibility, prize description and other details. Sponsored by Ford Motor Co., One American Road, Dearborn, MI 48126.

