

## Meet our summer intern

We are very fortunate to have Mia Freyermuth joining us in our office as our summer intern! She will be with us in June and July and will be working with us on our summer programs. Let's learn a little bit more about her:

Hello everyone, my name is Mia Freyermuth! I am from Illinois City and I graduated from Rockridge High School in 2020! Growing up on a farm has pushed me to develop a growing passion for the agriculture industry. Recently, I completed my freshman year at Illinois Central College majoring in ag business. During my free time I love to ski, spend time with family and friends, and spend a majority of my time in the barn. I am so excited to get started with the Rock Island County Fair Bureau in hopes to impact others like they have me!



Mia Freyermuth

## Bags tournament in July to help out foundations

The Mercer-Rock Island Farm Bureau Young Leaders are hosting a bags tournament to benefit the two County Farm Bureau Foundations. The event will be held at Lloyd's Longbranch, 301 N. Main St., Reynolds, on Thursday, July 1, starting at 6 p.m. Teams should consist of two players. Cost to enter is \$20 per team, to be paid by cash or check at the door. The tournament will be single elimination. Cooler prizes will be awarded to the winning team. T-shirts will also

be available to purchase at the event. You do not need to be a Young Leader to participate! Come toss some bags, have a great time with friends and help support the two County Farm Bureau Foundations for scholarships and Ag In The Classroom programming! Teams must be registered by June 25 by contacting the Rock Island County Farm Bureau at [tmayhew@ricofarmbureau.org](mailto:tmayhew@ricofarmbureau.org) or 309-736-7432 or the Mercer County Farm Bureau at [mcfbmanager@gmail.com](mailto:mcfbmanager@gmail.com) or 309-582-5116.

### ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FARM BUREAU FOUNDATION

## \$19,500 in scholarships awarded

The Rock Island County Farm Bureau Foundation is pleased to announce the recipients of its 2021 scholarships. This award is given to outstanding high school and college students who have achieved a well-rounded high school and collegiate career and understand the value of volunteerism. These applicants were selected based upon their academic, school and community involvement by an independent committee appointed by the Rock Island County Farm Bureau Foundation Board of Directors.

This year, the Rock Island County Farm Bureau Foundation awarded three \$1,500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors. The 2021 foundation scholarship winners are:

► **Kaitlyn Curry**, daughter of Daniel and Drue Curry, a 2021 graduate of Rockridge High School. She will study visual and performing arts at Columbia College this fall.

► **Colby Mueller**, son of Jason and Sarah Mueller, a 2021 graduate of Rockridge High School. He will attend Kirkwood Community College this fall to study agricultural business management.

► **Ella Rursch**, daughter of Darrin and Kerri Rursch, a 2021 graduate of Rockridge High School. She will attend University of Wisconsin-Platteville to study agribusiness operations.

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 and Helen 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 funding has grown and will help fund a foundation scholarship each year until the money is exhausted.

The family of Glenn Mueller; the Lowell Johnson Charitable Foundation; and the Churchill Family Foundation

have all contributed dollars toward the scholarships for the RICFB Foundation as well.

### KEPPY CHARITABLE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

This year, four Farm Bureau member dependents will receive a \$3,000 scholarship for their continuing education, courtesy of the Wilbert and Carol Keppy Charitable Foundation. The 2021 Keppy Scholarship winners are:

► **Holly Jacobs**, daughter of Lisa and James Geiger, a 2020 graduate of Sherrard High School. She attends Iowa State University and is pursuing a degree in chemical engineering.

► **Hunter Johnson**, son of Scott and Jamie Johnson, a 2020 graduate of Rockridge High School. He attends Northeastern Oklahoma A&M in Miami, Oklahoma, to study animal sciences.

► **Ryan Parchert**, son of Tom and Carol Parchert, a 2021 graduate of Rockridge High School. He will major in agricultural business and management at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville.

► **Emma Preston**, daughter of Mark and Jamie Preston, a 2021 graduate of Rockridge High School. She will be studying animal science at Iowa State University this fall.

### GEORGE AND IRENE STULZ FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

This year, one Farm Bureau member dependent will receive a \$1,000 scholarship toward his post-secondary education courtesy of the George and Irene Stulz Family Scholarship. The 2021 Stulz Scholarship winner is:

► **Nathan Flickinger**, son of Elizabeth and Jason Flickinger, a 2018 graduate of Rockridge High School. Nathan will be a senior this fall at Iowa State University. He is studying agricultural engineering.

The Stulz Family Scholarship was established in 2018. The scholarship awards money to post-secondary stu-

## Vaclavik featured speaker at July 8 Market Outlook

Joe Vaclavik, president of Standard Grain, will be the featured speaker on Thursday, July 8, at 6:15 p.m. at Lavender Crest Winery, 5401 US Highway 6, Colona. Reservations are required and must be made by July 1 to guarantee your attendance.

Joe Vaclavik is the founder and president of Standard Grain. He spent the first 13 years of his career at the Chicago Board of Trade prior to relocating to Tennessee.

Vaclavik deals directly with farmers, feedlots and commercial grain facilities. Joe provides market commentary for a number of national media out-



Joe Vaclavik

lets. His "Grain Markets and Other Stuff" podcast is one of the most popular in agriculture. Vaclavik is a graduate of the University of Illinois with a degree in agribusiness, farm and financial management.

Cost for the series is \$85 and a single session is \$30 (if not pre-registered 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.

The Market Outlook Series is sponsored by the Henry, Rock Island and Mercer County Farm Bureau Marketing Committees, BankORION, Steve Sim-Country Financial, Gold Star FS, Compeer Financial (Aledo & Geneseo offices), River Valley Cooperative, Wyffels Hybrids, Big River Resources, Blackhawk Bank & Trust and Central Bank. Registration for the seminar is mandatory — call today!

## Signed up for FB ACT?

FB ACT (Farm Bureau Agricultural Contact Team) helps you take back your influence in Washington, Springfield and even your own backyard. It's easy! Members may sign up by texting "FARM" to 52886.

## Class marks Dairy Month

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, June 29, at 5:30 p.m. as we celebrate Dairy Month with a virtual cooking class! The class will be led by HyVee Dietitian Nina Struss. Cook along with

us as she leads us through preparing a meal with dairy as the main ingredient, all while incorporating fun dairy facts!

Watch our social media and your email for more information!

## WANT TO STAY UP TO DATE WITH UPCOMING EVENTS?

Send us your email to [accounts@ricofarmbureau.org](mailto:accounts@ricofarmbureau.org) and like us on Facebook!



Our office will be closed Monday, July 5, to celebrate Independence Day.

We wish you all a safe and fun Fourth of July!

## Calendar of Events

### JUNE – DAIRY MONTH

10	Market Outlook Planning Committee meeting
15	Young Leaders Ethanol Plant Tour, Big River Resources, Galva
21	RICFB Board of Directors meeting
25	Registration due for Young Leaders Bags Tournament
29	Virtual Dairy Cooking Class

### JULY

1	Young Leaders Bags Tournament/Foundation Fundraiser
8	Market Outlook with Joe Vaclavik, Lavender Crest Winery
14	Young Leaders Pedal Tractor Pull – Mercer County Fair
22	Young Leaders Ag Scavenger Hunt – RI County Fair
29	Young Leaders District 3 Discussion Meet
31	Farmers (G)Row Clean Water event – Lake George

Remember that scholarship applications are available from the Farm Bureau office around Jan. 1 each year and are open to those Farm Bureau members who have been a current Rock Island County Farm Bureau member 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 309-736-7432, or visit [www.ricofarmbureau.org/foundation](http://www.ricofarmbureau.org/foundation).