



Young Leaders tour ethanol plant

The Mercer-Rock Island Young Leaders toured the ethanol plant at Big River Resources LLC in Galva on June 15. The group is planning an ethanol promotion event later this summer and gained some important knowledge about how ethanol is processed that they are excited to share with consumers at their upcoming event. Pictured, from left, are Carson Hank, Mia Freyermuth, Mercer CFB Manager Jenna Preston, RICFB Manager Tara Mayhew, Grant Biddle, Miranda Reininger, Gabrielle Lemenager, Todd Stegmiller, and Gene Youngquist (vice chairman, Big River Resources Cooperative).



Scholarship recipients, donors recognized

The Rock Island County Farm Bureau Foundation scholarship recipients and donors were recognized at our awards luncheon June 23rd at Happy Joe's Pizza in Coal Valley. Those in attendance, from left, Marilyn Bush with the Kenneth Bush Memorial Scholarship, Hunter Johnson, Ella Rursch, Colby Mueller, Katie Curry, Glenn Saddoris (RICFB Foundation president), Holly Jacobs, and Dick Baum with the Wilbert and Carol Keppy Charitable Foundation. Congratulations to all of our recipients and thank you to all of our generous donors!

Family-friendly event
promotes water quality

Henry and Rock Island County Farm Bureaus are partnering with local stakeholders to bring you a unique family-friendly event on July 31 at Lake George, Loud Thunder Forest Preserve to learn more about local water sources and the actions farmers take to protect and improve water quality.

This family-friendly event will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and provide numerous opportunities to hear from local farmers and partners about the conservation practices they use on their farms. Be sure to stay and enjoy the activities available at Loud Thunder Forest Preserve, including kayaking, hiking, and more!

Boxed lunches will be available for registered attendees starting at 11:30. Kayaks are rented at the Loud Thunder park office on a first-come, first-served basis, so come early! Have your own? Personal kayaks are welcome at Lake George. Lake George, Loud Thunder Forest Preserve, 19408 Loud Thunder Road, Illinois City, IL 61259.

Follow signs to designated parking and check-in location.

Register by Tuesday, July 20th to guarantee your lunch and swag bag! You can RSVP by phone or email by contacting the Rock Island CFB at 309-736-7432 or tmayhew@ricofarmbureau.org.

Calendar of Events	
JULY	
1	Young Leaders Bags Tournament/ Foundation Fundraiser
5	Office closed in observance of Independence Day
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 @ Loud Thunder
AUGUST	
16	RICFB Annual Meeting and RICFB Board of Directors meeting; 6:30 p.m.
25	RICFB Foundation Board of Directors meeting

Process underway
to elect directors

With the Rock Island County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting approaching on Aug. 16, we have begun the process of collecting nominations for members to serve as directors on the Farm Bureau Board. All voting members of the Farm Bureau are entitled to nominate and elect members to the board.

This year's nominating committee of Phil Fuhr, Jeff Yeater and Drew Hohenboken were appointed at the June 2021 board meeting by President Marty McManus. They have notified every voting MM member with a letter mailed to all voting members (MMs) of the Farm Bureau inviting them to nominate themselves or fellow members to run for the Farm Bureau Board. Members can list up to four names on their nomination form and return it to the Farm Bureau office by July 14.

The committee will contact each eligible person nominated to see if they are interested in running for a board seat. After everyone nominated has been contacted, the committee will prepare ballots for each district listing the names of the members willing and eligible to run for the board. All ballots need to be returned to the Farm Bureau office by a stated date.

If you have any questions about our election process, you may call a member of the nominating committee or call our office at 309-736-7432.

106th Annual Meeting
of the Rock Island County Farm Bureau
will be Monday, Aug. 16, 2021

at the Rock Island County Farm Bureau office
1601 52nd Ave., Suite 3, Moline, IL
and will start promptly at 6:30 p.m.

No meal will be served. Only a business meeting and official business will take place.

Rock Island County Farm Bureau
105th Annual Meeting
Aug. 17, 2020

The 105th Annual Meeting of the Rock Island County Farm Bureau was held on Monday, Aug. 17, at the Rock Island County Farm Bureau office in Moline.

President Marty McManus welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and the Pledge to the Flag was said. Secretary Dennis VanDaele certified that the notice of the 105th Annual Meeting was printed in the July issue of the Rock Island County Farm Bureau News that was mailed to all members in July 2020 and certified that a quorum of members was present at the meeting. President McManus called the meeting to order.

President McManus stated the 104th Annual Meeting minutes and the audited financial statements for the year ending May 31, 2020, were printed and handed out. President McManus asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes as printed. The fiscal year, ending May 31, 2020, reported total assets of \$875,066 – liabilities of \$46,459 and a profit of \$39,586. A motion was made to approve the 104th Annual Meeting minutes as printed and accept the financial report as of May 31, 2020. Motion passed.

Continuing with the business meeting, President McManus entertained a motion to approve the acts and deeds of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island County Farm Bureau for the past year. Motion was made, seconded and passed.

A motion was made and seconded that the Board of Directors of the Rock Island County Farm Bureau be authorized to appoint the delegates to the Illinois Agricultural Association Annual Meeting to be held in December of 2020, and any other meetings that may be called. Motion carried.

President McManus then called on Dennis VanDaele to report on the nomination and election of directors. Dennis reported that the nominating committee, comprised of David Mueller, Dennis VanDaele and Michael Saddoris sent a call for nominations to all members entitled to vote in the election of directors on July 1. Everyone who was nominated was contacted, and those who were otherwise qualified and willing to serve were placed in nomination for director from the appropriate district. Election ballots were prepared and mailed to each voting member of the Rock Island County Farm Bureau. He then announced the results of the election, stating the following individuals received the highest number of votes in each district:

District 1	District 2	District 3
Phil Fuhr	Marty McManus	Wes DeClercq
Bill Onken	Jeff Yeater	Drew Hohenboken

Secretary Dennis Van Daele certified the results of the election of directors and declared each of the individuals elected to a two-year term on the Board of Directors.

President McManus declared that the Board of Directors would hold their monthly meeting Monday, Aug. 17, at which time the election of officers for the coming year would be held.

President McManus called for further business. There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Van Daele, secretary