



Scholarship recipients recognized at luncheon

The Rock Island County Farm Bureau Foundation recognized the 2023-2024 scholarship recipients at an awards luncheon at Happy Joe's in Milan on June 8. Recipients and their families, along with scholarship committee members, donors and judges enjoyed pizza and an awards ceremony. It was a nice time for students and their families to visit with our leadership and donors. Pictured, from left, are Jim Neumann, scholarship chair; Mikaylin Hofer, Maddux Dieckman, Kameron Bohnsack, Cierra Bush, Ella Goodnight, Amelia Rursch and Glenn Saddoris, RICFB Foundation president.

Market Outlook
features Chad Hart



Chad Hart

Dr. Chad Hart, professor of economics, crop markets specialist and Extension economist at Iowa State University, will be the featured speaker on Wednesday, Sept. 6 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 Aug. 30 to guarantee your attendance.

Hart was born and raised in southwest Missouri, where his parents raised cattle and operated a small meat locker. He received his bachelor of science in economics with minors in mathematics, history and astronomy from Southwest Missouri State University in 1991. He then moved to Iowa in the summer of 1991 to pursue graduate education and received a Ph.D. in economics and statistics in 1999 from Iowa State University.

Upon graduation, Hart joined the staff for the Center for Agricultural and Rural Development (CARD) at Iowa State. He served as the U.S. policy and insurance analyst with the Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute (FAPRI) and a scientist with CARD. For FAPRI, Hart was responsible for

directing economic and modeling efforts for the crop insurance component of the FAPRI modeling system. For CARD, he served in multiple roles, concluding as the head of the Biorenewables Policy Division, and examined the interactions between the agricultural and energy sectors.

His research has examined the interaction between the agricultural commitments within the World Trade Organization and the agricultural policies and programs of WTO members, crop insurance, international trade, biofuel policy, federal agricultural policy and crop marketing.

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 Seminar Series is sponsored by the Henry, Rock Island and Mercer County Farm Bureau Marketing Committees.

Farmland assessment seminars set

Rep. Dan Swanson is partnering with our local farm bureaus to host a series of farmland assessment meetings throughout the region. The purpose of these meetings is to discuss ongoing increases in the assessed value of farmland.

The presentations, given by Brenda Matherly, director of local government with Illinois Farm Bureau, will give you a better understanding on how farmland assessments are calculated and the long-term impact on those values. Information about state government programs will be available.

Monday, Aug. 21

1 p.m.

Spoon River College Community Outreach Center, 2500 East Jackson, Macomb, IL 61455

Co-sponsor: McDonough County Farm Bureau

3 p.m.

Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau Office

1000 N. Main St. No. 1, Monmouth, IL 61462
Co-Sponsor: Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau

Tuesday, Aug. 22

8:30 a.m.

Knox County Farm Bureau
180 S. Soangetaha Road, Galesburg, IL 61401

Co-sponsors: Knox County Farm Bureau & Mercer County Farm Bureau

11 a.m.

Lavender Crest Winery
5401 US-6, Colona, IL 61241

Co-sponsors: Rock Island County Farm Bureau and Henry County Farm Bureau

Please RSVP to Rep. Dan Swanson's office at 309-334-7474 or to the Rock Island County Farm Bureau at 309-736-7432.

It's been busy summer
for Young Leaders

The Mercer-Rock Island Farm Bureau Young Leaders have had a very busy summer so far! Miranda Reiningger stepped down as the Mercer chair after five terrific years of service. The group elected Gabrielle Lemenager as the new Mercer chair, who will co-chair the group with Rock Island chair Samantha Whisman. They will make a great team and we are excited for their leadership!

Recognizing our Friend of
Young Leaders Award winner

Ahead of the 2022 IAA Annual Meeting in Chicago last December, the Mercer-Rock Island Young Leaders nominated Greg Rohman for a Friend of Young Leaders award. Greg was one of only three winners from across the state and was the only one chosen who wasn't a Farm Bureau president! The group nominated Greg for all of his help with our ethanol promotions over the years when he was head of the energy department with Gold Star FS. He was unable to attend the IAA Annual Meeting to receive his awards on stage, but he was finally able to attend our June Young Leader meeting where we recognized him for his efforts and presented him with his award.

Bags Tournament

The Mercer-Rock Island Farm Bureau Young Leaders hosted the 3rd Annual Bags Tournament on June 29 at Lloyd's Longbranch in Reynolds. We had our best tournament yet with 20 teams competing for first, second and

third places and best team name. The Young Leaders sold "Support Your Local Farmer" T-shirts and 50/50 raffle tickets at the tournament. The Young Leaders raised \$1,240, which was split between the Mercer and Rock Island County Farm Bureau Foundations.

Fair activities

Once again, the Mercer-Rock Island Farm Bureau Young Leaders were busy hosting activities at both county fairs. At the Mercer County Fair, the Young Leaders hosted the pedal pull for children 12 years and under. Forty-two kids participated and were split into four age classes. The top three places in each class were awarded prizes and our 6- to 7-year-old class had a record four-time pull off before we had a winner!

The Young Leaders hosted their 3rd Ag Scavenger Hunt at the Rock Island County Fair! We had around 30 kids participate in the event this year. The scavenger hunt led children throughout the livestock barns. Children had clues that led them to stations about beef, sheep, swine, dairy and general agriculture covering crops, machinery and pollinators. At each station, children participated in an activity before getting a question on that topic, then got a stamp on their passport and a clue sending them to their next station. A fun and educational afternoon was had by all!

If you are between ages 18 and 35 and want to join the Young Leader group, email tmayhew@ricofarmbureau.org for more information!

Calendar
of Events

AUGUST

- 7 District 3 meeting, Lavender Crest Winery, 5:30 p.m.
- 10 Visit to Adopted Legislator Sen. Edly-Allen's 31st District, Lake County
- 15 Mercer-Rock Island Farm Bureau Young Leader meeting
- 21 RICFB Annual Meeting and Board of Directors meeting
- 22 Farmland Assessment Seminar; Lavender Crest Winery
- 22 District 3 Young Leaders Discussion Meet
- 23 RICFB Foundation Board of Directors meeting

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Riverdale Elementary Ag Day
- 6 Market Outlook featuring Dr. Chad Hart, Lavender Crest Winery
- 7 Sherrard FFA Field Day; more info to come!
- 15 Foundation Freezer Meal orders due
- 18 RICFB Board of Directors meeting

What's
for
Dinner?



FREEZER MEAL
FUNDRAISER

COST FOR 10 MEALS = \$200

DEADLINE TO ORDER:
SEPTEMBER 15TH

- 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 OCT 10TH 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: OCT 10TH
TIME: 4:00-5:30PM

MENU:

- PULLED PORK
- SMOKED PORK CHOPS
- BBQ MEATBALLS
- BROCCOLI CHEESE SOUP
- SMOKED PORK LOIN
- MEATLOAF W/ SWEET POTATOES
- LASAGNA
- CHICKEN & BISCUITS
- PULLED PORK MAC & CHEESE
- CHICKEN BACON RANCH PASTA

Return this portion with payment by September 15th

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 52nd Avenue, Suite 3, Moline, IL 61265

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