



Cubs vs. Cardinals

Fifty members of the Rock Island and Mercer County Farm Bureaus enjoyed a chartered bus trip to Wrigley Field to watch the Chicago Cubs take on the St. Louis Cardinals on Aug. 25.

Calendar  
of Events

SEPTEMBER

- 13 Market Outlook, Lavender Crest Winery
- 16 Freezer Meal orders due
- 18-24 National Farm Safety & Health Week
- 19 RICFB Board of Directors Meeting

OCTOBER – PORK MONTH

- 10 Freezer Meal pickup
- 17 RICFB Board of Directors Meeting

Have a bountiful



and safe harvest!

Freyermuth, Rursch  
join RICFB board

FROM TYSON FREYERMUTH



I am Tyson Freyermuth and I live on a Freyermuth Sesquicentennial Farm in Illinois City, Illinois, with my wife, Angie, and my two children, Olivia and Owen. From an early age I could be found working on the farm and have had the pleasure to farm alongside four generations of my family.

I graduated from Muscatine Community College with a degree in farm management in 2001. In 2004 I married my high school sweetheart and remodeled the old family farmhouse that we live in.

In 2015, I took a side job with AgriGold working as a field adviser serving lower Rock Island County.

I have volunteered as the co-superintendent for the swine department at the Rock Island County fair for many years

and have also spent some time on the Rock Island County Fair Board.

In my free time I enjoy bowling, hunting and grooming hills at Snowstar Ski Resort. You can also find me on the sidelines coaching my son as he plays sports or sitting in the audience watching my daughter's theater performances.

I am grateful for the opportunity to represent District 1 on the Rock Island County Farm Bureau Board of Directors.



FROM JASON RURSCH

I'm Jason Rursch and I farm just southeast of Edgington on the family farm.

I have a cow calf operation with about 50 head and also raise sheep and grow corn and soybeans.

New RICFB board seated

The following directors were elected to the Rock Island County Farm Bureau Board for a two-year term at the Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> County Annual Meeting.

**District 1:** Tyson Freyermuth and Jason Rursch

**District 2:** Marty McManus and Jeff Yeater

**District 3:** Drew Hohenboken and Wes DeClercq

The full board is as follows:

**District 1:** Kevin Oak, David Mueller, Joe Franks, Tyson Fryermuth and Jason Rursch

**District 2:** Dennis Van Daele, Marty McManus, Andy DeKeyrel, Jake Coyne and Jeff Yeater

**District 3:** Drew Hohenboken,

Brent Riewerts, Travis Smeltzly, Wes DeClercq and Scott Bohnert

The Rock Island County Farm Bureau board is made up of 15 board members – five farmers representing each of the three districts in Rock Island County. Five board members range in age of 25-44, six board members range in age of 45-59 and four board members range in age of 60-72.

Following the county annual meeting, the board convened its August board meeting. A reorganization of the board followed with the election of officers: President, Marty McManus; Vice President – Brent Riewerts; Secretary – Dennis VanDaele; Treasurer – David Mueller.

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!

Farm safety, health week ahead

Illinois Farm Bureau is again partnering with the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety (NECAS) to promote farm safety and health during National Farm Safety and Health Week, themed, "Protecting Agriculture's Future," Sept. 18-24, 2022.

"We're excited to help promote and support NECAS' efforts in keeping farmers and farm families safe," said Tara Mayhew, manager, Rock Island County Farm Bureau. "Harvest season can be particularly dangerous for farmers, with long hours and stress of weather delays, equipment breakdowns or high operating costs, and this year's activities will reinforce the importance of organizations like ours working together to ensure farmers make it home safely to their families at night."

Each day of the week has a designated topic of focus to promote various aspects of farm safety:

► **Monday, Sept. 19** – Tractor Safety & Rural Roadway Safety

► **Tuesday, Sept. 20** – Overall Farmer Health

► **Wednesday, Sept. 21** – Safety & Health for Youth in Agriculture

► **Thursday, Sept. 22** – Confined Spaces

► **Friday, Sept. 23** – Safety & Health for Women in Agriculture

The 2019 data for the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics indicates that the agricultural sector is still the most dangerous in America with 573 fatalities, or an equivalent of 23.1 deaths per 100,000 workers. Fall harvest time can be one of the busiest and most dangerous

seasons of the year for the agriculture industry. For this reason, the third week of September has been recognized as National Farm Safety and Health Week.

"Farmers are notorious for their work ethic and determination, both qualities that also can be a detriment when it comes to safety," said Mayhew. "While farm safety is top of mind every week for farmers, their families and their employees, National Farm Safety and Health Week is an opportunity to spotlight safety reminders that keep those both inside and outside the agriculture industry aware and mindful during the busy harvest season."

For more information about National Farm Safety and Health Week, contact your local county Farm Bureau, or visit [www.necasag.org](http://www.necasag.org).



FREEZER MEAL  
FUNDRAISER

COST FOR 10 MEALS = \$175

DEADLINE TO ORDER:  
SEPTEMBER 16TH

MEAL PICK-UP: OCT 10TH  
TIME: TBA

MENU:

- PULLED PORK
- SMOKED PORK LOIN
- CHICKEN FAJITAS
- BBQ MEATBALLS
- CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP
- SMOKED PORK CHOP SANDWICHES
- SHEPHERD'S PIE
- HAM & POTATOES
- CHICKEN BACON RANCH PASTA
- PULLED PORK MAC & CHEESE

- 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.



Return this portion with payment by September 16<sup>th</sup>  
\*\*Make checks payable to Rock Island County Farm Bureau Foundation\*\*

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