



\$11,000 in scholarships awarded

The Rock Island County Farm Bureau Foundation is pleased to announce the recipients of its 2016 scholarships. This award is given to outstanding high school students who have achieved a well-rounded high school 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 four \$1,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors. The 2016 Foundation Scholarship winners are:

Heather Coers, daughter of Robert and Kristin Coers, a graduate of Eric High School.

Logan Crawford, son of Lauren and Mary Kay Crawford, a graduate of Rockridge.

Noah Hamerlinck, son of Steve and Jennifer Hamerlinck, a 2016 Rockridge graduate.

Gabriel Stanforth, son of Kirk and Joey Stanforth, a Rockridge graduate.

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 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 funds have grown and will help fund a Foundation Scholarship each year until the funds are exhausted.

The family of Glenn Mueller; the Lowell Johnson Charitable Foundation; and the Churchill Family Foundation have all contributed money towards the scholarships for the RICFB Foundation as well.

BERNICE E. FOWLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

In 2013, the Bernice M. Fowler



Front row, seated: Connie Curry, RICFB Foundation Secretary; Tayler Johnson, Sawyer Esau, and Heather Coers. Second row, standing: Noah Hamerlinck, Logan Crawford, RICFB Foundation President Glenn Saddoris, Alexis DeKeyrel, and Gabe Stanforth

Scholarship award was established by Mr. Jay Fowler, Mrs. Fowler's son, as a way to honor his mother's legacy in the field of education. Bernice E. Fowler taught for 11 years in an Illinois City one-room school house. She continued teaching second grade at Grant School in Moline where she retired with a 25 year teaching career. This scholarship is open to a Rockridge High School graduating senior or graduate who is pursuing a degree of study in the education field. The recipient is awarded a \$1,000 contribution each year.

This year's winner of the \$1,000 scholarship is **Alexis DeKeyrel**, daughter

of Dana and Angela DeKeyrel, a 2016 graduate of Rockridge

KEPPY CHARITABLE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

This year three Farm Bureau member dependents will receive a \$2,000 scholarship for their continuing education courtesy of the Wilbert and Carol Keppy Charitable Foundation. The 2016 Keppy Scholarship winners are:

Harrison Bush, son of Martin Bush, a student at the University of Illinois

Sawyer Esau, son of Scott and

Stacey Carlson, a student at Black Hawk College

Tayler Johnson, daughter of Scott and Jamie Johnson, a 2016 graduate of Rockridge

Scholarship applications are available from the Farm Bureau office after 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, contact the FB office at 736-7432, or visit www.ricofarmbureau.org.

MARKET OUTLOOK

Dan Basse featured speaker

Dan Basse, president of AgResource Co., will be the featured speaker on Wednesday, July 13, at Lavender Crest Winery, 5401 U.S. 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.

AgResource Co. is a domestic and international agricultural research firm in Chicago. AgResource forecasts domestic and world agricultural price trends and provides information/research to farmers, elevators, soy and corn processors, wheat millers, food companies, trading companies, importers, exporters and meat packers. AgResource's research is sold around the globe.



Dan Basse

Basse is an economist who has been in the commodity business since 1979. Raised on a dairy/grain farm in Waukesha, Wis., Mr. Basse has a keen sense of production agriculture. Mr. Basse graduated from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, in 1979. He has worked with Professional Farmers of America, Brock Associates and the ag research division of GNP Commodities in Chicago.

In 1988, Mr. Basse founded AgResource Co. to serve the needs of the U.S. and world agricultural community. Mr. Basse sits as a member of the U.S. Farm Foundation, helping to direct ag policy, and holds three global conferences on agriculture in Canada, Switzerland and Brazil.

Cost for a single session is \$25 (if not pre-registered, cost will be \$30). Reservations must be made by July 6 to guarantee a meal. To make reservations, please call the Henry County Farm Bureau at 309-937-2411 or the Rock Island County Farm Bureau at 309-736-7432.

The Market Outlook Series is sponsored by the Henry and Rock Island County Farm Bureaus, Gold Star FS, BankOrion, 1st Farm Credit Services, CHS Annawan, Steve Sim – Country Financial and Big River Resources.

What's going ON this summer

JUNE 2016

- 15 Foundation Board meeting; 5:30 p.m.
- 20 Board meeting; 7:30 p.m.
- 23-24 Pollinator Conference; Jumer's Casino, Rock Island

JULY 2016

- 4 Independence Day; office closed
- 11-15 Summer Ag Institute for Teachers; deadline for registration is June 1 for teachers wanting 3 hours of grad credit
- 13 Dan Basse Market Outlook at Lavender Crest 6:15 p.m.
- 16 John Deere's Learn and Play Day at John Deere Pavilion
- 18 Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 19-23 Rock Island County Fair
- 25-26 Illinois Farm Bureau County President's Conference
- 27 Farm Income and Innovations Conference (formerly known as Commodities Conference)
- 28 Nutrient Social; details forthcoming
- 29 Celebrate Agriculture Night with QC River Bandits

AUGUST 2016

- 22 County Annual Meeting and board meeting

SEPTEMBER 2016

- 5 Labor Day; office closed
- 14-16 AgXPerience 2016

What was cooking...

Before there was Pinterest there was Farm Bureau Women's Committee cookbooks! Here's a recipe from the late Lenore Neumann who served as chairwoman of the State Women's Committee! Enjoy!

Overnight Chicken Casserole

Lenore Neumann

Ingredients:

- 1 pkg. Creamettes, uncooked
- 1 pint milk
- ½ lb. cheese, diced
- 2 or 3 cups chicken, diced
- 3 hard-boiled eggs
- 2 cans mushroom soup
- 1 onion

Directions:

Mix all ingredients together. Let stand in refrigerator overnight. Bake in 3-quart casserole for 1½ hours.



Parkinson honored with eddy Award for farming practices

Each year River Action's eddy Magazine publishes its eddy Awards, which honors the "individuals and organizations that we feel best represent the spirit of true river action." This year's Stewardship eddy Award

for Best Farming was given to Brian Parkinson, a farmer of Rock Island County.

Publisher and Executive Director Kathy Wine praised Parkinson: "Two things you should know about

Parkinson: he wants to make the world a better place, and he doesn't wait for someone else to do it."

Wine continued, "With invention and innovation, he modified his corn and bean planters in the 1990s to

plant no-till. And today he has gone undercover. He uses cover crops on his 1,300-acre farm to help slow soil erosion, increase soil organic matter, reduce compaction and improve soil health.

FB offering theme park discounts

Theme park tickets for Great America and Six Flags in St Louis are now available for purchase at the Farm Bureau office. NOTE: Adventureland tickets are available for purchase online – call the office for more details and look for ticket prices in the June edition of the Rock Island County news.