



## Calendar of Events

### JUNE 2017

- 15 Who Knew Agriculture in Rock Island County?
- 19 Board Meeting Exec at 7 and full board at 7:30 pm
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### JULY 2017

- 4 Independence Day – Office Closed
- 13 Market Outlook with Chip Flory
- 17 Board Meeting exec at 7 and full board at 7:30 pm
- 18-22 Rock Island County Fair
- 23 Cubs / Cards Bus Trip to Wrigley

### AUGUST 2017

- 17 Celebrate Agriculture Night at Modern Woodmen Park



From left, seated: Cheyenne Bush, Brittany Olson, Cole Whisman, Reagan Bush. Standing: Connie Curry, Scholarship and Schools Chairman; Grace Mercer, Sarah Hogren, Kayleen Mercer, Briana Gorham and President Glenn Saddoris.

## \$12,000 in scholarships awarded

The Rock Island County Farm Bureau Foundation is pleased to announce the selection of eight excellent recipients of its 2017 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 2017 Foundation Scholarship winners are:

- ▶ **Cheyenne Bush**, daughter of Jared and Deanna Bush, a 2017 graduate of Rockridge High School
- ▶ **Reagan Bush**, daughter of Martin Bush, a 2017 graduate of Alleman High School
- ▶ **Brittany Olson**, daughter of Rob and Tammy Olson, a 2017 graduate of Rockridge High School
- ▶ **Cole Whisman**, son of Jim and Beth Whisman, a 2017 graduate of Rockridge High School

These scholarships have been made possible thanks to financial gifts from several families. We also want to extend our sincere appreciation to the family of Myron Mueller who donated over \$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 dollars toward the scholarships for the RICFB Foundation as well.

### Keppy Charitable Foundation scholarship

This year four Farm Bureau member dependents will receive a \$2,000 scholarship for their continuing education courtesy of the Wilbert and Carol Keppy Charitable Foundation. The 2017 Keppy Scholarship winners are:

- ▶ **Brianna Gorham**, daughter of Keith and Jodie Gorham, a 2017 Rockridge High School graduate
- ▶ **Sarah Hogren**, daughter of Timothy and Melissa Hogren, a 2017 graduate of Riverdale High School
- ▶ **Grace Mercer**, daughter of John and Karla Mercer, a 2017 Riverdale High School graduate
- ▶ **Kayleen Mercer**, daughter of John and Karla Mercer, a student at Black Hawk College

A reminder that 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 current Rock Island County Farm Bureau members 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 736-7432, or visit [www.ricofarmbureau.org](http://www.ricofarmbureau.org).

## Market Outlook with Chip Flory

Chip Flory, Pro Farmer, will be the featured speaker on Thursday, July 13, at Lavender Crest Winery, 5401 U.S. Highway 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. Reservations must be made by July 6 to guarantee a meal.

Chip Flory joined Pro Farmer as a floor reporter for Futures World News in January 1988 after graduating from Iowa State University with a degree in ag journalism. He spent three years reporting from the floors of the Chicago Board of Trade and the Chicago Mercantile Exchange as bureau chief for FWN.

Chip moved to the Pro Farmer headquarters in 1991, where he started as Electronic Services Editor. With Pro Farmer, he has been senior market analyst, general manager, editor of the company's flagship newsletter and is now editorial director.

Chip is also host of Farm Journal Media's one-hour daily radio talk show, Market Rally. Market Rally's goal is to be the go-to radio program for farmers and ranchers that are look-

ing to dig deeper into the markets each afternoon.

Chip was editor of Pro Farmer newsletter from 1997 until 2014. As editorial director, he continues to play a role in gathering and delivering the news, information and perspective to help the 10,000-plus members of Pro Farmer make smart business, farm policy and risk-management decisions.

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

The Market Outlook Series is sponsored by the Henry and Rock Island County Farm Bureaus, 1st Farm Credit Services, BankORION, CHS Annawan, Gold Star FS, Steve Sim-COUNTRY Financial, Wells Fargo.



Chip Flory

## AITC professional development sessions

Rock Island County Agriculture in the Classroom will be holding professional development sessions for one, two, or three days this summer! "Who Knew? Agriculture in Rock Island County" will feature a day on Dairy, a day on Technology, and a day on Water.

On-site visits and presentations, as well as classroom appropriate lessons and activities relating to each topic, will be provided to each participant. Each day will begin at 8 a.m. and we will be finished at 4 p.m. Educators will pay a registration fee to cover cost of materi-

als and meals. Specific locations will be sent to registrants upon receiving course payment.

- ▶ June 15 - Water/Environment
- ▶ June 26 - Technology
- ▶ June 28 - Dairy

## What's going on this summer?

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## at Wrigley Field

Join Mercer and Rock Island County Farm Bureau on a bus trip to see the Cubs play the Cardinals!

**Sunday, July 23, 2017**  
**Chicago Cubs vs. St. Louis Cardinals**

Cost: \$100 per person – Farm Bureau members  
\$150 per person – Non-Farm Bureau members  
(Price includes transportation and ticket to ballgame)

Call the FB office today to make your reservation. Payment guarantees your ticket and seat on bus. 309-736-7432. First-come, first-served.

## SAVE THE DATE CELEBRATE AGRICULTURE NIGHT

Presented by:



**THURSDAY, AUG 17TH - 6:35PM**  
**GATES OPEN AT 5:35PM**

**RIVER BANDITS PLAYER  
CARD SET GIVEAWAY!**

Show your Iowa or Illinois Farm Bureau card at the Modern Woodmen Park Box Office for \$3 off Admission!



For more info:

[RIVERBANDITS.com](http://RIVERBANDITS.com)

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