

Get meals, help raise money for foundation

The Rock Island County Farm Bureau Foundation is hosting a Freezer Meal Fundraiser to benefit the Foundation and Ag In The Classroom programs. For \$170, you will receive 10 meals fully prepared and frozen by a professional caterer. All you'll need to do is cook them! Each meal you take home serves three to five people, depending on eaters. A meal set (10 meals) includes one meal of each item listed in the menu (substitutions not available).

The menu includes one of each: Sweet & Sour Meatballs, Beef Taco Bake, Baked Mostaccioli, Hickory-Smoked Pulled Pork, Smoked Pork Chops with Dressing, Cheesy Ham

& Potato Casserole, Creamy Crack Chicken, Southwest Chicken Burrito Bowl, Honey Garlic Chicken, and Breakfast Burritos.

Orders and payment are due by Feb. 14. Orders will be available for pickup at the Rock Island County Farm Bureau office on Friday, March 6, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Please bring a basket or cooler to take your meals.

For more information and to order meal sets online, visit www.ricofarmbureau.org/foundation.html. Or fill out the order form below and return with payment by February 14th to the Rock Island County Farm Bureau Foundation, 1601 52nd Ave., Ste 3, Moline, IL 61265.

Return this portion with Payment by February 14

Pick up Location—Rock Island County Farm Bureau

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

of Meal sets ordered: _____ Payment Total (Included): _____

Mail to: 1601 52nd Avenue, Suite 3, Moline IL 61265

Register online: www.ricofarmbureau.org/foundation

(Online payment not available, check needs to be received by February 14 to ensure your order.)

Scholarships available

The Rock Island County Farm Bureau Foundation is pleased to announce that the online application for scholarships is now available. Applicants must be a current member or dependent of a member in good standing of the Rock Island County Farm Bureau since January 2019. Available scholarships include RICFB Foundation Scholarship, Keppy Scholarship awarded by the Wilbert and

Carol Keppy Charitable Foundation, Bernice E Fowler Memorial Scholarship awarded by the Bernice E. Fowler Memorial Fund, and the George and Irene Stulz Family Scholarship awarded by the George and Irene Stulz Family.

The deadline to apply is Friday, March 27. For more information and to complete the online application, visit www.ricofarmbureau.org/scholarships.html.

Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY

5	IFB Consumer Engagement Workshop; Henry Co. Farm Bureau
13	Country Winter Crop Meeting; Camden Center, Milan
17	RICFB Board of Directors Meeting
18	Governmental Affairs Leadership Conference; Springfield, IL
25	IFB/Country Farm Legacy Seminar; Rochelle, IL

MARCH

5	Rules for the Road Meeting; Tettens Grain, Dixon, IL
11	RICFB Foundation Board of Directors Meeting
12	Market Outlook Seminar, featuring Michael Clark with BAM Weather; Lavender Crest Winery, Colona, IL
27	Deadline to apply for RICFB scholarships
16	RICFB Board of Directors meeting
27	Women in Agriculture Conference; Jumer's Hotel & Casino, Rock Island, IL

Clark at Market Outlook

Michael Clark, BAM Weather, will be the featured speaker on Thursday, March 12 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 March 5 to guarantee a meal.

Michael Clark is from Whiteland, Indiana, where he went to high school and graduated in 2006. Michael has been obsessed with how weather impacts the economy for years. From the second grade (where he had a weather station in his closet) and beyond, Michael has been avidly following and learning about the atmosphere. He studied Operational meteorology at Mississippi State University and worked for three years alongside FOX59 Chief Meteorologist Brian Wilkes in Indianapolis, where he also did fill-in work on TV from time to time.

Michael handles the operations side of the company, ensuring timely and accurate reports are issued to clients daily. He is also heavily involved in traveling the U.S. and

speaking to folks about how weather impacts their world. Michael is currently living in Indianapolis, where he has two daughters and a son and is married to Christie. In his free time, he enjoys hunting, playing basketball, working out and a good cigar with close friends. Michael and his wife host a high school small group of kids and are actively involved in their church. His No. 1 goal is to teach the weather forecast to you so you understand how to save and make money around an accurate and reliable weather forecast!

The cost for the series is \$75, and 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, Rock Island County Farm Bureau (309) 736-7432 or Mercer County Farm Bureau (309) 582-5116.

The Market Outlook Series is sponsored by the Henry, Rock Island and Mercer County Farm Bureau Marketing Committees, in conjunction with BankORION, Big River Resources, Blackhawk Bank & Trust, Compeer Financial, Gold Star FS, Steve Sim - Country Financial and Wells Fargo.

Learn rules for Illinois motor vehicles

Trucking regulations can be complicated, and farm exemptions compound that problem. It seems everyone has a different answer to your question.

Come join us at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 5, at Tettens Grain, 1684 Nachusa Road, Dixon, to find out what you need to know.

We're hosting a two-hour meeting for Farm Bureau members that focuses on trucking laws specifically for farmers. We'll introduce you to new rules, remind you of the old ones that still apply, and help you figure out whether exemptions are available.

Throughout it all, you'll have the chance to ask those farm trucking questions that everyone has an opinion about, but no one can agree on an answer.

We will invite enforcement agencies you encounter on the road to discuss the rules and things they see most often from farmers.

Presenting the seminar will be Kirby Wagner, who specializes in farm transportation issues for the Illinois Farm Bureau.

Please call 815-857-3531 or email leccfb@comcast.net by Feb. 28 to reserve your place at the Rules for the Road Meeting.

Agribusiness, crop update meeting set

On Thursday, Feb. 13, the Rock Island and Mercer County Farm Bureaus will team up with Country Financial to offer an Agribusiness and Crop Insurance Update seminar.

The program will be held at the Camden Centre, 2701 1st St. E, Milan, IL 61264.

9:30 a.m. – Registration
10 a.m. – Program
11:30 a.m. – Meal

Doug Yoder, Country Financial Crop Agency Manager will cover Crop Insurance Updates you need to know for the 2020 growing season and answer your questions.

Contact your Country Financial representative by Feb. 11 to reserve your seat.



Young Leaders host winter clothing drive

The Mercer – Rock Island Farm Bureau Young Leaders hosted a Winter Hat, Glove and Scarf drive during January to benefit Street Friends of the Quad Cities. With the combined efforts of our members, Rockridge FFA, Mercer County FFA and Kimel 4-H club, the group was able to fill a truck bed with coats, socks, hats, gloves, scarves and blankets that will be distributed to those in need in the Quad Cities. Thank you to everyone who donated items to our cause!

Bernick to headline Women in Ag event

All women involved in farming and the agriculture industry are encouraged to attend the Women in Agriculture Conference, Friday, March 27, 2020, at Jumer's Casino and Hotel in Moline, Illinois. This one-day seminar empowers women within agriculture industries.

This conference, celebrating its ninth year, will feature keynote speaker Jeanne Bernick. Bernick is an agribusiness consultant and market Growth Leader for national business advisory firm K-Coe Isom. She offers a depth of industry insights and works alongside clients with financial tools that help keep their farms and businesses not just viable but thriving. Her presentation, "How Women Change the World One Farm at a Time," will focus on how the world is changing for the better as more women are coming back to their agricultural roots. Bernick will provide tips and tricks on leading as a woman working in agriculture. She also co-authored the book, "Ceres Rising: How Women are Leading Farm Business."



Jeanne Bernick

The keynote address will be followed by a variety of breakout sessions

that participants may choose from. Breakout sessions themes include Livestock Panel, Mental Health, Meal Planning, Contacting your Legislators, Dress for Success and Tax Planning.

The conference will wrap up with Dr. Kim Kidwell, Dean and Robert A. Easter Chair in the College of Agricultural Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES) at the University of Illinois. Kidwell is a proud Alumna of ACES where she earned a bachelor's degree in both genetics, development and agriculture sciences. She received her master's and Ph.D. in plant breeding and genetics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Included in the day is an exhibit area, with many businesses and organizations offering materials, promotional items, and give-away drawings, a breakfast and luncheon buffet and mid-day snack break. Conference cost prior to March 1 is \$60; after March 1, the cost is \$80. Walk-in registrations the day of the conference are \$100. Registration the day of the conference begins at 8 a.m. To pre-register, contact any sponsoring Illinois County Farm Bureaus or register online at womeninagricultureconference.com.

The conference is sponsored by the Farm Bureau Women in Agriculture Conference Committee.

MARKET OUTLOOK SEMINAR SERIES



Michael Clark
BAM Weather

THURSDAY
MARCH 12, 2020
6:15 P.M.
(Registration deadline March 5)

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