



FARM BUREAU
NEWS OF NOTE

■ Save the date for a night at the ballpark to Celebrate Agriculture! The RICFB and area county Farm Bureaus are sponsoring a “Celebrate Agriculture” night at the QC River Bandits Game on Friday, July 18, at 7 p.m. First 1,000 attendees will receive a pint glass from the Farm Bureau. For your Farm Bureau membership you can receive \$3 off any ticket when you purchase at the River Bandits box office.

■ 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.

IFB reacts to EPA’s waters rule

The following is a part of a statement from Illinois Farm Bureau President Richard Guebert Jr. regarding the waters of the United States (WOTUS) regulation finalized recently by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps).

“Every day, Illinois farmers demonstrate their deep commitment to improve water quality on their farms. The Illinois Farm Bureau is currently reviewing EPA’s final ruling in detail, however, we believe this new regulation will cause greater confusion and new legal liabilities for farmers and land owners, while providing both agencies with almost unlimited authority to regulate at their discretion.

“In addition, Illinois Farm Bureau believes this regulation will create a flood of unnecessary enforcement actions under the Clean Water Act as well as citizen lawsuits against farmers for routine farming practices like applying fertilizer or controlling weeds and pests in their fields.

“The Illinois Farm Bureau doesn’t believe this regulation reflects the intent of Congress and we will ask our elected officials to take any available action to prevent the WOTUS rule from being implemented.”

June 8, 2015

ATTENTION
Call for nominations -- 1st of 2 notices.
ROCK ISLAND COUNTY
Farm Bureau Farmer / Voting Member:

It is time once again for members of the Rock Island County Farm Bureau to nominate fellow members to represent them on the Board of Directors of your organization.

Representatives on the Board of Directors come from three different districts, as follows:

DISTRICT 1: Drury, Buffalo Prairie, Andalusia, and Edgington Townships.

DISTRICT 2: Rock Island, Moline, South Rock Island, South Moline, Blackhawk, Coal Valley, Bowling, and Rural Townships.

DISTRICT 3: Hampton, Zuma, Port Byron, Coe, Canoe Creek, and Cordova Townships.

The following Farm Bureau board members are eligible for re-election:

DISTRICT 1: Kevin Oak, David Mueller, Brian Brown

DISTRICT 2: Fred Nightingale, Dennis VanDaele, Andy DeKeyrel

DISTRICT 3: Brent Riewerts, Drew Hohenboken

All of the above indicated that they would be willing to serve again. You may nominate any farmer-member that you feel would best represent the interest of area farmers.

You should indicate your voting district, and nominate up to four people from that district on the form below. This form needs to be returned to the Rock Island County Farm Bureau by July 20, 2015. Once the forms are

Rock Island County Farm Bureau Board of Directors

I hereby certify that I am a voting member of the Rock Island County Farm Bureau and I wish to nominate the following individuals to the Board of Directors.

Please nominate up to four members to represent your district.

My voting district is: 1 2 3 (Circle one)

Name _____ Name _____

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If you have any questions about the nomination process, please feel free to contact any of us on the Nominating Committee, or call Farm Bureau Manager DeAnne Bloomberg at 309-736-7432.

Thank you for belonging to the Rock Island County Farm Bureau, and becoming involved in our election process.

Sincerely,

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FARM BUREAU NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Phil Fuhr
District 1

Bradley Erickson
District 2

Mike Sadoris
District 3

Dear farming/voting member:

Remember that as of June 1, the Rock Island CFB office has office hours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday. This means we will have staff available to answer your member questions, purchase plat books and other services as necessary from the Farm Bureau. This allows the CFB to utilize dollars more effectively as a result of decreased labor costs. At the same time, this allows the CFB manager to allocate their time more efficiently to promote agriculture and farmer’s interests at various levels, including dialogues with our farm and non-farm audiences.

Since August 2014, when the combined billing program began, roughly 86 percent of associate/non-farm memberships are now processed through the combined billing program. Voting members are not part of this program at the current time. This has decreased the workload for CFB staff.

The Farm Bureau manager has worked with the RICFB Board of Directors over the past year to prepare for retirements this past January. Walk-in traffic and phone calls have been analyzed and tracked in an effort to understand what a CFB office staff serves. Our website – www.ricofarmbureau.org – has many questions and information related to routine questions – but please understand your service as it relates to farm issues remains the same.

President: Marty McManus
Vice President: Stan Woodburn
Secretary: Dennis Van Daele
Treasurer: Fred Nightingale
At Large Executive Member: Phil Fuhr

District 1: Bill Onken, Kevin Oak, David Mueller, Brian Brown
District 2: Andy DeKeyrel, Bradley Erickson
District 3: Brent Riewerts, Mike Sadoris, Mitch Jurevitz, Drew Hohenboken
Manager: DeAnne Bloomberg

Shissler to lead Market Outlook coming July 9

Roach Ag Marketing’s Andy Shissler will be the featured speaker on Thursday, July 9 at the Lavender Crest. The evening will begin with a buffet dinner at 6:15 p.m., followed by presentations from Gold Star FS Grain Merchandiser, Mike Schaver.

Cost for a single session is \$25 (if not pre-registered, cost will be \$30). Reservations must be made by July 1 to guarantee a meal. To make reservations, please call the Henry County Farm Bureau (309) 937-2411 or the Rock Island County Farm Bureau (309) 736-7432.

Andy Shissler grew up in Elmwood, Ill., and brings with him over 14 years of experience in the financial services industry. Before joining Roach Ag

Marketing in 2006, he was working as a grain trader for Archer-Daniels-Midland Co., eventually electing to acquire his brokerage license. He has a BS in ag economics from the University of Illinois, as well as his crop insurance license in the state of Illinois. Outside his duties in the office, Shissler travels the Midwest performing seminars. He also can be seen on U.S. Farm Report and Ag Day.

The Market Outlook Series is sponsored by the Henry and Rock Island County Farm Bureau Marketing Committees, Gold Star FS, BankOrion, Patriot Renewable Fuels, Steve Sim — Country Financial, 1st Farm Credit Services (Aledo & Geneseo); Big River Resources and Wells Fargo.

What’s going on THIS SUMMER

JUNE 2015

- 10-11 Pollinator Conference, Jumer’s Casino – Rock Island
- 11-13 AFBF Midwest YF and R conference – Jumer’s Rock Island
- 15 Board Meeting; time TBD
- 19 Water Use Reporting Meeting; 10 a.m. WIU/Moline

JULY 2015

- 3 Independence Day – Office Closed
- 9 Market Outlook with Andy Shissler at Lavender Crest
- 15-19 Rock Island County Fair
- 18 John Deere’s Learn and Play Day at John Deere Pavilion
- 20 Board Meeting Time TBD
- Nominations Due to FB Office
- 29 IFB Commodities Conference in Bloomington

Save the dates!

AUGUST 2015

- 24 County Annual Meeting and Board Meeting
- 28 Celebrate Agriculture night with the River Bandits

SEPTEMBER 2015

- 7 Labor Day -- Office Closed
- 16-18 AgXPerience 2015

GOT PHOTOS?

The 2015 Rock Island County Fair is looking for photos of past Champions from the livestock shows!

Check your family archives! Bring a copy of the photo to the Rock Island County Extension office or email a scanned copy to info@rick-farmbureau.org and they will help compile the Wall of Champions! We are looking for those great historical snapshots from the '30s, '40s, '50s, '60s, '70s and '80s! Any questions – call DeAnne at the office 309-736-7432 or email her at dbloomberg@ricofarmbureau.org!