BUREAU COUNTY FARM BUREAU FOUNDATION

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# 2019-2020

## Donor & Contributor Report

## AG IN THE CLASSROOM IN REVIEW 2019-2020

- The Bureau County Agricultural Literacy program reached 20 public school buildings in Bureau County during the school year.
- 723 classroom programs were presented during the school year.
- 12,483 students in Bureau County received some form of agricultural education through Agriculture in the Classroom (AITC) materials.
- 989 teachers in Bureau County Public Schools are using AITC materials in their classrooms.
- 2,500 members of our community were reached through program messaging.



## AG EDUCATION IN THE COMMUNITY

- ABC's of Agriculture Coloring Books and soy crayons were donated to Hospitals and Prompt Cares in the county.
- "John Deere, That's Who" book was donated to every library in the county.
- 4-H Cloverbuds in Princeton, members ages 5-7, completed various activities during monthly meetings.



## SUPPORT THE FUTURE

### Consider a Donation for 2020-2021

Here is an example of what your donation could provide in an average year.

**$10** Send a package of Ag Mags to a Bureau County Classroom

**$25** Purchase consumable supplies for a classroom Magic Kit for a year.

**$100** Replace an incubator that is used in classrooms for embryology study.

**$175** Provide a donation for College Ag Recruitment Day for 250 High School Students

**$250** Deliver 200 ABC's of Agriculture coloring books and 200 crayons to local hospital emergency rooms.

**$350** Distribute 17 agriculture books to local libraries.

**$1,000** Support one scholarship for a local student pursuing a degree in an agricultural-related field.

**$5,000** Subsidize a portion of the salary of the Ag Literacy Coordinator Position for a year.




## PAINT THE SIGN FALL FUNDRAISER

In the fall of 2019, the Foundation hosted the first Paint the Sign fundraiser. Businesses and individuals were asked to purchase a sign, decorate it any way they liked and then donate it back for auction. To say the least, we were blown away with the creativity and uniqueness of each of the signs. In all, we were able to highlight and sell 10 signs in our sealed bid auction at the Bureau County Fair. These signs gained quite a bit of interest on Facebook. Bids were delivered personally by bidders at the fair and through Facebook messenger.

Businesses and individuals who sponsored signs were: Hultine Farms, Elmore Electric (3 signs), Holland & Sons, Bureau County Farm Bureau, Schoff Farm Service, Michlig Grain, Heartland Bank and Bureau Valley FFA. Through joint efforts, together we raised $1,922 for the Bureau County Farm Bureau Foundation and its programs. Funds will be used to enhance Ag in the Classroom presentations, Teacher trainings, classroom resources, farmer trainings and scholarship programs.

Thank you to all who took part in this program. We absolutely loved all the signs and appreciated your support of this new program!

## Seven Students Receive

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## Scholarships

Seven Bureau County students will receive financial assistance from the Bureau County Farm Bureau Foundation to help cover costs associated with continuing their education. The Foundation Board of Directors has named Chase Gripp of Sheffield, Stephanie Gripp of Sheffield, Alexa Jacobs of Walnut, Lauren McMillan of Tiskilwa, Luke Lovgren of LaMoille, Katie Smith of Walnut and Cole Wright of Bradford as the 2020 recipients of the Bureau County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarships.

For the past twenty-five years, the Bureau County Farm Bureau Foundation has made a financial commitment to assist individuals interested in pursuing a career in agriculture. To date, $98,250 has been provided in scholarships to individuals who are Bureau County Farm Bureau members or their dependents. The Foundation funding is supported by private contributions, including those from Bureau County Farm Bureau members.

All these students were extremely active in extracurricular activities with strong backgrounds in FFA, 4-H as well as Church and other school programs. Congratulations goes out to all seven well deserving students.

### Chase Gripp,

son of Chad and TeNeille Gripp. He is finishing his junior year at Purdue University where he is currently studying Agricultural Systems Management/Ag Business.

### Stephanie Gripp,

daughter of Chad and TeNeille Gripp. She is finishing her freshman year at Oklahoma State University where she is majoring in Animal Science / Pre-Vet.

### Alexa Jacobs,

daughter of Rod and Jennifer Jacobs. She is finishing her junior year at Southern Illinois University where she is currently studying Agricultural Systems and Education.

### Kathleen Smith,

daughter of David and Janet Smith. She is finishing her junior year at Illinois State University where she is majoring in Agriculture Communications and Animal Husbandry Management.

### Lauren McMillan,

daughter of Kyle and Jodi McMillan. She is finishing her freshman year at the University of Illinois where she is majoring in Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communications: Organizational and Community Leadership.

### Cole Wright,

son of Todd and Joann Wright. He is finishing his junior year at Iowa State University where he is majoring in Agronomy.

### Luke Lovgren,

son of Eric and Robin Lovgren. He is finishing his freshman year at Illinois Valley Community College where his major area of study is Agribusiness.

# DO YOU WANT TO DONATE?

## Fill In and Cut Out the Form Below!

BUREAU COUNTY FARM BUREAU FOUNDATION

YES! I want to share the truth about farming with local students by supporting the Bureau County Farm Bureau Foundation.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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[ ] $100 [ ] $75 [ ] $50

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Please make checks payable to the Bureau County Farm Bureau Foundation.

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# AG IN THE CLASSROOM GOLF OUTING

**The 11th Bureau and Lee County Ag in the Classroom Golf Outing was held a bit different due to COVID-19. This year, the tournament went virtual! Throughout the summer, teams of 2 were encouraged to head to their favorite golf course, golf 18 rounds and then email or text the score sheets to the Farm Bureau.**

### Congratulations to the Virtual Winners

**1st Scores turned in – Mike Burrs/Brad Hill**
**Most Birdies – Linker Seed #1**
**Most Under Par on Front 9 – Mike Burrs/Brad Hill**
**Most Under Par all Holes – Linker Seed #1**
**Most Under Par Hole #3 – FS Grain**

**Because of the outstanding support from the golfers and local sponsorships, the event was still a success! $5,890 was raised for Ag in the Classroom programs within the two counties. Thank you to sponsors and supporters of this event!**

*Thank you to our sponsors.*

BUREAU & LEE COUNTY
AG IN THE CLASSROOM

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