



# 2020-2021 DONOR & CONTRIBUTOR REPORT



## FOUNDATION TRACTOR TREK FUNDRAISER

The eighth annual Bureau County Tractor Trek was held Saturday, June 22nd in the southwestern part of Bureau County. It was our honor to host such a wonderful event for 55 tractor enthusiasts from all over Illinois. With the help of these participants we were able to raise \$2,700 for the Ag in the Classroom program in Bureau County. Thank you to the sponsors and the supporters of this wonderful event!

## AG IN THE CLASSROOM GOLF OUTING

The 12th annual Bureau and Lee County Ag in the Classroom Golf outing was on June 17th at Shady Oaks Country Club in Sublette. This year we had 29 teams registered to play.

Because of the outstanding support from the golfers who attended the event and the corporate sponsorships, almost \$10,000 was raised for Ag in the Classroom programs within the two counties. Thank you to sponsors and supporters of the event!



## FOURTH ANNUAL MASTER SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST HELD

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Master Showmanship Contest was held on Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at the Bureau County 4-H Fair. The Master Showmanship Contest tests individual's skills and knowledge of showing beef, swine, and sheep. This year, because of COVID release times at the fair, the contestants showed only beef and swine. Contestants were judged on their visual showmanship skills and were also asked questions about each of the species. The Master Showmanship Contest is hosted by the Bureau County Farm Bureau Foundation and the U of I Extension.

**Congratulations and best wishes to Jennifer Dunlap, this year's Bureau County Master Showman!**

## 2021 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Six 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 Stephanie Gripp of Sheffield, Hailey Hilmes of Princeton, Luke Lovgren of LaMoille, Lauren McMillan of Tiskilwa, Thomas Stamberger of LaMoille and Carli Wright of Bradford as the 2021 recipients of the Bureau County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarships.

For the past twenty-six years, the Bureau County Farm Bureau Foundation has made a financial commitment to assist individuals interested in pursuing a career in agriculture. To date, \$105,250 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 a variety of programs such as FFA, 4-H, Collegiate Farm Bureau, Young Leaders, as well as Church and other school related programs. Congratulations go out to these six well deserving students.

### LET'S MEET THIS YEAR'S RECIPIENTS!



**Stephanie Gripp**, daughter of Chad and TeNeille Gripp. She is finishing her sophomore year at Oklahoma State University where she is majoring in Animal Science / Business.



**Hailey Hilmes**, daughter of Elena Hilmes. She is attending Illinois State University where she is currently majoring in Agronomy Management.



**Luke Lovgren**, son of Eric and Robin Lovgren. He is attending Illinois State University where his major area of study is Agribusiness.



**Lauren McMillan**, daughter of Kyle and Jodi McMillan. She is finishing her sophomore year at the University of Illinois where she is majoring in Agricultural Organizational and Community Leadership.



**Thomas Stamberger**, son of Tim and Susan Stamberger. He is finishing his sophomore year at Southern Illinois University where he is majoring in Crop, Soil and Environmental Management.



**Carli Wright**, daughter of Todd and Joann Wright. She is a recent graduate of Princeton High School. In the fall she plans to attend Black Hawk East College.

## BE A PART OF THE PUZZLE Consider a Donation for 2021-2022

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



## VIRTUAL AG IN THE CLASSROOM IN REVIEW

- The Bureau County Agricultural Literacy program reached 20 public buildings in Bureau County during the school year.
- 165 classroom programs were prepared during the school year.
- 2,899 students in Bureau County received some form of agricultural education through Agriculture in the Classroom (AIRC) materials.
- 252 teachers in Bureau County Public Schools are using AIRC materials in their classrooms.

## AG EDUCATION IN THE COMMUNITY

- ABC's of Agriculture Coloring Books and soy crayons were donated to Hospitals and Prompt Cares in the county.
- "Lincoln Clears a Path" book was donated to every library in the county.
- Mobile Petting Zoo at Princeton's Scarecrow Days.

