

AG IN THE CLASSROOM GOLF OUTING HELD

The 14th annual Bureau and Lee County Ag in the Classroom Golf outing was on June 22nd at Shady Oaks Country Club in Sublette. This year we had 27 teams registered to play.

Because of the outstanding support from the golfers who attended the event and the corporate sponsorships, over \$12,000 was raised for Ag in the Classroom programs within the two counties. Thank you to sponsors and supporters of the event!

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2022-2023

DONOR & CONTRIBUTOR REPORT



2023 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Four Bureau County students received 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 Brianna Broers of Walnut, Alex Jagers of Princeton, Kennedy Kloepping of Princeton, and Carli Wright of Bradford as the 2023 recipients of the Bureau County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarships.

For the past twenty-eight years, the Bureau County Farm Bureau Foundation has made a financial commitment to assist individuals interested in pursuing a career in agriculture. To date, \$117,250 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.

Let's meet this year's recipients!



Brianna Broers, daughter of David Broers and Amanda Pysson. She is finishing her sophomore year at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. Brianna has chosen to pursue a degree in Soil and Crop Science with an emphasis on Agronomy. After undergraduate school she would love to continue in school to earn her master's degree and eventually move home to help on the family farm.



Alex Jagers, son of Tom and Gail Jagers. He is finishing his freshman year at Illinois Valley Community College. Alex looks forward to finishing his second year at IVCC and then transfer to the University of Illinois where he will major in Agriculture and Consumer Economics with a concentration in Farm Management. His goal for the future is to mentor with his uncle and continue his family's farming operation.



Kennedy Kloepping, daughter of Shane and Sara Kloepping. She is finishing her freshman year at Black Hawk East. Kennedy plans to continue her education after Black Hawk by transferring to a four-year college to major in Agriculture Education. With her Ag Ed degree she hopes to share her passion about agriculture with other non-traditional agricultural students and FFA members.



Carli Wright, daughter of Todd and Joann Wright. She is a recent graduate of Black Hawk East College. In the fall she plans to attend Iowa State where she will study Agronomy. Her goal for the future is to help educate consumers about all aspects of agriculture.

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

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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 four well deserving students.



2022-2023 AG IN THE CLASSROOM IN REVIEW

This year, the Bureau County Agricultural Literacy program reached:

- 10 public school buildings
- 695 classroom programs
- 904 teachers
- 11,006 students

2022-2023 AG EDUCATION IN THE COMMUNITY

- Donated "If You Want to Knit Some Mittens" book to every library in the county.
- Sponsored Champion Backdrop and Banners at the County Fair.
- Hosted Master Showmanship at the 4-H Fair.
- Held the Chamber Ag Appreciation Breakfast Placemat Contest.

CONSIDER A DONATION FOR 2023-2024

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

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| \$25 | Send a package of Ag Mags to a Bureau County Classroom. | \$350 | Distribute agriculture books to 17 local libraries. |
| \$50 | Purchase consumable supplies for a classroom Magic Kit for a year. | \$500 | Provide lunch for all the 4th Grade Ag Fair volunteers. |
| \$150 | Replace an incubator that is used in classrooms for embryology study. | \$1,000 | Support one scholarship for a local student pursuing a degree in an agricultural related field. |
| \$200 | Provide a donation for College Ag Recruitment Day for 250 High School Students | \$5,000 | Subsidize a portion of the salary of the Ag Literacy Coordinator Position for a year. |
| \$250 | Deliver 200 ABC's of Agriculture coloring books and 200 crayons to local emergency rooms. | | |



FOUNDATION TRACTOR TREK ROLLED THROUGH THE COUNTY

The eleventh annual Bureau County Tractor Trek was held Saturday, June 10th in the northeastern part of Bureau County and southeastern part of Lee County. This year the event hosted 65 tractors on the drive. These tractor enthusiasts were from all over Illinois. With the help of these participants, we were able to raise \$3,000 for the Bureau County Farm Bureau Foundation which supports agricultural scholarships and the Ag in the Classroom program in Bureau County. Thank you to the sponsors and the supporters of this wonderful event!

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2023 AG APPRECIATION PLACEMAT WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of the Annual Placemat Design Contest sponsored by the Bureau County Farm Bureau. This event was held in conjunction with the Salute to Ag Breakfast sponsored by the Princeton Chamber of Commerce during National Ag Week!

Third grade students from around the county were asked to create placemats following the theme "What Agriculture Means to Me". This year Farm Bureau collected 121 entries from all over the county.

Two prizes were awarded for Best of Show and Best use of Theme. Each of the winners, their parents and their teachers were invited to be recognized at the breakfast, held at The Barn at Hornbaker Gardens just outside of Princeton on the morning of March 24.

Best of show (left) - Kensi Haney from Bureau Valley North, Mr. DeMay's class.

Closest to the Theme (Right) - Leah Donnelly from Bureau Valley North, Mrs. McCauley's class.

Thank you to all the students that participated. We had so many excellent drawings!!