

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



New this year, you will periodically see a spotlight featuring a past Bureau County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarship recipient. These features will help keep members informed about the impact of their donations and support by highlighting where former recipients are today and the paths they have pursued since receiving their scholarships.

Lilly Allicks grew up in Wyanet, Illinois, and graduated from Bureau Valley High School in 2023. She was a Foundation Scholarship recipient in 2024 and 2025. Lilly recently graduated from Northeast Community College in Norfolk, Nebraska, with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Animal Science. She currently works at Corn Belt Ag Services in Manlius while also studying for her CDL and applying to the Operators Union. She also represents Bureau County Farm Bureau on its Board of Directors. In the future, she hopes to build her cattle herd by expanding into a seedstock operation while also retaining some club calves on the side.

CONGRATULATIONS!



On Wednesday, May 20, Cindy Atkinson celebrated 35 years with the Bureau County Farm Bureau as Membership Secretary. Cindy's dedication to this organization does not go unnoticed. She brings immense value to our team and plays an important role in the success of our office each day.

Thirty-five years is an incredible milestone, and we are grateful for Cindy's commitment and service throughout the years. We congratulate her on this achievement and look forward to many more years working together. Thank you, Cindy, for all you have done and continue to do for all of us at the Bureau County Farm Bureau!

SUMMER FIELD DAY

MONDAY, JULY 27TH

Bureau County Farm Bureau, Illinois Farm Bureau, and the University of Illinois will host a Nutrient Stewardship Field Day on Monday, July 27, at a Chris Von Holten's farm, 29053 County Rd 1500 E, Walnut, IL 61376.

The agenda will include Welcome Remarks and Introductions by Brittany Slightom of Bureau County Farm Bureau; Insights and Takeaways from the Field by host farmer Chris Von Holten; and presentations from University of Illinois researchers Luke Bergschneider on Tile Monitoring Data, Andrew Margenot on Continuous Field Monitoring & Streambank Erosion, and Natacha De Gracia on Year 1 Nitrogen Balances & Biological Nitrogen Fixation Data.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., with the program starting at 9:00 a.m. The day will conclude with a provided lunch.

This event is free, but attendees should RSVP by calling the Bureau County Farm Bureau office at (815) 875-6468.

FOUNDATION EVENTS RECAP

Over 50 tractors and a few side-by-sides participated in our 14th Annual Tractor Trek on Saturday, June 13. The morning began at Bureau Valley High School with breakfast prepared and served by the Bureau Valley FFA. The group then traveled to a local farm in rural Prophetstown for a short break before continuing on to the Reagan Community Center in Tampico, where lunch was also prepared and served by the Bureau Valley FFA. The day concluded in Walnut with a drive past the Allure facility. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who shows up to make this event possible year after year, especially our Tractor Trek Committee!

We also enjoyed a beautiful day at our 17th Annual AITC Golf Outing for Bureau & Lee Counties on Thursday, June 18, hosted at Spring Creek Golf Course in Spring Valley. A total of 22 teams participated this year. Congratulations to the Linker Seeds team for taking first place with a team score of 60. THANK YOU to all who helped make this event possible, including our sponsors, teams, volunteers, and everyone in between!

Proceeds from both fundraisers help support our Ag in the Classroom and Foundation Scholarship programs, which provide educational opportunities and resources for youth in Bureau County. Your support helps us continue investing in the next generation.





