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## KCFB New Manager Chrzanowski



Hi, my name is Caitlin Chrzanowski (pronounced sha-now-ski) and I am excited to be serving as the new Knox County Farm Bureau Manager. I am very excited to become a part of the Knox County Community and look forward to working with all of you throughout the year. I am originally from Ottawa, IL in LaSalle County where I lived with my parents, Ron and Mary Fran, and my older brother

Nick. After graduating from Ottawa Township High School in 2010, I decided to follow in my brother's footsteps by furthering my education at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign where I received a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Leadership and Sciences Education.

Throughout college, I became passionate about educating others about the agricultural industry and I was able to apply this passion as a summer intern for the University of Illinois Extension serving LaSalle, Bureau, Marshall, and Putnam Counties for 2 consecutive summers.

I applied my knowledge of agricultural education and leadership by providing the following agricultural education programs for youth: Gardening lessons at the LaSalle County Regional Detention Center, Agricultural Youth Development Activities at the Bureau, LaSalle, and Marshall-Putnam 4-H Fairs, The Commodity Carnival sponsored by the Chicago Mercantile Exchange

CME Group, and The 2-day Youth Leadership Certificate Program.

During my senior year, I worked for the Agricultural Education Department as the Internship Assistant to streamline the program to insure that all Agricultural Education majors had the opportunity for a beneficial internship experience. Thanks to the wonderful opportunities the University of Illinois and the University of Illinois Extension provided, I was able to confidently apply for the Illinois Farm Bureau Manager Training Program. After graduating in the May of 2014, I started with the Illinois Farm Bureau as a Manager Trainee where I was hired a month later as the Richland County Farm Bureau Manager.

I truly enjoyed serving the Richland County Farm Bureau in Olney, IL as the Manager and I am blessed to have had the opportunity to work with such welcoming and wonderful people. For the past year, I have developed both personally and professionally as a manager and I am very excited to serve as the link between Knox County Farm Bureau, the Illinois Farm Bureau, and the American Farm Bureau Federation. I look forward to working with all of you, and please do not hesitate to stop by the office to introduce yourself and provide new ideas for Knox County Farm Bureau programs or events.

## 'Finish What We Started' Bike Ride

Cyclists will travel through a three-county area of east-central Illinois during the 20th Annual Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom (IAITC) Bike Ride. This cross-country style ride Sept. 7-10, 2015, is an annual fundraiser hosted by the IAA Foundation to support the Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom program. The ride has enjoyed a rich history and will conclude its tenure with this year's event.

This IAITC Bike Ride finale year highlights routes through Champaign, Ford and Vermilion counties, with lodging in the Champaign area.

"We are extremely excited that the Bike Ride is coming to our area this year," said Brad Uken, manager, Champaign County Farm Bureau. "Champaign County was part of the original IAITC Bike Ride, so it's fitting that it's part of the final ride."

Riders can participate for one or multiple days and can choose from routes that run approximately 40 or 80 miles. Vehicle road support and safely scouted, marked routes are planned. Participation is flexible, desired riding speed averages 12-15 mph.

"Rider safety is of utmost importance," said Charlie Grotevant, bike ride co-chairman. "We spend a great deal of time planning the best possible routes for great riding and great views of the countryside. That's one of the reasons we've had such a great following for 19 years now."

Along the bike route, cyclists stop at schools where fun, interac-

tive student assemblies are held. Cyclists and IAITC staff and volunteers tell students the important story of agriculture. Equally important, students are reminded about bicycle safety from this group of "professionals." Evenings are spent experiencing local sites, family farms and hearty meals.

The IAA Foundation is now taking registrations to participate in this year's event, with registration discounts for riders who raise funds for IAITC.

Raising \$1,000 or more earns a free full ride; raising \$500 earns a 50 percent discount on registration and a free book pack; and those who raise \$250 receive a 25 percent discount on registration. More details on event registration and how to raise funds to support your ride are available online at [www.iaafoundation.org](http://www.iaafoundation.org), or by calling Jennifer Smith, program manager, IAA Foundation, at 309-557-2230.

IAITC is dedicated to teaching students the role that farmers and agriculture plays in our every day lives. Participation in events like the IAITC Bike Ride helps raise funds to continue agriculture literacy programs and provide free resources to teachers in the classroom.

IAITC is the top funding priority of the IAA Foundation, Illinois Farm Bureau's® charitable foundation, which funds educational, research, and charitable activities that benefit Illinois farm families and agriculture.

## Teresa Sandford-Shipplett selected to receive the 2015 Illinois Leadership Council for Agricultural Education

Congratulations to Teresa Sandford-Shipplett for being selected to receive the 2015 Illinois Leadership Council for Agricultural Education (ILCAE) Perry Schneider Award of Special Recognition for contributions supporting, improving, and expanding Illinois Agricultural Education! Teresa has been the Knox County Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom Coordinator since 2007. She visits classrooms throughout Knox County as Ms. Aggie and enlightens students about agriculture in fun, memorable

ways. Teresa's time as Ms. Aggie is just one of the ways Teresa supports Agricultural Education. The Knox County Farm Bureau believes she is more than deserving of this recognition.

Teresa will be presented the ILCAE Perry Schneider Award during the Illinois State Fair on August 16, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. This year's ceremony will be held in the Illinois Department of Agriculture tent (H) located near the corner of Central Avenue and Main Street.

## Knox County SWCD

### Conservation Cover Crop Demonstration and 71st Annual Meeting

3:00 p.m. Thursday, August 27, 2015 at the Swanson Farm  
2553 Knox Hwy. 3, Oneida (Ontario Township, Sec. 25)

We will begin in the new out-building for the presentations, then hold the Annual Meeting prior to supper. Attendees are welcome to view the to cover crop plots on their own around the farm after the meal.

**There will be walking on uneven ground, so please wear appropriate footwear.**

Individuals requiring reasonable accommodations should contact (309) 342-5714 ext. 3. Determinations on requests for reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

**JOIN US TO LEARN ABOUT CONSERVATION COVER DROPS.**  
**FEATURED TOPICS INCLUDE:**

- IL Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy
- Cover Crop Species, selection and management
- Cover Crops for grazing and forage production (to avoid health issues)
- Available Programs: State and Federal

The Knox County SWCD 71st Annual Meeting will take place prior to the provided meal.

Supper is catered by Becky Ellison and includes: BBQ beef/pork sandwiches, pasta salad, baked beans, chips and brownies. Choice of lemonade, tea and water.

**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED BY FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2015:**

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A cereal rye cover crop grows into corn stubble after harvest

## Get to Know Your Policy: Government Economic Policies

With a national debt over \$18 trillion and a state budget deficit, our governments are facing significant challenges. Farmers are great managers of money and we have always been concerned with this crisis. To help solve the fiscal issues, what do federal and state lawmakers need to do to accomplish our policy?

Now is the time to review the organization's policy and provide feedback. Your Illinois Farm Bureau policy #80, Government Economic Policies, provides you with the information that IFB uses to guide our involvement.

*Government economic policies should be designed to encourage economic stability, increased productivity, a greater competitive ability in the international market, and a high level of economic wellbeing. We support:*

4. A constitutional amendment to require the federal government to operate on a balanced budget.

6. A requirement that federal and state government agencies return unspent money to their respective treasuries without a budget cut or penalty for the new fiscal year.

9. Requiring competitive bidding for any major state or federal project to ensure the most efficient development and construction of those projects.

We will continue to make the adoption of sound economic policies by the state and federal government a major priority. We urge county Farm Bureaus to do likewise.

Get involved and educated on this issue by speaking to your county Farm Bureau. You can review the entire policy by visiting [www.ilfb.org](http://www.ilfb.org).

For more information about IFB's grassroots policies, contact the Knox County Farm Bureau.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS AUGUST

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| 9  | Young Farmers Meeting, 1PM, River Bandits Baseball Game |
| 12 | Marketing Club, 12:30 PM, E. Main St. Pizza Hut         |
| 20 | KCFB Board Meeting at IFB Board Meeting, Bloomington    |
| 24 | IFB District 8 Meeting, 6PM, KAC                        |
| 26 | Marketing Club, 12:30 PM, E. Main St. Pizza Hut         |
| 28 | Celebrate Ag Night, 7 PM, River Bandits Baseball Game   |

## SEPTEMBER

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| 4     | Knox Ag Roundtable, 12 PM, KAC               |
| 7     | Office Closed – Labor Day                    |
| 9     | On the Road Transportation Seminar, 6PM, KAC |
| 10    | Young Farmers Meeting, 7 PM, KAC             |
| 15    | PrimeTimers Potluck Meeting, 12 PM, KAC      |
| 17    | KCFB Board Meeting, 8 PM, KAC                |
| 20-26 | National Farm Safety Week                    |

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

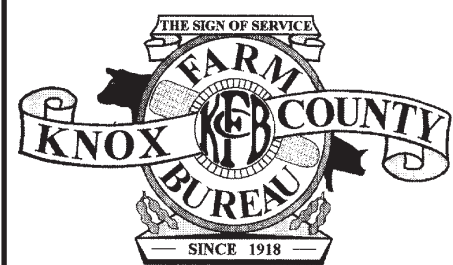
The Knox County Farm Bureau would like to welcome the following to our organization:

Steven Ables, Oneida  
Paul Becker, Galesburg  
Megan Lambert, Chillicothe

Bruce Pecenka, Galesburg  
Jody Reed, Dahinda  
Ryan Rice, La Fayette



Members are always welcome at Knox County Farm Bureau's Board of Director meetings. They are held the third Thursday of each month. Please call for times.



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**Thank You  
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## Farm Gate

by Joanie Stiers

### Nearly fenceless landscape captivates farm visitor

Within 24 hours of his first-ever trip to our family's farm, my new cousin-in-law disappeared without announcing his whereabouts. We later learned he made a second trip up the staircase that wraps the grain bin at the far end of the barnyard. Atop the highest landing he snapped photos of the wide open landscape that captivated him upon arrival.

"There are no fences," he explained. It's so open. There are few people. The pace seems slower. And whip salad doesn't seem like salad, he added to his initial list of observations in comparison

to his life with my cousin in the suburbs of Los Angeles.

Yes, some Midwestern families define salad with ingredients other than vegetables. As for the slower pace, I could dismantle that impression with the intensity of farm work that followed three weeks of daily rain in June. Undoubtedly, our landscape appears more open than populated areas. In fact, with that daily rain, we frequently witnessed breathtaking rainbows without obstruction from one end to the other.

In terms of population density, probably more cows than people live in some townships around here. Therefore, saying "no fences" proves a bit of an exaggeration, considering our family owns cows. But "few" correctly sums up the fence situation in our spot of Illinois farm country, an area that looks much different from when Grandpa started farming about 60 years ago. In that era, every farmer owned multiple species of livestock that needed bound with fences. Today, fewer farmers maintain any animals at all.

With most of those hard boundaries since removed, a gentleman's agreement secures ownership rights, not fences. It weakens Robert Frost's poetic phrase: "Good fences make good neighbors." In reality, good neighbors make good neighbors, as a friend of mine pointed

out. In modern-day agriculture, a wood or white post commonly marks a property corner between fields, even those with lengthy boundaries. Eyesight connects the dots. Without need to contain animals, fences serve less purpose and hinder crop growth. As a field border, fences merely promote weeds and an unsightly mess of weed-like trees that rob corn and soybeans of nutrients and sunlight.

Besides, the openness allows more crop as outer rows of neighboring fields nearly touch. That soft boundary comes with the challenge to keep a 60-foot-wide planter straight and snug to an envisioned line along a half-mile field border. On occasion, an outer row of corn gets planted too far away or slips over the edge. Still, the fenceless system works pretty well, generally speaking, in spite of its imperfections. Even the fenced boundaries themselves generate their share of issues.

In the end, the property boundaries and respect still exist along with the captivating patchwork quilt of crop fields viewed from a high vantage point, as my cousin attests. The quilt just contains less barbed-wire stitching than it used to.

*About the Author: Joanie Stiers, a wife, mother and farm woman, writes from rural West-Central Illinois.*

### DeSutter Awarded Thomas Lincoln Scholarship



John DeSutter of Woodhull has been chosen by the Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation Board of Directors as the 2015 recipient of the Thomas Lincoln Scholarship. John is the son of Mike and Melanie DeSutter.

John, a 2015 graduate of Alleman High School, plans to attend Iowa State University to obtain an engineering degree. He has been actively involved in the Walnut Grove Progressors 4-H Club, where he has served as Vice President and Treasurer. John also represented Illinois at the 2014 National 4-H Congress. Furthermore, John was a 2013 FFA record book state finalist and served as his chapter's historian. Since 2005, John has owned, operated, and managed a 250 bird, egg laying, and processing company.

The Thomas Lincoln Memorial Scholarship of \$500 is given annually by the Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation to a college bound student from Knox County that plans to major in an agricultural related field. The scholarship began in 1980 in honor of Thomas Lincoln, a Young Farmer who died in a tragic automobile accident.

The Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation is a not-for-profit organization founded in 1985 for the purpose of research, education, conservation, and leadership. For more information, please visit our website at [www.knoxcfb.org/foundation](http://www.knoxcfb.org/foundation).

### Summer Intern Update



Bailey Austin

I have been busy for the month of July. The Young Farmers Committee met Thursday, July 9th. During their meeting we talked about upcoming events like the Tractor and Lawnmower Driving Contest and the Ag Olympics. The Young Farmers also discussed how they could improve upon the rib cook-off next year. Knox Ag Round Table met July 10th. The guest speaker was Ken Springer of the Knox County Area Partnership for Economic Development who discussed the new plans for the Economic Development Department. July 10th was Kate's last day so we had the opportunity to say good bye during the reception held for the new manager Caitlin Chrzanowski. The 4-H

fair started Saturday, July 11th, where the Farm Bureau Board Members hosted an ice cream social at 5 pm. Monday, July 13th the Young Farmers hosted the Tractor and Lawnmower Driving Contest. All of the participants did a great job. Tuesday, July 14th was the Ag Olympics. The games started at 3 pm in the show ring at the Knox County Fair Grounds. There were 12 children that participated in the balloon scramble, 10 teams in the junior division, and 3 teams in the senior division. The Board Meeting has held on Thursday, July 23rd. During the meeting the board talked about an upcoming member drive, August 14th.

The office has been keeping me busy with the radio spot, which I love doing, writing articles and getting more things ready for the 100 year celebration. My internship will be ending soon and I will have to go back to school. I do not want the internship to end yet. I am so happy I was able to meet many of the Farm Bureau members and look forward to applying what I have learned to my future. -BA

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Start the School Year Off Right  
By Putting Safety First

Summer days grow shorter and communities across America prepare for an annual ritual: the first day of school. It’s a time when parents breathe a sigh of relief, students anticipate new challenges, and when all of us need to put safety first.

The start of school is among the most dangerous times of the year for children. This is when our children are at an increased risk of injuries from pedestrian, bicycle, school bus and motor vehicle crashes.

At the beginning of the school year more children are on the road each morning and afternoon and many drivers’ patterns change. Shorter daylight hours make it especially difficult to see young pedestrians and bicyclists.

The following tips can help make this a safe and happy school year for the whole community.

Motorists: Be Alert

Slow down and obey traffic laws and speed limits, especially around schools.

Stop for school buses that have stopped to load or unload passengers. It’s the law.

Watch for children walking in the street, playing and gathering near bus stops and those arriving late for the bus.

Watch for young people who may be in a hurry to get to school and may not be watching out for cars.

Parents: Teach Safety

Help children learn the safety rules for walking, bicycling, or riding in a passenger car, school bus or transit bus.

Supervise children while they walk or bike to school or as they wait at the bus stop.

Buckle up when you’re riding in a car and ensure all children and passengers are buckled up also.

Place children in the back seat when riding in the car. It’s the safest place.

Be a good role model. Practice the safety rules you teach to children.

Students: Be Smart

Wear a helmet and follow traffic safety rules when riding your bike.

Use available sidewalks or stay to the far left of the street when walking to school, or to the bus stop.

Cross at the crosswalks when walking to school or to the bus stop, obey all traffic signs, stop lights and safety patrol instructions.

Find a safe place to wait for the bus, away from traffic and the street.

Stand at least five giant steps away from the curb and wait your turn to get on the bus safely.

Be a good role model. Help other students learn and practice the safety rules.

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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Knox County Farm Bureau was held on Thursday, JULY 23, 2015

WOMENS COMMITTEE - Lori Engel

The Committee is looking to have a DISH program at HyVee in the fall.

YOUNG FARMERS - Grant Strom

The Hunter Safety Course was on June 26 & 27. Dave Peck taught the course and about 30 people participated in the class.

The Rib Cook-Off was on June 28. Public tastings started at 2 PM and all of the ribs were sold out by 2:30. Only two teams participated this year.

The Lawnmower & Tractor Driving Contest was on July 13. 6 members volunteered. 15 kids participated. Justin Hoben will participate in state competition in August. COUNTRY Financial sponsored the trophies.

The Ag Olympics was on July 14. 8 members volunteered. Over 80 kids participated.

The District Discussion Meet is on August 4.

A recruiting and multi-county event is set for Sunday, August 9 at a River Bandits baseball game.

The Agri-Quiz Bowl is on August 18 at the State Fair.

MEMBER RELATIONS TASK FORCE - Grant Strom

The Membership report was reviewed.

The TF will have a membership drive August 14 if voting quota is not met by then.

The annual Member Appreciation Ice Cream Social was on July 11. 12 people volunteered and about 125 ate sundaes. Prairie Farms donated the ice cream.

GOVERNMENT & POLICY TASK FORCE - Grant Strom

\$523 was given to the ACTIVATOR fund by KCFB members January-June 2015.

FARM BUSINESS TASK FORCE - Todd West

Nearly 65 members attended the Steve Johnson Seminar was on June 23.

Marketing Club started meeting again on July 1. Meetings will be held every other Wednesday at 12:30 at E. Main St. Pizza Hut in July and August.

The Task Force will be working with the Chamber to set up a Business After Hours during the winter months.

EDUCATION TASK FORCE - Monica Stevens

Teresa and Mary Beth did not complete AITC reports due to summer break but did complete and submit the annual grant.

The TF is currently trying to set a date for a screening of the movie Farmland at the Orpheum.

Monica has contacted the Galesburg Running Club for advice on holding a 5K.

PRIMETIMERS - Jackie Reedy

The July 21 potluck meeting’s guest speaker was Pat Brown discussing the cookbook she wrote in Chinese while living in China.

FOUNDATION - Grant Strom

The KCFB gave permission to use the KCFB membership list to mail donation letters.

The Thomas Lincoln Scholarship was presented to John DeSutter before the start of the 4-H Livestock Sale.

KNOX AGRI-CENTER - Grant Strom

We are currently taking bids to reseal and restripe the parking lot. We are also looking at prices for handicap accessible entrances.

ILLINOIS FARM FAMILIES Lori Engel

TThe IFF Committee now has a Facebook page. If you have Facebook make sure to like “Knox Warren-Henderson Illinois Farm Families” and please send pictures of things you are doing on the farm! You can send the pictures to You can send the pictures to Caitlin or Tara Yoder. You can include comments about what is going on in the pictures but it isn’t necessary! We are just trying to get a database of picture to share on the page.

OLD BUSINESS

The volunteer appreciation night at the Peoria Chiefs baseball game was well attended.

The member appreciation ice cream social was less attended as previous years because it was a rainy day and the 4-H rocket launch was cancelled.

Many 4-Hers participated in the tractor driving contests and the ag olympics held at the 4-H fair.

NEW BUSINESS

IFB Future of the Organization Questions initiated productive discussion.

The 2015 Commodities Conference is July 29 and Tim Main, Grant Strom, Terry Boydston, and Becky King will be attending.

A membership drive will be held on August 14 if voting quota is not met by then.

The IFB resolutions committee has met and are 1/3 of the way through the IFB policies. The format has been changed from “We Will Seek” to “We Support” or “We Oppose”.

The KCFB Board will have its August board meeting in conjunction with the August IFB board meeting on August 20 in Bloomington.

Kate Lansaw completed PEARS/MAPS thru June and Caitlin will review and enter events from July to the end of the year. The report is to be submitted on September 18.

Currently, the KCFB Board has one vacancy.

Board Meeting Attendance  
July-August 2015

NAME	May	June	August
Bewley, Beau	P	P	A
Boydston, Terry	P	P	P
Cain, Jarid	A	P	A
DeSutter, Jim	P	P	A
Engel, Lori	P	P	P
Erickson, David S	P	P	P
Hennenfent, Matt	P	P	P
Hoben, Tom	P	P	A
King, Becky	A	A	P
Link, Jeff	P	P	P
Link, Nathan	A	A	P
Main, Tim	A	P	P
O’Connor, Tom	P	P	P
Serven, Sam	P	P	P
Seiboldt, Pat	A	A	A
Stevens, Monica	P	P	P
Strom, Grant	P	P	P
Swanson, Brett	A	P	A
Webel, Joe	P	P	P
West, Todd	P	P	P
Yoder, Tara	P	P	A
X Cancelled			



## Young Farmers host Ag Olympics

The last day of the Knox County 4-H fair was Tuesday, July 14th. After the show was over the Knox County Farm Bureau Young Farmers and the Knox County Farm Bureau Summer Intern, Bailey Austin hosted the Ag Olympics. The Ag Olympics had events for kids 7 and under, 8-13 years old, the junior division, and 14-18 years old, the senior division.

The Balloon Scramble was the first game for kids 7 and under. 12 children participated in the event. There were 10 junior division teams. The teams ran a relay race with a greased watermelon, the teams next tried to put a frozen t-shirt on, the final game was flipper fill up. The teams raced with flippers on their feet to see who could fill up their buckets with water the quickest. The 1st place junior team was the Porta Potties: Meadow Pruett, Katelyn Engel, Kyle Engel, and Natasha Nickas. 2nd place was taken by



**Jr. Ag Olympics: Junior Division winners (L-R) Kyle Engel, Natasha Nickas, Katelyn Engel, and Meadow Pruett.**

Pink Dolphins: Chase Davis, Brock Davis, Bryce Ash, and Dalton Hertz. The senior division played flipper fill up too; as well as izzy dizzy bat race, and the shovel

race. The 1st place senior team was I Don't Know I'm Trying: Colten Sanders, Carl O'Connor, Harley Carlson, Madelyn Main, and John DeSutter. 2nd place was

won by the Henderson Hillbillies: Hannah Hawkinson, Alayna Nelson, Sarah Saey, Macy Steck, and Anna Pendergast. -BA



**Sr. Ag Olympics: Senior Division winners (L-R) Chris North, Madelyn Main, Harley Carlson, Colten Sanders, John DeSutter, and Carl O'Connor**

## 4-H Tractor and Lawnmower Driving Contest



**Lawnmower driving winners are (L-R) Ali Cain second place and Kyle Engel first place.**

On Monday July 13th, during the 4-H fair, was the Tractor and Lawnmower Driving Contest. There were about twenty 4-Hers who participated in the Knox County Farm Bureau Young Farmers event. The kids that participated had to attend a safety class in the winter before coming to

the event. The 4-Hers had a written exam to test their safety knowledge. Once the tests were done, the kids were divided into different groups: lawnmower, junior tractor, and senior tractor. The kids all took turns driving the designated courses. The winners of the Lawnmower division were



**The junior division tractor driving winners are (L-R) Dylan West first place and Dalton Engel second place.**

Kyle Engel, Delong Livestock, taking 1st place and 2nd place was awarded to Ali Cain, Rio Livestock. Junior division of the tractor driving contest was won by Dylan West, Walnut Grove Progressors and 2nd place was awarded to Dalton Engel, Delong Livestock. The senior winner was

Lukas Walker, Delong Livestock and 2nd place was awarded Justin Hoben, Delong Livestock. The Young Farmers would like to say thank you to all who participated and a special thanks to A.C. McCartney for the tractor, Birkey's for the lawnmower, and Kevin Erickson for the hay rack. -BA



**The senior division tractor driving winners are (L-R) Lukas Walker first place and Justin Hoben second place.**



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## Top Ten Reasons Vaccinate

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To celebrate the importance of immunizations for a healthy start and throughout our lives, and to make sure children and adults are protected with all vaccines they need, the Knox County Health Department is joining in recognizing August as National Immunization Month. The week of August 2nd-8th will focus on preteens and teens, August 9th-15th pregnancy women, August 16th-22nd adults, and August 23rd -29th infants and children.

### Top Ten Reasons To Get Vaccines:

**NO. 10: You are at risk for serious diseases that could be prevented by vaccines.** Many of these diseases (like influenza, pertussis, and shingles) are common in the U.S. and many can spread easily.

**NO. 9: You may be at increased risk for complications from certain diseases if you have a chronic health condition or weakened immune system.**

**NO. 8: You can reduce the chance that you'll pass on a serious disease to your loved ones.** All vaccine-preventable disease are contagious, like influenza, meningitis, and whooping cough.

**NO. 7: You can protect those who can't get vaccinated.** People with certain medical conditions (like pregnant women or people undergoing cancer treatment) may not be able to get certain vaccines.

**NO. 6: You don't have time to get sick.** You have too much responsibility to risk getting sick, including people counting on you at work and home.

**NO. 5: You don't want to miss what's important to you.** Spending

time with family and friends or taking time out for your hobbies may not be possible if you get sick.

**NO. 4: You don't want to pay the price of getting sick.** Adults who get a vaccine-preventable disease face the financial costs of medical visits and treatment, in addition to other costs like taking time off work, hiring babysitters, and traveling to and from health care professionals.

**NO. 3: You like to travel- or have to travel for work.** Travel can present exciting opportunities but it can also put you at risk for certain diseases. If you are traveling internationally, you might need additional vaccines.

**NO. 2: You want the peace of mind that comes with protecting your health.** People sometimes wait to get vaccines until they hear of outbreaks of disease like pertussis or influenza in their community. It's important to stay up-to-date on your immunizations because no one can predict when disease will appear.

**NO. 1: You don't want to feel crummy if you can prevent it!** No one wants to feel sick. There are more than a dozen diseases that you can protect against simply by getting vaccinated! Vaccines are available at your Knox County Health Department, doctor's office, and pharmacies.

Parents can find out more about the recommended immunization schedule at [www.cdc.gov/vaccines](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines) or [www.knoxcountyhealth.org](http://www.knoxcountyhealth.org). The Knox County Health Department takes private pay, insured, uninsured, and underinsured. We are open Monday thru Friday 8:00am -4:30pm. Call 309-344-2224 to schedule your appointment.

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## MEMBERSHIP RECRUITER OF THE MONTH



Michael White

The Knox County Farm Bureau would like to recognize COUNTRY Financial Representative Mike White as top membership recruiter. Mike signed one new associate member and one new voting member in July.

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### PRIMETIMERS NEWS

The PrimeTimers Committee met on July 21st and enjoyed a potluck lunch at the Knox Agri Center. Nine committee members and KCFB Administrative Assistant Jackie Reedy attended. Mrs. Pat Brown was the guest and spoke

about her time living in China and the baking cookbook she wrote that is printed in Chinese. The PrimeTimers will not meet in August but will resume September 15th.

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### PANCAKES

#### Ingredients

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour  
3 1/2 teaspoons baking powder  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 tablespoon white sugar

1 1/4 cups milk  
1 egg  
3 Tablespoons butter, melted

#### Directions

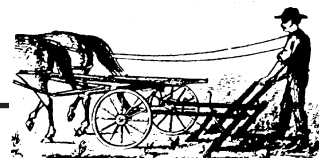
In a large bowl, sift together flour, baking powder, salt, and sugar. Make a well in center and pour in milk, egg, and melted butter. Mix until smooth.

Heat lightly oiled pan over medium high heat. Use 1/4 cup batter per pancake.

Taken from allrecipes.com



# Looking Back



### TAKEN FROM THE AUGUST 1932 BULLETIN

With reports of approximately 3,300 new members already in and a number of counties still to be heard from, Geo. E. Metzger, director of organization for the Illinois Agricultural Association predicts that a gain of 4,000 members in the I.A.A. and Farm Bureau throughout Illinois will be reached by August 25, the closing date for the mid-summer campaign.

### TAKEN FROM THE AUGUST 1948 BULLETIN

Trend toward mechanization of farming, has continued since the war's end, despite severe machinery shortages. This is demonstrated in a special survey released by the Agriculture Department. The study shows that on January 1, 1947, there were 2,800,000 tractors, a 16 per cent rise since completion of the 1945 census. Thirty-two per cent of these tractors were less than five years old and were placed on farms after World War II.

### TAKEN FROM THE AUGUST 1970 BULLETIN

An Oneida couple will represent Knox County in district competition of the Illinois Farm Bureau Young Farmer's Discussion Meet. Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Quick were first in the county contest held here August 18 and will advance to the district meet scheduled for September 1 at the Warren County Farm Bureau, Monmouth.

# CLASSIFIEDS

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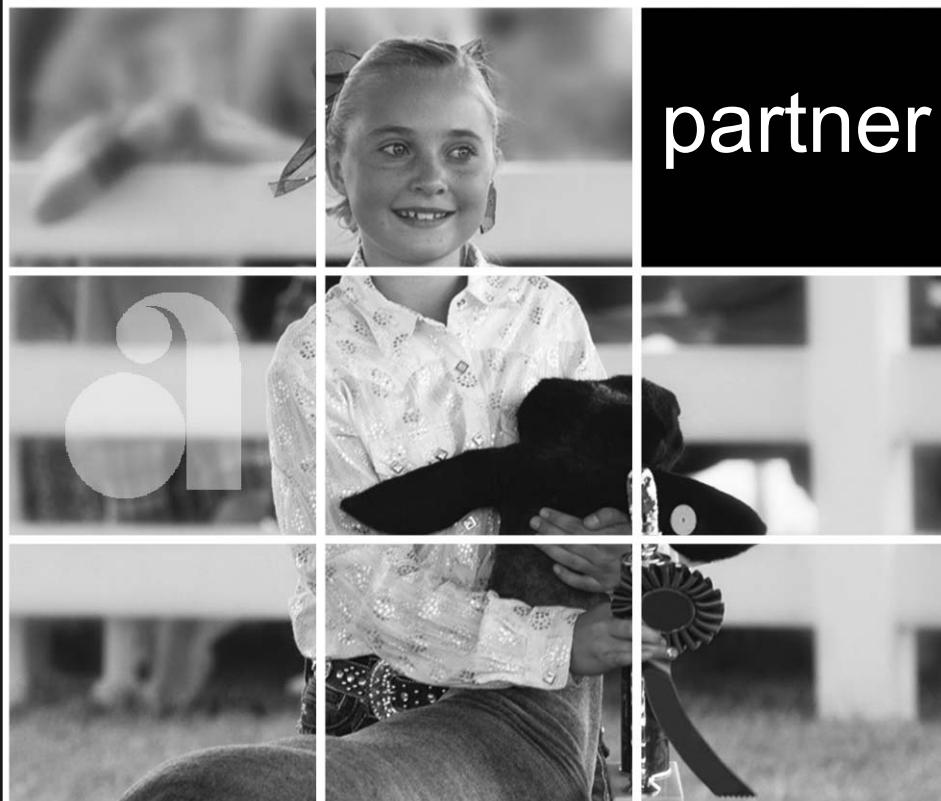


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