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Ag Day for Kids Poster Contest

"Agriculture is Amazing" was the theme for this year's Ag Day for Kids poster contest. Several unique entries were submitted to the Knox County Farm Bureau Education & Outreach Task Force. The students expressed their understanding of agriculture in Knox County. The Winners were: First Place: Savannah Stoneking, Mable Woolsey Elementary

School; Second Place: Anna Miller, Galesburg Christian School; and Third Place: Katie Reynolds, Mable Woolsey Elementary School. The first-place winner won a pizza party for Miss Pomazal's class at Mable Woolsey Elementary School in Knoxville. The second-place winner received ice pops for her class. Third place winner's class received "Smarties".



Winning poster artist, Savannah Stoneking.



Winning poster pizza party lesson.



1st place poster.



2nd place poster.



3rd place poster.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

Anna & Clifford Borkgren	Scott Kelm
Jennifer Keever-Bryan & Nicholas Bryan	Clifton Kirven
Suzanne Campbell	Spencer Krumlauf
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Gregory Emken	Pork Lane Farms, LLC
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Wesley Graham	Amber Senner
Nanda & Jason Grubb	Cheyenne Teel
Heather Nagle & Kyle Grubb	Patsy Tolbert
Kime & Julian Inniss	Jessica Tomich
Patricia & Scott Johnson	Shawn Vance
Amanda & Michael Johnson	Preston Weech

Education and Outreach Task Force



The Education and Outreach Task Force committee organized an evening to answer consumer questions while shopping at the E. Main St Hy-Vee. Shoppers were invited to participate in trivia questions and were given reusable, insulated shopping bags.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

- 10-11 IFB & Affiliates Youth Conference, Embassy Suites, East Peoria
- 13 Young Farmers Mtg, 6:30 PM, Jimmy's Pizza, Wataga
- 14 KCFB Office Closed, Good Friday
- 20 KCFB Board Mtg, 7 PM Dinner, 8 PM Meeting

May

- 3 Touch a Truck, 10-11:30 AM, Lake Storey Pavilion
- 5 Knox Ag Roundtable, 12 PM, Knox Agri-Center
- 23 KCFB Foundation Mtg, 6:30 PM, Knox Agri-Center
- 23 Knox Agri-Center Mtg, 7:30 PM, Knox Agri-Center
- 29 KCFB Office Closed, Memorial Day

Women in Agriculture Conference



Knox County attendees at the 2017 Women in Agriculture Conference enjoyed hearing from keynote speaker Jolene Brown as well as attending networking and educational sessions throughout the day.

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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Hoping go-time lacks down-time

Our son irritably pressed the controller's "A" button, yet his video game console failed to launch. He vented frustration about his inability to use the game and that he wasted the screen time earned for completing chores. The incident seemed an emotional refresher for the upcoming planting season, when farm equipment sometimes goes awry and we just need it to work.

On the farm, we stand ready and set for when planting's "go-time" arrives. In the last few weeks, we serviced the planters and

Legislative Update

I recently read with great enthusiasm that Illinois county yield leaders are "tops in the nation," with six Illinois counties in the top 10 nationwide for corn production and five Illinois counties ranked nationally for soybean production. The juxtaposition of our tops in the nation status for agricultural production paired with our worst in the nation status on so many other economic measures certainly drives home the need for reform in Springfield. It's well past time that we end this budget impasse and begin the slow and arduous process of growing our way out of this mess. I am struck by the parallel of the hard work that needs to occur in Springfield with the hard work it has taken over the past 200 years to make Illinois farmland into the yield leading production it represents today. The multigenerational process of carving farmland out of forest, removing obstacles like trees, roots, rocks deposited over 10,000 years ago

tractors, stocked seed, prepared the planter maps and loaded prescriptions in the monitors. We hope our preparation eludes the down-time that hinders a timely planting process, one of the most critical and often controllable factors in the success of a corn and soybean crop.

The modern day planting process resembles a glorious work of technological art that showcases capabilities unseen in Grandpa's or even Dad's planters. The tractor drives itself straight and hands-free. The planter plants seeds at precise spacing. Automatic sensors adjust ground pressure per planter row to sow seed at appropriate and consistent depths. Software prescriptions vary the seeding rate with the guidance of global-positioning systems. Meanwhile, that same guidance signal pairs with automatic row shut-offs to prevent overlapped planting of seed, otherwise a waste of money in more ways than one.

Success delivers picket-fence-like rows of plants. Ideally every seed starts with the paralleled potential to produce a bumper crop. But when going for that goal gets tough, my husband fields the phone calls. In his daytime precision farming management role (and often weekends troubleshooting

by glacier, building a fertile soil and nurturing its nutrients to feed a nation- none of this was easy or quick. People with a strong work ethic were needed to do the job. Vision was needed to turn the dream to reality. Values were needed to remind why we persevere.

So it is in Springfield. I often get frustrated at the rate that progress takes. However, what we do know and have seen time and again is that if we rob our state of its nutrients (its job creators, its talented workforce, its young people staying and raising a family here), we will not have fertile yields for the next generation. Yes, it takes hard work and perseverance. It takes nights when you sit down and wonder if the step forward was worth the two backwards. It takes commitment. It takes sacrifice. Similarly, so it is on your farms.

The Spring Session of the 100th General Assembly is kicking into high gear, yet the resolve by some in our state has seemingly been lacking to end this budget impasse. I am very encouraged to see more and more letters from

Getting to Know Your Farm Bureau Policy

How well do you know Farm Bureau policy? In order to better understand it, KCFB will run monthly excerpts from the 2017 policy book. Interested in learning more about how our policy system works? It all starts with you! For more info contact the office!

- 125 / Highways
1. We support:
1.1 Increasing the Federal Highway Trust Fund fees to reflect increases in fuel

Don Teel Scholarship

The Don Teel Scholarship is a product of many who were privileged to experience the contribution Don made to agriculture. Members of Knox County agricultural organizations and individuals have joined together in hopes of helping provide an

economy and inflations, with additional revenue directed to the Highway Account of The Federal Highway Trust Fund for construction and maintenance of roads and bridges.

1.2 Maintaining the separation of the Federal Highway Trust Fund from the unified federal budget;

1.3 Revenue collection efforts on those users who do not currently contribute to the Federal Highway Trust Fund due to increased mileage standards, electric

opportunity for young people to pursue higher education in an agricultural or related field.

Each year applicants will be considered for one \$500 scholarship. Applicants must have a home address within Knox County and be a past or present 4-H member. They must be enrolled as a full-time student in

from our farm's tractor cab), he diagnoses problems and offers solutions to keep those planters running and guidance connections working. Lost signals and small details like bad wiring pins or blown fuses can put a quarter-million-dollar planter at a standstill in the midst of a timely planting window. If nothing else, desperate farmers may opt to drop the planter markers and go the old-fashioned way – if they can. With satellites guiding the way, more farms opt-out of planter markers to save thousands on the planter price tag.

The gap between today's planters and those of the previous generation continues to widen, and high-speed planting ranks among the next big things. A speed of 10 mph proves slow even for a school zone. Yet, planting accurately at this speed would double the current average planting pace of near 5 mph and literally put today's average planters in the dust.

Thankfully, our son found that a couple reboots put him back in the game. This planting season, we hope for similar quick fixes, if necessary at all.

About the author: Joanie Stiers' family grows corn, soybeans and hay and raises beef cattle in West-Central Illinois.

farm bureau members and those involved in agriculture to legislators throughout the State urging compromise and an end to the impasse. Illinois farmers certainly know that it doesn't come easy- none of the best things do. But if we hope to turn this state around, to "build its nutrients" and to pass on to our children a more fertile future, your continued pressure to drive compromise and resolution is needed. Do not relent; I know you won't and nor will I in trying to carve a better future out for our State. God gave us this land and we're responsible for making it into the "yield leader" it can become.

I wish you all a safe planting season!
Rep. Norine Hammond



Representative Norine Hammond

vehicles or alternative fuels;

1.4 Elimination of the federal highway use tax on farm trucks. Until such action is taken, we will support legislation raising the exemption for trucks from the federal highway use tax from 7,500 to 22,500 miles;

1.5 Harvest-season permits allowing maximum weight limits of 100,000 pounds apply to federal highways except where additional axles are permitted

a university or community college with a declared agriculture or related course of study.

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Many homeowners have a false sense of security because they believe that their homeowner’s insurance covers flooding. Homeowner policies typically do not cover flood damage.

Other people believe that federal disaster assistance will provide them with full compensation in the event of a flood. This assistance often comes in the form of a low-interest loan to help rebuild after flood damage. This is often insufficient compensation for the losses of flood victims.

Plus, federal disaster assistance loans are only available if the federal government formally declares a disaster. Few flood events are declared federal disasters, according to National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) officials. That’s not a gamble you want to take!

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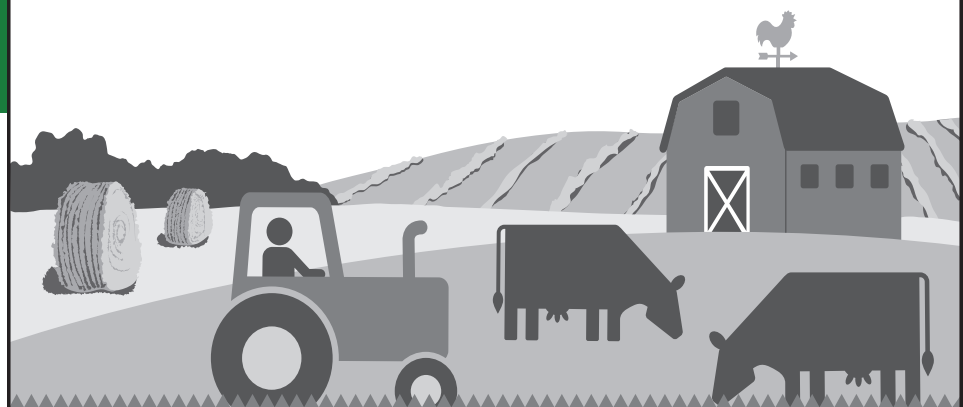
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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Knox County Farm Bureau was held on Thursday, March 16, 2017

EDUCATION & OUTREACH TASK FORCE – Lori Engel

The E&O Task Force is celebrating Ag Month by hosting a “Thank a Farmer” month-long event at both HyVee locations. Local farmers will be featured next to products that they raise or grow along with Ag Facts throughout the store.

YOUNG FARMERS – Krista Swanson

Several committee members participated in the Faces of Farming Campaign on Facebook. YFs led Blindspot Training with the Knoxville H.S. Driver’s Ed Classes. YFs welcomed Grant & Kristen and Tara to our last meeting to share their experiences, tips and successes in the Young Farmer competitive events. Tractor & Lawn Mower Safety School is on March 28th at 6:30 p.m. at Birkey’s.

MEMBER RELATIONS TASK FORCE – Matt Hennenfent

The Member Relations Task Force will provide a complimentary membership to all Knox County FFA members that receive the DeKalb Award.

IFB 2017 Quotas: Voting MIGS + 1 M Member; Total MIGS + 1%

2016: Aug. 31, 2016 – Voting Members: 856; Total Members: 2,753

NEED: Voting Members by Aug. 31, 2017 – 857; Total Members by Aug. 31, 2017 – 2,781

GOVERNMENT & POLICY TASK FORCE – Joe Webel

Thank you to those that have been actively participating in action requests!

FARM BUSINESS TASK FORCE – Jarid Cain

2016 Knox Co. Plat Books are available.

EDUCATION TASK FORCE – Lori Engel

A meeting is being scheduled with W-H CFB Manager & President to address the Knox, Warren-Henderson Farm Families Group to discuss future projects.

PRIMETIMERS – Caitlin Chrzanowski

The PrimeTimers met on February 21st and heard from Keith Erickson about pork.

FOUNDATION – Caitlin Chrzanowski

The Foundation is looking into hosting a specialty, one-club golf outing fundraiser.

AGRI CENTER – Caitlin Chrzanowski

The KAC is discussing building renovations.

ILLINOIS FARM FAMILIES – Lori Engel

Like the Knox Warren-Henderson Illinois Farm Families page on Facebook! Send farming pictures to Tara Bohnert Yoder to use with educational posts.

OLD BUSINESS

The Governmental Affairs Leadership Conference was March 1-2 and was a success.

Board Task Force Programs of Work

Education & Outreach goals are a Thank a Farmer Program and to have a health booth at the Knox County Fair.

Government & Policy goals are to list action request responses in The Bulletin, invite guests to dinner before meetings, and fundraising.

Farm Business goals are to partner with Williamsfield for recycling, take a trip to Kinze, John Deere or Keystone, developing a sticker thanking the public for the back of machinery while on the highway.

Member Relations goals are to organize a summer event and a parade of centennial farms, display a PowerPoint of how to do an Action request, show a video at annual meeting, the volunteer baseball game, and membership signs for 50+ year members.

Manager Chrzanowski will get more quotes for printing the monthly Bulletin.

NEW BUSINESS

The Knox County Cattlemen’s Association would like to raise money from Knox County Agriculture to help the wildfire victims in Oklahoma.

The 2018 Knox County Plat book will be the 100th Anniversary Edition.

WRAM Ag Roundtable offered a \$399 sponsorship for 20, 30 second commercials.

Tom O’Connor attended the Knox County

Board meeting and gave a report.

Terry Boydston attended the Knox County Health Department meeting and reported that the first week in April in National Health Week and Knox County is against the sale of raw milk but the Illinois Health Department supports the sale of raw milk.

Board Meeting Attendance

NAME	Dec.	Jan.	Mar.
Bewley, Beau	A	P	P
Boydston, Terry	A	P	P
Cain, Jarid	P	P	P
DeSutter, Jim	P	P	A
Engel, Lori	P	P	P
Erickson, David S	P	P	P
Goedeke, Phil	P	P	P
Hennenfent, Matt	P	P	P
Hoben, Tom	P	P	P
Hulsizer, Matt	*	P	P
King, Becky	A	P	P
Link, Jeff	P	P	P
Link, Nathan	P	P	P
Main, Tim	P	P	P
O’Connor, Tom	P	P	P
Seiboldt, Pat	P	A	P
Stevens, Monica	P	P	P
Strom, Grant	P	P	P
Swanson, Brett	P	P	P
Swanson, Krista	*	P	A
Webel, Joe	P	P	P
West, Todd	P	P	P
* New Director			

Bohnert Yoder Participates in Illinois Farm Bureau® ACTION TEAM

The Illinois Farm Bureau ACTION TEAMS met recently in Bloomington to develop program-related recommendations. A total of 54 Farm Bureau members are currently appointed to IFB ACTION TEAMS, serving on his or her choice of Leadership Development, Membership Promotion, Consumer Outreach, or Quality of Life TEAMS. Serving on the Consumer Outreach ACTION TEAM from Knox County is Tara Bohnert Yoder of Gilson.

The Consumer Outreach ACTION TEAM will focus on one or two innovative projects annually, creating awareness and educating consumers within targeted segments about Illinois agriculture. The TEAM's most recent project is social media advertising

focused on food label confusion. The Chair and Vice Chair of all four ACTION TEAMS comprise the ACTION COORDINATING COUNCIL (ACC). Leading the ACC is Heather Henkhaus, Chair, Alhambra, Madison County and Heather Poppy, Vice-Chair, Lynn Center, Henry County. Farm Bureau members interested in applying for any of the four IFB ACTION TEAMS can contact the County Farm Bureau for more information. Applications are due November 24, 2017, for TEAM members that begin a two-year term in January 2018. TEAMS meet in Bloomington twice a year.



Members of the Consumer Outreach ACTION TEAM are front row, left to right: Athena Van Dyke, Mason, Effingham County; Nicole Schaefer, Seneca, Grundy County; Karen Zelko, Morris, Grundy County; Gracelynn Dale, Walnut, Bureau County; Tara Bohnert Yoder, Gilson, Knox County; Fred Meyer, Pekin, Tazewell County; and Roger Hardy, Jacksonville, Cass-Morgan. Back row, left to right: Heather Henkhaus, Vice-Chair, Alhambra, Madison County; Jim Bloomstrand, Hoffman Estates, Cook County; Leonard Sheaffer, Chair, Dixon, Lee County; Karl Spencer, Yale, Jasper County; and Chad Miller, Kankakee County Farm Bureau manager. Team members not pictured are: Paige Frevert, Peoria, Peoria County; Sara Mitchell, Verona, Grundy County; Krista Swanson, Oneida, Knox County; and Brad Zimmerman, Groveland, Tazewell County.

Blind Spot Training

The Drivers Education Presentation and Blind Spot Display training was hosted in early March at Knoxville High School. Four Young Farmer Committee members

volunteered to show students the blind spots. West Central FS provided a semi and Birkey's provided a tractor and planter. Around 50 students participated in the training.



Nursing Scholarship Application Available

Applications are now available for nurse practitioner scholarships through the Illinois Farm Bureau® Rural Nurse Practitioner Scholarship Program. There will be five scholarships, worth \$4,000 each, granted this year. The scholarship program, now in its twenty fifth year, helps encourage and develop the pool of rural health practitioners to help meet primary health care needs in rural Illinois. Students who receive scholarships agree to practice for two years in an approved rural area in Illinois. To be eligible for the scholarship, students must be Illinois residents and be a Registered

Nurse accepted or enrolled in an accredited Nurse Practitioner Program. Funding is provided by the Rural Illinois Medical Student Assistance Program. Applications are available at county Farm Bureaus® throughout the state, on the Rural Illinois Medical Student Assistance Program website at RIMSAP.com, or by writing Peggy Romba, Program Manager, Illinois Farm Bureau, PO Box 2901, Bloomington, IL 61702-2901. Applications are due May 1. For additional information, contact Peggy Romba at 309-557-2350, or via e-mail at promba@iffb.org.

Cattlemen's Scholarship

To qualify for the Knox County Cattlemen's scholarship, applicants must be a full-time college student or will be attending college this fall and the applicant's parents must have been members of the Knox County Cattlemen's Association for at least two (2)

consecutive years prior to submission of the application. The scholarship application can be found on knoxcfb.org/foundation or at the Knox County Farm Bureau. The deadline is May 1, 2017.

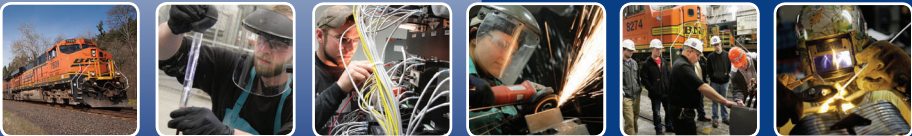
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1st Baby Born during Ag Month

March is National Ag Month and again this year the Knox County Farm Bureau Education & Outreach Task Force honored the first baby born during Ag month. On March 2nd, baby girl Celena Jean Sanchez was born at OSF St. Mary's Medical Center in Galesburg. Celena's parents Lindsay Cation & Edward Sanchez reside in Galesburg and received a basket full of baby items, all of which relate to agriculture. Congratulations to Celena and her family!



Stacey West (left) presented Celena, and her parents Edward Sanchez and Lindsay Cation, with an agriculture themed baby basket to celebrate National Ag Month.

Touch A Truck 2017

The Young Farmers Committee is participating again this year in the Touch A Truck event for youngsters organized by the City of Galesburg. A young farmer is providing a semi-truck and trailer to join a variety of vehicles. This event is free for the community and held at the Lake Storey Pavilion parking lot on Wednesday, May 3 from 10:00 am -11:30 am.



Knox and Mercer County Farm Bureau Members heard a legislative update from Representative Daniel Swanson and Adam Nielson, Director of National Legislation and Policy Development for the Illinois Farm Bureau on March 24, 2017.

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Health on the Farm

By the Knox County Health Department



Knox County Health Department Recognized National Public Health Week April 3rd -9th "Create the Healthiest Nation in One Generation"

The Knox County Health Department recognized National Public Health Week, April 3rd -9th. By working to educate Americans about how they can live healthier lives. This year the National Public Health Week theme was "Create the Healthiest Nation in One Generation."

What is Public Health? Public Health promotes and protects the health of people and the communities where they live, learn, work and play. While a doctor treats people who are sick, those of us working in public health try to prevent people from getting sick or injured in the first place? We also promote wellness by encouraging healthy behaviors.

From conducting scientific research to educating about health, people in the field of public health work to assure the conditions in which people can be healthy. That can mean vaccinating children and adults to prevent the spread of disease. Or educating people about the risks of alcohol and tobacco. Public health sets safety standards to protect workers and develops school nutrition programs to ensure kids have access to healthy food.

Public health works to track disease outbreaks, prevent injuries and shed light on why some of us are more likely to suffer from poor health than others. The many facets of public health include speaking out for laws that promote smoke-free indoor air and seatbelts, spreading the word about ways to stay healthy and giving science-based solutions to problems.

Public health efforts are devoted to preventing health problems before they occur. Examples of this at the Knox County Health Department include programs such as restaurant inspections, water well testing, infant immunizations, communicable disease surveillance and investigation, and chronic disease screening and education, to name a few. Ultimately, to be effective, public health prevention activities must be carried out through collaboration with various agencies such as: government agencies, private sector entities, and voluntary organizations.

Here are some tips to make "A Healthier

Knox County"

- Make half of your plate fruits and vegetables, make at least half of your grains whole grains choose foods with less sodium and drink water instead of sugary drinks.

- Plan family trips to parks and other outdoor locations

- Quit using tobacco products. Call 1-866-QUIT-YES (1-866-784-8937) for FREE cessation help.

- Follow the recommended immunization schedule for children and adults

- Encourage proper hand-washing and food preparation habits to limit the spread of communicable diseases.

- Communicate with children regarding their knowledge, values, and attitudes related to sexual health and healthy relationships.

- Have routine preventive screenings to enhance early detections of STDs.

- Seek out proper treatment, promote your community's resources and receive proper screening for mental health issues.

- Encourage children and adolescents to participate in extracurricular and out-of-school activities.

Please join the Knox County Health Department in working to make Knox County a healthier place to live, work and raise a family. Take a moment and make just one positive change a day that will help you live a healthier life. These seemingly small actions can have a big impact when they are spread throughout an entire family, community and nation. Increasing awareness on how to live longer lives is the first step in helping us create a healthier nation, but there is more you can do beyond taking these actions. Raise awareness of the importance of taking preventive measures within your community all year. Your community will be healthier and happier as a result.

We look forward to serving you for many more years. For more information regarding National Public Health Week please visit www.nphw.org or our website at www.knoxcountyhealth.org or call 309.344.2224.

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MEMBERSHIP RECRUITER OF THE MONTH



Jason Lumberry

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Call your COUNTRY Representative for all your insurance and financial needs.

PRIMETIMERS NEWS

The PrimeTimers committee met in March at the Knox Agri-Center for a potluck lunch and 25 members listened to a program presented by Lyonel Nelson, who wrote *From Farm to Fifth Avenue*. The next meeting will be April 18th at 12 pm at the

Knox Agri-Center at which a representative from Wester Grain Marketing will speak. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. The PrimeTimers invite members 55+ to attend.

“Ag in a Day” Teacher Workshops Scheduled

The “Ag in a Day” workshops are open to all teachers and educators. The workshops will be held on June 13th and 14th. The days will begin with check-in at 8:30 a.m. and will conclude at 4:30 p.m. The workshops are only \$10 per day to attend and include lunch and refreshments both days. Teachers are invited to attend either

course, or whatever date and location is most convenient. More details can be found at knoxcfb.org. The deadline to register is May 19, 2017. A registration form is available online at <http://aginaday.weebly.com/>. You can also register by calling 309-342-2036 or e-mailing knoxcfb@knoxcfb.org, but hurry because space is limited.

~ CLASSIFIED ADS ~

To place ads in the Bulletin or on the website, you must be a Knox County Farm Bureau member. Call 309-342-2036 or e-mail us at jreedy@knoxcfb.org by the last Friday of each month to place the ad.

FOR SALE: Large round bales of hay, stored inside. Have grass and alfalfa/grass mix bales available. Call (309) 208-5539. 4/17

FOR SALE: Small square bales of alfalfa or grass hay. Call (309) 208-5539. 4/17

FOR SALE: 1995 Bass Tracker Pro 16, 40 HP Johnson motor, Minn Kota PowerDrive 40 lb thrust foot control trolling motor. \$4,045. Call (309) 343-6861. 4/17

FOR SALE: A lot with four spaces at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Galesburg in the Garden of the Good Shepherd. For more information, call (309) 484-5102. 4/17

FOR SALE: 2013 - 24 ft Wildwood RV, pull hitch, electric jacks, carrier on back, awning, sleeps 4. Call (309) 368-5439 4/17

FOR SALE: Woods 6 ft Rotary Mower Model M160, 3 point hitch. Call (309) 344-2358. 3/17

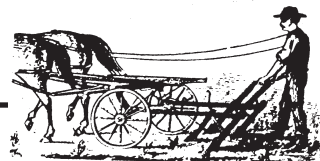
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WANTED: Discarded, broken concrete, bricks, and clean back fill dirt. Call (309) 484-2160. 3/17

If you sell your items, please contact the Knox County Farm Bureau office at 309-342-2036 or email jreedy@knoxcfb.org, so we can provide our readers with up-to-date information.

Looking Back



TAKEN FROM THE APRIL 1997 BULLETIN

An Alliance

GROWMARK Inc. and FS Credit Corporation formed an alliance with John Deere Credit, West Des Moines, Iowa, that provided financing to farmers in Countrymark Co-op's and GROWMARK's territory.

TAKEN FROM THE APRIL 1977 BULLETIN

\$900 Donated to County Schools

Gary Lincoln, a farm bureau director, presented a check to the Home Economics teacher of Abingdon and many other schools within the county for a Meat for Schools program. The Knox County Farm Bureau Marketing Committee, Knox County Livestock Feeders Association, and the Knox County Pork Producers Association were able to donate \$1.50 per student that totaled to \$900 in the county.

TAKEN FROM THE APRIL 1947 BULLETIN

The vote at the April meeting resulted in the Rural Youth monthly newspaper being renamed KRY BABY meaning Knox Rural Youth-Be a Better Youth.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Creamy Spring Peas with Pancetta

Ingredients

Kosher salt
2 cups shelled fresh English peas or thawed frozen peas (about 10 ounces)
1 pound sugar snap peas, trimmed
¼ pound snow peas, trimmed and thinly sliced
4 ounces pancetta, chopped
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 ½ cups low-sodium chicken broth
½ cup heavy cream
Juice of 1 lemon
Freshly ground pepper

Directions

Bring a large pot of salted water to boil over high heat. Fill a large bowl with ice water. If using fresh English peas, add to the boiling water and cook until tender, about 1 minute. Add the snap peas and cook until



bright green, about 2 minutes, then add the snow peas and cook 30 seconds. Drain the peas and plunge into the ice water to cool.

Cook the pancetta in a large skillet over medium heat until crisp, 8 to 10 minutes. Transfer to a paper towel-lined plate with a slotted spoon. Add the flour to the drippings in the skillet and cook, whisking, until toasted, about 1 minute. Whisk in the chicken broth and cream and cook until reduced by one-third, about 6 minutes.

Drain the peas, shaking off the excess water, then add to the skillet (if using frozen peas, add them here). Cook, stirring, until heated through, 3-5 minutes. Stir in the lemon juice and season with salt and pepper. Transfer to a serving bowl and top with the pancetta.

Taken from Food Network Magazine

If you would like to submit a family-favorite recipe, please provide the recipe with a picture to the KCFB office.

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