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ILLINOIS FARM BUREAU TO HOLD ANNUAL GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — The Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) Governmental Affairs Leadership Conference (GALC) will be held Wednesday, March 1 and Thursday, March 2 at the Prairie Capital Convention Center in Springfield.

The annual conference, which provides Farm Bureau Leaders with an opportunity to obtain the latest information on public policy, will include speakers and sessions which focus on the conference's theme, "Together Toward Tomorrow."

Workshops will cover topics including nutrient management, transportation, grassroots advocacy,

immigration policy and local government. Additionally, following Wednesday's sessions, a legislative reception for General Assembly members will be held. County Farm Bureau members are encouraged to invite their legislators as well as their adopted legislators.

"If farmers are to be successful in the political arena, we must work together," said Ryan Whitehouse, IFB associate director of national legislation and policy development. "Collaboration moves us toward policies that are good for agriculture."

Attendees also will hear

from keynote speaker, Michael Smerconish. Smerconish, a Washington D.C. political commentator, hosts a weekly Saturday program on CNN and The Michael Smerconish Program on SiriusXM Channel 124.

Other speakers include Vance Crowe, director of millennial engagement at Monsanto, and Morengo farmer and IFB member John Bartman, who will speak about running for public office.

"We're very excited about this year's conference," Whitehouse said. "We've worked hard to compile a variety of sessions and

speakers who will offer beneficial information and knowledge for our members. It truly will give them an excellent opportunity to sharpen skills and learn more about a wealth of IFB priority issues."

The registration fee is \$70 for both days for IFB members or \$50 for both days for collegiate Farm Bureau members. Those wishing to attend only Wednesday sessions and the legislative reception may do so for \$50; registration for Thursday sessions only is \$30. Registration must be completed through county Farm Bureaus.

Hotel accommodations are offered

at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel. To receive the conference's reduced room rate, reservations must be made by Feb. 7.

The Illinois Farm Bureau is a member of the American Farm Bureau Federation, a national organization of farmers and ranchers. Founded in 1916, IFB is a non-profit, membership organization directed by farmers who join through their county Farm Bureau. IFB has a total membership of more than 400,000 and a voting membership of more than 82,000. IFB represents three out of four Illinois farmers.

Jolene Brown to Headline Women in Agriculture Conference

Are you a woman who is involved in agriculture? Are you actively farming, working in the industry, or married to a farmer? If so, then we have the conference for you! Join us for a one day seminar for women in agriculture. The Women in Agriculture Conference is scheduled for Friday, March 17th at Jumer's Casino & Hotel located at 777 Jumer Drive in Rock Island, Illinois. This conference is a one day seminar to help women become empowered in agriculture.

The conference, now in its sixteenth year, will feature keynote speaker Jolene Brown. Brown is a professional speaker, author, and family business consultant. She will be presenting, "If We Huff and Puff, Will We Blow Your House Down?" The keynote address will be

followed by a variety of breakout sessions that participants may choose among. These include "Fresh and Natural Photography on the Farm"- Christy Lee; "Consumer Engagement" - Janice Person; "Playing Offense - Agriculture in the Trump Administration" - Adam Nielsen; "Podcasting Primer"- Emily Webel and Holly Spangler; "Tough Questions in Tough Situations"- Jolene Brown; and "Grain Marketing Strategy and Contracting Alternatives"- Joe Camp.

The Conference will wrap up with Brown's presentation "The Balancing Act: 10 Ideas to Relieve Stress and Bring Renewal to Our Farm and Family Life".

The conference will begin at 8:00 a.m. and will conclude around 4:00 p.m. Cost of conference registration

is \$50 through February 28th. Registration increases to \$75 beginning March 1st. Walk-ins the day of the conference will be \$100. Cost of registration includes a light breakfast and a luncheon buffet. To register, visit womeninagricultureconference.com or contact your County Farm Bureau.

The Conference is sponsored by the Bureau, Carroll, Fulton, Henry, Knox, Lee, Mercer, McDonough, Rock Island, Stark, Warren-Henderson, and Whiteside County Farm Bureaus in Illinois as well as Illinois Farm Bureau, Country Financial, River Valley Cooperative, John Deere, River Gulf Grain, and 1st Farm Credit Services.

AFBF Achievement Award

Congratulations to Grant and Kristen Strom for being announced as the 2017 AFBF American's Young Farmers & Ranchers Achievement Award Winners.



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AFBF Excellence

The Knox County Farm Bureau was honored to be recognized for the Farm to Fork Gala as an AFBF County Activity of Excellence at the AFBF Annual Convention in Phoenix.



(L-R) Front row: Krista Swanson holding Susana Swanson, Kristen Strom holding Georgia Strom, Tara Bohnert-Yoder, KCFB Manager Caitlin Chrzanowski. (L-R) Back row: Brett Swanson, Grant Strom, and David Erickson, Illinois Farm Bureau Vice-President.

Welcome New Members

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

Kourtnei Brophy
Brandon Glisan
Telesforo Gutierrez
Amanda House & Michael Mahdi
Monica & Jeffery Lampe

Leighann & Bruce Marshall Jr.
Tiffany Platt
Jameila & Justin Tinkham
Charlene & Luke Sullivan

On-the-Road Seminar Motor Vehicle Regulations for Illinois Farmers

The Warren-Henderson, Knox and McDonough County Farm Bureaus are sponsoring an "On-the-Road" seminar with Kevin Rund of the Illinois Farm Bureau as the featured speaker. Kevin has specialized in farm transportation issues for the Illinois Farm Bureau® for more than 35 years. He will bring you up to date on the latest rules regarding truck regulations and you'll receive take-home materials covering these topics.

The seminar will begin on March 13, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at Brian Parkins Trucking located at 1291 N 6th St in Monmouth to walk through an actual truck inspection.

Starting at 2:00 p.m. at the Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau building, 1000 N Main in Monmouth, Kevin will conduct a two-hour seminar that focuses on trucking laws—both new and well-worn—specifically for farmers. We'll take a special look at the latest rules and

you'll have the chance to ask those farm trucking questions for which for which answers are so elusive.

The seminar is free courtesy of Farm Bureau, but advance registration is requested. You may attend both the truck inspection and the seminar, or just the seminar at 2:00 p.m. Please call 309-342-2036 to reserve your place at the On-the-Road Seminar. Come join us and get your trucking questions answered.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

- 8 Marketing Club, 12:30 PM, E Main Pizza Hut
- 9 Young Farmers Meeting, 6:30 PM, Agri-Center
- 11 Knox County Cattlemen's Annual Meeting, 5 PM, Lake Storey Pavilion
- 14 Applications Due - KCFB Foundation Internship & Scholarships
- 14 Extension Livestock Certified Manager Training, 8:30 AM, Agri-Center
- 16 KCFB Board of Directors Meeting, 7 PM, Agri-Center
- 18 Young Leaders Exchange, 6:30 PM, Bent River Brewing Company, Rock Island
- 21 PrimeTimers Potluck, 12 PM, Agri-Center
- 22 Marketing Club, 12:30 PM, E Main Pizza Hut
- 22 Young Leaders Marketing Workshop, 6:30 PM, Henry County Farm Bureau
- 28 KCFB Foundation Meeting, 6:30 PM, Agri-Center
- 28 KAC Board Meeting, 7:30 PM, Agri-Center

March

- 1-2 Governmental Affairs Leadership Conference, President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Springfield
- 3 Knox Ag Roundtable, 12 PM, Agri-Center
- 7 4-H Family Fun Picture Night 6:30 PM, Agri-Center
- 13 On the Road Seminar, PM, Monmouth
- 17 Women in Ag Conference, 8 AM, Jumer's Casino & Hotel, Rock Island

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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'Tis the season for farmland TLC

I set annual mandatory assignments for myself as our family's primary homemaker. The porch must be scrubbed when the field dust settles after planting season. The windows washed again ahead of my daughter's fall birthday party. And the carpets steam-cleaned every November before my beloved Christmas decorations infiltrate nearly every room of the house.

Something like a deep household cleaning, our farms also need regular maintenance. We call it our land improvement list: Cut brush from fence

rows. Remove or trim trees invading field edges. Improve land drainage. Evaluate more sensitive lands for enrollment in conservation programs. Confer with the Farm Service Agency when necessary, because as with tillage practices and pesticide applications, farmers have rules to follow for land improvement, too.

With frozen ground underfoot, the winter season ramps up our farm maintenance efforts outside for our backhoe, excavator and chainsaw operators. Meanwhile, those of us devoted to bookwork feel the chill of spreadsheets and tax time documents in the office. Thank goodness for hot cider K-Cups and chocolate. But back to the backhoe and its heated cab.

The desire to keep farms well-maintained and healthy motivates our commitment to annual farm clean-up. The tillable land around here stays farmable when you prevent or fix the encroachment of trees that can rob water, nutrients and sunlight from crops. The removal of undesirable or invasive woody species, such as Russian olive, from pastures and field edges helps grasses re-establish and native trees thrive. The resulting healthier land enhances

environmental stewardship and improves farm profitability and land value. The preservation of grasses and desirable trees also creates wildlife habitat. The latter makes great perch points for the bald eagles that frequent our farm this time of year.

Those big coils of black tube make their debut in farm country during winter, too, and represent another farm improvement practice on most farmers' to-do or wish lists. Their in-ground installation improves field drainage, which increases productivity and thus the land's value.

In short, when the crops don't grow, we still have plenty to do on the farm. Between farm clean-up, winter meetings and workshops, hauling grain, machinery maintenance, cattle chores and bookwork, the days fill up pretty quickly. Land improvement alone can consume a decent amount of winter's daylight hours. Those hours in the frozen fields bring a gratifying result, as does that freshly cleaned window at the kitchen sink.

About the author: Joanie Stiers, a wife and mother of two farm kids, also works in her family's farm office in West-Central Illinois.

Ag in the Classroom Update

Pizza! Pizza! Pizza! We eat twenty-three pounds of pizza each year. The Ag In the Classroom lessons for Fifth Graders this is "Where does our pizza come from?"

Wheat the main ingredient was the first Pizza lesson of the school year. Students learned the difference between winter and spring wheat. Students viewed the video "Wheat Harvest 2016" in which they could see the combine and truck used to harvest wheat. Students used yeast, warm water, and sugar to make the balloon expand over the water bottle. They learned carbon dioxide gas is what makes the pizza dough rise for the crust.

In October students learned about the tomatoes used to make pizza sauce. Roma tomatoes are the type of tomatoes used the most often for pizza sauce. Tomatoes can be transplanted using a machine that workers ride on to place the plants in the ground. Students learned tomatoes used for ketchup and sauces are harvested with

a machine which looks a little bit like a combine on a smaller scale. Tomato spinners were made to share facts about tomatoes.

As part of the fifth graders study of pizza, dairy was the topic of the month for November. Students took a video tour of a dairy. Students were amazed with the "Explosion of Colors" experiment when the molecules of fat and soap caused the swirling and churning of the fat droplet. Next, students learned how Mozzarella cheese is made when watching the video "How It's Made: Mozzarella Cheese." Since fifth graders are always hungry they were very pleased to have a sample of cheese to eat.

Sausage, pepperoni, and ham are the pork products that students like to eat on their pizza. Students learned about pork production by studying the online Pork Ag Mag. The lesson also explained that Knox County farmers raise corn and pigs on their farms as part of the nutrient



cycle which includes the use of manure for fertilizer. To conclude the lesson everyone made a fortune teller which had facts about pigs under the flaps.

Students learned that mushroom farmers grow mushrooms in dark buildings. The farmers harvest their crop three to four times a year. After watching the video "How it Grows: Mushrooms" students were challenged to complete a crossword puzzle about mushrooms.

Knox County Cattlemen's Association recently donated \$500 to the Galesburg Rescue Mission.



(L-R) Lori Engel, Beau Bewley, Director of the Galesburg Rescue Mission David Scholl, Nathan Link, and Matt Hulsizer.

4-H PICTURE FUN NIGHT

The Knox County 4-H Foundation is hosting a picture fun night again this year on Tuesday, March 7 at the Knox Agri-Center.

The fun will start at 6:30 pm with a picture slideshow and sharing memories of 4-H events.

Please bring any items or pictures that you would like to share.

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Avoid Surprises With Annual Insurance and Financial Reviews

According to a survey by Marshall & Swift/Boeckh, a company specializing in estimating home construction costs, two out of every three homes nationwide are underinsured. Fire damage, theft, an injury on your property or any other accident can be devastating and stressful, especially if you do not have adequate insurance coverage.

Make sure you have adequate insurance protection by meeting with your financial representative for a periodic insurance and financial review.

When should I perform a review?

An insurance and financial review will help eliminate gaps in coverage and provide a better understanding of your insurance needs to best protect you and your family.

Many believe performing a review is only necessary after major life changes, such as purchasing a new home or having a child. While these life changes are cause to review your insurance coverage, it is also important to keep little changes in mind. For example, buying a new car, changing jobs or making improvements to your home are changes that can make a difference in your insurance coverage needs. No matter how big or small your life changes, review your insurance coverages to make sure your have the best protection for you and your family.

Can you replace your home and personal property at today's prices?

Replacement cost coverage may be available on your homeowners policy to help protect you from economic fluctuations and depreciation if you have a claim. Replacement cost coverage comes in three different options: Personal Property Replacement Cost, Extended Replacement Cost and Additional Replacement Cost.

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Additional Replacement Cost coverage provides the same coverage, but will pay the amount needed regardless of the policy limit.

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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Knox County Farm Bureau was held on Thursday, January 19, 2017

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE – Lori Engel
The women's committee holiday party was on January 17th and included a wine glass painting class and elections at Fat Fish Pub.

YOUNG FARMERS – Krista Swanson
The FFA Acquaintance Night was January 17th at 6:00 p.m. at Northgate Lanes.
The Young Leader Conference is Jan. 27-28, 2017 in East Peoria.

MEMBER RELATIONS TASK FORCE – Brett Swanson
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 – Jim DeSutter
Thank you to those that have been actively participating in action requests! Your names have been placed into a drawing for each participation. The prize will be

given at annual meeting.

FARM BUSINESS TASK FORCE – Todd West
2016 Knox Co. Plat Books are available.
On January 26th, the Knox County Farm Bureau & COUNTRY Financial will host a business after hours through the Chamber of Commerce at 156 East.
Join the TF for the workshop "Preparing to Meet with your Lender" on January 31, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. to hear from Nate Edlefson, FBFM. Dinner included, RSVP required.

EDUCATION – 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 January 17th for lunch at the KAC and planned the POW.

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

AGRI CENTER – Terry Boydston
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 Farm to Fork Gala display saw a lot of traffic at the AFBF Annual Meeting in Phoenix, AZ January 6-10, 2017. Tara Bohnert-Yoder and Krista Swanson spoke about the event. Kristen and Grant Strom won the National Young Leader Award.
Becky King was nominated for a position on the Knox Area Partnership for Economic Development Board but the incumbents were reelected this year.
Matt Hulsizer is nominated to fill Sam Serven's seat on the board.
Caitlin will present a report at the annual meeting.
The Action request drawing will take place at the annual meeting and the winner gets a \$50 Thrushwood Farms gift certificate.
The PM Membership was discussed.
The long-term planning session will be at the Knox Agri-Center on January 30th at 12 pm.

NEW BUSINESS
The Governmental Affairs Leadership Conference is March 1-2, 2017 at the President Lincoln Hotel.

The KCFB Office will have order 200 Commemorative Gate Signs for the 100th Anniversary.

Board Meeting Attendance			
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Bewley, Beau	P	P	A
Boydston, Terry	P	P	A
Cain, Jarid	P	P	P
DeSutter, Jim	P	P	P
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
King, Becky	P	P	A
Link, Jeff	P	P	P
Link, Nathan	P	P	P
Main, Tim	P	P	P
O'Connor, Tom	P	P	P
Serven, Sam	P	P	A
Seiboldt, Pat	P	P	P
Stevens, Monica	P	P	P
Strom, Grant	P	P	P
Swanson, Brett	P	P	P
Webel, Joe	P	P	P
West, Todd	P	A	P
Bohnert-Yoder, Tara	P	-	A
- YF Meeting same time as Board Meeting			

KNOX COUNTY FARM BUREAU HOLDS ITS 99TH ANNUAL MEETING

On Saturday, January 21st, nearly 150 members and guests of the Knox County Farm Bureau gathered at the Lake Storey Pavilion, in Galesburg for the 99th Annual Meeting of the Knox County Farm Bureau. The morning began with attendees getting the opportunity to bid on over 30 silent auction items.

The business meeting began at 10:00 a.m. with introductions of guests and members of the Board of Directors and their spouses. A staff member representing Representative Cheri Bustos, Representative Dan Swanson, Retired Representative Don Moffitt, and Representative Norine Hammond were recognized and addressed

the crowd.

Each year, a COUNTRY Financial Representative is recognized for Membership Recruiter of the Year. Recognition was given to Jason Lumberry this year as the top recruiter. Jason signed 69 new associate members and one voting member during 2016. We thank all the COUNTRY Financial Representatives, staff, and Agency Manager, Mike Weber, for their support and hard work throughout the year.

Knox County Farm Bureau also recognized members who joined the organization 50 years ago. This year, there were five members who joined in 1967;



The KCFB Board of Directors gathered for the 99th KCFB Annual Meeting. Pictured seated (L-R) Matt Hennenfent, Monica Stevens, Krista Swanson, Grant Strom, Becky King, Lori Engel, Pat Seiboldt. Standing front row (L-R) Sam Serven, Terry Boydston, Joe Webel, Tom O'Connor, Jim DeSutter, Tim Main, Todd West, Tom Hoben. Back row (L-R) Jeff Link, Beau Bewley, David Erickson, Brett Swanson, Phil Goedeke, Jarid Cain. Not pictured: Matt Hulsizer and Tara Bohnert-Yoder.

Thank You!

Thank you to the following businesses, organizations, and individuals who donated to the Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation's silent and live auctions as well as those who donated by direct mail. Your generous donations and support is greatly appreciated!

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Mr. Robert Bailey, Mr. Norman Carlson, Ms. Janet Carlson, Mr. Kenneth Emken, Ms. Mary German, Mr. Milo Gibbs, Mr. Dale Malone, Mr. Ervin Morris and each received a certificate of appreciation.

Mr. Ray Defenbaugh, the founding member and President, CEO, and Chairman of Big River Resources, addressed the crowd as the keynote speaker. Mr. Defenbaugh spoke about producing ethanol and shared personal, life experiences.

KCFB Manager Caitlin Chrzanowski gave comments from the past year and KCFB President Grant Strom addressed the crowd with the President's report.

The Young Farmers Committee held a county township fundraiser and in total earned \$340. The township which donated the most funds in the fundraiser was Knox. The money will be donated to area food banks in Knox County.

President Strom introduced Women's Committee Chair, Lori Engel, who drew Dorene Erickson's name as the winner of



KCFB President Grant Strom addressed the crowd at the 2017 KCFB Annual Meeting.

the Farm Woman's Valentine Gift Card of \$40 to The Landmark Cafe.

The Governmental and Policy Task Force held a drawing for those who participated in ACTION Requests in 2016. Jim DeSutter drew Sandra Pemberton's name as the winner of a Thrushwood Farms Gift Card of \$50.

Following the business meeting, the live auction was conducted by Auctioneer Van Adkisson. Over \$4,800 was raised from the live and silent auction and the money will directly benefit the Ag in the Classroom program through the Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation. Thank you to everyone who donated and purchased items. It was a huge success again this year thanks to everyone who contributed to the great cause.

The morning concluded with a lunch buffet and a final opportunity to bid on silent auction items. Thank you to everyone in attendance at the meeting and who helped make the day a success.



Ray Defenbaugh, CEO of Big River Resources, was the keynote speaker at the 99th KCFB Annual Meeting.

Knox County Soil & Water Conservation District Max and Frances Sanford Memorial Scholarship

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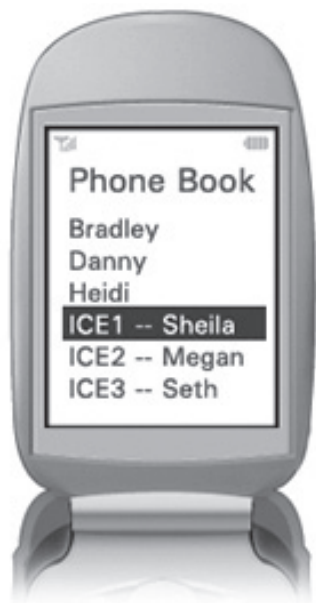
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phone book. As an example, if you want "Sheila" to be your emergency contact, then type "ICE - Sheila" in your phone book. This lets emergency workers treating you to contact "Sheila" and get information about you from her to use to treat you. You can also have more than one emergency contact - you just list them as ICE1, ICE2, and so on.

Governor Rauner has partnered with Cellular One and Sprint Nextel in promoting this program in the State of Illinois. All State emergency agencies will now look for ICE numbers if they ever come across an unconscious person in an accident. Illinois is the first state to implement this program on such a large scale. By working together, we can make Illinois a safer place for everybody. Please take a moment to put your emergency contact information in your cell phone today.

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MEMBERSHIP RECRUITER OF THE MONTH



Jason Lumberry

The Knox County Farm Bureau would like to recognize COUNTRY Financial Representative Jason Lumberry as top membership recruiter. Jason signed 4 new associate members in January.

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

Contributions to 4-H

The Knox County 4-H Extension Foundation has received a gift of \$10,000 from a 4-H family in Knox County. The donor wished to remain anonymous. We have also received memorial donations. The family of Robert Wright selected the 4-H Foundation as one of the memorials at his passing. Robert was a strong supporter of 4-H and agriculture for over 60 years. The Foundation would like to offer a sincere thank you to these families as well as others who have contributed in the past.

The Foundation is very grateful to dedicate the money toward our scholarship awards fund. These scholarships are awarded to 4-H members who have applied, are completing a successful 4-H career and continuing their education at a college or technical school. In 2016, we awarded 6 scholarships.

The Foundation will be conducting our annual fund drive to support many other 4-H programs. One of these is the robotic program which has become very popular. 4-H members build a robot to compete in contests. They work in teams as determined by their grade levels in school. They are given a challenge to design and construct a robot that will successfully complete eight to ten tasks in a given area and time. The robot is built to be controlled by a computer. The teams have been very successful at regional and state level events. The Foundation contributes funds to purchase supplies to build the robots.

The Foundation encourages you to consider a contribution, whether it be large or small, which will help support 4-H members and their programs.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Mamie Eisenhower's Sugar Cookies

Ingredients

1 ½ cup all-purpose flour
½ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking powder
½ cup butter
1 cup granulated sugar
2 egg yolks
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 tablespoon cream or milk

Taken from cdkitchen.com



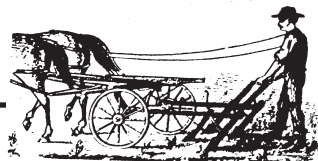
Directions

Mix flour, baking powder and salt. Set aside.

Cream butter. Add sugar slowly and beat until fluffy. Stir in well beaten egg yolks and vanilla extract. Add sifted dry ingredients alternately with cream. Chill for at least 1 hour or even overnight.

Roll and cut in desired shapes. Sprinkle with colored sugar before baking (or ice afterwards, when cool). Bake at 375°F for 10-12 minutes.

Looking Back



TAKEN FROM THE FEBRUARY 1997 BULLETIN

F.I.S.H.ing for a Cause

The Young Farmers put on their annual F.I.S.H. Fundraising contest at the KCFB Annual Meeting. They raised \$102. F.I.S.H. was a non-profit agency that bought food for the needy families in the area.

TAKEN FROM THE FEBRUARY 1977 BULLETIN

Pecans were being sold in the Knox County Farm Bureau. They were sold on a first come, first served basis. Interesting!

TAKEN FROM THE FEBRUARY 1963 BULLETIN

Illinois farm landowners paid a record-sized tax bill of \$16 million in 1962, according to N.G.P. Krausz, University of Illinois professor of agricultural law.

PRIMETIMERS NEWS

The PrimeTimers committee met in January at the Knox Agri-Center for a catered lunch and 12 members set the 2017 program of work. The next meeting will be February 21st at 12 pm

at the Knox Agri-Center. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. The PrimeTimers invite members 55+ to attend.

~ 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 jreed@knoxcfb.org by the last Friday of each month to place the ad.

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