

Bulletin

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

Raymond Gamber
Hendricks Pump Service
Jon Laird
Jana & Paul Palmer
Project 309 LLC
Alex Shaw
Nicole & Ian Waggoner
Krista & Bobby Winters
Hidden Hills Vineyards LLC
Mary A Schneider Trust

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

- 10 Knox Co Cattlemen's Annual Mtg, 4:30, Lake Storey Pavilion
- 13 Deadline – Applications for Internship & Scholarship
- 15 KCFB Board Mtg, 7 PM, KAC
- 19 Winter Crop Mtg, 6 PM, KAC
- 20 PrimeTimers Potluck, 12 PM, KAC
- 20 Farm Safety Day Meeting, 12 PM, KAC
- 21 Certified Livestock Manager Training, 9 AM, KAC
- 21 Marketing Club, 12:30 PM, Pizza Ranch
- 22 Young Farmers, 6 PM, KAC
- 23 On-the-Road Trucking Mtg, 1 PM, KAC
- 27 KCFB Foundation Mtg, 6:30 PM, KAC
- 27 Knox Agri Center Mtg, 7:30 PM, KAC

March

- 14-15 Gov. Affairs Leadership Conf.
- 16 Women in Ag Conf.

CERTIFIED LIVESTOCK MANAGER TRAINING

The Illinois General Assembly passed the Livestock Management Facilities Act in May 1996. Livestock facilities in Illinois that house over 300 animal units are required to have at least one person certified in the environmental protection aspects of manure management.

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A workshop is planned for February 21, 2018 starting at 9 am at the Knox County Extension Office, 180 S. Soangetaha Rd, Ste 108, Galesburg, IL.

Visit web.extension.illinois.edu/llfmm/clmt for more information and to register. If you have questions, please call Nesli Akdeniz at (217) 300-2644 or Rich Gates at (217) 244-2791.

Knox County Farm Bureau Holds its 100th Annual Meeting

On Saturday, January 20th, nearly 180 members and guests of the Knox County Farm Bureau gathered at the Lake Storey Pavilion, in Galesburg for the 100th 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, and Representative Norine Hammond were recognized and addressed the crowd.

The Governmental and Policy Task Force held a drawing for those who participated in ACTION Requests in 2017. The winner received a Thrushwood Farms Gift Card of \$25.

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 60 new associate members and three voting members during 2017. We thank all the COUNTRY Financial Representatives, staff, and Agency Manager, Joe Youngman, 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 nine members who

joined in 1968; Mr. David Bailey, Mr. Myron Baughman, Ms. Lana Bjorling, Mr. David Hawkinson, Mr. Richard Holmes, Ms. Betty Coy, Mr. John Quick, Mr. Alfred Ragon, and Mr. Jeffrey Wilson and each received a certificate of appreciation and a commemorative gate sign.

Mr. Rollie Moore, President of the Knox Agri-Center presented the Meritorious Service to Agriculture Award. This year, two were recognized for their outstanding contribution to the agricultural industry in Knox County; the late Housel Roberts and Jim Lee.

President Grant Strom announced the six Directors retiring from the KCFB Board. District I Director Jim DeSutter, District II Director Tim Main, District III Director Tom Hoben, District IV Director Pat Seiboldt, Young Farmers Chair Krista Swanson, Education & Outreach Task Force Chair Lori Engel.

The Young Farmers Committee held a county township fundraiser and in total earned \$464. The township which donated the most funds in the fundraiser was Sparta. The money will be donated to area food banks in Knox County.

President Strom introduced retiring Education & Outreach Task Force Chair, Lori Engel, who announced Marilyn Boydston as the winner of the Farm Woman's Valentine Gift Card of \$40 to PZ's.

KCFB Executive Assistant Hailey Weyhrich gave comments since her



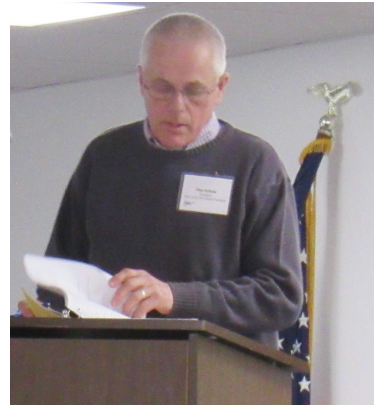
The KCFB Board of Directors gathered for the 100th KCFB Annual Meeting.

arrival in October and KCFB President Grant Strom addressed the crowd with the President's report.

In lieu of a guest speaker, a video of short interviews of past presidents and staff of KCFB was shown. A DVD is available at the KCFB office for purchase which has over three hours of interview footage.

Following the business meeting, the live auction was conducted by Luke Sullivan and 2017-18 Illinois State Vice-President Rob Janssen. Nearly \$4,500 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 another successful year thanks to everyone who contributed to the great cause.

The morning concluded with a lunch buffet. Thank you to everyone in attendance at the meeting and who helped make the day a success.



KCFB Foundation President Pete Holmes thanks those for their generous donations to the Foundation.



Retiring KCFB Board Directors (L-R) Pat Seiboldt, Jim DeSutter, Tom Hoben, and Tim Main.

Nearly \$4200 Donated to KCFB Foundation

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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

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Guest Speaker: Doug Yoder
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February 23, 2018 1PM, Knox Agri-Center



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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Season of self-evaluation: Analysis part of the farm's winter work

The discussion and questioning came over a holiday dinner. A non-farming relative wondered why farmers would run field trials of different hybrids, nutrient strategies and herbicide approaches when the ever-varying weather could alter the result. I finally put the science and statistical analysis portion of the conversation aside and decided the motivation to test and try different scenarios stemmed from

Knox County AGRICULTURE in the ClassroomSM 2018 Ag Day for Kids

On Friday, January 26, 481 Knox County Fourth Graders hopped off school buses and entered Carl Sandburg College to attend the annual Knox County Farm Bureau Ag Day for Kids. FFA members escorted the children to the rotation of classes. The students attended sessions about corn, soybeans, cattle, dairy, pork, ag technology, erosion, and farm petting zoo. The sessions were conducted by representatives of Knox Count Corn Growers, Knox County Cattlemen, Knox County Pork Producers, Knox County Young Farmers, Knox County Soil and Water, Mrs. Green, Brian Puetz. FFA members and Ms. Aggie oversaw the petting zoo.

Each station provided an opportunity to learn facts about the featured commodity. Captain Cornelius visited the corn session to the delight of students. The children were eager to learn about the use of drones in agriculture. The erosion table enabled the students to

a farmer's desire to improve, to be better at what they do.

'Tis the season for that.

After removing snow and thawing a dysfunctional cattle drinker, farm families cozy up to a heavier load of bookwork, meetings and table talk this time of year than any other. It's the season of self-evaluation, a time to look at what worked and what didn't in 2017. A time to budget and evaluate balance sheets. And we grudgingly take time to face the flurry of tax forms and tax preparations that precede sowing the seeds of the next crop.

As I've heard a leadership guru say, you're either green and growing or ripe and rotting. And I see plenty of farmers practicing the former. The winter agenda is full of meetings, from informal farm family discussions around the kitchen table to formal regional gatherings at conference centers to help farm families like ours improve their marketing strategies, learn about evolving agronomic practices and see the latest machinery technology. Even advertisers recognize the season of self-improvement. Commercials talk about "raising the bar" with fungicide use this summer and finding a seedsman to customize the next growing



visualize the effects of erosion. Delicious ham treats were available for all to try. A great deal of petting took place in the petting zoo.

When Fourth Graders climbed back on

season for a different experience.

Meanwhile, local agencies help farmers and landowners enhance conservation practices, often within the realm of government programs. They may work on details to adopt a new practice in the field or perhaps add a business venture simmering on the back burner for years. We evaluate the current lineup of machinery for maintenance or replacement to meet the year's goals, some the same and some new. Final decisions on insurance to protect crop revenue approach quickly, and soon enough seed will arrive to the farm shop with most of those variety selections already made from the combine cab last fall.

This year will bring a combination of sticking with what works and trying something new in search of the next tried-and-true. The knowledge passed down from previous generations tells us our farm was shaped on both failures and successes, but we're always aiming for the latter. Here's hoping for a safe and successful 2018 in farm country.

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



their buses they were given a bag of Ag Mags and information from the commodity groups. The day provided information to help students understand where their food comes from.

2018 Governmental Affairs Leadership Conference

Farm Bureau truly is **"Powered by Farmers!"**

The 2018 Governmental Affairs Leadership Conference is on March 14-15 at the Bank of Springfield Center, Springfield, IL.

To register, please contact the Knox County Farm Bureau office and cost is \$75 per person.

The office will also make your hotel reservation for the President Abraham Lincoln Springfield – A DoubleTree by Hilton. The special room rate will be available until February 20th or until the group block is sold-out, whichever comes first.

Please contact the KCFB office to register by calling 342-2036.

American Farm Bureau Federation

NASHVILLE — Voting delegates of the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF), including 21 from Illinois, addressed several of Illinois Farm Bureau's (IFB) priority issues during the 2018 AFBF Annual Convention & IDEAg Trade Show in Nashville Jan. 5-10.

Policy Debate

"Our delegates successfully introduced several submittals on farm policy, the Conservation Reserve Program, seed protection, property rights and environmental and conservation issues," said Richard Guebert, Jr., president, IFB. "We expect Congress to debate and pass a farm bill in 2018. The policies adopted will better position us for those deliberations."

Delegates adopted policy language from IFB to provide a floating conservation-oriented commodity loan program that increases loan rates, addresses conservation goals and satisfies the credit needs of beginning farmers. Green said the new AFBF positions also address conservation goals and provide additional credit options for beginning farmers.

"Farmers don't utilize marketing loans like we previously did because the price levels are too low to be helpful," said Dennis Green, IFB delegate from Lawrence County. "The floating loan price, based on a 5-year Olympic average, should make it more attractive for farmers as a cash flow tool," he said.

IFB delegates also successfully advocated to oppose any increase in the Conservation Reserve Program acreage cap unless additional acres are tied to continuous sign up practices and to the most environmentally sensitive ground.

Additional policies offered by IFB and adopted by national delegates include allowing farmers to sign up once for the duration of the Farm Bill,

assuming there are no changes to the farming operation; requiring seed for program acres be free of invasive species of weed seed, such as Palmer amaranth; and a new policy section on solar energy designed to protect farmers and other landowners.

Delegates also approved a by-law change to increase AFBF dues to \$5.00 a member, an increase of \$1.00. The change is effective January 1, 2019. The last dues increase took place in 2002. "The additional revenue from a dues increase will provide resources to allow AFBF to maintain its prominence as the leading voice for agriculture" said Guebert, who serves on the AFBF Executive Committee from the Midwest region.

U.S. President Addresses Convention

On Monday, President Donald Trump spoke to a full house of convention attendees. He was the first U. S. President to speak at an AFBF convention in 25 years.

"President Trump's attending the AFBF convention speaks volumes about how important rural America is to him," said Guebert. "It was gratifying to hear the president talk about issues that are important to Illinois Farm Bureau – specifically, reducing regulations including WOTUS, investing in our country's infrastructure, and making broadband more accessible."

"I was pleased he acknowledged the importance of exports and that he is working to renegotiate a better NAFTA. We plan to hold him to this commitment," said Guebert.

Call to Action

Many of the 510 IFB members attending participated in a call to action during AFBF President Zippy Duvall's address. In all, nearly 2,000 members contacted the President and

members of Congress to show support for ag exports and the importance of a renegotiated NAFTA.

Recognition for IFB

IFB member Lynn Rohrscheib, Vermilion County, competed in the Young Leader Achievement Award competition and Sean Arians, Woodford County, participated in the Young Leader Excellence in Agriculture Award. Jesse Faber of Livingston County advanced to the final 16 in the Young Farmer and Rancher Discussion Meet.

"I'm so proud of the time and effort our IFB Young Leader contestants put into preparing for this event," Guebert said. "They're the future of our organization. I can't wait to see what they accomplish in the future."

Illinois had three County Activities of Excellence Awards winners; individual awards for DuPage and Lawrence Counties and an award for Jackson and Union Counties for a joint project.

IFB received Awards of Excellence in all four program areas, including advocacy, engagement and outreach, leadership and business development, and membership value.


More than 7,000 people from 50 states and Puerto Rico attended the convention, including 353 farmer and rancher delegates who voted on grassroots policies and policy amendments.

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 396,000 and a voting membership of more than 79,000. IFB represents three out of four Illinois farmers.

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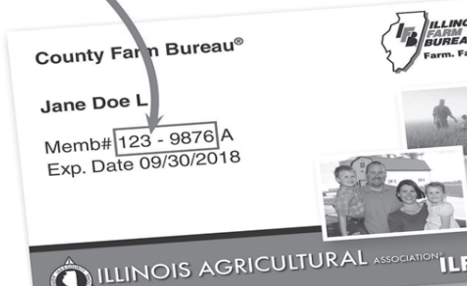
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Disaster can strike at any time. Without warning you could lose your home, your possessions and even your life in a fire, tornado or other disaster. It's important to protect yourself and your family by having adequate insurance coverage.

It's best to review your insurance policies with an insurance representative every year or two to make sure you have adequate coverage for your home, auto or life.

To help review property, periodically inventory your personal property so the insurance amounts are adequate. Being underinsured may result in a claim payment less than the loss sustained.

Documentation is of the utmost importance, so it's essential to have a complete inventory of valuable items you own. This will help you in filing a claim. Inventories and the resulting insurance amount should be reviewed especially whenever significant changes are made.

If you suffer a major loss, such as a dwelling fire, an insurance company is going to ask you for a complete list of your lost personal property. It's better to

be prepared by completing a list now, rather than having to construct a list after the loss.

The most preferable way to inventory your personal property is by completing a written inventory. Photographs and videotapes of each room in your home may also help to establish an inventory.

High value items such as antiques, jewelry, furs and collectibles should be appraised. Then discuss with your financial representative the merits of specifically insuring those items in your policy.

It makes sense to review your insurance to see if you have adequate coverage. It also doesn't hurt to look at ways to make your premium dollars work more efficiently. You can save money by increasing your deductibles and assuming more of the initial part of the loss.

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"Farm Babe" to Headline Women in Agriculture Conference; March 16th

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 over 200 women for the 7th annual Women in Agriculture Conference on Friday, March 16th at Jumer's Casino and Hotel, 777 Jumer Drive, Rock Island. Registration starts at 8:00 am. This year's featured speaker is Michelle Miller, Farm Babe, presenting *"Bridging the Gap Between Farmers and Consumers."*

Miller was once a big city girl and moved to rural Iowa for love. Once there, she learned that her original thoughts of

modern agriculture were very inaccurate (based on mainstream Hollywood media and marketing) and now enjoys debunking myths and spreading facts about REAL Farms from REAL farmers.

The keynote address will be followed by a variety of breakout sessions that participants may choose among. A lunch break will be included between the morning and afternoon breakout sessions.

The Conference will wrap up around 3:00 pm with Kim Bremmer, a vocal champion of agriculture everywhere she travels, from the grocery store to the airport, drawing on her background as a dairy nutritionist

for 15 years. She is the Wisconsin State Coordinator for Common Ground, a national movement of farm women who share information about farming and the food we grow, a regular contributor on Rural Route radio, and the President of Wisconsin Women for Agriculture. Kim will inspire participants to feel confident in answering consumer questions, telling farming's story, and in sharing enthusiasm for the agriculture industry.

The cost of the program is \$50 prior to February 28th, which will include a breakfast and a luncheon buffet, as well as a mid-day snack break. Walk-ins the

day of the conference will be \$100. To register, contact any of the sponsoring County Farm Bureaus in Illinois, or register online at womeninagricultureconference.com.

Registration for the event starts on January 8. The Conference is sponsored by the Bureau, Carroll, Fulton, Henry, Knox, Lee, Mercer, McDonough, Rock Island, Stark, Stephenson, Warren-Henderson, and Whiteside County Farm Bureaus in Illinois as well as Illinois Farm Bureau, Country Financial, River Valley Cooperative, University of Illinois Extension, and Iowa State University Extension.

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Knox County Farm Bureau was held on January 18, 2018

Education & Outreach Lori Engel

The E & O TF met on January 17 and started Program of Work planning.

Farm Business Taskforce Jarid Cain

Some 2016 Knox Co. Plat Books are still available.

2018 Knox Co. Commemorative Plat Books are available.

Government and Policy Taskforce Joe Webel

Sign up for FB Act text alerts by texting the word FARM to 52886.

Member Relations Matt Hennenfent

The Centennial Celebration committee has divided into two sub-committees.

Foundation Hailey Weyhrich

The next Foundation meeting will be February 27 at 6:30 PM.

Applications for scholarships and the

internship position are now available at <http://www.knoxcfb.org>. They are due February 13.

PrimeTimers Hailey Weyhrich

The PT met on January 16 for a catered meal to plan their yearly Program of Work.

Young Farmer's Jeff Grady

The IFB Young Leaders Conference is January 19-20 in East Peoria.

The next meeting is January 25th at Big Catz BBQ to plan their yearly Program of Work.

FFA Acquaintance Night is January 31st at Northgate Lanes.

KAC Terry Boydston

The next KAC meeting will be February 27 at 7:30 PM.

IFF 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

KCFB Annual Meeting is January 20th at Visions Venue. Directors are to arrive at 9:15 in suit and tie for group picture.

Director Nominations were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

2018 Membership Quotas were discussed. Knox will need 860 Voting Members to meet Voting Quota and 2805 members to meet Total Quota.

The Governmental Affairs Leadership Conference is March 14-15, 2018 at the Bank of Springfield Center.

The Education and Outreach Task Force's definition was discussed.

The Board agrees that staff can complete the Knox County Cattlemen's Annual Meeting booklet.

Board Meeting Attendance

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

Hailey's Update

Hi everyone! Looking back at January, I feel like the month flew by! Everything we did in January led up to our 100th Annual Meeting. I was so pleased with the outcome of my first Annual Meeting and I hope those of you who were in attendance enjoyed the morning as well. At Annual Meeting, four new board members were elected to replace those that were retiring. Pat Seiboldt, Jim DeSutter, Tom Hoben, and Tim Main have finished up their time on the Board and will be greatly missed! A big thanks to each of you for personally making me feel so welcomed here in Knox County. To fill those big shoes, Tara Bohnert Yoder, Jennifer Beard, Drew DeSutter, and Lori Engel were elected to the Board of Directors. I look forward to working with them!

At the end of January, Ag in the Classroom hosted another successful Ag Day for Kids at Carl Sandburg College. I was able to spend the day helping and observing the different classes the 4th grade students were able to attend. I do not think all our presenters were prepared for the great questions the students asked them! The



things the students thought about was amazing! This event is such a fantastic opportunity for those students and teachers. A big thanks to all our presenters, volunteers, FFA Students, and the Ag in the Classroom Coordinators that make this event possible.

Make sure to check out our upcoming events for programs going on in February!

Internship & Scholarships

KCFB Foundation Summer Internship

The Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation is offering an internship with the Knox County Farm Bureau for the summer of 2018. The intern will receive a \$1,500 scholarship and is encouraged to explore the possibility of using the internship to fulfill academic requirements for his/her major.

This is the 26th year for the program, which continues to be very successful. The internship is open to Knox County residents who will be a sophomore, junior, senior, or full-time graduate student at a college or university during the fall 2018 semester. Preference is given to applicants who have a farm background and/or are studying an agricultural-related field.

For more information and/or an application, please contact the Knox County Farm Bureau office at 309/342-2036; e-mail: kноxcfb@kноxcfb.org; or visit our website: www.kноxcfb.org. Applications are due February 13, 2018.

KCFB Foundation \$1000 Scholarship

The Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarship is open to Knox County residents who will be a sophomore, junior, senior, or full-time graduate student at a college or university during the fall 2018 semester. Preference is given to applicants who have a farm background and/or are studying an agricultural-related or communication-related field.

This is the second year the KCFB Foundation will award this scholarship. For more information and/or an application, please contact the Knox County Farm Bureau office at 309/342-2036;

e-mail: kноxcfb@kноxcfb.org; or visit our website: www.kноxcfb.org. Applications are due February 13, 2018.

Thomas Lincoln \$1000 Scholarship

The Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation is currently accepting applications for the Thomas Lincoln Scholarship, awarded annually in memory of Thomas Lincoln, a Knox County Farm Bureau Young Farmer who died in a tragic car accident.

A \$1000 scholarship will be given in the spring of 2018 to a graduating high school senior who is a Knox County resident and has been accepted into an agricultural or agricultural-related curriculum at any college or university in the fall of 2018.

For more information and/or an application, please contact the Knox County Farm Bureau office at 309/342-2036; e-mail: kноxcfb@kноxcfb.org; or visit our website: www.kноxcfb.org. Applications are due February 13, 2018.

O'Connor Family Scholarship

The Knox County Farm Bureau O'Connor Family Scholarship is open to Knox County residents who will be a freshman, sophomore, junior, senior, or full-time graduate student at a college or university during the fall 2018 semester. Preference is given to applicants who have a farm background, are studying an agricultural-related or communication-related field, and demonstrate financial need. For more information and/or an application, please contact the Knox County Farm Bureau office at 309/342-2036; e-mail: kноxcfb@kноxcfb.org; or visit our website: www.kноxcfb.org. Applications are due February 13, 2018.

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

Scholarship deadline is April 1, 2018.

The scholarship is offered to a Knox County resident who is pursuing a career in Agriculture or an Environmental related field. Applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher, submit an application with current transcripts (REQUIRED) and write an essay on "What Conservation means to you and how do

you plan to incorporate Conservation into your Future Plans?"

Scholarship applications can be found at the District office 233 S. Soangetaha Rd. Galesburg, or online at <http://kноxcountyswcd.tripod.com>. For questions contact the district office at (309) 342-5138 ext. 3

IFB Announces Nutrient Stewardship Grant Recipients

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — Twenty Illinois county Farm Bureaus have been awarded grants under the Nutrient Stewardship Grant program. For the third consecutive year, Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) has awarded the grants – totaling \$300,000 in the last three years – to help promote local nutrient stewardship, soil health and water quality projects.

"It's great to see so many new projects, as well as returning projects which have been built upon for the last three years," said Lyndsey Ramsey, associate director, Natural and Environmental Resources, IFB. "Our counties and farmer members continue to lead the effort in reducing nutrient losses, and these projects are just some of the inventive ways our members are putting water quality first."

This year's grant projects, which will take place in counties across the state, include planting cover crops to improve soil health, water testing, construction of woodchip bioreactors, and roundtable discussions on tried and true and new conservation efforts.

Additionally, some counties will continue projects which were started last year, including testing how utilizing manure fertilizer with and without cover crops affects nutrient levels in soil, and water testing to determine how weather, farming practices, and conservation practices affect water quality. All projects will be conducted with the ultimate goal of achieving nutrient loss reduction goals under the Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy (NLRs).

The NLRs, which was released by the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) in July 2015,

Bureau: Project Continued from 2016 and 2017. Ag View FS, Crop Production Services, Monsanto and John Deere. **Nutrient Stewardship of Northern Illinois Support Programs:** Promote the '4Rs', encourage year-round weekly water sample tests and hold a summer field day and seminar.

Clinton: Project Continued from 2016 and 2017. Livestock and watershed organizations, Local SWCD, local NRCS, Gateway FS, University of Illinois Extension, and Kaskaskia Community College. **The Influence of Manure Management and Cover Crops on Reducing Nutrient Losses:** Compare cropping systems using cover crops and livestock manure. Offer nutrient testing for water. Farmers will be invited to learn about the practices at a field day and through outreach efforts.

Franklin: University of Illinois Extension, USDA, local SWCD, and local NRCS. **Demonstrating Profitability Through Improved Nutrient Management:** Partnering with county conservation agencies and the University of Illinois Extension, this project will compare local common fertilizer practices to research-based application rates on cooperating farmers' fields.

Fulton: Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, University of Illinois, Ecosystem Exchange Services, and local SWCD. **On-Farm Evaluation and Demonstration of Reduced Off-Farm Nutrient Transport Through Drainage Water Recycling:** Demonstrate recycling of drainage water to improve usage efficiency of water and nutrients and to reduce nutrient losses. Field days showing multiple ag conservation practices will be held at the demonstration site.

Hancock: Professional Swine Management, local SWCD, local NRCS. **Conservation Conversations:** Work with local farmer experts to host four roundtable, small group discussions on trials and experiences with four relevant conservations topics.

Henry, Mercer and Rock Island: Local NRCS and Gold Star FS. **Conservation Practices Field Day:** Hold a conservation field day, featuring cover crops and the installation of a woodchip bioreactor.

Jo Daviess: Project Continued from 2016 and 2017 Local SWCD, Stephenson Service Company, University of Illinois Extension and Soil Health Partnership. **Cover Crops and Utilization of Nitrogen:** Complete soil tests on fields utilizing several types of cover crops to determine nitrogen levels in the soil and determine how soil types, cover crop mixtures and other factors impact nitrogen utilization. Area farmers will be invited to field days to review results.

Kane: Forest Preserve District of Kane County, Kane County Water Resources Dept., local SWCD, local NRCS, Kane County Development and Community Services Dept., Countryside Land Drainage, and Huddleston-McBride Drainage Contractors. **Bioreactor Demonstration Project:** Install and demonstrate a woodchip bioreactor for local farmers, community residents and school groups to show benefits of the edge-of-field practice.

Knox: Project continued from 2016. Local SWCD, the

calls for wastewater treatment plants, urban areas and agricultural areas to reduce the state's phosphorous load by 25 percent and its nitrate-nitrogen load by 15 percent by 2025. The eventual target is a 45 percent reduction in the loss of these nutrients to the Mississippi River.

This year, the IDOA and IEPA released their first biennial report detailing organizational and farmer efforts to reduce nutrient losses, as well as successes to date. The report showed in 2015 and 2016, the Illinois' agriculture sector invested nearly \$55 million in NLRs research, outreach, implementation and monitoring. Additionally, nitrate-nitrogen loads in the state's rivers from 2011-2015 decreased by 10 percent when compared to baseline load data from 1980-1996.

"Seeing the data included in this year's biennial report was obviously exciting and reaffirming," Ramsey said. "One of the concepts echoed again and again by partners across the state is that we have to continue to improve and innovate solutions – that's what these grant projects are doing."

A complete list of county Farm Bureau receiving grants – along with partner organizations and project descriptions – can be found in the attached document.

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 398,283 and a voting membership of more than 79,450. IFB represents three out of four Illinois

University of Illinois, IL Nutrient Research and Education Council (NREC). **Knox County Saturated Buffer Field Day:** Host a saturated buffer field day, with a special focus on monitoring results from a year-old buffer and its influence on nutrient loss.

Lee: Sauk Valley Community College, AMS, Innoquest, Irrrometer, and Forrest Supplier. **Managing Soil Health with Mobile Soil Testing:** Utilize mobile soil testing laboratories on Sauk Valley Community College's new agriculture research fields, as well as local farmers' fields. Data will be highlighted during a field day.

Livingston: American Farmland Trust, Elevated Ag, and USI Soils. **Cereal Rye Termination Trial:** Work with local conservation partners to provide an on-farm demonstration plot of cereal rye practices preceding a soybean crop/ Information will be shared during a conservation field day.

McDonough: Project Continued from 2016 and 2017. Northwater Consulting. **Baseline Nutrient Loss in McDonough County:** Test farmers' water samples to identify best management practices that may help reduce losses.

McLean: Project Continued from 2017. Local SWCD, local agricultural retailers, and a private laboratory to test water samples. **McLean County Nutrient Stewardship:** Test water from participating farmers' fields to help farmers make informed nutrient application and management decisions.

Pike: Project Continued from 2016 and 2017. Local SWCD, Two Rivers Farm Bureau Foundation, PrairieLand FS, local watershed and drainage districts, Klinger and Associates, P.C., and John Wood Community College. **Water Testing in Sny Island Levee and Drainage District:** Work jointly on a three-year project to test and quantify nutrient losses in a local watershed and share the information with farmers.

Stark: Local NRCS. **Denitrifying Bioreactor:** Install a woodchip bioreactor and hold a field day at the site to education farmers about edge of field conservation practices.

Washington: Local SWCD, local farmers, and Wyciskalla Consulting. **Phosphorus and Cover Crop Research:** Test soil and water samples for nutrients, especially phosphorus, on participating farmers' fields. Provide comparisons of conservation practice costs and nutrient savings with resulting data.

Wayne: Project continued from 2017. Wabash Valley Service Company, Wabash Valley College, and Verdesian Life Sciences. **Nutrient Loss Inhibitor Demonstration Plot:** Demonstrate the use of various nutrient management practices which compare nitrogen and phosphorus inhibitors and enhancers. Farmers and stakeholders will be invited to a field day to review results.

Winnebago-Boone: Conserv FS. **Nutrient Movement Study:** On-farm nitrogen movement study to provide farmers and local crop specialists with information to make better nitrogen use decision based on local soil types, crop rotation and fertilizer products.

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February is Dental Health Month Sipping, Snacking and Tooth Decay

Many parents across the country will issue a common refrain at dinnertime tonight: -You'd better eat that-it's good for you!

There's another old favorite in the parental arsenal of dietary admonitions: Don't eat that—it'll rot your teeth!

Now more than ever, kids are faced with a bewildering array of food choices, from fresh produce to sugar-laden processed convenience meals and snack foods. What children eat and when they eat it may affect not only their general health but also their oral health.

Americans are consuming foods and drinks high in sugar and starches more often and in larger portions than ever before. It's clear that junk foods and drinks gradually have replaced nutritious beverages and foods for many people. For example, the average teenage boy in the U.S. consumes 81 gallons of soft drinks each year! Alarming, a steady diet of sugary foods and drinks can ruin teeth, especially among those who snack throughout the day. Common activities may contribute to the tendency toward tooth decay. These include; grazing habitually on foods with minimal nutritional value, and frequently sipping on sugary drinks.

When sugar is consumed over and over again in large, often hidden amounts, the harmful effect on teeth can be dramatic. Sugar on teeth provides food for bacteria, which produce acid. The acid in turn can eat away the enamel on teeth.

Almost all foods have some type of sugar that cannot and should not be eliminated from our diets. Many of these

foods contain important nutrients and add enjoyment to eating. But there is a risk for tooth decay from a diet high in sugars and starches. Starches can be found in everything from bread to pretzels to salad dressing, so read labels and plan carefully for a balanced, nutritious diet for you and your kids.

Reduce your children's risk of tooth decay:

- Sugary foods and drinks should be consumed with meals. Saliva production increases during meals and helps neutralize acid production and rinse food particles from the mouth.
- Limit between-meal snacks. If kids crave a snack, offer them nutritious foods.
- If your kids chew gum, make it sugarless – Chewing sugarless gum after eating can increase saliva flow and help wash out food and decay-producing acid.
- Monitor beverage consumption – Children should make healthy beverage choices such water and low-fat milk.
- Help your children develop good brushing and flossing habits.
- Schedule regular dental visits.

The Knox County Community Health Center and the American Dental Association remind everyone to take care of their teeth. Good brushing and flossing habits, starting at an early age can lead to a lifetime of healthy teeth. Children should brush their teeth with the help of an adult at least twice a day and floss at least once a day. Please call the Knox Community Health Center at 309-344-2225 to schedule an appointment with one of our dentists or visit our website at www.knoxcommunityclinic.org.



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FOR SALE: 1985 Chevrolet C70 grain truck with 37,400 miles, 7.4 gas, 16' box w/Shur-lok roll tarp, 4x2. Price \$7,500. Call 309-289-5227 2/18

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

FOR SALE: New Speed Queen electric dryer, uses 220, used very little, \$250. Call 309-337-3174. 12/17

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AVAILABLE: Local farmer looking to fill a condo March 24-31, 2018 and beyond in Kissimmee, FL, 5 minutes from Disney World, sleeps up to 8 people for 7 nights, \$850, also discounts on a variety of tickets. Call 309-230-7227 or 309-875-3051. 12/17

AVAILABLE: Local farmer looking to fill a condo June 30-July 7, 2018 at Lakewood Resort at Lake of the Osarks, just off the main interstate by Glaize Bridge, sleeps up to 6 people, 10 hrs of free boat use, \$950 for the week. Call 309-230-7227 or 309-8753051 12/17



Board of Directors - 1958

PRIMETIMERS NEWS

The PrimeTimers committee met January 16th, enjoyed a catered lunch, and 15 members planned programs for 2018. The next meeting is February 20th and the

potluck lunch will start at 12 pm. Stacey Rucker, Carl Sandburg College Director of Corporate & Leisure College will provide a program following lunch. PrimeTimers invite all members 55+ to attend.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Mary Todd Lincoln's Presidential Cake

Ingredients

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 2 cups sugar
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup blanched almonds, chopped in a food processor until they resemble a coarse flour
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 6 egg whites
- 1 (16-ounce) container vanilla frosting
- 2 tablespoons sliced almonds

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Coat a Bundt pan with cooking spray.



2. In a large bowl, with an electric mixer, beat butter and sugar until creamy. In a medium bowl, combine flour, baking powder, and salt. Add to butter mixture, alternating with milk, and beat until well combined. Add almonds and vanilla; mix well.

3. In a medium bowl, beat egg whites until stiff, then fold into batter. Spoon evenly into Bundt pan.

4. Bake 55 to 60 minutes, or until toothpick comes out clean. Let cool 15 minutes, then invert onto wire rack to finish cooling. Place cake on serving platter.

5. Remove lid and foil top from frosting container and microwave 20 to 30 seconds, or until pourable. Drizzle frosting over cake and sprinkle with sliced almonds.

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