

Bulletin

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

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Diana & James Westfall, Galesburg
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Golf “Fore” Education on July 20th



Golfers are invited to join for a 3-club golf outing that benefits agriculture in Knox County. The 2nd annual Knox County Agriculture in the Classroom 3-Club Golf Outing, hosted by the Knox County Farm Bureau (KCFB) Foundation, will take place July 20, 2018, at Oak Run Public Golf Course in Dahinda. Registration will begin at 7:00 a.m., with a shotgun start at 8:00 a.m. The first 20 participants will receive a unique golfer gift and all participants will compete for several great prizes and ultimate bragging rights. A lunch and brief awards ceremony will round out the afternoon. You can pre-register at <http://www.knoxcfb.org/golf-outing->. The registration fee is \$60 per golfer, or \$240 per foursome. Each person is allowed their choice of three clubs excluding a wedge. Teams will be allowed one additional club for a buy-in price of \$20. Four-person teams playing best ball. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Sponsorships and online registration are now available on the Knox County Farm Bureau’s website at <http://www.knoxcfb.org/golf-outing-> or by calling the office at 309-342-2036. Knox County Agriculture in the Classroom is the top funding priority of the KCFB Foundation, the charitable foundation of the Knox County Farm Bureau® which funds educational, research, conservation, and leadership development activities that benefit the promotion of agriculture in Knox County. Please complete the following reservation form and return by July 13, 2018.

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2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
July	
11	Marketing Club, 12:30 PM, Agri-Center*
12	Young Farmers Mtg, 6:30 PM, Fairgrounds
14	Ice Cream Social, 5 PM Knoxville High School
16	Tractor & Lawn Mower Driving Contest, 6 PM, Fairgrounds
17	Ag Olympics, 1:30 PM, Fairgrounds
19	KCFB Board Mtg, 8 PM, Agri-Center
20	KCFB Foundation Golf Outing, 8 AM, Oak Run
21	Trap Shoot, 8 AM, St. Augustine
25	Marketing Club, 12:30 PM, Pizza Ranch
28	Centennial Celebration

Local Scholars

Madeline DeSutter is the daughter of Melanie & Mike DeSutter of Woodhull. Madeline is the 2018 Thomas Lincoln Memorial Scholar, \$1,000 and the 2018 O'Connor Family Scholar, \$1,000. Madeline graduated from Alleman High School and will study Business at Iowa State University.

Mitchell Gibson is the son of Angie & Matt Gibson of Knoxville. Mitchell is the 2018 O'Connor Family Scholar and the recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship. Mitchell graduated from Knoxville High School in May, will be studying Agriculture Science at Black Hawk College in the fall, and plans to transfer to Western Illinois University to complete his degree.

Clark Murdock is the son of Victoria & Robert Murdock of Oneida. Clark is the 2018 Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholar and the recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship. Clark is majoring in Computer Science and minoring in Agricultural Technology Management at Western Illinois University. Clark hopes to be on the forefront of building code for the advancement of precision farming programs.

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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Farm Gate

by Joanie Stiers

Barn-raising symbolic of rural volunteer spirit

People repeatedly shared praise: "Incredible." "Amazing." "Phenomenal." Yet, I struggle to find words that can duly describe the barn-raising in our small farming community.

Farmers with hay to bale volunteered their time and tractors. Carpenters with decks to build offered their labor and tools. Land specialists put excavation jobs on hold to bring an excavator and laser level. Professionals with office jobs took vacation days to donate physical labor through 90-degree heat and intermittent rain.

Together, more than 40 volunteers raised a barn: a professionally engineered, steel-framed playground barn. It arrived with

enough parts to fill a 40-foot flatbed trailer, including more than 1,600 bolts and at least 28 steel poles weighing 200 pounds apiece.

We photographed the momentous first hole, dug by a tractor with an auger that typically builds cattle fence. Two-and-a-half years ago, the Playground Barn-Raising Project started as an idea in our community. After significant planning, the project transitioned into an ambitious 15-month fundraising campaign jointly led by the local volunteer parks association and FFA Alumni affiliate.

With the project fully funded by more than 130 generous donors, we gathered three days in June for the barn-raising. Occasionally, I paused from assembling slides to commit the scene to memory. An electrician with a bucket truck added extensions to the barn's center poles. A farmer used his scissor lift to affix the plastic panels that resemble board and batten. Volunteers formed a team to add the roof panels higher than 20 feet in the air. Another group raised 17-foot poles for the silo.

Local tradesmen secured poles and in-ground play equipment with concrete from a mixer – a machine that stirred more than eight tons of bagged concrete mix over the three days. FFA members worked alongside their advisor to install monkey bars. Nearby, volunteers assembled slides, benches and a big farm seesaw.

Within three days, the park site went from

an excavated 60-foot-square plot of soil to a shiny red, steel-piped barn with striking white gates and a tan silo offering two levels of play. Volunteers torqued the final bolt a full day sooner than our consultant predicted. The pace stunned even the playground manufacturing company's president, who saw a single day's progress in photos and wanted to know who was on the crew. Our consultant told him "hard-working farmers."

The volunteers took a short break only at the dinner bell for sandwiches, fried chicken, pulled pork, sides and desserts provided by a local farm woman. The food, like the barn-raising, offered a slice of rural Illinois volunteerism at its finest.

The stately playground barn sits in our village's 15-acre park, a red icon visible across the neighboring soybean field and from home plate at the local ballpark. Parents drive by with anxious kids peering out windows at a project that has garnered nearly four times as many Facebook views as residents in our no-stoptlight town. This legacy landmark celebrates our community's kids and agricultural roots with a single, powerful barn-raising too extraordinary for words.

About the author: Joanie Stiers writes from west-central Illinois where her family farms and joined fellow community volunteers who poured their hearts into this playground barn-raising.

Legislative Update: Working together to grow our Agricultural Economy

By: Congresswoman Cheri Bustos

As a proud granddaughter of a hog farmer, and a member of the House Committee on Agriculture, I understand what the Farm Bill means for our growers and producers across Illinois. That's why last August, I traveled the 7,000 square miles of the Northwest and Central Illinois Congressional District I serve to listen to our farmers about what was on their mind, and ask what they were hoping to see in a Farm Bill. I heard a lot about the downturn in commodity prices, the uncertainty around the Renewable Fuel Standard, the need to keep our trade markets open and the importance of delivering a real Farm Bill that supports our farmers in the face of a struggling agricultural economy. That's why, after spending a year working toward a bipartisan Farm Bill, I was extremely disappointed when Washington Republicans refused to work with Democrats. Instead, they jammed through a highly partisan bill that would negatively affect virtually all Illinoisans, from the pasture to the plate.

Despite my disappointment in the House bill, I am very pleased that the Senate did work across the aisle and has produced their own bipartisan Farm Bill that puts hardworking

farmers first, strengthens rural development programs, improves conservation tools and takes steps to improve the delivery of nutrition programs. The Senate's bill protects existing crop insurance, which was the number one concern of farmers in our district. As market conditions tighten, we need to make sure we don't tie the hands of corn and soybean farmers when it comes to selecting critical risk management tools.

The Senate Farm Bill has also adopted several pieces of bipartisan legislation I introduced, including The Farmers of Tomorrow Act which aims to help our next generation of farmers start their own operations. For every farmer under the age of 35, there are six over the age of 65. Access to land is the top reason that young farmers leave the industry, and the reason that many aspiring farmers do not pursue a career in agriculture. That is why I worked with my Republican colleague Glenn Thompson to introduce The Farmers of Tomorrow Act to make it easier for young farmers and veterans to access USDA financing to buy land. This is a basic step that we can take to keep the next generation on the farm.

We are blessed in the 17th district to

have some of the richest farmland in the country, and the hardest workers, but at a time when our family farmers are already feeling the effects of President Trump's trade wars and a watering down of the Renewable Fuel Standard, it is more important than ever that we work together. As we move towards reconciling these bills in a Conference Committee, I hope we can all follow the Senate's lead and come together to deliver a Farm Bill that will help grow the economy, feed the hungry, and provide our farmers with the stability they need to succeed.

Congresswoman Cheri Bustos represents the 17th District of Illinois. She is the granddaughter of a hog farmer, niece of dairy farmers, cousin of Angus farmers and all of her dad's side of her family grow corn and soybeans. She is a member of Democratic elected House Leadership and also serves on the House Agriculture Committee.



Cheri Bustos, Congresswoman, 17th District

Getting to Know Your Farm Bureau Policy

districts and other government entities in a common watershed.

2. Landowners within an inactive drainage district to reactivate the district or to consolidate the district with that of an active neighboring drainage district. In the event that reactivating or consolidating a drainage district is not feasible, we encourage all property owners, including state and federal entities, to maintain drainage systems on their property.

Stormwater Management



for helping make this movie night possible.

During early June, thirty area educators met for the annual professional development workshop. Ag in a Day provides teachers with local experiences connected to agriculture, as well as an overview of what an Ag in the Classroom coordinator can provide for their students. Teachers spent most of Day One at Black Hawk College East learning about Ag in the classroom and their Black Hawk's Vet Tech Program. In the afternoon, teachers ventured out to three farms. Teachers learned about cover crops at the Corkill Farms, about native bees at the Huffman Farms, and about wind energy at Invenergy. Day two was spent in the Quad Cities area, beginning at Modern Woodsmen Park.

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2. Representation on any county stormwater management commission to have mandated broad based makeup, including municipal, engineering, agricultural, industrial, commercial, and homeowner voting members.

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Teachers had an opportunity to listen to a variety of speakers. The Chef from the ball park talked about her job and impressed the teachers with her passion for cooking and meeting the dietary needs of the players. A speaker presented information on the Monarch Project, and Midwest Dairy provided information too. The remainder of the day was spent at Nahant Marsh learning about the environment. Our guide told us about the clean-up project that resulted in the protected area that is now called Nahant Marsh. Teachers participated in activities they might expect their students to be involved in on a field trip. Dragonfly larvae, frogs and monarch eggs were just a small part of the exciting things found at Nahant Marsh. – Roxanne Green

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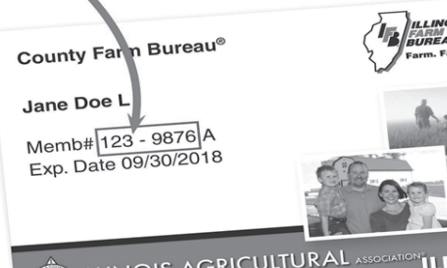
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Ten Tips to Get Your Vehicle Ready for Vacation

You're all set, the hotel reservation is made, the car's packed and the travel route is planned. But what about your car? Is it ready for the trip?

Whether you're planning a long trip or a short one, nothing ruins a vacation faster than car trouble. A quick, thorough checkup by a local automotive specialist or yourself can save you a vacation-load of trouble.

Keeping that in mind, here are 10 useful tips that should help get your vehicle ready for a vacation drive:

1. **Check the oil and have it changed if necessary.** Also check the oil filter. Fresh oil will get you better gas mileage.
2. **Inspect the radiator and radiator hose.** Don't get stalled on the side of the road with an overheated vehicle.
3. **Check the suspension and steering.** Loose suspension and uneven steering prevent a comfortable and safe ride and can even cause carsickness.
4. **Check all fluid levels.** These include brake fluid, transmission fluid, power steering fluid and engine coolant. Also look under your vehicle for fluid on the ground. Leaks and low fluid levels can damage your vehicle and leave you stranded.
5. **Inspect your windshield and windows.** Repair chips and cracks, clean all the

windows, check the windshield wipers and make sure the windshield washer reservoir is filled. Replace the windshield and windshield wipers and clean bugs and road film from the windshield, if needed.

6. **Check the condition of your braking system.** This system includes brake linings, pads and drums. A vehicle's braking system should be checked every 15,000 miles. Leaky brake fluids and worn pads and drums can cause you some serious problems down the road.

7. **Have your battery tested.** Replace it if it has lost a significant amount of power. It's cheaper to replace it now than on the road where you might have the added cost of a service call.

8. **Check the tires, including the spare tire.** Make sure they are properly inflated. Look for breaks and blisters in the sidewalls and excessive or uneven wear. If you don't, a tire could blow out.

9. **Test all lights on the vehicle.** These include headlights (bright and dim), parking lights, taillights, brake lights, back-up lights and turn signals. Don't waste your time replacing burnt out lights on the road.

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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Knox County Farm Bureau was held on June 21, 2018

Education & Outreach Hailey Weyhrich

The E & O Task Force met on June 11 at Knox Agri-Center to discuss plans and events for the upcoming year.

The task force will host an ice cream social after the Ag Olympics at the 4-H Fair.

Farm Business Taskforce Jarid Cain

Some 2016 Knox Co. Plat Books are still available.

The 2018 Plat Book is available and is \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members.

We now have Peoria County Plat Books available in the office for purchase.

Steve Johnson & Eric Snodgrass will speak in November.

Government and Policy Taskforce Hailey Weyhrich

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The task force wants to organize a group to visit LaShawn Ford in Chicago.

Member Relations Matt Hennenfent

The Knox County Farm Bureau History Video interviews are all available on DVD in the office for \$10.

Foundation Hailey Weyhrich

Blake Hennenfent will serve as this year's Intern.

The next Foundation meeting will be August 28 at the Knox Agri-Center.

PrimeTimers Hailey Weyhrich

At the June meeting, members heard about a Brazil trip from participants.

Young Farmer's Tyler Main

The Young Farmer's hosted a Hunter Safety Course on June 8 and 9 at the Knox Agri-Center. 40 people participated.

The 3rd Annual Young Farmer's Trap Shoot will be held on July 21 at 9AM.

The June Young Farmers meeting was on

June 14 at Oak Run. The next meeting will be July 11 at the Fairgrounds.

The Leadership Bootcamp will happen again in the fall.

KAC Terry Boydston

The next KAC meeting will be August 28 at the Knox Agri-Center.

100th Anniversary Matt Hennenfent

The Centennial Committee continues to work on the 100th Celebration.

OLD BUSINESS

The member appreciation ice cream social during the 4-H Fair is July 14th at 5 PM at Knoxville High School.

The Farm Income and Innovations Conference is August 1st in Normal, IL.

NEW BUSINESS

Results were provided from the IFB Financial Study that compares county Farm Bureau's financials against others in the state, peer group, and region.

Board Meeting Attendance

NAME	Apr	May	June
Beard, Jennifer	P	P	P
Bewley, Beau	P	P	P
Bohnert Yoder, Tara	A	P	A
Boydston, Terry	P	P	P
Cain, Jarid	P	P	P
DeSutter, Drew	P	A	P
Engel, Lori	P	P	P
Erickson, David S	P	P	P
Goedeke, Phil	P	A	P
Grady, Jeff	P	A	A
Hennenfent, Matt	P	P	P
Hulsizer, Matt	A	P	P
King, Becky	A	A	P
Link, Jeff	P	A	P
Link, Nathan	A	P	P
O'Connor, Tom	P	P	P
Stevens, Monica	A	A	P
Strom, Grant	P	P	A
Swanson, Brett	A	P	P
Webel, Joe	P	P	P
West, Todd	P	A	P

Hailey’s Manager Update

This summer is flying by! I hope you have been able to enjoy the summer season with friends and family. June flew by with successful events like the Hunter Safety Course sponsored by Young Farmers, a Steve Johnson program hosted by the Farm Business Task Force, Summer Ag Institute hosted by KCFB and neighboring Farm Bureaus, and Farm Safety Day hosted by the Kids Farm Safety Day of Knox County Committee. In July, be sure to join us at the 4-H Fair for a variety of free, family events. On July 20, the KCFB Foundation will be hosting their 2nd Annual Golf Outing. Then the next day on

July 21, the Young Farmers will be sponsoring the 3rd Annual Trap Shoot. Keep reading here in the Bulletin for more details! We will wrap up the month with our 100th Anniversary Celebration at the Fairgrounds on July 28. I cannot wait to see all the planning come together to celebrate Knox County Farm Bureau’s history!



Meet the 2017 Summer Intern

Hello Knox County. I am Blake Hennenfent from Gilson, Illinois. I am the Summer Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation Intern. While growing up in the Knoxville School District, I enjoyed many years of playing baseball and football. I was also an active member of the Knoxville FFA, Union 4-H Club and the Knox County Livestock Judging Team. After high school, I went to Black Hawk East and will be transferring to Western Illinois University this fall where I will major in Ag Business with a minor in Animal Science. While at Black Hawk I was on the livestock judging team where I had the opportunity to travel the country to judge and see some of the best livestock around. I was also fortunate enough to make the All American Junior College Livestock Judging Team during my time at BHE. I am looking forward to continuing my judging career at WIU and plan to have another great experience there.

Through my first month as the Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation Intern I have had the chance to help with several great programs like Summer Ag Institute and Farm Safety Day. Both of these programs are very educational to teachers and kids from this area. I am currently working on organizing the Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation Golf Outing which helps support Ag in the Classroom. Since my family has strong roots in Farm Bureau, I look forward to using my time as Intern to learn about the different committees and programs Farm Bureau offers and see how these committees and programs impact individuals from the local to the state level.



Friendly Competition That Builds Your Leadership Skills

2018 District & State Discussion Topics:

Technology is one of the driving forces for innovation and advancement in agriculture.

How can the industry attract the best and highest minds from STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) into agricultural careers?

Associate members are a driver of new ideas and support.

How do we create membership value and broaden the base of supporters in the Farm Bureau family?.

Additional Topics for State Competition:

In our modern world, the rapid dissemination of information and opinion about agriculture and food technologies can make it difficult to distinguish fact from fiction.

Given these challenges, how can Farm Bureau best protect farmers' and ranchers' access to production technology option

As the Voice of Agriculture, how can Farm Bureau be more inclusive of all agriculture and production practices?

This includes, but is not limited to, women in agriculture, organic production, fresh produce, forestry and aquaculture.

Money talks.

How can farmers implement market trends and develop responsive business plans to generate value-added ventures and farm profits?

Entries due to your county Farm Bureau 7 days before your district competition				
Contact your county Farm Bureau® for eligibility and contest information.				
IAA Districts	Date	Location	Orientation Time	Contest Starting Time
1 & 2	Aug. 20 (Mon.)	DeKalb County FB, Sycamore	6:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
3	Aug. 30 (Thurs.)	Henry County FB, Cambridge	6:15 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
4	Aug. 2 (Thurs.)	Lee County FB, Amboy	6:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
5 & 6	Aug. 9 (Thurs.)	Schaefer Pioneer, Mazon	6:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
7 & 8	Aug. 7 (Tues.)	Edwards Compeer Financial, Edwards	6:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
9	Aug. 2 (Thurs.)	Hancock County FB, Carthage	6:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
10	July 31 (Tues.)	Sangamon County FB, Springfield	6:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
11 & 12	Aug. 2 (Thurs.)	Macon County FB, Decatur	6:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
13 & 17	July 17 (Tues.)	Edwards County FB, Albion	6:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
14	Aug. 6 (Mon.)	Effingham County FB, Effingham	6:30 p.m.	6:45 p.m.
15 & 16	Aug. 23 (Thurs.)	St. Clair County FB, Belleville	6:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
18	Aug. 18 (Sat.)	Massac County FB, Metropolis	9:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.

For more details - ilfb.org/youngleaders or facebook.com/ilfbyl

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- Township ROW clearing and chemical application.
- Pasture ground and field borders reclamation.
- Pond treatment.
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2018 Farm Bureau 4-H Fair Events

ICE CREAM SOCIAL – JULY 14TH

The Knox County Farm Bureau will be serving ice cream in Knoxville High School on Saturday, July 14th at 5 pm following the rocket launch. The rocket launch begins at 4:00 pm, so be sure to stick around to enjoy some delicious Prairie Farms ice cream!

TRACTOR AND LAWN MOWER DRIVING CONTEST – JULY 16TH

The Knox County Farm Bureau Young Farmers and COUNTRY Financial® are sponsoring the Tractor and Lawn Mower Driving Contest on Monday, July 16th at the 4-H Fair. Participants who attended the Tractor and Lawn Mower Safety School held in March are invited to enter the contest. The contest will begin at 6:00 pm. Those who participate in either the Tractor or Lawn Mower Driving Contest will drive a course and take a written exam.

If you were not able to attend the Tractor

and Lawn Mower Safety School and would like to participate in the contest, please write a one-page essay on tractor or lawn mower safety and submit it to the KCFB office before July 13th.

AG OLYMPICS – JULY 17TH

The Knox County Farm Bureau Young Farmers are sponsoring the Annual Ag Olympics at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, July 17th. Youth 7 and under can compete in the balloon scramble. 4-H Clubs are invited to form teams of five to compete in various activities for cash prizes to be given to 4-H Clubs. Sign up the afternoon of July 17th.

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By the Knox County Health Department

Breast Feeding

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-Gabrielle Palmer, in *The Politics of Breastfeeding*, pg 1

Breastmilk is a nutritious food that builds a strong bond between mother and child. It is a rich source of nutrients and helps build the baby's immune system. Milk gives them antibodies to fight off disease and helps protect children from high cholesterol, diabetes, and obesity later in life. But breastfeeding is not only good for the baby. It helps mom, too. Breastfeeding speeds up mom's healing process after giving birth. Feeding helps build a close bond between mom and newborn as well as reduces her risk of postpartum depression, cervical cancer, and type II diabetes. Not to mention, breastfeeding is also cheaper and more environmentally friendly than formula feeding.

The World Health Organization recommends that moms breastfeed within one hour of birth, feed the baby only breastmilk for the first six months, and then continue to provide some milk for up to two years of age. However, only

43% of Illinois women are exclusively breastfeeding at 3 months and these numbers drop to 26% by 6 months. That's because mothers can sometimes have some roadblocks in the beginning. The baby might not latch on properly. Mom might make too much or not enough milk and she could even start to get sore. Sometimes moms just need help settling into a routine. That's why the health department offers one-on-one consultations with an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant (appointment preferred) and bi-weekly Friday breastfeeding classes at 9 AM for mothers. Women can learn the basics, get help on their specific problems, and get all their questions about breastfeeding answered.

At the state and national level, breastfeeding is getting more and more support every day. Nowadays, mothers should be able to get support from hospitals, workplaces, and public spaces to give their babies the attention they need. Moms that return to work are entitled to daily breaks and private space where they can breastfeed or pump breastmilk for their children. Some public places like airports and museums might even have a lactation room to give mom any privacy she's looking for. If moms are interested in pumping, the Knox County Health Department can help women apply for a breast pump so that milk is ready for the baby throughout the entire day.

To learn more about breastfeeding, contact the Knox County Health Department at 309-344-2224. You can also follow the health department on Facebook for daily facts about breastfeeding as it celebrates Breastfeeding Month in August.

Budget Tight?

Are you pregnant or have a child under the age of five?

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* Pregnant women count as 2 people.

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2	\$2,538	\$30,451
3	\$3,204	\$38,443
4	\$3,870	\$46,435
5	\$4,536	\$54,427
6	\$5,202	\$62,419
7	\$5,868	\$70,411

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John Ryner

Primetimers News

The PrimeTimers committee met June 20 at the Knox Agri-Center. Twenty-two members enjoyed a potluck lunch and Hailey Weyhrich’s presentation about her trip to Brazil. The next meeting is July 17

at the Knox Agri-Center and the potluck lunch will start at 12 pm; followed by a program on Hops by David Scharfenber. PrimeTimers invite all members 55+ to attend.

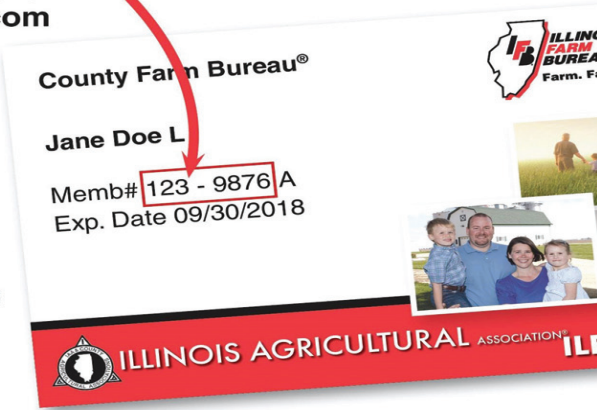
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To place ads in the Bulletin or on the website, you must be a Knox County Farm Bureau member. Call 309-342-2036 or e-mail us at jreed@knoxcfb.org by the last Friday of each month to place the ad.

FOR SALE: 1981 Ski-Doo Citation Snowmobile, all original parts, not started in 10 years. Make an offer. Call 309-375-6063. 7/18

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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.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Fresh Tomato Bruschetta

Yield 36 servings

Ingredients

- 4 plum tomatoes, seeded and chopped
- ½ cup shredded parmesan cheese
- ¼ cup minced fresh basil
- 3 Tbl olive oil
- 2 tsp minced fresh parsley
- 3 garlic cloves, mined
- 2 tsp balsamic vinegar
- 1/8 tsp salt
- 1/8 tsp crushed red pepper flakes
- 1/8 tsp pepper
- 1 French bread baguette, cut into ½ inch slices



- ¼ cup butter, softened
- 8 oz fresh mozzarella cheese, sliced
- Directions**
 1. In a small bowl, combine the first 10 ingredients.
 2. Spread baguette slices with butter; top each with a cheese slice. Place on ungreased baking sheets. Broil 3-4 in from heat for 3/-5 minutes or until cheese is melted. With slotted spoon, top each slice with about 1 Tbl tomato mixture.

Recipe from tasteofhome.com

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