

# Bulletin

*Promoting the understanding of agriculture in our community to improve the profitability of farmers and enrich the quality of life in Knox County*

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## KCFB Foundation To Hold Golf Outing To Benefit Knox County Agriculture In The Classroom

GALESBURG — Golfers are invited to join for a 3-club golf outing that benefits agriculture in Knox County. The 1st annual Knox County Agriculture in the Classroom 3-Club Golf Outing, hosted by the Knox County Farm Bureau (KCFB) Foundation, will take place June 23, 2017, at Oak Run Public Golf Course in Dahinda.

"We are excited to host our first golf outing fundraiser, and what

better way to do it than a specialty 3-club outing," said Caitlin Chrzanowski, Treasurer, KCFB Foundation. "We will have some great prizes and contests that will be sure to challenge golfers of all skill ranges. You don't have to be a pro, just dust off your driver, your putter, and your 7-iron and help us raise money for the Knox County Agriculture in the Classroom program!"

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 steak lunch and brief awards ceremony will round out the afternoon.

The registration fee is \$60 per golfer, or \$240 per foursome. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

"This outing, and the golfers

who participate, will help increase the impact of the Knox County Agriculture in the Classroom program," Chrzanowski said.

"Last year, our coordinators were able to educate 5,761 students and 1,931 teachers about agriculture and we hope to increase those efforts this coming school year."

Sponsorships and online registration are now available on the Knox County Farm Bureau's website at <http://www.knoxcfb.org>.

[org/ag-in-the-classroom-golf-scramble](http://www.knoxcfb.org/ag-in-the-classroom-golf-scramble) 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.

### Dr. Johnson to present:

### Developing Strategies & Tools: Building a Crop Marketing Plan

Dr. Steve Johnson, Farm & Ag Business Management Specialist from Iowa State University Extension, will be at the Knox Agri-Center on Tuesday, June 20th at

7:00 p.m. to present Developing Strategies & Tools: Building a Crop Marketing Plan. Visit [knoxcfb.org](http://knoxcfb.org) to reserve your seat or call the KCFB office: 342-2036.

Thank you to our sponsors for this program:

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### Free Hunter Safety Course June 23rd & 24th

Area residents, 8 years old and above, will have an opportunity to learn basic principles of safe hunting at a Department of Natural Resources hunter safety course sponsored by the Knox County Farm Bureau Young Farmers. This free course will be held at the Knox Agri-Center, 180 S. Soangetaha Rd, Galesburg, on Friday, June 23rd from 5:30-9:00 pm and Saturday, June 24th from 8:00 am-3:00 pm. Participants must attend both session days. A snack will be provided on Friday evening and lunch provided on Saturday.

Participants must be 8 years old and above. A 1996 state law requires that all hunters born on or after January 1, 1980 must successfully complete the hunter education course before they can receive their first hunting license. Participants completing the hunter education course will receive a Hunter Education Certification card verifying that they have passed the course of instruction.

The minimum ten hour course includes instruction in wildlife management, firearms safety, hunter ethics, game identification, first aid, survival techniques and regulations. You must pre-register by visiting [knoxcfb.org](http://knoxcfb.org) or by calling the Knox County Farm Bureau office at 309-342-2036. This course is limited to 50 participants and will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

### Women's Marketing Workshop with Stewart-Peterson's Cathy Ekstrand

Monday, July 10, 2017

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Woodhull Village Hall

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Cost is free and lunch will be served!



Cathy Ekstrand, Senior Market Advisor with Stewart-Peterson, will give an overview of current market fundamentals, review futures and options, and discuss advanced market strategies to use for today's market conditions.



RSVP by June 30 by calling (309) 342-2036 or email [knoxcfb@knoxcfb.org](mailto:knoxcfb@knoxcfb.org)

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

Jennifer Allen & Jay Mead	Brandy & Josh Kilpatrick
Mariah Armstrong	Tracy Morgan
Wendy Buker & Brandi Hudson	Courtney & Jordan Newell
Ryan Canier	Shea Perkins
Penny Deford-Goff	Katherine Schofield
Alex Green	Nolan Tabb & Pamela Bess
Mary & Michael Ingle	Andrew Williams

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### June

- 15 KCFB Board Mtg, 8PM, Knox Agri-Center
- 20 PrimeTimers Outing, Rock Island Arsenal
- 20 Steve Johnson Seminar, 7PM, Knox Agri-Center
- 23 KCFB Foundation Golf Outing, Oak Run
- 23-24 Hunter Safety Course, 5:30-9PM Friday, 8AM-3PM Saturday, Knox Agri-Center
- 29 Knox Co Corn Growers Golf Outing, 12:30 PM, Oak Run

#### July

- 4 KCFB Office Closed, Independence Day
- 10 Marketing Workshop, Woodhull, 10 AM-3 PM
- 11-15 Knox County Fair
- 14 Knox Ag Roundtable Mtg, Fairgrounds, 12 PM
- 15-18 Knox County 4-H Fair
- 15 Ice Cream Social, after Rocket Launch
- 17 Lawn Mower & Tractor Driving Contest, 6 PM
- 18 Ag Olympics, 3 PM, Show ring
- 20 KCFB Board Mtg, 8 PM, Knox Agri-Center
- 29 Trap Shoot, 9 AM, St. Augustine

#### August

- 5 Stampede 5K, Erickson Family Farm, Oneida, 9 AM
- 10-11 Defensive Driving Course, 10-3:30, Knox Agri-Center

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**Deadline**

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**Rain Date - July 30th**

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2 PM- Shoot

**Info & Online Registration**

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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*

### Modern technology helps farmers weather the weather

The impromptu game that our kids started in the backseat resembled a contest of my childhood. On evening drives in December, my brother and I would count the number of rural homes with Christmas lights on our sides of the car.

Fast forward 25 to 30 years, and change the season to prime corn-planting time. My kids competitively counted puddles in the fields we passed. Big puddles. The type of ponded areas that attract geese in places that

farmers had just planted or needed to plant.

Self-employment generally brings the perk of "being your own boss." But on the farm, Mother Nature occasionally reminds us she remains in charge. Too much rain. Not enough. Crop-toppling wind events ahead of harvest. A pop-up storm on fresh-cut hay. Then, finally sun and a breeze to dry wet soils, just in time for a shower to again delay planting, spraying or harvest.

After generations on the farm, we still can't control the weather, but a mix of modern technology improves management. We remain loyal to a reliable rain gauge and perform physical field checks after a weather event. To those lengthy traditions, we add smartphones to keep us posted on changing weather forecasts. As a result, we can plan field operations with the most current weather information available. It also means the guys can view satellite radar images from the field, rather than call us farm women for our rainfall predictions from the home or office computer.

Today's digital technology platforms for agricultural use provide historical, real-time and forecasted weather specific to each field. This proves especially beneficial to monitor conditions within fields miles apart. In fact, one summer this weather tool indicated hail

billion a year.

Several important proposals still remain on the table in the Senate, like workers' compensation and property tax relief for Illinois homeowners, farmers and employers who are all struggling under some of the highest property taxes in the nation.

Although I am new to the State Senate this year, I previously served in the House of Representatives for eight years and am no stranger to our agricultural communities in Knox County and throughout the 47th District. Agriculture is the driving force of Illinois' economy, and no doubt we have our hardworking farmers and agricultural producers to thank for that.

While serving in the State Legislature, I have been so honored to receive the Farm Bureau Friend of Agriculture Award on various occasions and currently serve on the Senate Agriculture Committee. Additionally, I was appointed as minority spokesperson for the State Government and Telecommunications & Information Technology Committees, and serve on the Labor, Judiciary, and Criminal Law Committees.

This session, the Senate approved various

had hit one of our soybean fields. "By golly, it was right," as Grandpa would say. We checked, and Mother Nature did hail in an isolated area that included our soybean field. We filed a claim, and our hail insurance policy paid.

Even with today's technology, we still wonder what we could have done differently ahead of (or behind) an uncontrollable weather woe. I still remember the agriculture pesticide commercial when a farmer jumps in his time machine to spray before the weather turned. If only. Rather than time machines, we have more efficient machinery than ever before. Grid tiling with precision instruments improves field drainage in wet fields. And modern-day crop varieties tolerate temperature and moisture fluctuations better than in the past.

Farmers seem to remember the last year of a similar weather pattern like a sports statistic. At its start, this spring brought back willies about the cold, wet weather of 2009. And we don't want to play that game again this year.

About the author: Joanie's family grows corn, soybeans and hay and raises beef cattle in West-Central Illinois. She is a wife and mother of two farm kids.

## Legislative Update

I'm appreciative to the Knox County Farm Bureau for inviting me to contribute to their bulletin and give me an opportunity to update you on the happenings in Springfield.

As I write this today, we are one week from the scheduled adjournment deadline, and I am disappointed to say that we have not yet compromised on a state budget for Illinois residents. Regrettably, negotiations steered off-track this week as the Senate Democrats used their majority votes to pass an unbalanced budget and major income tax increase. The set of budget bills failed to contain some of the structural reforms I felt were necessary to achieve long-term economic growth to improve our state's financial condition. With very few days left, this was an unfortunate step backward that we could not afford.

We do, however, have some reason to be optimistic. In the final month of session, the Senate was able to come together to pass legislation on crucial issues including procurement, local government consolidation and state pension reform—which alone could save the state \$1

## Getting to Know Your Farm Bureau Policy

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

235 / Conservation Reserve Program

1. We support:

1.1 The protection of tenant farmers' rights;

1.2 Reasonable limits on participation to protect the economic stability of individual counties or regions; and

1.3 Eligibility for conservation Reserve Program (CRP) enrollment for highly erodible land producing all crops.

2. Land that is not environmentally sensitive enough to be placed in the CRP should not be required to have a conservation compliance

plan. Land enrolled in CRP should be limited to only those site-specific locations in critical need of conservation measures, such as highly erodible land. In regions where working land conservation programs are better for the rural economy, general whole farm enrollments should be eliminated unless all acres on the farm meet the local criteria for conservation measures.

## Ms. Aggie's Mobile Farm in the Merry Month of May!

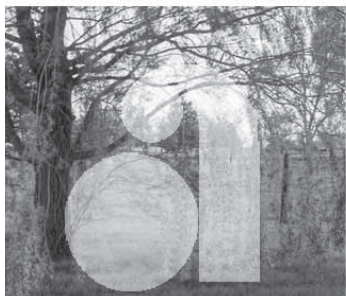
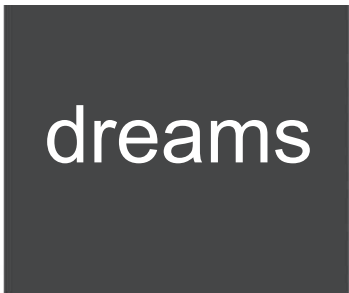
The month of May has been "animals on wheels" for Knox County school kids. Ag in the Classroom was lucky enough to have a truck and trailer at their disposal for the first week in May for the animal visitation program. A huge thank you goes to the DeSchepper family for the use of Sarah's fantastic livestock trailer complete with individual pens and a driver by the name of Andrew. They also provided some animals to boot. We visited 11 schools in three days and almost 80 classes! The pre-schoolers focused on chickens; the kindergarten saw

lambs; first graders learned about pigs; second grade kids viewed a young calf; third graders visited with a very tame goat, and fourth graders were thrilled with Jet the alpaca. Jean Wiskirchen provided the goat, a lamb, and the alpaca for students. Thanks Jean!

Andrew also volunteered to come to Touch a Truck at Lake Storey with the trailer loaded with animals for the kindergarten and preschool students to view. That same week Ms. Aggie was also at the Galesburg FFA petting zoo with Daisy Mae, the wooden

milking cow, for students from Gale to try their hand at milking. They were not the only ones, even the high school students wanted to give it a try.

Between the animal lessons, environmental days, and learning the value of buzzing bees this has been a busy, busy month. May will be all wrapped up with a visit to Knox County's adopted classroom in Chicago, St. Symphorosa Catholic School. All three coordinators will be visiting the St. Louis Science Center with the AITC as well as a horseradish farm on May 23.



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## Sharing the Road with Bicycle Riders

Each year countless accidents could be avoided if motorists had a clear understanding that bicyclists share the same rights and responsibilities on Illinois roadways as drivers of other vehicles.

In the state of Illinois, bicyclists are legally entitled to use the road. Bicycles must ride on paved shoulders, where they exist or as far right in the right hand lane as possible when the lane can be safely shared with a car.

Bicycles are allowed to use the full lane under the following conditions:

- The bicycle is passing another vehicle moving in the same direction, or is preparing to make a left hand turn.
- The condition of the roadway is unsafe. Moving objects, parked or moving vehicles, pedestrians, potholes and debris can all contribute to an unsafe roadway.
- The lane is too narrow for the vehicle and bicycle to share the road side by side.

Understanding lane use is only the

first step in safely sharing the road with bicycles. Here are some additional tips for motorists to follow when sharing the roadway:

- Merge with bicycle traffic when preparing for a right hand turn. Avoid turning directly across the path of bicycle traffic.
- Yield to oncoming bicyclists when turning left into an intersection, just as you would for a motorist.
- Do not blast your horn when approaching a bicyclist. Cyclists can typically hear vehicles approaching.
- Look for cyclists when opening your car doors.
- Give cyclists more trailing and passing room in poor weather conditions.
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the road safely by following these roadway rules.

## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Knox County Farm Bureau was held on Thursday, May 18, 2017

### EDUCATION & OUTREACH TASK FORCE – Lori Engel

The E&O TF is meeting on May 24th at 5:00 PM in the Knox Agri Center to discuss the Stampede 5K and upcoming Fair Activities.

If anyone is interested in hosting the Stampede 5K on their farm, please let us know. Need solid roads, either paved or chip & seal.

### YOUNG FARMERS – Krista Swanson

The Young Farmers sponsored the Stuff the Pantry event for FISH food pantry on April 20th & 21st at the HyVee on N. Henderson. – helped bring in 5,000 pounds and \$2,000 for the FISH Food Pantry.

The Young Farmers are hosting a leadership boot camp on June 1st from 9 AM -3 PM at the Galesburg Community Foundation.

### MEMBER RELATIONS TASK FORCE – Matt Hennenfent

The Centennial Celebration committee will be meeting to form sub-committees on Wednesday, June 7th at Noon. Pizza will be provided. RSVP to Caitlin.

The Membership Appreciation Outing to the Peoria Chiefs will be on Thursday, June 8th. The game begins at 7 PM against the Kane County Cougars.

### GOVERNMENT & POLICY TASK FORCE – Caitlin Chrzanowski

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### FARM BUSINESS TASK FORCE – Caitlin Chrzanowski

2016 Knox Co. Plat Books are available.

The Steve Johnson marketing outlook will be on June 20th at 7:00 PM. Sponsorship letters are being mailed.

### PRIMETIMERS – Caitlin Chrzanowski

The PT heard from Don Moffitt on May 16th.

### FOUNDATION – Caitlin Chrzanowski

The Foundation is hosting a 3-Club Golf Scramble Fundraiser on June 23rd at Oak Run that will start with a shotgun start at 8 AM. Each golfer will be allowed a Driver, a Putter, and a 7 iron. Registration is \$60/golfer or \$240/team. Sponsorships are available. Barn Raiser - \$750, Harvester - \$500, Cultivator - \$250, and Seed Sower - \$100. Registration & Sponsorships can be made on the website.

### KNOX AGRI CENTER – Caitlin Chrzanowski

The KAC is meeting on May 23rd.

### 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

Caitlin will get a quote from the IFB printing department for the KCFB monthly bulletin.

The Treasurer's report and financials will not be in consent agenda starting in June 2017.

### NEW BUSINESS

An Agent Appreciation/Membership Drive Contest will begin June 1st for all COUNTRY Financial agents in Knox County.

The 2017 volunteer appreciation outing will be a Peoria Chiefs baseball game.

IFB launched a Member Information Project to get information about members from members. IFB will give KCFB \$500 toward expenses to promote this project. Caitlin will work on a mailing and will have a quote and examples by the June meeting.

The Ice Cream Social at the 4H fair was discussed and Caitlin will work with Extension to find a time that will reach the maximum amount of 4Hers.

Tom O'Connor attended the Knox County Board meeting and reported that three candidates were interviewed for a landfill position. The county approved a contract with the police union. A resolution passed amending the Knox County liquor license in regards to catering. The Mary Davis home has approved limited for the credit cards. The Knox County Nursing

Home has \$380,000 outstanding from the state of Illinois. A used dump truck was purchased and the mental health board has been approved.

Jim DeSutter attended the Knox County Health Department meeting and reported that the Knox Co Health Dept income is down this year and Knox ranks 78 of 102 Illinois counties. Tobacco use is high in Knox County and previous grant money that had been used to educate the public about the negative effects tobacco has on the body is no longer available. Mental and behavior health was discussed.

## Board Meeting Attendance

NAME	Mar.	Apr.	May
Bewley, Beau	P	P	P
Boydston, Terry	P	P	P
Cain, Jarid	P	P	A
DeSutter, Jim	A	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	A
Hulsizer, Matt	P	A	P
King, Becky	P	A	P
Link, Jeff	P	A	P
Link, Nathan	P	P	A
Main, Tim	P	P	P
O'Connor, Tom	P	P	P
Seiboldt, Pat	P	A	P
Stevens, Monica	P	P	A
Strom, Grant	P	P	P
Swanson, Brett	P	P	A
Swanson, Krista	A	P	P
Webel, Joe	P	P	A
West, Todd	P	P	P



## 2017 SCHOLARS



Benjamin Warner is the son of Nancy Warner of Williamsfield. Benjamin is the 2017 O'Connor Family High School Scholar and the recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship. Benjamin will be graduating from Williamsfield High School this Spring and will be studying Agricultural Engineering at Iowa State University in the fall.



Madelyn Main is the daughter of Pete and Christi Main of Altona. Madelyn is the 2017 Thomas Lincoln Memorial Scholar and the recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship. Madelyn will be graduating from ROWVA High School this Spring and will be studying Agriculture Studies at Iowa State University in the Fall.



Carrie Baker is the daughter of Douglas and Nichol Baker of rural Maquon. Carrie is the 2017 Knox County Farm Bureau Scholar and the recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship. Carrie is currently a Junior, majoring in Communications and Agribusiness, at Greenville College. In the future, Carrie hopes to work in Public Relations for an Agribusiness Company.



Easton Beard is the son of Jennifer and Jason Beard of Dahinda. Easton is the 2017 O'Connor Family Collegiate Scholar and the recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship. Easton is studying Pre-Veterinarian Science at Black Hawk College East, with the future goal of achieving his Doctorate of Veterinarian Science to assist farmers with their livestock needs.

## Farm Bureau Memberships Awarded to Top FFA Students

As a way to honor the top student from each FFA Chapter in the county, the Knox County Farm Bureau provided complimentary memberships. Congratulations to the 2017

Top FFA Students from Knox County: Jake Fell, Knoxville FFA, and Bethany Petentler, Galesburg FFA. Your hard work has not gone unnoticed!

## PimeTimers Trip to the Rock Island Arsenal

The Knox County Farm Bureau PrimeTimers Committee will be taking a trip to the Rock Island Arsenal Island on June 20, 2017. A 15-passenger van has been rented for the trip. The group will be departing from the Knox Agri Center at 11:15 AM on June 20, 2017 and will arrive at 12:00 PM for lunch at the River House Bar and Grill, 1510 River Dr, Moline, IL 61265. Lunch will be at the attendee's expense.

At 1:30 PM the group will be participating in a 1-hour riding tour of the Rock Island Arsenal Island to learn about the history. All participants must be in the 15-passenger van to participate. At 2:30 PM the group will

arrive at the Rock Island Arsenal Museum where participants will have 1 hour to explore the museum on their own. At 3:30 PM the group will depart for Galesburg.

To RSVP, please call the office at 309-342-2036. When RSVP'ing, please let the office know if you would like to depart with the group from Galesburg or if you would like to meet the group at lunch in Moline and then join on the bus for the tour.

All participants must have a valid driver's license, state-issued identification card, or passport to enter the Island.

Questions or to RSVP, please call the office at 309-342-2036.

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## Meet the 2017 Summer Intern

My name is Hannah Libby. I am the daughter of Jake and Heidi Libby of rural Oneida. I graduated from ROWVA High School in 2016. I am currently studying Agriculture Education at Black Hawk East, as well as a member of the volleyball and basketball teams at the Black Hawk Campus in the Quad Cities. I recently was a member of the national champion Horticulture team for BHE at the NACTA judging conference this past spring. I am an 11 year member of the Wataga Trailblazers 4-H club as well as a past member and President of the Knox County 4-H Federation and ROWVA FFA programs. I enjoy raising show pigs and showing them through the show seasons. I look forward to serving Knox County this summer at the 2017 Farm Bureau Summer Intern.



## Defensive Driving Course To Be Offered

Are you interested in learning updated rules of the road while saving money on your car insurance, you should enroll in the Defensive Driving Course that is being offered on August 10th and 11th from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm at the Knox Agri Center in Galesburg.

The Knox County Farm Bureau and COUNTRY Financial will be sponsoring the presentation. The course is open to people 55 years of age and older who are farm bureau members and COUNTRY insureds. The registration fee of \$20 covers course materials, instruction and lunch both days. Those completing the course are eligible for a discount on their auto insurance, but they must attend both days to qualify. An examination is not required to complete the course or receive certification.

This program was developed by the National Safety Council and is

internationally recognized for its significant contribution to our nation's traffic safety effort. The course is very informative, entertaining and current with the present program recently being updated to reflect today's driving standards and environment. The instructor will be Doug Sommer, Pekin, Illinois who was a safety educator with COUNTRY Financial for over 30 years. After his retirement from the insurance company Doug started his own safety business, Sommer's Safety Sessions which offers safety programs, seminars and the Defensive Driving Course.

Reservations are required and class size is limited. Act now to take advantage of this cost-saving traffic safety program. Call the Knox County Farm Bureau at 309-342-2036 to make reservations or for more information.

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# Health on the Farm

By the Knox County Health Department



## FIGHT THE BITE

With summer upon us, this means camping trips, baseball/softball games, fairs and mosquitoes. We at the Knox County Health Department would like to remind you of the best ways to avoid being bitten. Different types of mosquitoes can carry different types of diseases, like West Nile virus and Zika virus, but steps you can take to protect yourself from mosquito bites are essentially the same.

West Nile virus is transmitted through the bite of an infected Culex pipiens, "house" mosquito. Mild cases of West Nile virus infections may cause a slight fever or headache. More severe infections are marked by a rapid onset of a high fever with head and body aches, disorientations, tremors, convulsions and, in the most severe cases, paralysis or death. Symptoms usually occur from three to 14 days after the bite of an infected mosquito. However, four out of five people infected with West Nile virus will not show any symptoms. People older than 50 are at higher risk for severe illness from West Nile Virus.

Zika virus is primarily transmitted through the bite of an Aedes aegypti mosquito, a mosquito that rarely has been found in Illinois. Unlike West Nile virus, Zika virus can be passed from person to person through sex, so it's important to wear a condom if you or your partner may have been exposed to Zika. Many people infected with Zika virus won't have symptoms or will have only mild symptoms and might not realize they have been infected. The most common symptoms of Zika are fever, rash, joint pain, and conjunctivitis (red eyes), and typically last several days to a week. However, Zika virus infection during pregnancy can cause a serious birth defect called microcephaly, as well as other severe fetal brain defects. More information about Zika virus can be found on the Illinois Department of Public Health website at [www.dph.illinois.gov](http://www.dph.illinois.gov).

"Predicting how bad the mosquito season will be is like predicting the weather, but as the weather begins to get very warm and we continue to get rain, regular cleaning activities can help reduce mosquito populations" said Erin Olson, Public Information Officer at the Knox County Health Department. "Removing items from your yard that collect water, cleaning roof gutters and filling in low-lying

areas will help prevent mosquitoes from breeding and allow outdoor activities such as gardening, barbecues and outdoor sports to be safer and more enjoyable.

Here are some simple precautions you can take to reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home and protect yourself from being bitten. Precautions include the three "R's" – reduce, repel, and report.

- **REDUCE** exposure - avoid being outdoors when mosquitoes are most active, especially between dusk and dawn.

- o Make sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or other openings. Try to keep doors and windows shut, especially at night.

- o Avoid places and times when mosquitoes bite. Before and after sunset and again just before dawn.

- o Wear long sleeves and pants when in wooded areas. Keep pant legs tucked into boots or socks.

- o Eliminate all sources of standing water where mosquitoes can breed, including water in bird baths, ponds, flowerpots, wading pools, pet's water bowl, old tires and any other receptacles.

- **REPEL** - when outdoors, wear shoes and socks, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt, and apply insect repellent that contains DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR 3535, according to label instructions. Consult a physician before using repellents on infants.

- **REPORT** – report locations where you see water sitting stagnant for more than a week such as roadside ditches, flooded yards, and similar locations that may produce mosquitoes. The Health Department may be able to add larvicide to the water, which may kill any mosquito eggs.

The Knox County Health Department conducts active surveillance for West Nile Virus through mosquito trapping and collection of dead birds. If a dead bird is found between now and October 15th and appears to have died of natural causes, residents should report the sighting to the Health Department Monday thru Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm at 309-344-2224; for more information regarding West Nile Virus please call the Knox County Health Department at 309-344-2224 or visit [www.knoxcountyhealth.org](http://www.knoxcountyhealth.org).

# The 3 R's

for Protecting Against Mosquitoes



## REDUCE...

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## REPEL...

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## REPORT...

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## MEMBERSHIP RECRUITER OF THE MONTH



Ed Johnson

The Knox County Farm Bureau would like to recognize COUNTRY Financial Representative Ed Johnson as top membership recruiter. Ed signed two new voting members and one associate member.

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## PRIMETIMERS NEWS

The PrimeTimers committee met in May at the Knox Agri-Center for a potluck lunch and 18 members attended. Don Moffitt explained what the Illinois Department of Agriculture does and a few projects he

is working on. The next meeting will be an outing to the Rock Island Arsenal on June 20th. See details on page 5. The PrimeTimers invite members 55+ to attend.

## 2017 Farm Bureau 4-H Fair Events

### Ice Cream Social – July 15th

The Knox County Farm Bureau will be serving ice cream in Knoxville High School on Saturday, July 15th 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 Lawnmower Driving Contest – July 17th

The Knox County Farm Bureau Young Farmers and COUNTRY Financial® are sponsoring the Tractor and Lawn Mower Driving Contest on Monday, July 17th 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 18th

The Knox County Farm Bureau Young Farmers are sponsoring the Annual Ag Olympics at 3:00 pm on Tuesday, July 18th. 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 18th at the food stand.

## ~ CLASSIFIED ADS ~

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

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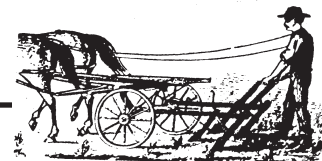
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# Looking Back



## TAKEN FROM THE JUNE 1997 BULLETIN

### Bigger Is Not Always Better

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources was considering reintroducing elk to its native environment in parts of southern Illinois in the Shawnee National Forest. Farmers worried these animals would pose a threat to their crops, and elk, which are three times the size of deer, could cause considerable damage for vehicles.

## TAKEN FROM THE JUNE 1977 BULLETIN

### Young Farmers Hit 7,000

The Knox County Farm Bureau Young Farmers collected 7,000 cans from their Chemical Can Drive on June 13, 1977. This was 5,000 more cans than the previous year!

## TAKEN FROM THE JUNE 1928 BULLETIN

Farmers of the state were most fortunate in having Earl Smith, president of the I.A.A., as a voting delegate in the national Republican convention at Kansas City last week.

## Farm Bureau Marks National Small Business Week with Opening of \$145K Rural Entrepreneurship Challenge

AFBF opened online applications for its fourth Rural Entrepreneurship Challenge May 1, to coincide with National Small Business Week (April 30 – May 6). Entrepreneurs will compete for \$145,000 in startup funds.

The competition provides an opportunity for individuals to showcase ideas and business innovations that benefit rural regions of the

United States. It is the first national rural business competition focused exclusively on innovative entrepreneurs working on food and agriculture businesses.

Competitors are invited to submit for-profit business ideas related to food and agriculture online through June 30, 2017 at [www.strongruralamerica.com/challenge](http://www.strongruralamerica.com/challenge).

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### Chicken Salad

#### Ingredients

1/3 cup mayonnaise  
2 tablespoons white miso  
1 tablespoon fresh lime juice  
1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
2 large eggplants (about 2 lb.)  
1/4 cup olive oil  
1/4 cup torn fresh cilantro leaves

#### Preparation

Preheat grill to 350° to 400°

*Taken from myrecipes.com*

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



medium-high heat. Stir together first 4 ingredients in a small bowl.

Cut eggplants lengthwise into 3/4 inch thick slices. Brush each slice with olive oil, and sprinkle with desired amount of salt and pepper.

Grill eggplant slices, without grill lid, 5 minutes on each side or until slightly charred and tender. Arrange on a serving platter, and drizzle with desired amount of miso dressing; top with cilantro. Serve immediately with remaining dressing.

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