

Bulletin

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

“Ag in a Day” Teacher Workshops Scheduled

Join area educators and the Knox County Farm Bureau at the “Ag in a Day 2017: Food for Thought” teacher workshops for hands-on activities, farm tours, and free resources for your classroom. The workshops will be held on June 13th and 14th. The workshops are only \$10 per day to attend and include lunch and refreshments both days.

The “Ag in a Day” workshops are open to all teachers and educators. The days will begin with check-in at 8:30 a.m.

and will conclude at 4:30 p.m. Teachers will have the choice to attend workshops at two different locations:

June 13: The day will begin at the Knox County Farm Bureau located 180 S. Soangetaha Rd. in Galesburg with hands-on workshops. Tours will include En Season Café, Thrushwood Farms, Pilot Knob Comforts popcorn farm in Oneida, and Triple E Farms pork production in Altona.

June 14: The day will begin at Western Illinois University Quad

Cities Campus located at 3300 River Drive in Moline. Tours will include Quad City Botanical Center Chocolate Tour and the Advanced Environment and Energy Center (ATEEC) Interactive Learning Lab in Davenport along with hands on workshops and great presenters.

Teachers are invited to attend either course, or whatever date and location is most convenient. Educators will receive free teaching materials, participate in hands-on activities, view Ag in the Classroom educational kits, and take field trips to areas of interest

in order to learn more about agriculture. It only costs \$10/day to attend and there will be ample opportunities for teachers to win prizes and resources for their classrooms.

The workshops are designed for Preschool - High School educators who wish to expand their curriculum to include topics related to agriculture – the world’s food and fiber system. The workshops will focus on how to integrate available resources and hands-on activities about agriculture into an existing classroom curriculum.

The deadline to register is

May 19, 2017. You may register by contacting the Knox County Farm Bureau. A registration form is available online at <http://aginaday.weebly.com/>. You can also register by calling 309-342-2036 or e-mailing knoxcfb@knoxcfb.org, but hurry because space is limited.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact the Knox County Farm Bureau office at 309-342-2036. The workshops are sponsored by the Henry, Knox, Mercer, Stark, and Warren-Henderson County Farm Bureaus.

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GOLF OUTING

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

Carrie & Jeff Armstrong	Dakota Lincoln
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Janice Gormley	Trulson
Ted Hunter	Susanne Roberts
Derek Kreps	Vicki & Patrick Trant
Eric Lieber	Heather & Joshua Warner

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May – National Beef Month

5	Ag Roundtable, 12PM, Knox Agri-Center
11	Young Farmers Mtg, 6:30 PM, Knox Agri-Center
16	PrimeTimers Potluck, 12PM, Knox Agri-Center
18	KCFB Board Mtg, 8PM, Knox Agri-Center
23	KCFB Foundation Mtg, 6:30 PM, Knox Agri-Center
23	Knox Agri-Center Mtg, 7:30 PM, Knox Agri-Center
29	KCFB Office Closed, Memorial Day

June

8	Young Farmers Committee, 6:30 PM, TBD
13	Ag in a Day Teacher Workshop, Galesburg area
14	Ag in a Day Teacher Workshop, Quad Cities
15	KCFB Board Mtg, 8PM, Knox Agri-Center
20	PrimeTimers Outing
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

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 to reserve your seat or call the KCFB office: 309-342-2036.

Steve serves as the Farm & Ag Business Management Specialist

in Central Iowa for Iowa State University Extension. He presents annually at nearly 100 meetings, workshops, seminars and conferences across the Corn Belt and interacts with more than 10,000 producers.

He holds BS and MS degrees from Iowa State University and his Ph.D. from Colorado State University. Steve specializes in topics related to grain marketing,

government farm programs, crop insurance, farmland leasing and other risk management strategies.

Steve posts monthly free newsletters, webcasts and updates on both ISU Extension Ag Decision Maker and the Polk County Extension Farm Management websites. Visit knoxcfb.org to reserve your seat or call the KCFB office at 309-342-2036.

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 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.

Don Teel Scholarship

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

education in an agricultural or related field.

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

with a declared agriculture or related course of study.

Applications are available at the Knox County Farm Bureau. Completed applications must be submitted no later than June 1, 2017 to the Knox County Farm Bureau.

New Member Benefit

Harsco Metals & Minerals in Bluegrass, Iowa is offering members fill sand to Farm Bureau members for free when the

member provides trucking.

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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

Food lacks four-star support

I identify myself as country to the core, a woman who scoops chicken manure and drives a tractor on occasion. That aside, I function like many other moms, who shop online when the kids sleep, regardless of a farmhouse or big city setting. From the west end of my country couch, I'll buy anything from four-star toilet paper and furnace filters to consumer-approved kids' sneakers and specialty dog food for our aging yellow lab.

The short of it: Online reviews influence my purchases. When our 15-year-old washing

machine literally fell apart, web-based customer ratings narrowed my choices for a new one. When our son put a virtual reality headset on his birthday wish list, I turned to the consumers who own such devices. And how could I ignore an average 4.8-star review out of 5 stars from 7,399 pairs of feet? You could call my foot file an "impulse buy" on Amazon.com for someone with calloused feet.

The more plentiful the user reviews, the more clout that product's stars earn with me. But food stands among few of our household purchases with little to no outside influence from fellow users. Grocery products lack a reliable online rating system with accompanying gold stars. Instead, society shops from shelves and coolers of packaged foods with well-designed advertisements and crafty, sometimes deceitful, wording to entice purchases. We lack the hundreds of user reviews to verify purchases, the reviews that help us see beyond the packaging and through the marketing tactics.

Thankfully, I rely on personal food production experiences. Often, I can see the label lingo that matters (and doesn't matter). And like frequent grocery shoppers,

County Board and the Henry County Veterans Assistance Commission.

However, the legislature has been a different beast. Let's take the budget discussion. Step 1- assess the problem. How much money do we have to work with? Well, the wheels fall off the wagon on Step 1. The Illinois House of Representatives is required by the Constitution to issue a Revenue Estimate to build a state budget around. This step never occurred. Unlike past years, the Illinois House did NOT adopt a revenue estimate this year. Full Stop.

Had Speaker Mike Madigan done his job and adopted a revenue estimate, we would then hold appropriations committee hearings, determine where cuts need to occur to adjust our spending in line with our revenues, evaluate our priorities and allot the funds appropriately within the framework of those priorities. Instead we are holding hearings without knowing how much we are planning to spend. Common sense dictates you cannot create a balanced budget that way.

I recall my previous cooking and dining experiences with a particular food item or brand. My grocery decisions would pose more of a challenge without my farm and food production experiences. In fact, the meanings behind organic, natural, GMO, gluten and animal antibiotics likely would confuse me. Are some consumers out there guessing in the food aisles as I do in the pet food aisle? Really, does my cat want seafood- or chicken-flavored food? More importantly, does it really matter?

Eliminate some guess work on human food and take a look at the fresh pages of www. WatchUsGrow.org. This resource from Illinois Farm Families offers a quick and easy way for busy Illinois consumers to learn about – and even ask – their most pressing food questions. You may even find a farmer you know, but first check out the site's section on "Label Lingo." As you will see, sometimes labels mislead us. And we have no reliable user rating system to debunk them.

About the author: Joanie Stiers' 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

Greetings:

As one of the newest farmer members of the Illinois House of Representatives, I am honored to serve Knox County in Springfield. While my career has been as a Retired Lieutenant Colonel in the military, I also served over 17 years on the AlWood Board of Education and am a 5th Generation family farmer. We raise corn, beans, oats, wheat, and hay crops as well as a cow/calf operation, cattle feedlots and pigs near Andover.

Unlike many legislators who may have a background as a politician and then learn about farming, I have a background in farming and am learning to be a legislator. What an education it has been so far! On the farm, I am accustomed to assessing a problem, planning the steps and then putting in the hard work to solve problems. It was no different for me in the Army National Guard, United States Army or in local government on the AlWood School Board, Henry

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!

146 / Career and Technical Education

1. State and local groups should retain

primary responsibility for career programs and technical education programs.

2. We support:

2.1 Career and technical education and post-high school job training and retraining for youth and adults seeking jobs in farming, ranching and logging;

2.2 The eligibility of farmers and ranchers

to participate in existing government-funded retraining programs

152 / Family and Moral Responsibility

1. The strength of every civilized society is the family. We support and encourage the promotion of the fundamental principles and family values on which our nation was founded.

AITC celebrates Earth Day

In April, Knox County students learned about caring for the soil, air and water. Because all three are important to everyone, students learned how to reduce, reuse, recycle. They also learned how agriculture supports taking care of the Earth.

From a reusable shopping bag brought to class by Mrs. Green, students learned about items that can be recycled. Students learned how to identify recyclable items by finding the recycle symbol. Mrs. Green showed students how to break down a box to be put in the recycle bin. They were encouraged to help around the house to recycle. They can help their parents with recycling by cleaning used jars, cans and bottles and putting them in the recycle tub.

Students watched as Mrs. Green showed them how styrofoam behaved once it was wet, and then what happened to ecofoam. Students watched the ecofoam disappeared and learned it was made of corn. They were reminded that all around our communities, farmers are producing tons of corn that help us reduce trash through inventions like ecofoam. Students learned about caring for the soil by reducing the trash they put in the landfills. Students were encouraged to avoid putting things in the trash that poison the soil, like styrofoam.

Classroom discussion also focused on the trash we leave behind, and how it affects wildlife and our soil. Plastic bags and straws harm sea turtles because they think the floating bags are jellyfish to eat, as are the wormy straws that float by them! Though we do not have sea turtles or ocean waters, students are now aware that the same pollutants can find their ways into our rivers and lakes and harm the wildlife and pollute our soil.

Students were encouraged to become inventors to find ways to help the environment. Reused or recycled material can be found in classrooms across the county. Students identified chairs, playground equipment and benches to name a few items, made of recycled materials.

Students in first and second grade finished their Ag in the



Mrs. Saey's first graders from Gale School met all 10 Earth Day Challenges set up by their teacher. They are now part of The Green Team! Mrs. Green couldn't be prouder! Go Green!

Classroom lesson by making a Mr. Earth Day figure or Earth Day hats. They were also treated to a snack that they created to represent clean air, water and soil.

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Mission Statement: My goal is to help my clients achieve true financial security. When they go to sleep at night, I want them to know that their family is truly protected if something should happen to them.

Community Service: St. Jude Research Hospital Volunteer, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Volunteer, Boys and Girls Clubs of America Volunteer

Be Prepared For Tornado Season

Tornado season begins in April and lasts through June, but actually tornadoes can and do occur in every month of the year. That's why it is important to always be prepared.

The first step of tornado safety is to know the difference between a watch and a warning. These terms often confuse people. A watch always comes before a warning and indicates weather conditions are ideal for the development of a tornado. A warning means a tornado has definitely formed and has been sighted. The best way to remember the difference is to think of a watch as an advisement to be on guard.

The best time to take action is during a tornado watch. Once a tornado warning has been issued, you may not have enough time to get to safety.

If a storm hits while you are outside

- NEVER try to outrun a tornado. Tornadoes can change directions quickly and can easily lift vehicles and toss them around, making vehicles potential deathtraps. Always get out and away from vehicles.
- Take shelter inside a building

immediately, if possible.

- Find the lowest point possible. Lie in a ditch, ravine or low area or crouch near a strong building and cover your head and neck, if you cannot take shelter inside.
- Leave mobile homes and get to a safe place. Mobile homes, like vehicles, can be tossed around by heavy winds.
- Be aware of potential flooding.

Once you have taken shelter in a building

- Go at once to the basement, storm cellar or lowest level of the building. Go to inner hallways or smaller inner rooms without windows, such as bathrooms or closets if the building has no basement.
- Stay at the center of the room and away from corners because they tend to attract debris.
- Be mindful of where there is heavy furniture or appliances on the floor directly above you because heavy winds can weaken walls and floors.
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- Use your arms to protect your head and neck.
- Monitor the news from your local radio station for emergency information and instructions. Make sure the storm is completely over before leaving shelter.

Tornadoes often hit in groups, and it is possible that only one of many tornadoes has passed.

For more information on tornado safety visit the COUNTRY Financial website at www.countryfinancial.com.

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Knox County Farm Bureau was held on Thursday, April 20, 2017

EDUCATION & OUTREACH TASK FORCE – Lori Engel

The E&O TF celebrating Ag Month by hosting a "Thank a Farmer" month-long event at both HyVee locations. Local farmers are featured next to products that they raise or grow along with Ag Facts throughout the store. A bagging event took place on March 20th at the HyVee on E. Main. Thank you to all who helped bag or ran the trivia boards. 17 volunteers helped at the event.

The E&O TF is meeting on April 19th at 5:30 PM in the Knox Agri Center to discuss the Stampede 5K and upcoming Fair Activities.

YOUNG FARMERS – Krista Swanson

The Young Farmers hosted the Blindspot Safety Drivers Ed Workshop on March 3rd at Knoxville HS. There were 50 participants. The Tractor & Lawnmower Safety School took place at Birkey's on March 28th.

The Young Farmers are sponsoring the Stuff the Pantry event for FISH food pantry on April 20th & 21st at the HyVee on N. Henderson.

The Young Farmers are working on a leadership boot camp for late May/early June.

The Young Farmers are meeting on April 13th at 6:30 p.m. at Jimmy's in Wataga.

MEMBER RELATIONS TASK FORCE – Matt Hennenfent

The MR TF has awarded complimentary Associate Memberships to the following Senior FFA members throughout the county. Bethany Petentler – GHS & Jake Fell – KHS. The other FFA Advisors have been reminded of the program.

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

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

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

GOVERNMENT & POLICY TASK FORCE – Joe Webel

The G&P TF hosted a legislative luncheon with the Mercer County Farm Bureau on Friday, March 24th at the Packinghouse. Thank you to all that attended. An additional legislative event will be planned in the summer to hopefully have higher legislator attendance. 13 members attended the luncheon.

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

FARM BUSINESS TASK FORCE – Jarid Cain

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 Scott Sims from Western Grain Marketing on April 18th.

FOUNDATION – Caitlin Chrzanowski

The Foundation is hosting a specialty golf outing on June 23rd at Oak Run. It will be a 3-club scramble outing – Each golfer will be allowed a Driver, a Putter, and a 7 iron.

The foundation has awarded 4, \$1,000 scholarships thanks to a generous donation from the O'Connor Family. Recipients will be named in the June Bulletin.

KNOX AGRI CENTER – Caitlin Chrzanowski

The KAC hosted the spring clean-up day

on March 31st. 17 volunteers helped trim trees, pull weeds, mulch, change lightbulbs, and replace door handles. Thank you to all that helped.

The KAC is currently taking bids to re-do the entrance to both the Bridlecreek Square the the Knox Agri Center.

The KAC is currently taking bids to re-carpet the meeting room.

ILLINOIS FARM FAMILIES – Lori Engel

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

OLD BUSINESS

The 2016 KCFB Audit was discussed.

The Knox County Cattlemen's Association raised over \$5,300 for the Knox County Agriculture Fundraiser for the wildfire relief.

NEW BUSINESS

Caitlin will check with Peoria and Fulton Counties on an Agent Appreciation/Membership Drive Contest.

Caitlin will check with Love's in Knoxville about having an Ethanol Promotion with WGIL.

Illinois Cooperative Youth Conference Sponsorship was discussed.

Tom Hoben attended the Knox County Board meeting and reported that there were complaints at the Knox County Nursing Home. The Knox County Nursing Home rents farm ground at \$201/acre. They are changing the policy on credit card use. The Knox County Courthouse renovations were quoted to cost \$253,830.

Terry Boydston attended the Knox County Health Department meeting and reported

that the mental health tax passed. Boydston also discussed that a law firm in Chicago has requested the lead records for Knox County since 1992, as they are working towards a class action lawsuit, however the state said the information is confidential. They went through a report on the number of visits, target visits, and they reported that \$62.4% of accounts are less than 30 days old and 94% of payments come in within 90 days of treatment.

Board Meeting Attendance

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

* New Director

Agriculture Across the Globe

Swanson Family Farm in Oneida opened their gates to a group of foreign exchange students on April 8, 2017. The Knox County Farm Bureau was contacted by our local Rotary Youth Exchange program requesting a farm visit for a group of foreign exchange students studying in the Chicago suburbs. Swanson Family Farm graciously offered to host this farm visit. In doing so, five foreign exchange students from Brazil, Germany, Indonesia, Poland, and Italy learned about a modern farm in Knox County.

KCFB Young Leader Chair Krista Swanson said "Some of the chaperones have lived in the Chicago area their whole life and have never visited a farm before. The students had a lot of questions and were very interested in learning about farming in the United

States. None of the students were from an agriculture background although some had been to farms in their own countries."

The farm tour included learning about beef cattle, calving season, corn treating, planting season, common Knox County Crops. "It was a unique opportunity where the students did not simply hear about agriculture in Illinois; instead, they got to see it firsthand and hear from the family that dedicates their lives to feeding, fueling, and educating our world," stated Caitlin Chrzanowski, Knox County Farm Bureau Manager.

If you are interested in learning more about agriculture or are willing to open up your farm to visitors, please contact the Knox County Farm Bureau.



The Knox County Farm Bureau was able to partner with the Rotary Youth Exchange District 6460, Rotary District 6450 Youth Exchange and Swanson Seeds to help coordinate a Farm Tour of the Swanson Family Farm, in Oneida.

1st Baby Born during Ag Month

The Knox County Farm Bureau Education & Outreach Task Force honored the first baby born during Ag month.

On March 2nd, baby girl Selena Jean Sanchez was born at OSF St. Mary's Medical Center in Galesburg. Selena's parents Lindsay Cation & Edward Sanchez reside in Galesburg and received a basket full of baby items, all of which relate to agriculture.

Congratulations to Selena and her family!



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

Harvest for All

The Knox County Young Farmers have helped raise \$2,085 and 5,085 pounds of food for Knox County food pantries. The Young Farmers challenged the board of directors to a food drive competition in which \$85 and 85 pounds of food that was donated throughout Knox County. The Young Farmers also helped sponsor the Stuff the Pantry food drive hosted by WRAM at the HyVee on N. Henderson Street in Galesburg. Thanks to the generosity of Knox County, over 5,000 pounds of food and over \$2,000 were raised to help STUFF the FISH Food Pantry in Galesburg.

If you would like to help support the



Young Farmers feed hungry Knox County residents, the Knox County Farm Bureau will be accepting non-perishable food items and donations in our office throughout the year.



Kristen and Grant Strom are the 2017 American Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmer & Rancher Achievement Award winners. They are now the proud owners of a new Chevy Silverado as the prize thanks to Chevrolet and the AFBF Young Farmers and Ranchers. Pictured with Kristen and Grant are several of the Knox County Farm Bureau members who attended the reception.

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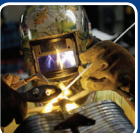
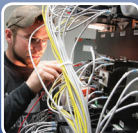
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Illinois Farm Bureau® created "Agricultural Leaders of Tomorrow" (ALOT), an agricultural leadership development program designed to give participants a head start on tackling tomorrow's responsibilities.

Twenty-five IFB members representing sixteen counties have successfully completed the 38th ALOT program. Adrienne DeSutter, Jeff Grady, and Krista Swanson represented Knox County. The 2017 ALOT sessions were held in Canton, Havana, Jacksonville, Springfield, and Bloomington. To date, over

1000 participants have graduated from the program.

The nine-week training program allows participants to study and develop leadership skills in the areas of communication, political process, agricultural economics, and global issues. The 2018 ALOT program will be held in Southern Illinois.

Thank you to West Central FS and GROWMARK for helping sponsor the Knox County participants.



Pictured in the back row (left to right) are Krista Swanson; and Jeff Grady. Front row: Randy Poskin, IAA District 6 Director; Adrienne DeSutter; and Steve Stallman, IAA District 16 Director.

Youth Conference

300 FFA members from 78 Illinois counties attended the 2017 Illinois Farm Bureau® & Affiliates Youth Conference, April 10-11 at the Embassy Suites, East Peoria.

"Maximize", the theme of this year's conference, offered FFA members in their junior year of high school a unique opportunity for career and personal development. This year's attendees got the opportunity to network with representatives from community colleges, universities, agriculture commodity groups, and the Illinois Farm Bureau and its family of companies at an Opportunity Fair. The conference also provided a series of breakout sessions that focused on personal growth, team building, advocacy, and leadership development. Participants also brought 598 non-perishable food items to the conference, which were donated to Midwest Food Bank as part of the Illinois Farm Bureau

Young Leaders' Harvest for All program.

The annual two-day conference is sponsored by Illinois Farm Bureau and its affiliated companies, which include GROWMARK, COUNTRY Financial, Prairie Farms Dairy and the IAA Credit Union.



Pictured (left to right) are: J.C. Campbell, Illinois FFA State President, Calen Mahr, Abingdon-Avon FFA Member, and Sean Welch, ROWVA FFA Member.

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Smokeless tobacco contains 28 cancer-causing agents (carcinogens). It is a known cause of human cancer, as it increases the risk of developing cancer of the oral cavity. Oral health problems strongly associated with

smokeless tobacco use are leukoplakia (a lesion of the soft tissue that consists of a white patch or plaque that cannot be scraped off) and recession of the gums. Smokeless tobacco use can lead to nicotine addiction and dependence. Adolescents who use smokeless tobacco are more likely to become cigarette smokers.

Even without the smoke, smokeless tobacco products are still a hazard, according to the American Cancer Society. It says the nicotine in smokeless tobacco is as addictive as heroin or cocaine and is associated with mouth, throat and other cancers, increased risk of heart disease and stroke, tooth loss, mouth sores and bad breath. Did you know:

- Holding an average-size dip in your mouth for 30 minutes gives you as much nicotine as smoking three cigarettes.
- A 2-can-a-week snuff dipper gets as much nicotine as a 1 pack-a-day smoker does.
- Smokeless Tobacco Causes: BAD BREATH, YELLOWISH BROWN TEETH, MOUTH SORES, CRACKED AND BLEEDING LIPS, LOSS OF TEETH, SHRINKING GUMS, HAIRY TONGUE.
- About 70% of smokeless tobacco users get mouth sores.

For help quitting please call the Illinois Tobacco Quitline at 1-866-Quit-Yes (1-866-784-8937), a toll-free number to access quit smoking support, or visit the www.quityes.org website, which provides free quitting information. For more information please call the health department at 309.344.2224 or visit www.knoxcountyhealth.org.



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MEMBERSHIP RECRUITER OF THE MONTH



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

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Jason Lumberry

Farm Bureau ACT Promotion

Thank you to all of our members that participated in the last FB ACT Action Request and communicated the needs of Illinois agriculture in the date on Federal tax reform to our legislators. If you would like to be enrolled for text message notifications for any FB ACT Action Requests, please text the word FARM to 52886. The following members participated in the Action Request:

Tara Bohnert Yoder, Jason Bollivar, Mary Bowman, Terry Boydston, Timothy Carlson, Caitlin Chrzanowski, Harlan Cook, Adrienne DeSutter, Drew DeSutter, James DeSutter, Lori Engel, David C. Erickson, David S. Erickson, Phillip Goedeke,

Jeffrey Grady, Mike Hennenfent, Thomas Hoben, Philip Johnson, Rebecca King, Jeff Link, Nathan Link, Tyler Main, Tim Main, Carolyn Moffitt, Rollie Moore, Susan Moore, Kathrin Roesler, Jeremiah Scholl, Samuel Serven, Joanie Stiers, Krista Swanson, Brett Swanson, Joseph Webel, and Todd West.

These members have also been added into a drawing for a \$50 gift certificate to the Packinghouse. Each time you contact a legislator for an FB ACT Action Request, your name will be entered into the drawing, which will take place at the Knox County Farm Bureau's 100th Annual Meeting in January of 2018.

PRIMETIMERS NEWS

The PrimeTimers committee met in April at the Knox Agri-Center for a potluck lunch and 18 members listened to a program presented by Scott Sims from Western Grain Marketing. The next meeting will

be May 16 at 12 pm at the Knox Agri-Center. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. The PrimeTimers invite members 55+ to attend.

~ CLASSIFIED ADS ~

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

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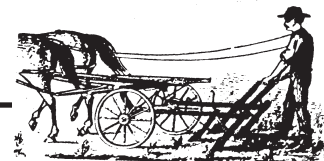
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FOR SALE: Small square bales of alfalfa or grass hay. Call (309) 208-5539. 4/17

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

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.

Looking Back



TAKEN FROM THE MAY 1997 BULLETIN

Magic Kingdom Club

Knox County Farm Bureau members could save 10% at Disney resorts at Disney World if they are a Magic Kingdom member. Members could also save money at various attractions offered within the resorts.

TAKEN FROM THE MAY 1977 BULLETIN

An Essential Minority

As of the latest survey in 1977, only 1 out of 26 Americans lives on a farm. Many grew nervous that the farms were losing people on them and growing in size acre-wise. Interestingly, only 2%, down from the 4% in 1977, of the US population lives on a farm today.

TAKEN FROM THE MAY 1939 BULLETIN

Farm employment has declined in the last 30 years despite a marked increase in agricultural production. Approximately 10,700,000 farm-friendly and hired workers in 1938 produced 25 to 30 percent more farm products than 12,200,000 workers produced in 1909.

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

AFBF is opening 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.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH



Chicken Salad

Ingredients

6 oz shredded chicken
1/3 cup dried cranberries
1/4 cup sliced almonds
2 green onion, sliced
2 small ribs celery, chopped

Dressing

1/2 cup plain Greek yogurt

1/2 teaspoon curry powder
2 teaspoons soy sauce
Squeeze of lemon juice
Salt, to taste

Directions

Combine chicken, cranberries, almonds, onion, and celery in a bowl. Mix dressing ingredients and pour over chicken mixture. Toss to coat. Serve!

Taken from iowagirleats.com

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



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