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**Forms and payment due December 4th!**

## Marketing Program November 20th

Dr. Steve Johnson, Farm & Ag Business Management Specialist from Iowa State University Extension, will be at the Knox Agri-Center on Monday, November 20th at 7:00 p.m. to present

Controlling the Crop Controllables: 10 Steps to Profitability in 2018. Visit [knoxcfb.org](http://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.

Thank you to our sponsors for this program: Abingdon Banking Center, First Midwest Bank, North-And. Co., Tompkins State Bank, Walt

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Visit [knoxcfb.org](http://knoxcfb.org) to reserve your seat or call the KCFB office: 309-342-2036.

## Meet Hailey

My name is Hailey Weyhrich. I am from Manito, Illinois and attended Midwest Central High School where I graduated as valedictorian in 2013. I attended the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign where I graduated in May with a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural and Consumer Economics with a concentration in Agribusiness Markets & Management. I am proud to be a farmer's daughter to the late Jeff Weyhrich and Linda Weyhrich. I also have a younger brother, Jacob, who is a freshman at Monmouth College studying business.

My parents were both members of the Tazewell County Farm Bureau Young Leaders Committee, where my dad served as the Chairman. He also went on to be the Young Leaders representative on the board. My grandpa, Loraine Weyhrich, also served as a director on the Tazewell County Farm Bureau Board of

Directors. My Farm Bureau journey started when I became my own member and joined Collegiate Farm Bureau at the University of Illinois my freshman year of college.

The 12 weeks of training I did with Illinois Farm Bureau was such a great experience and the people I have met along the way are nothing but encouraging and a true testament to strength of Illinois Farm Bureau. I am very excited for what is to come here at my time in Knox County. Caitlin has been so extremely helpful in the transition process and I will have big shoes to fill! I look forward to being here at the Knox County Farm Bureau and hope to carry on an already strong history of service!



## Flick on the Farm

The Knox County Farm Bureau organized the Flick on the Farm in August. A free

screening of Charlotte's Web was held at Swanson Family Farms with free Pilot Knob

Comforts popcorn and a meal prepared by the Knox County Cattlemen's Association.



## John Block and Colleen Callahan to Speak in Elmwood

Do you want one good reason for attending the sixth annual Elmwood Community Foundation Annual Dinner? That's easy. You'll hear from two nationally known speakers who live fewer than twenty miles from Elmwood. They are John Block who served in Ronald Reagan's cabinet, and Colleen Callahan who headed the USDA's program for rural economic development in Illinois. Their timely remarks will focus on how rural areas in Illinois and our nation are preparing for and meeting the challenges of the future.

Everyone in Elmwood as well as the surrounding communities is invited to our dinner and informational meeting to be held at the Presbyterian Church at 200 Evergreen St. in Elmwood on October 21, 2017. The doors will open and salads placed at 5:45, and the dinner will begin at 6 PM. Afterwards, you will hear an update on the proposed community center (now called a wellness center) to serve a

twenty-mile radius, followed by our speakers and recognition of the outstanding Elmwood citizen/s for 2017.

Menu options include beef and chicken, salad, vegetable, dessert, rolls, and drinks, but guests may request a vegetarian meal. Tickets are sold in advance for \$30 at the Ag-Land FS elevator in Elmwood, at the Akron Elevator in Brimfield as well as banks in Elmwood, Yates City, Brimfield, and Williamsfield. The actual meal (catered by Barracks of Peoria) costs ECF

\$25, but mailing, advertising, and printing will consume the remainder.

After our costs are met, any unused dollars will be placed in a special fund to provide employment for youth in a non-profit in the area. If you are unable to attend the dinner but would like to assist in providing jobs for youth, make out a check to the Elmwood Community Foundation and mail it to ECF, P. O. Box 131, Elmwood, IL 61529. For further information, contact Karl Taylor at (309)444-4154.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### October

- 17 PrimeTimers Potluck, 12 PM, Knox Agri-Center
- 19 KCFB Board Mtg, 8 PM, Knox Agri-Center

### November

- 9 Young Farmers Mtg, 6 PM, Knox Agri-Center
- 13 KCFB Board Mtg, 8 PM, Knox Agri-Center
- 20 Steve Johnson Seminar, 7 PM Knox Agri-Center
- 21 KCFB Foundation Mtg, 6:30 PM, Knox Agri-Center
- 21 Knox Agri-Center, 7:30 PM, Knox Agri-Center
- 23-24 Office Closed



KCFB Young Farmers served ice cream at the Williamsfield Ag Day Festival.



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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**Thank You**  
**KNOX COUNTY FARM BUREAU**



## Farm Gate

by Joanie Stiers

**Farm families instill 'live to serve' mantra**

Our son woke up Thursday and immediately wished for Friday. I snuffed the opportunity to talk about "not wishing your life away." Rather, I allowed him to anticipate the major set-up day for our community's agriculture festival as he stretched life into his legs before stepping out of bed.

On that Friday of significance, our FFA and 4-H families assembled a festival of free farm fun in our small town. Our kids love to arrive to the festival site promptly after school on that Friday to experience

the extensive set-up process that basically turns the village park into an agritourism farm. The kids eagerly anticipate the opportunity to see the activities before the general public and to help get everything rolling, quite literally. They want to make sure that the "human hamster wheel" (a five-foot diameter, dual-wall culvert) rolls just fine for the festival's attendees. They test the hay bale climb, a grouping of various-sized round hay bales to jump across. And they check that the water from the pitcher pumps flows well for the homemade duck races.

The kids work some, too. But in all of this play on the side, I like to think they learn, observe and inject community service into their psyche. I read and hear about Illinois Farm Bureau families who serve in their communities and lead events. They prepare the county fairgrounds for livestock and exhibitors. They sponsor youth safety programs about bikes, lawnmowers and fire. Families coordinate clothing and blood drives, flu clinics and health screenings at their county Farm Bureau buildings. The same families work the church kitchen and dining room

ahead of a community dinner. They set-up for the school carnival, decorate for the annual FFA Banquet, and understand the overwhelming task of planning a food stand as a fundraiser.

It seems the planning for community and family events here at home opened our daughter's eyes to event planning as a career option. Meanwhile, I sometimes open my eyes in the morning, questioning so many commitments when the green beans need picked and back rug needs vacuumed.

Through volunteer work, we bond with our friends, neighbors and relatives. We see the opportunities to make a difference and visibly measure the impact of fellow volunteers using their skills and resources. I also believe the volunteer process from planning to execution reflects the passion for service instilled by generations before us. If I were to guess, that generation likely tagged along as youngsters behind the community service scene, too.

*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.*

## 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!*

378 / Plant and Animal Infections and Infestations

1. We support:

1.1 An aggressive national and state effort to halt the spread of non-native pathogens and pests which endanger agricultural production;

1.2 The establishment of a program to analyze the effectiveness of state, federal and international plant and animal diseases and insect control measures. This analysis should estimate the risk of spread of undesirable plants, animals and insects

under current control procedures.

1.2.1 A ban on untreated products and packing materials from countries with known populations of destructive pests not native to North America;

1.2.2 Intensive monitoring of all imported products; and

1.2.3 Funding of research on eradication methods.

## Knox County AGRICULTURE in the Classroom<sup>SM</sup>

### September means Monarchs

During the month of September, many students across Knox County spent their Ag in the Classroom time learning about monarch butterflies- the Illinois state insect. Mrs. Green spent the first part of the month taking monarch eggs and



caterpillars to classrooms that ranged in age from kindergarten to high school. Because monarch caterpillars ONLY eat milkweed, she also found herself taking milkweed to schools to

feed the ravenous appetites of these little caterpillars.

Students learned about different varieties of milkweed and where they could find it. While common milkweed often grows wild along the roadsides, tropical and swamp milkweed can be a good choice for home gardens. Students were able to see both common and tropical milkweed, as Mrs. Green grows both in her own garden and brought it to class.

Students also learned about the monarch life cycle, as monarch eggs, caterpillars and even a chrysalis may have visited their classroom. Many classrooms were able to tag and release adult monarchs. This means that a sticker was put on the wing of the monarch with a special number that identified the monarch. If a tagged monarch is recovered, the number can be reported and students can find out if their butterfly made it to Mexico. Each fall monarchs migrate to Mexico for the winter.

Even though students had to say Adios to a monarch, it was an exciting way to start the school year!

## Food Messages Reaches 5 Million Consumers

During July and August, Illinois Farm Families worked hard to connect with consumers about local foods. The "How local is local food?" campaign shared information about locally grown products and introduced local farm families to consumers. The campaign reached more than 5 million consumers online.

Additionally, the "Let's Talk Local Farms" video received more than 1,000 views and an e-blast featuring tips on picking out the perfect steak and a link to a short clip on labeling was opened more than 600 times.

Also this summer, Illinois Farm Families teamed up with Momma Cuisine and McHenry County Fair for a live broadcast to talk local foods. Illinois farmers Rosie Trump, from DeKalb County, and Michele Aavang, from McHenry County, participated in the broadcast.

The broadcast received 146,770 Facebook views, 5,887 YouTube views of short clips of the broadcast, and 3,199 YouTube views of the longer broadcast.

Finally, Illinois Farm Families partnered with #FoodieChats to offer a unique farm sustainability tour to consumers.

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**Mission Statement:** "If you see a turtle sitting on a fence post, you know it had help getting there"

## Parents: Take Precautions to Keep Your Trick-or-Treaters Safe

For many children, Halloween is a time to dress up in a favorite costume, go to classroom parties and trick-or-treat at neighbors' houses. These happy thoughts of jack-o-lanterns, costumes and candy may cause parents and kids alike to forget the potential dangers of Halloween. I have assembled the following Halloween safety topics for adults in order to keep this autumn holiday safe and fun.

### COSTUME

- Whether you buy or make your child's costume, make sure the material is flame retardant.
- If the costume is not already a bright color, add reflective tape so motorists and other trick-or-treaters can better see your child.
- Consider using face paint instead of a mask, so your child's vision will not be restricted.
- Make sure the costume is not too long so that your child doesn't trip and fall.
- If your child is carrying a prop, such as a plastic sword, make sure the tips are smooth and flexible to prevent injury.

### ROUTE

- Older children: Plan older children's routes ahead of time, so you know where they will be. Also, set a time for them to return home. If possible, send a cell phone with them to use in case of emergency.
- Younger children: Never let small children trick-or-treat alone. While walking your pre-planned route, remind them to stay on sidewalks and cross at corners or crosswalks.
- Only go to houses where the lights are on.
- Make sure either you or your child carries a flashlight if trick-or-treating after daylight hours.

### CANDY

- Provide your children with a healthy meal before they go trick-or-treating. This way, they won't be hungry and will be less tempted to sample their candy en-route.
- Do not allow children to eat collected candy while they are trick-or-treating. Always check candy before they eat it, and dispose of any candy with an open wrapper or other suspicious appearances.

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In addition to the above suggestions, I encourage you to teach your children basic safety knowledge. Common sense tells adults to look both ways before crossing the street, but eager kids on Halloween night

may forget this basic safety rule. Also, it is good to remind children that although Halloween is a fun, exciting holiday, they still need to remember their manners and always say "thank you" when accepting candy.

# BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

## The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Knox County Farm Bureau was held on Thursday, September 21, 2017

### Education & Outreach – Lori Engel

The family picnic was scheduled for September 17 at 4:30 but cancelled.

The E&O TF co-hosted "Flick on the Farm" with Swanson Family Farm on August 27th showing Charlotte's Web. Popcorn was provided by Pilot Knob Comforts and food was provided by the Knox County Cattlemen's Association. 40 people were in attendance.

### Farm Business Taskforce – Jarid Cain

2016 Knox Co. Plat Books are available. 2018 Knox Co. Commemorative Plat Books will be available December of 2017. If you would like to advertise in this plat book, please contact the office at 309-342-2036.

### Government and Policy Taskforce – Joe Webel

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

The Action Request urging members to contact President Trump to continue the Korean US Free Trade Agreement ended September 8, 2017. 37 KCFB members responded.

### Member Relations – Matt Hennenfent

The Centennial Celebration committee has divided into two sub-committees. The History sub-committee met on Monday, August 21st in the KAC and worked on

planning the KCFB History video and Plat Book History pages. The July Event sub-committee met and discussed needs for the July 28, 2018 event.

The Agent Appreciation Golf Outing was August 25th at Oak Run Golf Course. Ed Johnson, Jeremy Kleine, Jason Lumberry, Tim Main, and Hailey Weyhrich attended.

IFB 2017 Quotas: We will receive a combined total of \$800 for meeting total and voting quota. KCFB was ranked 3rd out of all counties for total quota.

### Foundation – Caitlin Chrzanowski

The Foundation met on August 22nd at 6 PM in the KAC for the annual and regular quarterly meeting. The next meeting is November 21 at 6:30 PM.

### PrimeTimers – Caitlin Chrzanowski

The PT met on September 19th at 12 PM for a potluck lunch and a presentation from Western IL Home Health Care.

### Young Farmer's – Krista Swanson

The Young Farmers hosted a Young Farmers Reunion Social on August 24, 2017 at Sidetrax Bar & Grill in Galesburg. Over 35 current and past Young Farmers attended.

The Young Farmers hosted Ag Olympics activities and scooped ice cream at the Williamsfield Ag Day on September 10th.

The Young Farmers hosted the summer cookout at Tyler Main's house on

September 14th at 6:30 PM. 35 Young Farmers, including 3 new members were in attendance.

### KAC – Terry Boydston

The KAC Board met on August 22nd for pizza with the KCFB Foundation Board at 6:30 PM and their annual and quarterly meetings followed. The KAC has decided to consider options regarding the lights outside of the building as well fixing the entrance off Soangetaha Rd and splitting the cost with Bridlecreek Square. The next KAC meeting will be November 21 at 7:30 PM.

### IFF – Lori Engel

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

### OLD BUSINESS

The District 8 meeting was September 7th at the Monmouth History Museum. Mark Gebhards reported from the Governmental Affairs & Commodities Division from Illinois Farm Bureau. Candidates for the IAA Board of Directors President and Vice President positions were in attendance and gave speeches and answered questions.

### NEW BUSINESS

The CFB Financial Study was conducted by conference call with Morgan Faulconer, Treasury Manager, and Alan Dodds, Vice President of Finance and Treasurer.

Dan Butler will be invited to the February 2018 meeting to further discuss investment policy.

COUNTRY Financial Winter Corp Meeting will include Doug Yoder and a weather person at the winter meeting.

The KCFB Board went into Executive Session.

The 2018 Budget was discussed.

Ken Springer from the Knox Area Partnership discussed what KAP does.

Board Meeting Attendance				
NAME	July	Aug	Sept	
Bewley, Beau	P	A	P	
Boydston, Terry	P	A	P	
Cain, Jarid	P	P	P	
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	A	
Hoben, Tom	P	P	P	
Hulsizer, Matt	P	P	P	
King, Becky	A	P	P	
Link, Jeff	P	P	P	
Link, Nathan	P	P	P	
Main, Tim	P	P	P	
O'Connor, Tom	P	P	P	
Seiboldt, Pat	P	P	A	
Stevens, Monica	P	P	P	
Strom, Grant	P	P	P	
Swanson, Brett	P	P	P	
Swanson, Krista	A	P	P	
Webel, Joe	A	P	P	
West, Todd	P	P	P	



Legislative Update

It seems like an eternity since my column last April. At that time, one of the top concerns of those in the agricultural community was the lack of a State budget. As of this writing, we have a budget for the first time in three years. It was not without controversy, but I can share that this was a compromise budget. No one person or party got all they wished; rather, good faith negotiations by Democrats and Republicans produced a budget necessary for the economic health of the state. The most controversial part of the budget included raising the individual income taxes from 3.75% to 4.95% and the corporate taxes to 7%. These are the same rates that the Governor proposed earlier in the Senate Compromise plan. The budget package passed by the House and Senate represented approximately \$2.5 billion in spending cuts and included procurement reform, pension reform, and government consolidation.

If we had continued the course we were on for the last two and half years, which we undoubtedly would if this budget didn't pass, Illinois' bond rating would be "junk" status. This means that if Illinois was to borrow money, the State would be paying so much interest it would take decades, if ever, to pay off without massive tax increases. The State has been paying millions of dollars a day in interest on our unpaid bills, which, total approximately \$14 billion. If we did not pass a budget, the backlog would total \$24 billion and the increased revenue needed would be upwards of 8%.

With a budget in place, the Legislature addressed the issue of preK-12 school funding. Illinois has implemented a new school funding formula: an evidence-based model. For approximately four years, legislators worked on a new school funding formula. This new formula has gone through many changes to make it the best it can possibly be. We believe this formula will more equitably fund our schools and give a more stable funding base in the future.

The Spring Session included many pieces of legislation related to agriculture – several of which I sponsored. Most of the initiatives

that were passed this session were "clean up" measures suggested by the IDOA. The Department has been doing an excellent job of identifying regulations or measures that are no longer needed or applicable and striking them from the books. Many of these bills were signed into law by Governor Rauner at this year's Illinois State Fair.


Earlier this year, I was appointed to serve as the Vice-Chair of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee for the Midwest Legislative Conference of the Council of State Governments. I serve with Co-Chairs Senator Kevin Kinney of Iowa and Representative Paul Anderson of Minnesota. We will be working with legislators and industry leaders from 11 States and 4 Canadian provinces. Together, we continue working to enhance the economic relationship between the Midwestern States and the neighboring Canadian provinces, focusing on efforts to ensure viable rural communities, as well as strong agricultural and natural resource industries and environments.

The Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee will have many issues to address with rural communities facing financial erosion, in both farm income and rural job losses, and the federal issues including food safety, trade, and the 2018 Farm Bill. On that note, Illinois was honored to host U.S. Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue at the recent Farm Progress Show in Decatur.

Thank you to Caitlin Chrzanowski for your service to the Knox County Farm Bureau as Manager. It was a pleasure to work with you and I wish you all the best in the future. Welcome Hailey Wehrich as the new Manager. I look forward to meeting with you and working together. I wish you all a safe and profitable harvest.



Representative Norine Hammond



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The month of October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. During this time and throughout the year, all women are highly encouraged to think about breast health and get a mammogram. Breast Cancer is the most common cancer (other than skin cancer) among women in the United States. Breast cancer also affects men, but it is much rarer. The American Cancer Society. Cancer Facts and Figures 2017 estimates that in 2017 about 2,470 new male cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed and about 252,710 women will be diagnosed.

More and more women are getting mammograms to detect breast cancer in its earliest stages. As a result, breast cancer deaths are on the decline. Encourage the women in your life to get mammograms on a regular basis. Did you know there are still women who do not take advantage of early detection at all and others who do not get screening mammograms and clinical breast exams at regular intervals?

### DID YOU KNOW?

- Women age 65 and older are less likely to get mammograms than younger women, even though breast cancer risk increases with age.
- Hispanic women have fewer mammograms than Caucasian women

and African American women.

- Women below poverty level are less likely than women at higher incomes to have had a mammogram within the past two years.

Do you know about the availability of breast and cervical exams to all women whether or not they have health insurance? The Illinois Breast & Cervical Cancer Program provides FREE mammograms, clinical breast exams, and pap tests, with the provider of YOUR choice, to women who qualify! There are no income guidelines for this program. You may be eligible for this program if:

- You are a woman
- You live in Knox, Warren, or Henderson County
- You are between the ages of 35 and 64
- You have no Medicaid or Medicare Part B
- You have no health insurance or your health insurance will not cover these services
- If you have a high deductible on your health insurance for these services we may be able to help.

"The key to mammography screening is that it be done routinely – once is not enough," states Erin Olson, Director of Wellness and Health Promotion.

For more information on breast health, programs available at the Health Department, or to schedule a presentation for a group or organization you belong to, please contact the Knox County Health Department at 309-344-2224 or visit the Department website at [www.knoxcountyhealth.org](http://www.knoxcountyhealth.org).

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Ed Johnson

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PRIMETIMERS NEWS

The PrimeTimers committee enjoyed a presentation from a Western Illinois Home Health representative in September. Ten members attended the September meeting

and potluck. The next meeting is October 17th at the Knox Agri Center with the potluck starting at noon. The PrimeTimers invite members 55+ to attend.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Green Chile Pulled Pork Sandwiches

Serves 8

Ingredients

- 3.5 to 4 pounds pork shoulder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 can (14.5 ounces) diced tomatoes with green chiles, undrained
- 1 cup chopped onion
- ½ cup water
- 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 2 chipotle peppers in adobo sauce, minced
- 8 hard rolls or hoagie buns
- ½ cup sour cream (optional)
- 2 ripe avocados, peeled, pitted and sliced (optional)
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro (optional)



Instructions

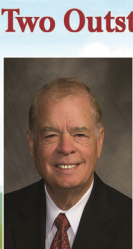
- Season pork with salt and pepper and place in slow cooker.
- Combine tomatoes and their juices, onion, water, lime juice, cumin, garlic and chipotle peppers in medium bowl. Pour over pork. Cover and cook on LOW 7 to 8 hours or until pork shreds easily when poked with fork or spoon.
- Remove pork from cooking liquid and cool slightly. Remove any fat from surface of meat and discard. Pull pork apart into shreds with forks. Return pork to cooking liquid and stir to combine. Serve on rolls, topping each sandwich with about 1 tablespoon sour cream, a few avocado slices and a pinch of chopped cilantro or as desired.

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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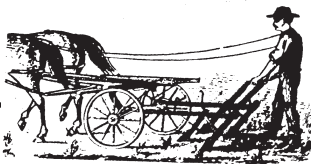
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Looking Back



TAKEN FROM THE OCTOBER 1997 BULLETIN

Knox County Farm Bureau 1997 Summer Viewpoint Survey Results

The Knox County Farm Bureau sent out a survey to its members to receive feedback regarding their views. In the survey, they were asked, "Are you currently using the Internet?" The results are quite different than today with 66% of those surveyed saying no.

TAKEN FROM THE OCTOBER 1977 BULLETIN

Ed Gumm Honored

Knox County Farm Bureau President from 1952-1956, Edwin Gumm, was honored with a plaque at a banquet at the Sheraton Motor Inn on October 20, 1977. He was an IAA Board member for 10 years, and he was known as a long-time supporter of agriculture through his service to the Farm Bureau.

TAKEN FROM THE OCTOBER 1939 BULLETIN

The 1939 Knox County Corn Husking contest will be held on the Everett Main farm near Altona. The general committee for the contest is Clyde Collinson of Lynn Township, Robert Gibbs of Copley, and T.J. Sullivan of Henderson.

~ CLASSIFIED ADS ~

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