



Mike Hennefent was honored as recipient of the Meritorious Award for Agricultural Excellence during the Knox County Livestock Auction.

## Meritorious Service to Ag Award

The Knox Agri Center Condominium Association gets the distinct honor of honoring a member of our community with a special award. The Meritorious Award for Agricultural Excellence began in 1980. This award is given to a person or persons who

have made an outstanding contribution to the agricultural industry in Knox County. A total of 24 recipients have been awarded to date and have included Mark Frels, Ted Mottaz, John Block, and David Bliss to name a few. This award is showcased at the Knox Agri Center with a plaque on the wall for generations to see. We were unable to recognize the winner at the Knox County Farm Bureau's Annual Meeting in February at the beginning of the year so Mike was honored at the Knox County Livestock Auction. This year's recipient is Mike Hennenfent. From a young age, Mike showed his dedication to being involved in the agriculture industry as a member of the Henderson Aggies 4-H Club and later 4-H Federation, the Galesburg FFA, and the Knox County Farm Bureau Young Farmers where he served on the State Young Farmers Committee. Mike and his family's commitment to 4-H spans over 4 generations, totaling 335 years of membership in Knox County 4-H. Mike also served on the Knox County Pork Producers, Knox County Cattlemen's Association, Knox County Corn Growers, Illinois Corn Growers, Knox County Farm Bureau and Knox County 4-H and Extension Foundation Boards as well as the local FS board for decades, which led him to serve on the Growmark Board for nine years. His involvement in these groups led him to be the proud recipient of many awards including the National Tractor Award at 4-H Club Congress, the Jaycees Outstanding Young Farmers Illinois State Winner in 1980, a National Outstanding Young Farmer Winner in 1981, a 1996 Prairie Farmer Master Farmer, and a member of the 2018 Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame. While Mike was semi-retired from farming, that did not stop him from working alongside his sons Bill and Matt or helping his grandsons with cattle on the farm and to show.

**WELCOME  
NEW MEMBERS**  
The Knox County Farm Bureau  
would like to welcome the  
following to our organization

Colten Bednar  
Andy & Jody Breuer  
Mary Castrodale  
Steven Mottaz  
Stephen & Frances Scharfenburg  
Katelyn Engel

## County Fair Grand Champions



The Knox County Farm Bureau sponsored the Grand Champion Steer Premium and Banner at the Knox County Fair. Madeline Nightingale (steer shown by her younger brother) from Henry County won.



The Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation sponsored the Premium and Banner for the Grand Champion Wether and Breeding Goat at the Knox County Fair. Ruby Gittings from Henderson County won both divisions.





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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**Dollars to donuts: The great State Fair returns**  
We park the van, help the kids set up 4-H exhibits and make a beeline to the donut stand. Through the glass display in the mobile food trailer at the Illinois State Fair, we watch a machine pump out mini rings of donut batter into what resembles a lazy river of hot cooking oil. The donuts sizzle as they move along the channel of oil before a turner flips them to fry the opposite side. A worker coats the donuts in granulated sugar and serves them in quantities as large as commemorative plastic pails.  
We own two and bring them to every

Legislative Update

Bustos to Deliver Wiswell-Robeson Lecture

MONMOUTH, Ill. – U.S. Rep. Cheri Bustos of Illinois will deliver this year's Monmouth College Wiswell-Robeson Lecture on Sept. 7.  
The fifth-annual lecture, which is focused on issues in agriculture, will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, in the College's Dahl Chapel and Auditorium. It is free and open to the public.  
Bustos, a Democrat from Moline, has

represented Illinois' 17th Congressional District, which includes Knox and Warren counties, since 2013. A former journalist and healthcare executive, Bustos' assignments in Washington include serving as a member of the House Agriculture Committee.  
The Wiswell-Robeson Lecture was founded in 2016 through a gift from 1960 Monmouth graduate Jeanne Gittings

all at the Illinois State Fair.  
The mini donuts, the pork burgers and a towering cup of soft-serve ice cream from the Dairy Building will feel extra special this August, which marks two years since the fair's return in Springfield. We're ready. We haven't seen enough food on sticks nor a life-sized cow carved from butter in 730 days.  
During a typical visit, we entertain ourselves with experiences related to agriculture and natural resources. Our family watches a bit of the hog show and browses displays of fruits and gladioli stems with prize-winning rosettes. We take in a draft horse competition while sipping a lemon shakeup and wishing Illinois were less humid. Despite the August heat, educational exhibits and political parties set up camp.  
Landscapes of blooming flowers beautify the 366-acre fairgrounds, ample space that allows residents to break from the norm. Visitors can view the birth of piglets or shoot a bow and arrow under supervision,  
all at the Illinois State Fair.  
Modern farm machinery lines the street leading to the Commodities Pavilion, our family's favorite lunch space for Illinois-raised pork, beef and lamb. At some point, we venture over to Conservation World where the kids view tanks of local fish species and learn about the mussels they find in the river that borders the farm. A tractor-pulled tram takes us back to where we started, ready to collect the kids' 4-H exhibits and ribbons.  
We depart with tired feet, full bellies and family memories without even experiencing the grandstand events, carnival rides nor twilight parade that kicks off the 11-day event. My heart sings a bit of the soundtrack from "State Fair," an old musical with good advice. "Don't miss it; don't even be late," or the donut line will be long.  
About the author: Joanie Stiers farms with her family in West-Central Illinois, where they grow corn, soybeans, wheat and hay and raise beef cattle and backyard chickens.

Getting To Know Your Farm Bureau Policy

- 101. FARM EQUIPMENT**  
We support:
- 1. Clarifying and simplifying the vehicle code and regulations relating to farm vehicles.
  - 2. Proper use of the slow moving vehicle (SMV) emblems, retailers providing information regarding proper use and law enforcement agencies enforcing proper use of SMVs.
  - 3. Seeking legislation to increase the fine for the misuse of SMV emblems to at least \$75.00 for the first offense.
  - 4. State and county Farm Bureaus developing an SMV and lighting campaign to encourage farmers to update their older equipment with new amber flashing lights and SMV emblems.
  - 5. Development and utilization of standardized specifications for pesticide containers and equipment connectors for closed pesticide application systems.
  - 6. Farm equipment manufacturers and American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE) working together to create an improved system for new equipment that would better indicate turns, such as sequentially-flashing red arrows, making them more noticeable for vehicles that are approaching or following.
  - 7. Development and utilization of standardized wire color/function for any trailer licensed for over-the-road use or any towed implement of husbandry.
  - 8. A farm equipment owner's right to maintain, service, repair, and rebuild their vehicle or farming equipment on their own accord or by the repair shop of their choice.
- We oppose:
- 1. Licensing farm tractors and other implements of husbandry.
  - 2. Mandatory retrofitting of lighting on farm equipment beyond that which was required by law as of 2018.



The Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation hosted the 5th Annual Golf Outing at Oak Run Golf Course on July 16. 8 teams competed with the winning team being David Hennenfent, Blake Hennenfent, Dane Hennenfent, and Ross Reedy. Over \$1,000 was raised for the Ag in the Classroom and Scholarship Programs. A big thanks to our sponsors: West Central FS and Farmers State Bank as well as Anderson State Bank, Tompkins State Bank, Ladner & Jain Orthodontics, GHAS, Compton Accounting, and F&M Bank.



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# Simple Maintenance on Backyard Equipment Can Prevent Injuries

By Michael Fisher, COUNTRY Financial

Long summer days are here once again, and chances are, your kids are spending more time outdoors playing on backyard swing sets and trampolines, and swimming in the pool. And, just like everything else we own, these items require proper maintenance to avoid accidents. Take the time now to inspect your equipment and keep your kids (and their visitors) safe this summer.

**Pool Safety**

First and foremost, ensure there is a barrier surrounding your pool to keep young children from entering the area. Install a fence and alarms for any doors that enter the pool area.

Next, post your safety rules and strictly enforce them with guests. Keep a first aid kit nearby, as well as ring buoys and reach poles. Learn how to shut off filters and pumps, and post instructions for others in case of emergency.

And last, but not least, enroll children in swimming lessons, and learn CPR and first aid.

**Trampoline Safety**

To keep trampoline jumpers from fall-

ing off the trampoline, all trampolines should have a net and pads. Regularly inspect your trampoline to check for tears, rust or missing parts.

Only allow one jumper at a time to prevent injuries. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, most trampoline injuries occur when there are multiple individuals jumping at a time.

**Swing Sets and Playgrounds**

Take special measures to keep your backyard swing set safe for children by regularly maintaining the equipment. Check for rusted or protruding bolts, cracked swings and slides, broken ropes and open hooks.

Playgrounds should be installed on soft surfaces, like rubber mulch or tiles, to help insulate falls and prevent injury.

**Are you covered?**

Owning trampolines and pools can put homeowners at a higher risk of injury on their property. Talk with your insurance representative about the types of coverages available for accidents and injuries that take place on your property. Adding an umbrella policy can be an affordable way to reduce

your vulnerability.

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## July Board Highlights

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Knox County Farm Bureau was held on July 15, 2021.

**Education & Outreach – Lori Engel**

The Education & Outreach Task Force provided over 200 ice cream sandwiches to participants and volunteers at the Farm Safety Day on June 26.

**Farm Business – Becky King**

A new plat book will be created for 2022. Available in December 2021. Marketing Club has started meeting again. The Knox County Watershed Planning Meeting will be held on August 10 at 6PM at the Agri Center.

**Government and Policy – Drew DeSutter**  
Nothing new to report.

**Member Relations – Jeff Grady**

Voting member dues are due February 28, 2021. Postcards reminding 2021 soon to be delinquent members to renew have gone out a third time.

**Foundation – Hailey Weyhrich**

The 5th Annual KCFB Foundation Golf Outing will be held on July 16 at Oak Run starting at 8AM and ending with lunch.

**PrimeTimers – Hailey Weyhrich**

A survey will be sent to PrimeTimer members to see if they are comfortable resuming meeting. An invite will be sent to all members 55 and older to join the PrimeTimers group.

**Young Farmers – Tyler Main**

Young Farmers met on June 10 and will begin to work on their upcoming projects. Ag Olympics will be held on July 13 at 2:00 in the Show Ring at the Knox County Fairgrounds.

**KAC – Hailey Weyhrich**

The Meritorious Service to Ag Award will be awarded to Mike Hennenfent at the Knox County Youth Livestock Auction on July 13 at 6:46PM.

**OLD BUSINESS**

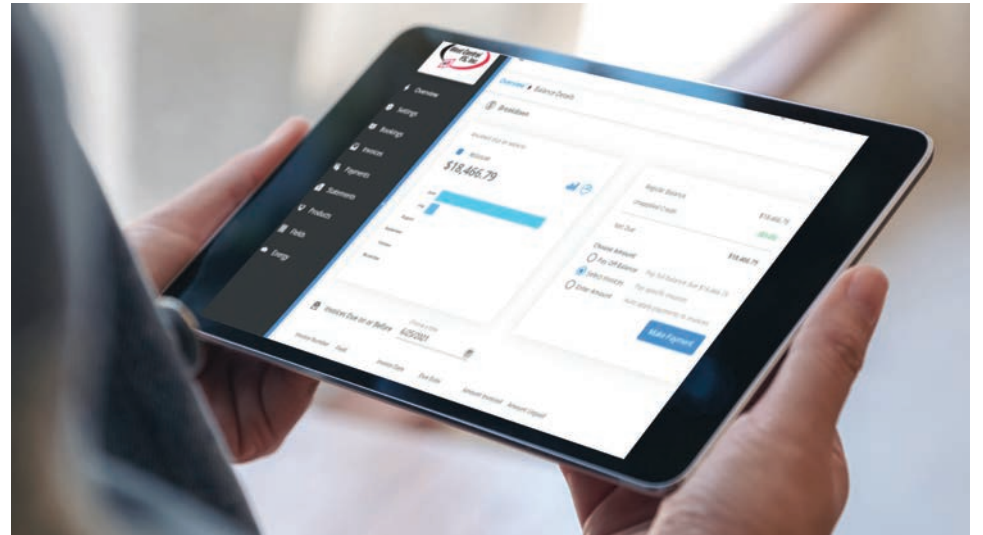
There are two vacancies on the Knox County Farm Bureau Board. Directors are looking to fill those spots in District 2 and District 3. Kyle Underwood was considered to fill one of the spots.

RSVP's are due August 3 for the IFB Watershed Planning Meeting on August 10 at the Knox Agri Center.

**NEW BUSINESS**

No New Business to report.

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# A New Beginning

Ag in the Classroom is ready to start a new school year. While the end of the 2020-21 school year didn't allow Mrs. Green to resume her regular classroom visits, she was able to visit a few classrooms in Abingdon, Costa Academy, Galesburg, Knoxville, and ROWVA. Like a butterfly emerging from a chrysalis, 2021-2022 offers new beginnings. Mrs. Green looks forward to a full schedule and meeting new teachers and students.

Fall is a busy time for all those in agriculture. It is also a busy time for our state insect and a local pollinator, the monarch butterfly. In mid to late August, monarchs emerge from their chrysalis with the goal of migrating to Mexico. Milkweed for food and nectar from flowers help this migrating generation make the long migration. Farmers work to support the pollinators. They know every third bite of food is made possible by pollinators.



Tiny monarch egg

As school begins this fall, any teacher



Growing monarchs



Caterpillar in a J with a newly formed chrysalis

interested in raising the migrating generation of monarchs can contact Mrs. Green for support. She hopes to have eggs and caterpillars and will deliver fresh milkweed to any teacher that calls or emails her at the Knox County Farm Bureau. (309-342-2036 rgreen@knoxcfb.org).

Watch for information about the upcoming Monarch Migration Festival, which will require a reservation in advance, in keeping with Covid safety expectations.

Knox County Farm Bureau will have information as it becomes available.



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# Health on the Farm

By the Knox County Health Department



## Knox Community Health Center Celebrates National Health Center Week

**The Chemistry for Strong Communities**  
The Knox Community Health Center will celebrate National Health Center Week 2021 (NHCW), as part of a weeklong campaign August 8th-14th. This is part of a national campaign to increase awareness of the ways health centers are providing affordable health care in communities.

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, Community Health Centers (CHCs) have been key to ensuring everyone can access affordable, quality healthcare, during and beyond the pandemic. They are locally run yet part of a national network serving almost 30 million people nation-wide. They save American taxpayers \$24 billion a year in health care costs by preventing and managing chronic diseases. Community Health Centers care for everyone, regardless of insurance status.

At the Knox Community Health Center, we provide Medical, Dental and Behavioral Health Services to residents. The Knox Community Health Center, located at 1361 West Fremont Street, Galesburg, has modified its hours to offer more services and more convenient appointment times to patients. Existing and new patients of the Health Center will be able to schedule appointments Monday thru Friday 7:00am to 5:00pm. The Health Center provides medical care to patients with three knowledgeable providers, Dr. Mark Wiechert, Advanced Practice Nurse, Carol Sacco, and Family Nurse Practitioner, Terri Hicok. These providers serve as the medical care providers for children and adults for routine medical appointments and illness.

Community Health Centers are not just healers, we are innovators who look beyond medical charts to address the factors that may cause poor health, such as poverty, home-

lessness, substance use, mental illness, lack of nutrition and unemployment. We are a critical piece of the health care systems and collaborate with hospitals, local and state governments, social, health and business organizations to improve health outcome for people who are medically vulnerable. We have pivoted to serving our communities through telehealth, drive through COVID-19 testing, and still ensuring our patients can access necessities.

While COVID-19 continues to aggravate social and medial inequities across the country, Community Health Centers have stretched themselves to reconfigure services for those in need. As more people lose their employee-sponsored health insurance, Community Health Centers must remain open to provide care for all, regardless of insurance status.

Every day in our, Knox Community Health Center, waiting rooms we witness the value of having a patient-centered health care home. When people have a place to go for regular care, they use it and stay healthier. We provide a range of services onsite – primary medical care, dentistry, and even behavioral health services. Our patients not only get the care they need under one roof, but they are treated as individuals, with dignity and respect. This is what health care should be, and what we celebrate during National Health Center Week.

The Knox Community Health Center is happy to be able to provide care for the insured, uninsured, and under-insured alike. We provide access to affordable, high quality care to everyone, even if you don't live in Knox County. Good health begins with primary care. To learn more about the Knox Community Health Center or to become a new patient please call us at 309-344-2225.



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OTHER MEETINGS:

- Tues., Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> 8:30 – 10:30 AM,**  
Hancock County Farm Bureau

**Tues., Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> 12:00 – 2:00 PM,**  
Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau
- Wed., Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> 8:30 – 10:30 AM,**  
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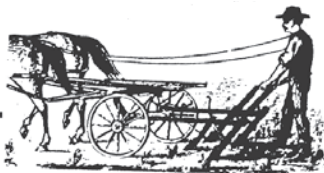


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## Looking Back – August 1966 Mr. Farm Bureau at Knox County Fair

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The talking man created a great deal of interest with people of all ages by stimulating their curiosity as they talked and asked questions of Mr. Farm Bureau and Mr. Farm Bureau answered their questions. Youngsters, especially, were intrigued with their frequent visits with the big man. The talking Mr. Farm Bureau was used to call attention to other activities in the Farm Bureau booth.

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

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## MEMBERSHIP RECRUITERS OF THE MONTH

The Knox County Farm Bureau would like to recognize COUNTRY Financial Representatives Jeremy Kleine, Michael White, and John Ryner as the top membership recruiters in July. They all signed 1 new associate member. Call your COUNTRY Representative for all your insurance and financial needs.



Jeremy Kleine



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