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Roots and Boots Tour: Coming to Knox County Fair

Three of the voices that defined 90's country music – Sammy Kershaw, Aaron Tippin and Collin Raye – join forces in the Roots & Boots tour, coming to the Knox County Fair on July 8, 2021 in Knoxville! Combined, the trio has amassed more than 40 Top 10 radio smash hits and sold more than 25 million albums. Don't miss these iconic country artists as they come together to swap stories and perform their classic songs all on one stage.

The concert will take place at the Knox County Fairgrounds in Knoxville, IL. Gates will open at 6:00P and the show will begin at 7:00P. Grandstand tickets and track tickets are on sale now at www.KnoxFair.com.

About Aaron Tippin – Aaron Tippin has crusaded for the working man and woman since he ripped country music wide open with his uncompromising single “You’ve Got To Stand For Something.” His voice continued to ring loud and clear with such hits as “I Wouldn’t Have It Any Other Way”, “There Ain’t Nothin’ Wrong With The Radio”, “That’s As Close As I’ll Get To



sixth CD—Read Between The Lines—stands at the “Platinum” level. Tippin’s honest lyrics and direct, impassioned vocals have built a large and devoted audience.

About Sammy Kershaw – In the course of breaking into the ranks of stardom in country music, Sammy Kershaw has made contributions to more than just the charts. His platinum albums were propelled into the records books by hits such as “She Don’t Know She’s Beautiful,” “I Can’t Reach Her Anymore,” “National Working Woman’s Holiday,” “Love Of My Life,” “Cadillac Style,” “Don’t Go Near The Water,” “Haunted Heart,” and many other milestones.

About Colin Raye – Collin Raye is nothing if not passionate. His soulful delivery has set country standards in such searing ballads as “Love, Me,” “In This Life,” “Not That Different” and “If I Were You”. Always an energizing showman, he has also blazed through such vivid rockers

Loving You,” “My Blue Angel” and “Kiss This”. Five of his albums are certified “Gold” and a

as “My Kind of Girl,” “That’s My Story,” “I Can Still Feel You” and “I Want You Bad.” With 24 top ten records, 16 #1 hits, and having been a 10-time male vocalist of the year nominee (5 CMA and 5 ACM), this truly electrifying performer of his era remains one of the great voices of our time.

About the Knox County Fair – Founded in 1851, the Knox County Fair is the longest running county fair in Illinois! Find out more about the fair and the concert by visiting www.knoxfair.com or by following them on Facebook @ [knoxcofair](https://www.facebook.com/knoxcofair).

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

Matt & Haley Kaser
Daniel & Andrea Howsley
Michele & Tracy Quinn
Michael Johnson
Caleb Stover
Jennifer Tucker

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KNOX COUNTY FARM BUREAU



Hot fact: Illinois No. 1 in horseradish

As a kid, I only knew horseradish as the white, hot condiment that Mom enjoyed on her roast beef sandwich. As an adult, I learned a cool fact about the vegetable with sinus-clearing heat: Illinois ranks No. 1 in horseradish production. Farmers in south-west Illinois grow two-thirds of the nation's supply, easily winning the horse(radish) race with more than double the acreage of No. 2 California.

Illinois' horseradish reign can add some flavor to picnic table talk and even the picnic food itself, appropriate during July, dubbed National Horseradish Month. Squirrt some prepared horseradish on a hot dog.

Legislative Update

The Wellbeing of Illinois' Family Farmers is Personal

By Congresswoman Cheri Bustos

In Milford, Illinois there are more pigs than people. And although I was born and raised in our state's capital, this small town with a population of about 1,300 close to the Illinois-Indiana state line is home to some of my best childhood memories.

When I was a kid, I spent my vacations on my Grandpa Joe Callahan's hog farm in Milford. And to this day, my extended family still farms in towns across Illinois.

I share this because Illinois farmers are my family and their wellbeing is personal to me.

That's why when I was first elected to Congress in 2012, I chose to serve on the House Agriculture Committee and have remained ever since, through five terms.

Now, I'm thrilled to have gone from my Grandpa's farm, to the Chair of the Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management in the House of Representatives.

With this new responsibility, I'm well positioned to bring my perspective at the highest levels of Congress as someone who comes from a long line of family farmers to advocate for hardworking Illinois farmers and producers.

The subcommittee oversees policies, laws and markets relating to commodities critical to producers in Illinois like corn and soybeans. It also oversees the Commodity Credit Corporation and crop insurance program – a critical safety net for our family farmers.

In fact, our region is one of the top

Add it to the picnic meatloaf. Shave some raw root onto a tossed salad. People even toast the vegetable in Bloody Mary cocktails during a competition at the International Horseradish Festival in Collinsville, where festivalgoers also hurl roots for sport.

Noticeably different from Illinois' dominant landscape of corn and soybeans, horseradish is a root crop. Its above-ground leaves resemble oversized, three-foot-tall greens. Its white root delivers the heat desired in condiments and popular on prime rib. Rob Gerstenecker's family has grown horseradish for around 50 years near the Mississippi River basin, the "American Bottoms" where the crop thrives in the rich soils and climate.

Horseradish production delivers another set of busy seasons for the Gersteneckers, also corn and soybean farmers. Before corn and soybean planting, they plant and harvest final horseradish roots in early spring. After corn and soybean harvest, they harvest most of their roots, then clean and pack roots through the end of the year, saving

quality finger roots for "seed" to plant the following year.

Each root is planted, weeded, harvested and packed by hand (I repeat, by hand), making the crop's labor demands as intense as its heat. The family hires extra hands to help, and Rob estimates one day of work in the field equals up to three days of work in the shed to prepare roots for shipment to the farm's buyers, which include processors in Maryland and Ohio.

During the growing season, farmers hire Rob to scout for bugs and diseases in horseradish fields, including in the top-producing counties of Madison, St. Clair and Monroe. At home, his family enjoys horseradish in spaghetti sauces and on meats off the grill. For the amateur, he suggests adding horseradish to foods enjoyed with onions to taste test and support Illinois' hot crop.

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.



agricultural Congressional Districts in the nation, producing \$1.8 billion in annual sales of corn and soybeans.

Since the start of this new session of Congress, I have been meeting with each of our local Farm Bureaus – including the Knox County Farm Bureau – to hear directly from local growers and producers and gather their priorities.

And I've wasted no time applying the feedback I received. This month, I chaired my first subcommittee hearing on our farm safety net and risk management programs.

Because with historic flooding across

our region in 2019, the devastating impact of the derecho in the Midwest and a worsening drought making its way into Illinois, the strength of these programs is vital.

This first hearing was a pivotal step in a series of actions we must take to ensure our farmers are set up for future success and have access to the immediate resources they need – especially amid these signs of an increasingly chaotic climate.

To further elevate Illinois voices in this conversation, I was pleased to welcome Jeff Kirwan, a family farmer from neighboring Mercer County, and Dr. Gary Schnitkey, a University of Illinois professor known for his farm policy analysis, to testify before the committee.

With their insights, we were able to learn more about what we got right, and wrong, in the 2018 Farm Bill when it comes to our farm safety net programs, as well as lay the groundwork for the 2023 Farm Bill.

Because at the end of a hard day's work, our farmers must know that Congress will have their backs. I'll keep fighting to build back better for rural America and strengthen our agricultural economy for years to come.

Congresswoman Cheri Bustos, now in her fifth term, is a member of House Democratic leadership and represents the 17th District of Illinois, which includes Rockford, the Quad-Cities, Peoria, hundreds of communities in between and roughly 9,600 family farms.

Getting To Know Your Farm Bureau Policy

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1. Voluntary checkoffs for market promotion, development and research that are collected only once from individuals, marketing agencies or Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) loans when forfeited and only if the farmer can have his checkoff refunded.
2. Legislated mandatory checkoffs for market promotion, development and research if such checkoffs contain provisions calling for:
 - A. The program to be voted in or out by

the farmers affected;

- B. Control of the program by an independent committee of farmers;
- C. A full refund of monies upon request to farmers until such time as a refund referendum (not a poll) is approved/disapproved by a majority of farmers voting;
- D. The monies to be used only for purposes intended;
- E. The checkoff to apply to all imported products;
- F. Checkoff-funded research grants for end-user products that have royalty or licensing agreements, where feasible, signed with the research institution.

3. Providing information to farmers which supports the need for increased funding of programs designed to expand domestic and foreign markets for commodities and commodity products.
4. The use of technology to increase voting participation.
5. Working with commodity checkoff groups to emphasize value-added benefits to farmers and to focus on higher net returns for farmers.
6. Efforts to revise rules and regulations governing election of directors of commodity checkoff boards.

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NEWS FROM COUNTRY FINANCIAL



Take inventory of your belongings in less than 10 minutes

Have you ever moved? During the awesome (sarcasm) packing stage, have you ever said to yourself, “Wow, I forgot we had that!”

Now think about this. If something were to happen to your home and the belongings inside of it were destroyed, could you list every item you own? If you don't think you could do it on a regular day, you probably won't be able to do it under extreme stress after a natural disaster or fire strikes.

That's why having a home inventory on file (or even saved in your email) is so important.

It takes less than 10 minutes

Some avoid taking an inventory because they think you have to list out every item you own, accompanied by serial numbers, purchase costs, how much the item is worth today, pictures, and so on.

Guess what? Taking inventory of your home can be so much easier than that because creating a video version of your belongings is more than acceptable!

So, what should be included in your home

inventory video? Follow these simple steps!

1. Narration. You might feel silly talking over your video, but it's so helpful. While you're recording, be sure to describe what we're looking at. Maybe it's something that's been in your family for four generations – say that in the video! The more detailed you are during your video shoot, the better.

2. All of your stuff. This might seem obvious, but you need to capture everything you own. Sounds overwhelming, but if you take it a room at a time, you'll be done in no time. Feel free to break up the videos and create one for each room if that's easier. Don't forget places like your garage, attic or shed, if you have them.

3. (Some) serial numbers. For bigger ticket items, like electronics, point the camera at the make, model and serial numbers and narrate that information over the video as you record. This will help ensure you're reimbursed for the same product (or for one of equal value).

Where do I save my home inventory

video(s)?

Save the video in your email (and in someone else's email) so you can access it if your computer is destroyed. It's also a good idea to send it to your insurance agent to save on file.

Don't want to create a video? Or, do you

already have a home inventory spreadsheet?

Lists and photos are still a completely acceptable way to inventory your belongings. But it's worth taking a look at your inventory to make sure you don't need to create a new one, or at least add to the one you already have.



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June Board Highlights

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Knox County Farm Bureau was held on June 17, 2021.

Education & Outreach – Lori Engel

The Education & Outreach Task Force will be providing ice cream sandwiches for the afternoon snack at the Farm Safety Day on June 26.

Farm Business – Todd West

A new plat book will be created for 2022. Available in December 2021. Steve Johnson will be hosting a Zoom webinar for CFB's on June 14 at 7PM. Email addresses are needed, and registration can be done by contacting the office. Marketing Club will start meeting again on June 23 at 12:30.

Government and Policy – Drew DeSutter

The Action Request on the “transfer tax” contained in the STEP Act and allowing the continued use of stepped-up basis had over 2,300 members participate, and 8,000 emails sent to the President and members of Congress.

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 second 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

Nothing to report currently.

Young Farmers – Tyler Main

Young Farmers met on June 10 and will begin to work on their upcoming projects.

KAC – Hailey Weyhrich

The parking lot lights will be replaced with new LED heads. The parking lot will be resealed soon.

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.

NEW BUSINESS

Brenda Matherly from IFB provided an update on Farmland Assessment. KCFB can now hold their events at the 4-H Fair.

KCFB Board Attendance 2021	
	June
Beard, Jennifer	P
Bewley, Beau	P
Boydstun, Terry	A
Courson, Dustin	P
DeSutter, Drew	A
Emken, Kurt	P
Engel, Lori	P
Goedeke, Phil	P
Grady, Jeff	P
King, Becky	A
Link, Cory	A
Link, Nathan	P
Nelson, Brian	P
O'Connor, Tom	P
Shea, Damon	P
Stevens, Monica	A
Swanson, Brett	A
West, Todd	P

Jump into Summer



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IDOA to Offer Free Recycling Program for Agrichemical Containers

The Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) is encouraging farmers and agrichemical facilities to save their empty agrichemical containers as they will once again be hosting free container recycling days throughout the State.

Beginning in the middle of July and continuing into August, sites throughout the State will collect the empty containers which will be recycled and made into shipping pallets, plastic lumber, and other useful products.

“This program offers farmers and agrichemical facilities a convenient opportunity to dispose of empty pesticide containers while also helping to protect the environment,” said Jerry Costello II, Director, IDOA. “I encourage farmers to gather containers they are planning to dispose and take them to the nearest collection site to be repurposed.”

Metal and household pesticide containers are not eligible for the recycling program. Collection sites will accept only high-density polyethylene, #2 plastic agrichemical containers that are clean and dry. Participants are responsible for rinsing them and removing all caps, labels, booklets, and foil seals.

Mini-Bulk and Intermediate Bulk containers can be recycled via the Department’s container recycling program by making the following container preparations: Mini Bulk (cage) containers are required to be cut into separate top, bottom and sides, fittings discarded (no metal, no wood) (6 slabs of plastic). Intermediate Bulk Containers are to be cut in to 1-foot square pieces, fittings discarded (no metal, no wood). In 2021, G. Phillips and Sons, LLC Began offering services to pick up Mini-Bulk and Intermediate Bulk containers throughout the year. Please feel free to contact G. Phillips and Sons, LLC at 678-232-6047 to learn more about their Mini-Bulk and Intermediate Bulk container collection service.

The program is a cooperative venture between the Illinois Department of Agriculture, Agriculture Container Recycling Council, GROWMARK,

Inc., Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association, G. Phillips and Sons, L.L.C., Illinois Farm Bureau, and the University of Illinois Extension.

Additional information can be found on the IDOA website at agriculture.illinois.gov, click on the “Environment” tab and then “Agrichemicals”. To obtain a free brochure about the program, call the Illinois department of Agriculture toll free at 1-800-641-3934.

The collection sites and dates for the 2019 Pesticide Container Recycling Program are as follows:

Permanent collection sites:

County City Location Contact Phone #

Pike Griggsville Logan Agri Sry, Inc
Josh Schaver 217-833-2375

Lawrence Lawrenceville Klein Flying Service Robert Klein 618-884-1040

White Carmi Klein Flying Service Bri Klein 812-890-8605

Single Day Collection Sites: AM Site hours are 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. PM Site hours are 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Date/Time	County / City	Location	Contact	Phone
7/22 AM	Randolph / Sparta	Bockhorn Ag	Justin Bockhorn	618-443-3905
7/22 PM	Monroe / Waterloo	Gateway FS	Jacob Frank	618-939-8237
7/23 AM	Wayne / Ellery	Wabash Valley Serve Co.	Kent Ochs	618-516-1697
7/26 AM	Clinton / New Baden	Nutrien Ag Sol., Inc.	Jeff Haas	618-588-3525
7/26 PM	Washington / Irvington	Irvington Elevator	Steve Seidel	618-249-6206
7/27 AM	Effingham / Montrose	Effingham Equity	Andy Meinhart	217-342-3123
7/27 PM	Fayette / Vandalia	Woolsey Brothers	Randy Goodman	618-283-1263
7/28 AM	Macoupin / Girard	M & M Service	Brian McKinney	217-627-2151
7/28 PM	Christian / Pana	Effingham Equity	Andy Meinhart	217-342-3123
7/29 AM	Morgan / Jacksonville	Prairieland FS	Dick Stiltz	217-243-6561
7/29 PM	Cass / Virginia	Sunrise FS	Zach Witherell	217-836-0763
7/30 AM	Champaign / Tolono	United Prairie	Ben Rawlins	217-485-6000
7/30 PM	Tazewell / Deer Creek	Early Bird Feed & Fertilizer	Dave Howard	309-613-0934
8/2 AM	Hancock / Bowen	Chem-Gro, Inc.	Todd Nelson	217-842-5514
8/2 PM	Schuyler / Rushville	Prairieland FS	Aaron Winner	217-322-2024
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By the Knox County Health Department

Returning to Work After COVID? Tips to Make the Process Easier

Office life has its own set of perks and challenges. The perks- seeing your coworkers, scoring free snacks in the breakroom, and just having a place where you can focus on your job-related responsibilities. The challenges- encounters with those coworkers who like to overshare, crusty coffee mugs in the sink that no one wants to wash or that one person who insists on burning popcorn in the microwave every other day. Hey, that's just office life.

When it was taken away from us last year, some were fine with the change and others had a rough time adjusting. But as the pandemic pushed on, one thing became clear: Despise the craziness around us, our homes were the one place that we felt safe.

If you have a return-to-work date looming over your head, you might be struggling with the thought of having to leave the safety of home to go to work in an atmosphere that is filled with uncertainties. Fortunately, William Barnes, LCSW, CADC, Director of Behavior Health at the Knox Community Health Center, has some tips to make the transition back to work less stressful.

Where is the stress coming from?

It is not weird to feel nervous about returning to work. According to Barnes, it is normal considering we have been safe in our pods for so long. Some people are worried that when they leave their house, they may unknowingly contract COVID or spread it. We have all been social distancing and lost practice of how to meet with people in person, look them in the eyes and engage in everyday chitchat.

How to start mentally preparing for the return to work

Walk through scenarios that you may

encounter at work to help you feel more at ease and do not jump right back in. If you are able go back to your office before your official start date. Look around, sit in your chair, and remember a lot has changed in a year, so things are not going to look or feel like they did.

Establish a better sleep schedule

Work on establishing a routine bedtime and get that in place before returning to work. Seven to nine hours of sleep has been shown to help people be more productive. Getting enough sleep can also reduce emotional eating and buffer you emotionally and physically against the wear of stress.

Make it clear if you are still practicing social distancing

It is ok to continue to add space and distance. Remember how you say it is just as important as what you say. People may not realize that they are stepping into your space. A gentle reminder can help. Do this by saying, "I'm still social distancing," and take a step back. You can also create a physical distance with your body language and objects. Stand behind your desk or move your chair farther away to give you more space.

If you are experiencing extreme anxiety or unable to complete daily tasks after returning to work talk to a mental health professional. This year has been traumatic for everyone. It is no surprise that returning to work may trigger preexisting conditions such as depression or anxiety. If you are struggling, be sure to reach out to a mental health professional. The Knox Community Health Center Behavioral Health Division is here for you, please call 309-344-2225 to schedule an appointment.

Protect your home against

MOSQUITOES

Mosquitoes can develop in any standing water that is present for more than five days. To reduce the mosquito population around your home and property, eliminate all standing water and debris. Here are some spots where water can collect or where poor maintenance can cause problems.

- Pool cover that collects water, neglected swimming pool, hot tub or child's wading pool
- Birdbath (clean weekly) and ornamental pond (stock with fish)
- Any toy, garden equipment or container that can hold water
- Flat roof without adequate drainage
- Clogged rain gutter (home and street)
- Leaky faucet or pet bowl (change water daily)
- Uncovered boat or boat cover that collects water
- Missing, damaged or improperly installed screens
- Tree rot hole or hollow stump
- Trash and discarded tires (drill drain holes in bottom of tire swings)

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- 1 Box Mostaccioli Noodles, cooked and drained
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- 1 1/2 Cup White Sugar
- Salt, Pepper, Garlic Powder, Parsley – To Taste
- 1 – 2 Medium Cucumbers, thinly sliced
- 1 Large Onion, thinly sliced and halved

Mix oil, vinegar, and sugar together in saucepan. Bring to a boil for one minute. Turn off heat, add seasonings, set aside to cool. In a large bowl, mix pasta, cucumbers, onions, and sauce. Refrigerate. This salad is best made the day before.



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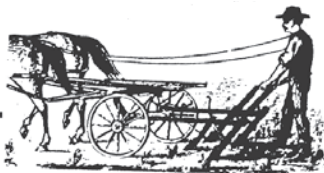
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PrimeTimers News

The committee did not meet in June and will not meet in July. A survey will be sent to members about meeting again.



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