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# Bulletin

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## Knox County Health Department

1361 West Fremont Street • Galesburg, Illinois 61401



Public Health  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Dear  
Haley, and the  
Staff, and the  
Members of  
Board.

→ on behalf of the Health  
Department and the Board  
of Health I would like to  
express our sincere gratitude  
for allowing us to hold vaccine  
clinics at your facility. We know  
this to be a huge asset on your part  
and appreciate your true  
community support in stepping  
up for your partners, your  
members, and your  
community. Thank  
you!  
Michelle  
Adams



## KNOX COUNTY FARM SAFETY DAY

teaching safety skills through hands-on fun  
free to all area youth ages 8-14

**JUNE 26, 2021 | 8:30 AM TO 3 PM  
KNOX COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

Stations include electricity display, fire safety, animal safety,  
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grain safety, and poison/chemical safety  
lunch and snacks provided

**For more information and to register go to  
[go.illinois.edu/KnoxCoFarmSafetyDay](https://go.illinois.edu/KnoxCoFarmSafetyDay)  
Pre-registration due June 15**

Masks will be required. Social distancing practices and other protocols recommended by  
the Knox County Health Department will be observed. Please wear closed-toe shoes.

## Christina Seiboldt: KCFB Summer Intern

Hey Knox County, my name is Christina Seiboldt and I'm so excited to serve you as the 2021 Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation Intern!

Since many of you will probably see me around this summer, here's a little bit about myself. I grew up on our family farm with my two siblings, Noah and Emma and my wonderful parents, Pat and Susan Seiboldt. I attend ROWVA High School and was involved in a variety of sports as well as a member of National Honor Society and FFA.

During my ten year 4-H experience, I showed beef cattle at many local livestock shows. After graduating high school, I began my college career at Iowa State University. I am currently majoring in Agriculture Business with a minor in Animal Science.

During my first year at Iowa State, I joined the Kappa Delta Sorority and the Block and Bridle Club. I participated in many sisterhood events and met many amazing women through Kappa Delta. I also participated in the Little North American Livestock show during the fall for Block and Bridle.

Though my first year of college didn't go as planned due to COVID, I still made amazing memories and met many amazing people.

I'm looking forward to this summer internship and all it has to offer and if you see me around, don't forget to say hi!

**Christina Seiboldt**  
2021 KCFB Intern



Christina Seiboldt

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

Cinda Downin  
A.C. McCartney Equipment  
Nayborhood Farm  
Ryan Armbricht  
Brent Gummerson  
Greg & Marti Gummerson  
Colton Hensley  
Justin McNaught  
John & Susan Olson  
Danita G. Whitson-Rickey  
Vilmos & Shannon Branyik  
Sharon Louderman  
Jason Motz  
Jade Sargeant  
Taylor Siedel  
Kris Stoneking  
Todd & Christine Thompson



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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**Weather demands resiliency, binds farmers everywhere**

We mount rain gauges on various fenceposts for measuring rainfall totals. My brother can cite the exact date of the previous year's last freeze of spring and first freeze of fall as if they were birthdays. And I would predict an 80% chance of weather talk at the dinner table with my family.

Weather binds farmers from coast to coast and generation to generation. Since farming began, this single variable impacts everything from morning chores and mental states to profitability and table talk. Rain makes grain, and wind can take it down.

*Legislative Update*  
**"Farm Kid Work Ethic" Missing in Pritzker Administration's Response to Veterans' Homes COVID Outbreak**

**Rep. Dan Swanson (R-Alpha)**  
As both a Veteran of the US Army, Army National Guard and former Superintendent of the Henry County Veterans Assistance Commission, caring for our veterans is one of the most important charges we have in public service. I have shared many times my experience in visiting the Quincy Veterans Home in December 2017 following a Legionnaire's Outbreak that ended up taking 13 of our hometown heroes. I have shared this story often because specific lessons were learned in the response to that outbreak, by the very people who ended up leading the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs during the tragic outbreak of COVID in late 2020 at LaSalle, Manteno and other State Veterans' Homes.

Over the past weeks, we have sat through hearing after hearing of bureaucrats appointed by Governor JB Pritzker abdicating their responsibilities to manage their employees. As my anger rose in these hearings, I could not help thinking about a story that has been passed through my farm family for several generations now about work ethic. My grandfather was a child in the 1920s. Work was hard to find, and the farm kids all got excited around the time the county fair was being held, as it was an opportunity for a few days pay for some hard work at the fair.

The hiring boss for the county fair

We mow hay when the sun shines, yet never rule out an irritating pop-up shower before the forage is baled. When the weather threatens or improves the global supply of food and fuel, the commodity markets react.

Data shows that over time weather comes with greater variability and extremes from cold to hot and dry to wet. Since 1980, the number of days it has rained more than two inches has doubled in Illinois, a statistic cited in a new docuseries at WatchUsGrow.org. More rain in a shorter time can trigger crop losses and soil erosion, but farmers have adjusted to protect crops and the environment. More than ever on our farm and farms across the state, grass filter strips along streams, fields of cover crops and reduced tillage practices slow and filter water flowing across the land. In fact, Illinois farmers and landowners have dedicated more than 800,000 acres to land and water conservation.



Rep. Dan Swanson (R-Alpha)

asked all the kids seeking employment to stand in a circle shoulder to shoulder and stick their hands out palms up. He then went around and picked out the kids with the most calloused and hardened hands to do the work at the fair and get a few honest days' pay for a few honest days' work. He knew what the callouses meant. They would not shirk on the work needed to

Technology significantly advances resiliency on the farm. On our smartphones, we view subscription weather forecasts and field-specific precipitation totals. From tractor cabs, we watch live radar images for rain that threatens fieldwork. Bigger or faster planters plant crops quicker, and high-capacity combines gather more crop during windows of favorable weather. Tile drainage systems improve water management within fields. Even the tedder, a farm implement that aerates mowed hay, helps hay cure sooner to bale before a rainfall that could spoil it.

We talk to neighbors about the ground's frost depth in winter, the soil temperatures in spring and the field-to-field rainfall differences by summer. Those same friends understand the deafening yet therapeutic sound of a much-needed summer rain on the metal roof of the farm shop without discussion. But, several surely will call or text after they've seen the rain gauge.

get the job done.

During the hearings into the terrible lack of protocols followed at the states Veterans' homes, we heard from bureaucrat after bureaucrat who claimed they did their jobs in managing these homes via Zoom or via remote call-ins to their employees. The work was clearly not being done.

As we listened to their excuses, which tragically cost dozens of Veterans their lives within the walls of our State Veterans' Homes, I could not help but think about how none of these administrators would have been selected were they judged by the callouses on their hands.

This simple lesson passed through my family from my grandfather had served me well 'on the farm', in foreign theatres of conflict and now in reviewing the work of those who were supposed to serve our hometown heroes at the end of their lives. The bureaucrats abdicating their responsibilities to our veterans were never the kids with the callouses on their hands and I am so disappointed so many lives were lost before their lack of "farm kid work ethic" was exposed through these hearings.

As Republican Spokesperson on the House Veterans Affairs Committee, you'd better believe I want to see some calloused hands for those charged with their care moving forward.

*Getting To Know Your Farm Bureau Policy*

**66. GRAIN AND HAY GRADING**

**We support:**

1. The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) efforts to improve standards for grain which will reflect storability and highest potential use.
2. Moisture as a measurement of quantity, not quality.
3. The development and funding of a voluntary certification process for identity-preserved grain.
4. Maintaining close liaison with USDA to ensure proposed grade changes are in the best interests of farmers with particular attention to the proper role for grade factors such as test weight, foreign material, and other quality factors such as breakability.
5. Working with the American Farm Bureau Federation to increase farmer representation on the Grain Inspection,

Packers, and Stockyards Act (GIPSA) Grain Inspection Advisory Committee.

6. An effective grain discount schedule that is determined at the time of contract instead of at the time of delivery.
7. Working with the USDA, private agencies and the State Department of Agriculture to develop and adopt more accurate equipment and procedures for testing moisture percentage and test weights in grain.
8. The State of Illinois and USDA to continue testing, developing grading standards, and identifying various qualities of hay and grain.
9. Changes in grain grading standards to compensate farmers for high quality products.
10. Research that identifies the advantages and disadvantages of selling grain on a value-based or component-pricing basis.

11. Efforts to maintain grain quality in transit.
12. Efforts to standardize and certify testing equipment and operators for all grain toxins.
13. Changes to have processors and elevators show documented economic justification, including actual cost of correction, for all discount rates concerning grain quality degradation, i.e., test weight, off-color, odor, or moisture.
14. Basing moisture and drying schedules for grain based on one-tenth increments of actual moisture recorded over the allowable moisture content instead of the current practice of rounding up to the nearest one-half point.
15. 15 percent grain moisture for corn to be recognized as the industry standard for all disposition excluding storage.
16. Enhanced training to improve grain grading standards for all grain elevators.



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# 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 advise-ment 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.
- Get under sturdy furniture (i.e. workbench, heavy table) and hold on to it.
- 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](http://www.countryfinancial.com).

## May Board Highlights

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Knox County Farm Bureau was held on May 20, 2021.

**Education & Outreach – Lori Engel**  
A survey was conducted by KCFB on members and county residents on their access to broadband. Over 150 responses were collected.

**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 just certain CFB's on June 14 at 7PM. Email addresses are needed, and registration can be done by contacting the office.

**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 member 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 also gone out.

**Foundation – Hailey Weyhrich**  
Christina Seiboldt was hired as the 2021 Intern.

**PrimeTimers – Hailey Weyhrich**  
Nothing to report currently.

**Young Farmers – Tyler Main**  
Young Farmers met on March 11 and will begin to work on their upcoming projects.

**KAC – Hailey Weyhrich**  
Unique Landscaping will be putting in new plants this month.

**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. The 2021 Agent Appreciation Contest was reviewed.

**NEW BUSINESS**  
Nothing to report.

|                 | May |
|-----------------|-----|
| Beard, Jennifer | P   |
| Bewley, Beau    | P   |
| Boydston, Terry | P   |
| Courson, Dustin | P   |
| DeSutter, Drew  | P   |
| Emken, Kurt     | P   |
| Engel, Lori     | P   |
| Goedeke, Phil   | P   |
| Grady, Jeff     | P   |
| King, Becky     | A   |
| Link, Cory      | P   |
| Link, Nathan    | P   |
| Nelson, Brian   | P   |
| O'Connor, Tom   | P   |
| Shea, Damon     | P   |
| Stevens, Monica | A   |
| Swanson, Brett  | A   |
| West, Todd      | P   |

AGENT SPOTLIGHT



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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](http://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 Loving You,” “My Blue Angel” and “Kiss This”. Five of his albums are certified “Gold” and a 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 de-

livery 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 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

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# Health on the Farm

By the Knox County Health Department



## Fight the Bite and Standing Rain Water

Predicting how bad the mosquito season will be is like predicting the weather, but as the temperatures and rain chances increase, the Knox County Health Department is requesting your help in reducing the risk from the serious disease's mosquitoes can carry. Regular cleaning activities can help reduce mosquito populations. Removing items from your yard that collect water, cleaning roof gutters and filling in low-lying areas will help prevent mosquitoes from breeding and allow outdoor activities such as gardening, barbecues, and outdoor play to be more pleasant

West Nile Virus is spread to people and horses through the bite of an infected mosquito. Mosquitoes first become exposed to the virus when they feed on birds that are infected with WNV. Once the mosquito is infected, it may transmit the virus to people or other animals when it bites them. Many birds can be infected with WNV, but crows and blue jays are most likely to die from the infection. Horses, too, are prone to severe WNV infection. People cannot get WNV from another person or from a horse that has the disease.

Mosquito populations can emerge from very small amounts of stagnate water. It is important to support local mosquito prevention and control efforts. Here are some simple precautions you can take to reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home and protect yourself from being bitten. Precautions include the three "R's" – reduce, repel, and report.


- **REDUCE** exposure - avoid being outdoors when mosquitoes are most active, especially between dusk and dawn.
- Make sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears

or other openings. Try to keep doors and windows shut, especially at night.

- Avoid places and times when mosquitoes bite, before and after sunset and again just before dawn.
- Wear long sleeves and pants when in wooded areas. Keep pant legs tucked into boots or socks.
- Eliminate all sources of standing water where mosquitoes can breed, including water in bird baths, ponds, flowerpots, wading pools, pet's water bowl, old tires, and any other receptacles.
- **REPEL** - when outdoors, wear shoes and socks, long pants, and a long-sleeved shirt, and apply insect repellent that contains DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR 3535, according to label instructions. Consult a physician before using repellents on infants.
- **REPORT** – report locations where you see water sitting stagnant for more than a week such as roadside ditches, flooded yards, and similar locations that may produce mosquitoes. The Health Department may be able to add larvicide to the water, which may kill any mosquito eggs.

The Knox County Health Department conducts active surveillance for West Nile Virus through mosquito trapping and collection of dead birds. If a dead bird is found between now and October 15th and appears to have died of natural causes and has no sign of decomposition, residents should report the sighting to the Health Department Monday thru Friday, 8 am to 4 pm at 309-344-2224; for more information regarding West Nile Virus, please call the Knox County Health Department at 309-344-2224.

### The 3 R<sub>s</sub> for Protecting Against Mosquitoes



#### REDUCE...


the number of mosquitoes and get rid of containers outside that hold water


#### REPEL...

mosquitoes by using insect repellent

#### REPORT...

areas where water sits for more than a week






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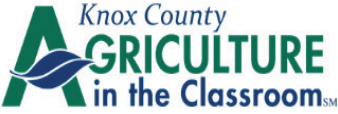
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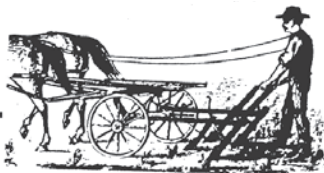


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# Looking Back



## Looking Back – June 1976 Japanese Visit Area Farms

On June 25, 1976, a 16-man Japanese Meat Processing Team visited three farms on Knox County.

The first stop on the tour was the Rolland Main Farm at Altona. There the visitors asked many questions about grain handling as well as grain production. They were amazed at the ease with which the grain was handled. Also, it was the first time that the Japanese visitors got to see the inside of an American farm home, of which they were amazed.

The second stop was the Maurice DeSutter, Jr. Farm at Woodhull. The main interest at the DeSutter farm was the cattle confinement building. The visitors were interested in such things as the number of cattle per pen, size of pens, and the feeding operation.

Next, the tour proceeded to the Woodhull Plaza, where the visitors were hosted to a luncheon by the Knox County Farm Bureau Livestock Committees and the Knox County Corn Growers. The Japanese visitors expressed several times how concerned they were with keeping a friendly relationship with the American farmer.

The final stop of the day was the Block Farms at Gilson. Here they were shown a swine feeding and confinement operation. They were shown various implements of grain production. The 12-row corn planter was the most interesting implement to the Japanese. They were “appalled” by the size of the planter.

The Japanese people represented a group of presidents of Agricultural Cooperatives in Japan. Many thanks to the three cooperating Farms participating in the tour.

## MEMBERSHIP RECRUITER OF THE MONTH

The Knox County Farm Bureau would like to recognize COUNTRY Financial Representative Ed Johnson as the top membership recruiter in May. Ed signed 1 new associate member and 1 new voting member. Call your COUNTRY Representative for all your insurance and financial needs.



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## PrimeTimers News

The committee did not meet in May and will not meet in June.



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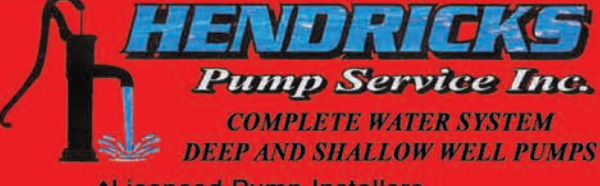
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