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Steve Johnson Seminar Nov. 16

Dr. Steve Johnson will be at the Knox Agri Center on Tuesday, November 16 at 7PM to present a marketing seminar titled "Managing Crop Price & Input Cost Volatility".



Topics will include crop supply/demand & price outlook, estimating '22 crop costs, and strategies for managing profit margin risks. Masks will be required when social distancing cannot happen.

To reserve your seat, please call the Knox County Farm Bureau at 309-342-2036 or visit knoxcfb.org

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

Igor Besic Kelly Hensley Cynthia Hovey Joshua Bridgman Andrew Elders Joseph Lorenzen Kody Mas **Tolliver Reynolds** Austin Parkinson Gary Wessels

counties.

Representative Dan Swanson is partnering with the Knox, Bureau, and Henry County Farm Bureaus' to host a farmland assessment meeting in each of the three

The purpose of these meetings is to discuss ongoing increases in the assessed value of farmland. The meetings will be held on Monday, November 29 at: 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Carl Sandburg

College Auditorium, 2400 Tom L. Wilson Blvd., Galesburg

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Lavender Crest Winery, 5401 US Highway 6, Colona 5:00 p.m. - 7:00

p.m. Bureau County Metro Center, 837 Park Avenue West, Princeton

The presentations, given by Brenda Dan Swanson Matherly, Director of

Farmland Assessment Meetings to be held Nov. 29

2021 Knox County Corn Growers Plot Results

Growers have been partnering with local seed representatives to compile an unaffiliated, unbi-spectrum of services throughout the Midwest. ased hybrid seed plot in our county. CRD Advi- In collaboration with the Knox County Farm sors from Springfield planted and harvested the Bureau, we would like to share the results of

For the past 4 years, the Knox County Corn plot. CRD Advisors is a professional research and development company providing a full

November 2021

Local Government with Illinois Farm Bureau', will give you a better understanding on how farmland assessments are calculated and the long-term impact on those values.

To accommodate seating and materials please pre-register with the Knox County Farm Bureau (309) 342-2036, Bureau County Farm Bureau (815) 875-6468 or Henry County Farm Bureau (309) 937-2411.

our plot from 2021 with Farm Bureau members.

Respectfully,

Knox County Corn Growers Association See Trial Results Chart page 2



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Mild Cheddar	1 lb	\$6.00		\$	American Sliced	5 lb	\$19.00		\$
Mild Cheddar	3 1/2 lb	\$19.00		\$	Blue Cheese Wedge	1 lb	\$7.00		\$
Mild Brick	1 lb	\$6.00		\$	Hickory Smoked String Cheese	11 oz	\$4.00		\$
Sharp Cheddar	1 lb	\$7.00		\$	String Cheese	1 lb	\$6.00		\$
Sharp Cheddar	3 1/2 lb	\$19.00		\$	Cheese Spread	1 lb	\$8.00		\$
Longhorn	1 lb	\$6.00		\$	Beef Stick	12 oz	\$6.00		\$
Longhorn	3 lb	\$16.00		\$	Pepper Jack	1 lb	\$7.00		\$
Calico	1 lb	\$6.00		\$	Havarti	1 lb	\$6.00		\$
Calico	3 lb	\$16.00		\$	Cranberry Cheddar	1 lb	\$8.00		\$
Swiss	1 lb	\$7.00		\$	Blueberry Cheddar	1 lb	\$8.00		\$
Swiss	2 lb	\$13.00		\$	Cherry Cheddar	1 lb	\$8.00		\$
Mozzarella	2 lb	\$11.00		\$	Ghost Pepper Jack	8 oz	\$4.00		\$
Baby Swiss	1 lb	\$7.00		\$	Avanti Cheese Gift Boxes: 8.5 oz Swiss, 10 oz others				
Baby Swiss	2 1/2 lb	\$16.00		\$	Gift Box A Couples Delight:		\$18.00		\$
Baby Swiss	5 lb	\$29.00		\$	Mild Cheddar, Swiss, Longhorn & Calico				
Farmers Cheese	8 oz	\$4.00		\$	Gift Box B Family Pack: \$18.00			\$	
Farmers Cheese	2 lb	\$11.00		\$	Mild Cheddar, Swiss, Calico & 6 oz Beef Stick				

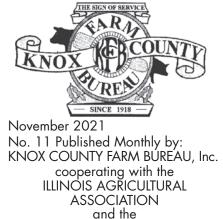
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Farmers know more, do more about soil health

My kids quickly mastered the abbreviations N, P and K during study sessions on the periodic table for middle school science. I couldn't explain why K stood for potassium other than phosphorous already used the letter P. Regardless, the kids memorized the elements knowing they impacted their lives as much as course grade.

Every fall, our farm samples the soil in our fields for levels of nitrogen (N), phosphorous (P), potassium (K), organic matter, pH, sulfur and various micro-nutrients. We review the collected data to identify deficiencies that need treatment. Like humans,

the soil needs certain nutrients for its best health and performance. Where doctors order blood tests, farmers order soil tests for a health assessment that helps determine nutrient availability to crops and the soil's ability to support swift crop emergence and quality root development.

Armed with the know-how and technology, today's farmers can do more than ever to improve soil health. While N, P and K remain the industry standard macro-nutrients of the soil, we're now reviewing more components of the periodic table than previous generations. Micro-nutrients like boron (B), manganese (Mn), zinc (Zn) and copper (Cu) have their place in soil performance. We also assess organic matter, soil tilth and porosity and determine ways to improve them.

Minimal to no mechanical tillage reduces soil disturbance. Water management structures in fields prevent topsoil erosion. Cover crops serve as a groundcover to hold soil in place, keep the soil active, store nutrients,

retain moisture and improve the soil structure between cash crops. Like routine human exercise, we're learning the soil's health improves with year-round activity.

This fall, we're using an additional tool on the combine to level and break up crop residue, making the residual plant material smaller for microorganisms to decompose. The primary goals: More organic matter and nutrients for the soil. Crushed stalks also prove gentler on tires.

After harvest, we order soil tests with site-specific coordinates using global-positioning technology. Our agronomist then writes prescriptions for machines to variably apply the rate needed across specific areas of a field, making the most efficient, productive and environmentally conscious use of elements from the periodic table.

About the author: Joanie Stiers farms with her family in West-Central Illinois, where they grow corn, soybeans, wheat, hay and cover crops and raise beef cattle and backyard chickens.

Legislative Update For-Profit Utility 'Eminent Domain' Expansion Opposed by Farmers

By Rep. Dan Swanson (R-Alpha) Eminent Domain is the practice of government taking private property without consent for public use with payment of compensation.

The Fifth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution ensures that the government may only exercise eminent domain if just compensation is provided to property owners. Use of Eminent Domain has largely been limited in Illinois, recognizing a balance must be struck between public interest and private property rights. Most commonly, you see examples of eminent domain when a unit of government is trying to build a road and the road's path is obstructed by private property. Other examples typically include municipal buildings, public schools, or parks.

I joined with the Illinois Farm Bureau in September in opposing the energy omnibus bill, which ultimately passed the House and Senate and was signed into law by Governor JB Pritzker, because of the inclusion of eminent domain for private utilities- namely for use in the Grain Belt Express Transmission line being developed by Invenergy Transmission.

Invenergy Transmission has been lobbying government officials from Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, and Indiana to bring to completion their project to generate electricity using wind turbines in Kansas and distribute the power in the Midwest and east coast, as well as being part of the larger power grid nationwide.

The project has been laden with controversy since its inception. Missouri Republicans partnered with the Missouri Farm Bureau to try to put a stop to Invenergy's use of eminent domain in

cerns about the reliability of power supplied through these renewable energy sources and the massive importation of energy which could result in Illinois (video of my com-



https://youtu.be/EnWCqw70788)

this private transmission line project; family legacies will be decimated. While due process rights and just compensation will supposedly be provided, let's be clear, this is a private taking allowed by public entities. I appreciate the advocacy of so many members of the Farm Bureau in fighting against this expansion of private non-consensual eminent domain, but I fear there are many fights to come on this front. Stay vigilant, my friends.

There are 100-year farms in the path of

ments on the House Floor can be found

Knox Co. Corn Growers – 2021 Corn Hybrid Trial

Demulations	24,000			
Population:	34,000 Dia II	Dravious Cours	Caultar	
Location:	Rio, IL	Previous Crop:	Soybeans	
Planting Date:	7-May-21	Tillage:	Conventiona	
Harvest Date:	14-Oct-21	Fungicide:	7oz Veltyma	
Nitrogen:	185# NH3 fall, 40# 32%	Herbicide:	Pre: 1.5 qts Lex	ar
Nitrogen.	Spring	nerbicide.	Post: 24 oz Armezon Pro,	
Brand	Hybrid	Moisture (%)	Yield (Bu/ac)	Rank
Agrigold	639-70	18.68	248.8	29
Agrigold	645-16	21.34	250.8	25
Agrigold	642-59	22.30	210.9	41
Brevant/Diamond Ag	09K10 Q	19.75	275.2	5
Brevant/Diamond Ag	11Y01 Q	19.80	256.6	20
Brevant/Diamond Ag	07H01 AM	19.98	270.2	6
Brevant/Diamond Ag	B09Z08 AM	20.20	262.1	15
Brevant/Diamond Ag	B14G14 AM	20.64	277.1	4
Channel	214-22	19.60	242.5	30
Channel	213-93	21.38	262.6	14
Channel	212-04	21.76	235.8	35
Dekalb	62-70 DblPro	19.42	237.7	33
Dekalb	63-90 SmartStax	20.08	254.8	23
Dekalb	65-95 DblPro	21.80	255.3	22
LG	LG 57C33 STXRIB	18.40	235.0	36
LG	LG 5643 VT2RIB	20.44	256.0	21
LG	LG 5650 VT2RIB	21.69	264.5	10
LG	LG 66C44 VT2RIB	22.54	256.9	10
Midwest/Diamond Ag	11-30 Tre	20.52	261.5	15
Midwest/Diamond Ag	12-48 DGVT2P	20.74	281.5	10
Midwest/Diamond Ag	10-66 SS	21.12	250.1	27
Midwest/Diamond Ag	14-88 VT2P	21.30	248.8	28
Midwest/Diamond Ag	16-29 VT2P	21.46	236.3	34
NK	NK 0748-5122.0 EZ1	21.40	233.7	37
NK	NK 1188-5122.0 EZ1	21.40	252.1	24
NK	NK 1026-3330.0 EZ1	22.02	265.9	9
NK	NK 1321-3120 EZ1	22.02	240.2	32
NK	NK 1236-5122.0 EZ1	22.85	267.9	8
Pioneer	P1136AM	20.14	259.4	18
Pioneer	P1108Q	20.46	264.1	11
Pioneer	P1359AM	20.47	268.8	7
Pioneer	P1185AM	20.62	280.0	2
Pioneer	P1563AM	22.00	250.3	26
Prairie	7830	21.66	220.2	40
Prairie	8960	21.76	259.8	17
Prairie	6878	21.88	277.4	3
Prairie	8290	22.58	263.7	13
Prairie	8759	24.74	229.7	39
Stone	0931 SS	19.72	241.6	31
Stone	6078 RIB	20.82	231.5	38
Stone	6368 RIB	21.86	263.8	12
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Thank You KNOX COUNTY FARM BUREAU that state only to be threatened with a court challenge to their effort to protect landowners. Their effort to block use of eminent domain ultimately fell short as propaganda about job creation and energy-grid stabilization won over legislators in the "Show-Me" State.

Invenergy has used their momentum and lobbying prowess to knock down barriers to use of eminent domain in states like Illinois, clearing the way for private speculation wind and solar companies to build profits predicated on the nonconsensual taking of private property rights. I argued against extending this right of eminent domain to private utilities in opposing the Omnibus Energy Bill in Springfield. I also discussed my con-

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NEWS FROM COUNTRY FINANCIAL COUNTRY **Protecting Your Business with Key Person Insurance**

As a business owner, your most important assets are your people - those who help your business grow and thrive. And if something unfortunate were to happen to them, the business could be severely impacted. Having proper protections for the loss of a business partner and/or key employees is vital for small businesses to survive the unexpected.

How Does Key Person Insurance Work?

Key person insurance is coverage designed to indemnify a business for the loss of a key employee because of unexpected death or disability. Many businesses rely heavily on the contributions of particular key employees, and their premature departure due to death or disability can have severe effects on the success of the business. Key person coverage is designed to provide the financial resources needed for the business to hire and train a replacement while

also weathering the temporary financial impacts of the loss of that key contributing employee.

How to Identify a Key Employee

There are various ways to compute the economic effect of the loss of a key person. A business owner can ask herself/himself several questions to identify a key employee, including:

· Would a potentially profitable project have to be abandoned or would a productive department have to be closed?

· Would the employee>s death result in the loss of clientele or personnel attracted to the business because of his or her personality, social contacts, unique skills, talents, or managerial ability?

· What effect would the key employees death have on the firm's credit standing?

 \cdot What proportion of the firm s actual loss is it willing to self-insure, if any?

Coverages for Business Owners

While key person insurance can provide coverage for your most valued employees, business owners should take other steps to protect the company should one of the owners die, become disabled, or in the event of a bankruptcy, incarceration, divorce, or retirement. Business owners can discuss options like a buy-sell agreement with a trusted attorney, and an insurance representative can assist with providing coverage that will fund the buy-sell agreement if a premature death or unexpected disability occurs.

What to Expect When Purchasing a **Key Person policy**

Underwriting Process

The underwriting process for a key person policy is similar to that of a life insurance policy; the key person may be required to undergo a medical exam, depending on his or her age and the amount of coverage the business owner is applying for. A business owner seeking a policy will also need to follow financial underwriting requirements by providing documents such as a corporate balance sheet or cash flow statements to ensure that the business would not profit from the key employee's death or disability, and to offer the appropriate the amount of coverage.

Getting Started

Talking with a qualified insurance representative who is experienced in working with small business owners is imperative when it comes to ensuring your business has appropriate insurance coverages.

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October Board Highlights

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Knox County Farm Bureau was held on October 28, 2021.

Education & Outreach – Lori Engel

The Education & Outreach Task Force delivered Goodie baskets to AC McCartney's, Birkey's, and Martin Tractor to thank the service departments for all the work they have been doing for our members.

Farm Business – Becky King

A new plat book will be created for 2022-Available in December 2021. Steve Johnson is scheduled for November 16, 2021

Government and Policy - Drew DeSutter

Nothing new to report.

Member Relations - Jeff Grady

The 2022 Quota Program has been set and KCFB needs1890 Associate Members and 842 Voting Members.

Foundation – Hailey Weyhrich

The KCFB Foundation will meet on November 23.

PrimeTimers – Hailey Weyhrich

PrimeTimers are scheduled to meet on

November 17 at the Agri Center with a catered meal by Becky Ellison. Young Farmers - Tyler Main

Young Farmers served ice cream at Williamsfield Ag Day on September 12. Over 200 ice cream bars were given away. Hunter Safety Course was held September 17-18 at the Knox Agri Center. 40 people passed the Hunter Safety Exam with over 15 parents and guardians in attendance the

whole time KAC - Hailey Weyhrich

The Knox Agri Center will meet on November 23. The parking lot was resealed and striped on October 16.

OLD BUSINESS

There is 1 vacancy on the Knox County Farm Bureau Board. Directors are looking to fill the spot in District 3.

Beau Bewley, Nathan Link, Jen Beard, and Kurt Emken will be IAA Annual

Meeting Delegates. **NEW BUSINESS**

The KCFB Annual Meeting will be held January 29, 2022 at Cedar Creek Hall in Galesburg.

KCFB Board Attendance 2021 (P) Present (C) Cancelled (A) Absent

	August	September	October
Beard, Jennifer	Р	С	Р
Bewley, Beau	Р	С	Р
Boydstun, Terry	A	С	Р
Courson, Dustin	A	С	Р
DeSutter, Drew	Р	С	Р
Emken, Kurt	A	С	Р
Engel, Lori	Р	С	Р
Goedeke, Phil	A	С	Р
Grady, Jeff	A	С	Р
King, Becky	A	С	Р
Link, Cory	Р	С	Р
Link, Nathan	Р	С	Р
Nelson, Brian	Р	С	Р
O'Connor, Tom	Р	С	Р
Shea, Damon	A	С	A
Stevens, Monica	A	С	Р
Swanson, Brett	А	С	Р
Underwood, Kyle	Р	С	Р
West, Todd	Р	С	Р



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AGENT SPOTLIGHT

Michael J. White

Community Service: Mike is a past President of Western Illinois Estate and Financial Planners. He is a member of the Galesburg

Rotary, Paul Harris Award recipient and has been active in many community organizations in the past. He is US Jaycee Senator, and past President of the Galesburg Jaycees. He coached baseball locally for 16 years and served as Commissioner of the Babe Ruth Leagues for 6 years. He is a Past President of the Galesburg Athletic Booster Club. For several years he served Chrysallis and Cursillo as a leader. <u>Awards:</u> Mike was inducted to COUNTRY Financial's Hall of Fame in February 2014. Mike has qualified for the All-American Award from COUNTRY 23 times. He was recognized by COUNTRY for his community service in 1996 with the Award of Excellence. Mission Statement: "I help people remove worry from their lives. My goal is to help my clients plan to live to 100 and prepare for a crisis in their life tomorro



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Pumpkins, Pumpkins, Pumpkins!

Ag in the Classroom lessons for the month of October always mean pumpkins! Mrs. Green gathered up a sampling of pumpkins and gourds from local pumpkin patches in Abingdon and Knoxville to take into K-2 classrooms.

Students learned about the different parts of the pumpkin, that Illinois is #1 in raising pumpkins....IN THE WORLD, and how to make a good guess about the number of seeds inside a pumpkin. Some students listened to the story, *How Many Seeds in a Pumpkin?* by Margaret McNamara and now have a plan on how to make a good prediction about the number of seeds.

They know they can count the ribs on the pumpkin because each rib is a line of seeds. The more ribs, the more seeds in a pumpkin!

Some teachers in Knox County took on the pumpkin smash challenge! Some fourth and fifth grade teachers at ROWVA and Lombard received AgBags that included the story *The Great Pumpkin Smash* by Lori Haskins and materials to create a catapult. Feedback from the teachers suggests it was a great success! Students worked in small groups to create their catapult from craft sticks and rubber bands, and each one had a milk lid to hold the projectile. Teachers made their own class activities catapulting different items.

Third and fourth grade student visits included learning about soil and John Deere. Students used magnifying glasses to look at clay, silt and sand particles. They felt the texture of each and recorded their observations. Water was sprayed on the clay soil and students worked at making it stick together.

They learned that agriculture depends on all these soil types, and how the prairie helped create such fertile soil. They also learned how the invention of the selfscouring steel plow impacted farming.

At right, Students from Mrs. Walden and Mrs. Grant's fourth grade classes catapult candy pumpkins.



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Health on the Farm

By the Knox County Health Department

CDC Recommending COVID-19 Boosters Vaccines; Clinics Set The Knox County Health Department is ceive your first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

now providing COVID-19 booster vaccines following the recent guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Food and Drug Administration.

The approval of the Moderna and Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) boosters will help provide additional protection to Knox County residents, especially our most vulnerable residents in long-term care facilities and others who are most at risk, said Public Health Administrator, Michele Gabriel. "The COVID-19 vaccines continue to provide strong protection against severe illness."

The Knox County Health Department will offer all three COVID-19 Booster Vaccines - Pfizer, Moderna and Jannsen (Johnson & Johnson) at ALL Knox County Unified Vaccine Clinics and events.

The following groups who received a Pfizer or Moderna vaccine series are eligible to receive a booster dose of vaccine at least six months after completing their initial vaccine series.

- 65 years and older
- Age 18 and up who live in long-term . care settings
- Age 18 and up who have underlying . medical conditions
- Age 18 and up who work or live-in high-risk settings
- Individuals 18 and up who received . Janssen (Jonnson & Johnson) vaccine are eligible to receive a booster dose of vaccine at least two months after their initial vaccine.

The Knox County Health Department wants to remind everyone that it is important County Health Department at 309-344-2224 that those who are eligible begin getting their or email covid19@knoxcountyhealth.org. booster doses, and that is not too late to re-



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Taking that step now would provide individuals with a high level of protection for the upcoming holidays.

Individuals seeking a booster dose in Knox County will not need to provide proof that they fall into the booster dose categories but must bring their vaccination card. Booster Dose vaccines will be offered at **ALL Knox County Unified Command** Vaccine Clinics and events. Appointments are highly encouraged, but not required. Please go to www.knoxcountyhealth.org to schedule an appointment.

The Knox County Health Department will be hosting multiple Walk-in COVID-19 Booster Vaccine Clinics at the Unified Command Vaccine Center, located at 1150 W/ Carl Sandburg Dr., Galesburg, IL (former Bergner's Building south entrance). The walk-in clinics will offer the Moderna, Pfizer and Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) Booster COVID-19 vaccines and will be held on the following days on a first come first serve basis:

- Saturday, November 9th from 7:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, November 16th from 7:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- Thursday, November 18th from 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Credible sources for information about COVID-19 include the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention www.cdc.gov and Illinois Department of Public Health www. dph.illinois.gov. For general questions about COVID-19, call the hotline at 1-800-889-3931, email dph.sick@illinois.gov or call your Knox

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MEMBERSHIP RECRUITER OF THE MONTH

The Knox County Farm Bureau would like to recognize COUNTRY Financial Representative, John Ryner, as the top membership recruiter in October. He signed two new Associate Members and one M Member. Call your COUNTRY Representative for all your insurance and financial needs.



Swedish Meatball Pasta Bake Recipe

(Makes about 6 servings) 3 tablespoons oil Note: This recipe requires 30 minutes of Ingredients for the Pasta: 2 cups shell pasta chilling time. Ingredients for the Sauce: Ingredients for the Meatballs: 1 and 1/4 cups plain panko bread crumbs 6 tablespoons butter 1/4 cup plus 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour 4 tablespoons butter 4 cups beef broth (I used low sodium, equiva-2/3 cup yellow onion, finely chopped lent to a 32 ounce box.) 2 teaspoons salt 1/2 cup water 1/2 teaspoon pepper 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce * (See Note below.) 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg 3 cloves of garlic, minced 3 tablespoons fresh parsley, finely chopped 2/3 cup milk 1/2 cup heavy cream 1 tablespoon salt * (See Note below.) 2 eggs 1 pound ground beef (I used 85/15.) 1/2 teaspoon black pepper 1 pound ground pork

Directions for the Meatballs:

Add the panko bread crumbs to a large bowl and set aside.

In a skillet over medium heat, melt the butter.

Add the finely chopped onion, salt, pepper, allspice, and nutmeg and cook for about 5 minutes. Stir often.

Add the minced garlic and cook for another 2 minutes.

Turn the heat down to low/medium, and add the milk. Stir everything together and bring it to a simmer.

Once the onion mixture has come to a simmer, pour it from the pan into the bowl of panko bread crumbs and stir everything together. The mixture will be very thick. Set this bowl aside to cool.

In a separate extra large bowl, add the eggs and beat them.

Then add the ground beef, ground pork, and cooled onion mixture. Mix everything together. (It's gross, but it's easiest and quickest to do using your hands.)

Form about 30 balls and then chill them in the refrigerator for 30 minutes.

Once the meatballs are done chilling, in a large skillet over medium heat, heat up the oil.

Add the meatballs to the skillet in batches and cook them until they are browned on all sides, about 15 minutes. Batches made it so the pan wasn't over crowded which made flipping them and seeing when they were done easier.

Transfer the meatballs to a dish and set them aside.

Directions for the Pasta:

Cook the pasta al dente according to the directions on the box, drain it and add it to a 9 x 13 oven safe baking dish.

Directions for the Sauce and Assembly:

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. (This is not part of the sauce steps but you'll want the oven preheated by the time you are done with these steps.)

Place the meatballs into the baking dish, nestling them into the pasta.

In a large skillet on medium heat, melt the butter.

Add the flour, stirring constantly, for about 2 minutes.

Stir in the beef broth, water, Worcestershire, salt and pepper and bring it to a simmer. Stir often.

Reduce the heat to low/medium, and add the parsley and heavy cream. Stir everything together constantly and cook it until it thickens, about 10 minutes.

Carefully pour the sauce over the meatballs and pasta.

Bake the Swedish meatballs, pasta, and sauce in the preheated oven for 30 minutes.

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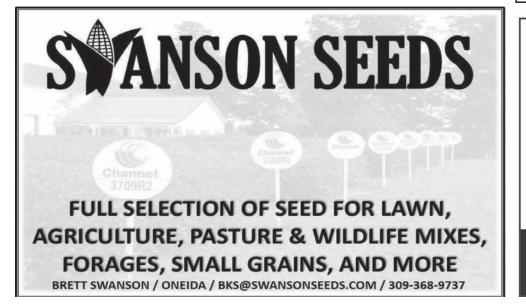
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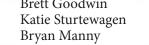
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