



Bulletin

Promoting the understanding of agriculture in our community to improve the profitability of farmers and enrich the quality of life in Knox County

ATTENTION FARM BUREAU MEMBERS

The Knox County Farm Bureau office will be closed December 24th through January 1st so that our staff can spend time with family during the Christmas season. The KCFB will reopen on January 4th at 8:00 am.

Notice! Knox County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the voting members of the Knox County Farm Bureau will be held on Saturday, January 16, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at Lake Storey Pavilion, Galesburg, to elect directors and if approved confirm the reports of the officers for the year ending November 30, 2015; and for the transactions of such business as may properly come before the meeting. The morning will begin with check-in at 9:30 a.m. The business meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. followed by

the guest speaker at 11:00 a.m. The Annual Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation Live Auction will be held following the business meeting at 11:30 a.m. In conclusion of the live auction, a brunch buffet will be served. The Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation Silent Auction will also be taking place throughout the morning. All proceeds from both auctions will benefit Knox County's Ag in the Classroom program. Dated at Galesburg, Illinois on December 1, 2015.



Let's help spread the warmth throughout Knox County!

The Knox County Farm Bureau is accepting hats, coats, scarves, gloves, and more. Drop off your gently used winter gear, of all sizes, to the Knox County Farm Bureau. The winter wear will be distributed to local schools and shelters to help share the warmth this winter season. For questions, please contact the Knox County Farm Bureau at (309) 342-2036. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

Feel good about giving back by donating blood

Red Cross reminds eligible donors about the constant need for blood

Many people want to give back to the community, but may not have a lot of time to volunteer. The American Red Cross reminds eligible individuals that in only about an hour, volunteer blood donors can help save lives and feel instant gratification.

Blood is a perishable product that can only come from generous volunteers. By donating blood, individuals can make a difference in the lives of patients in their community and throughout the nation.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities:

December 16th from 2:00pm to 6:00pm at Knox Agri Center, 180 S. Soangetaha Rd., Galesburg.

How to donate blood

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call Caitlin at (309) 342-2036 to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types

are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

About the American Red Cross

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.

Farmland Screening was a Success!

Thank you to all that attended the free screening of the film Farmland on Sunday, November 22, 2015. To kick off the event, Ms. Aggie's wagon, being towed by Dale Carlson, skated through the 2015 Galesburg Christmas Parade handing out candy canes and promotional brochures. The doors of the Orpheum Theatre opened at 2 PM to reveal educational booths for the Knox County Cattlemen's Association, the Knox, Warren-Henderson Farm Families, the Midwest Dairy Association, the Knox County Pork Producers, and the Knox County Corn Growers Association. Attendees mingled with our local producers, enjoyed complimentary snacks and beverages, compliments of Pilot Knob Comforts, Prairie Farms, Munson Hybrids, and the Knox County Pork Producers, and enter for the chance to win one of numerous door prizes.

At 3 PM, Joe Webel, Farmington High School Agriculture Instructor and Knox County Farm Bureau Board Member, kicked off the event by welcoming the attendees and thanking our sponsors. After watching Farmland, a Film by

Academy Award Winning Director James Moll, Joe invited the local farmer panelists on stage to answer audience questions and concerns. Joe Webel stated, "The purpose of the farmer panel was to put a local face on food production. It's easy for the consuming public to hear the buzzword of the day from some talking-head activist who wants to scare consumers into buying their latest fad, but when those consumers see their local neighbors, who they trust, telling agriculture's story as it truly is, connections to the food safety, animal husbandry, and science of agriculture can be made in an authentic way that they can truly believe in."

The local farmer experts included Dr. Kim Stevens, Knox County Cattlemen's Association, Tara Yoder, Midwest Dairy Association, Dan Erickson, Knox County Pork Producers, Jared Kunkle, Knox, Warren-Henderson Farm Families, and Drew DeSutter, Knox County Corn Growers Association. Drew DeSutter stated, "As a farmer, it's always fun to get the opportunity to discuss agriculture with community members. Being able to be a part

of a panel with leaders from various local agricultural organizations made the experience even more rewarding."

After the panel discussion, the lucky door prize winners were drawn and the event came to an end. Even though the event only lasted one evening, the knowledge learned from watching the film farmland and participating in the panel discussion left a lasting impression on the importance of farming.

Thank you to the event sponsors: Pilot Knob Comforts, Popcorn & Door Prize Donation Orpheum Theatre, Event Host Prairie Farms, Milk Donation Munson Hybrids, Water Donation Illinois Soybean Association Illinois Farm Bureau Illinois Farm Families Knox County Cattlemen's Association, Door Prize Donation Knox, Warren-Henderson Farm Families, Door Prize Donation Midwest Dairy Association, Door Prize Donation Knox County Pork Producers, Door Prize Donation Knox County Corn Growers Association



KCFB members participated in the 2015 Galesburg Holiday Parade to spread the word about the FARMLAND film viewing following the parade.



Thank you to Joe Webel (left), Moderator and KCFB Board Director, for leading a wonderful discussion among the nearly 100 attendees of the Farmland screening and our farmer panelists at the Orpheum Theatre on November 22nd. Thank you to our expert panelists (from left to right): Dr. Kim Stevens, Tara Yoder, Dan Erickson, Jared Kunkle, and Drew DeSutter.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 1 Cheese order forms & checks due to KCFB Office
- 2 Marketing Club, 12:30 PM, E. Main St. Pizza Hut
- 5-8 IFB Annual Mtg, The Palmer House, Chicago
- 16 Marketing Club, 12:30 PM, E. Main St. Pizza Hut
- 16 Blood Drive, 2-6 PM, KAC
- 17 KCFB Board & Young Farmers Mtg, 6 PM, KAC
- 12/24-1/1 KCFB Office Closed – Observance of Christmas

JANUARY

- 4 KCFB Office reopens, 8 AM
- 6 Marketing Club, 12:30 PM, E. Main St. Pizza Hut
- 16 KCFB Annual Mtg, 10 AM, Lake Storey Pavilion
- 14 Young Farmers Mtg, 7 PM, KAC
- 19 PrimeTimers Mtg, 12 PM, KAC
- 20 Marketing Club, 12:30 PM, E. Main St. Pizza Hut
- 22 Knox County Pork Producers Annual Mtg, 6 PM, Lake Storey Pavilion

Welcome New Members

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

Scott & Melany Baldwin, Galesburg

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From The Knox County Farm Bureau Board & Staff

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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KNOX COUNTY FARM BUREAU



Resident rooster adds flare to the farm

Even with the acres to spread his wings, our family farm's rooster usually stays within 100 yards of the farmhouse. He takes shelter in the thick evergreen wind break and spends daytime hours near the garden. He dines on grain and, before the frost, the extra tomatoes from Mom's wildly abundant straw bale garden. Fallen fruit under the apple tree proves a treat.

The handsome barred rock proudly crows on occasion. He struts to the front of the farmhouse to greet the kids when they get off the bus there. And by night, he settles on the front porch, where he perches atop an old wrought iron chair at the front

window.

Now, let's rewind and chill this heart-warming story. This happy rooster once lived five miles away in our hen house and chicken yard, seemingly disgruntled. Soon after his glory days at the county 4-H show, the blue-ribbon cockerel began to beak-dive at my rubber boots. He took a flapping assault at my husband. And the feathered foe frequently chased the kids (or so they thought) from the hen house. Soon enough, our son wouldn't gather the eggs and our daughter only would with a fly swatter.

I dreaded the sole responsibility of daily egg and feed chores. With this rooster's 4-H days over, we pondered plans for the problem bird. We wanted eggs. No chicks. So, while he looked majestic, the rooster served no important role with the flock of our daughter's eight 4-H hens. I also held no interest in the prep and drama of butchering a single chicken. I realize Grandma used to butcher one chicken before church for fresh, fried chicken at Sunday dinner. I love home-made and home-grown; just check my freezer and pantry. But I'd rather scrub the shower thrice-over, even if it ranks my least favorite household chore.

Therefore, I acted when my parents mentioned that the rooster might add some flare to the farmyard. I loaded him

into our chicken carrier and hauled him to our family's main farmstead. He turned friendly and fun. He doesn't chase or peck at anything other than food. Visitors notice him, enjoy him and share rooster stories of their own.

I've heard about my uncle's beloved rooster "Kingfish" during childhood. Our farm's plumber told the tale of the old rooster that chased his whole family to the car. The routine pest control man has complimented our rooster's showy black and white plumage and friendly demeanor. Our guys here at the farm found it interesting that the rooster strutted into the shop and perched nearby during equipment maintenance.

On a rare rainy night during this fall's warm, dry harvest, we dined as a family at the farmhouse table. The rooster watched us from the window before tucking his head for the night. He "attended" my dad's birthday supper. And we expect him to join us again at the window for supper on Christmas Eve.

May special moments also fill your holiday celebrations and heart-warming stories consume your table talk this season. Merry Christmas.

About the author: Joanie Stiers, a wife and mother of two young kids, writes from home and works on her family's farm in West-Central Illinois.

CLARIFICATIONS TO NEW JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AGE REQUIREMENTS

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions as Exhibitors Begin to Purchase Show Animals

SPRINGFIELD, IL – In an effort to answer any questions about the new changes made to the Illinois State Fair junior livestock age requirements, the Illinois Department of Agriculture has put together a list of frequently asked questions to help junior exhibitors make important decisions for the 2016 show season. A complete list of FAQs can be found on the Illinois State Fair website, www.illinoisstatefair.info.

In September, the Department announced that junior livestock shows at the Illinois State Fair will be expanded to include individuals age 8-21. Previously, junior livestock shows were limited to individuals age 10-18. This is a move that the state believes will help introduce agriculture to more youth in the state of Illinois.

"The goal of the Illinois State Fair is to promote Illinois agriculture," said acting Agriculture Director Warren

Goetsch. "Youth participation in Junior Livestock shows is the perfect way to teach Illinois' youth about agriculture while also instilling valuable life lessons. The Department is happy to partner with Illinois 4-H and Illinois FFA to extend this opportunity to more Illinoisans."

As a reminder, all exhibitors in the Junior Livestock Division of the Illinois State Fair must be enrolled in Illinois 4-H and/or FFA and follow the organizations established guidelines, and same can be said for those participating in the Junior Show 4-H Exhibit Division.

- 4-H members aged 8-18 as of September 1, 2015 are eligible to participate in the Illinois State Fair Junior Department.

- FFA members up to 18 years of age as of September 1, 2015 are eligible to participate in the Illinois State Fair Junior Livestock Division.

- Individuals previously enrolled as active members in Illinois 4-H or FFA programs and turning 19-20 years of age by September 1, 2015, may participate in the Junior Livestock Division

of the Illinois State Fair provided they are active FFA members as verified by Illinois FFA and in accordance with one of the following options:

- Maintain active membership on the roster of their local high school FFA Chapter;

- Maintain active membership in a collegiate FFA Chapter in a post-secondary institution of higher education in the State of Illinois; or

- Maintain active membership in an Illinois FFA Alumni Chapter.

- FFA members 21 years of age prior to September 1, 2015 are ineligible to show in the Junior Livestock Division of the Illinois State Fair.

After closer evaluation, this move will only impact exhibitors at the Illinois State Fair, not the DuQuoin State Fair. In DuQuoin, some livestock events allow even younger children the opportunity to participate in livestock shows.

To learn more about participation in junior livestock shows at the Illinois State Fair visit www.illinoisstatefair.info.

Deadline to Sign the Independent Map Amendment Petitions with Knox County Farm Bureau is December 11th

Petitions for the Independent Map Amendment are available to sign at the KCFB office. The proposed constitutional amendment would create an 11 member independent redistricting commission to draw legislative districts for General Assembly members. The commissioners would be selected at the same time of each federal decennial census, with the first commission appointed in 2021. New districts drawn by the commission would be contiguous and substantially equal in populations and would comply with federal law. All of the commission's meetings and records would be open to the public. After a majority of commission members approve a plan, the new districts would be established.

Stop by the KCFB office to sign no later than December 11, 2015. Visit www.mapamendment.org or call the KCFB at 309-342-2036 for more information.



Over 100 people attended the November seminar of the 2015 Dr. Steve Johnson Marketing Series. Dr. Johnson is a Farm & Ag Business Management Specialist from Iowa State University Extension and presented his Five Strategies & Tools for Marketing Grain on November 23rd. This series is sponsored by Abingdon Banking Center, Cooley ii Farm Management, Asgrow DEKALB, North-And Company, Syngenta Seeds/Jarid Cain, Tompkins State Bank, West Central FS, Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau, and the Knox County Farm Bureau.

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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Knox County Farm Bureau was held on Thursday, November 19, 2015

WOMENS COMMITTEE – Lori Engel
The WC is hosting a coat drive. A Children’s Themed Ag Gift Basket will be donated to the Discovery Depot’s Festival of Trees.
The WC is hosting a blood & bone marrow drive on Wed. Dec. 16, 2 PM – 6 PM, KAC.
The Holiday Party will take place in January.
YOUNG FARMERS – Grant Strom
To recruit more committee members, a cookout was held at Drew & Adrienne DeSutter’s on November 15th and 21 attended.
On November 10, the YFs provided a classroom presentation based on leadership to a Williamsfield ag class.
Challenging KCFB Board to a Holiday Party Fundraiser for Harvest for All – Penny Jar wars throughout the week and canned goods/money donations accepted during Holiday Party on Dec. 17, winning group determines donation recipients.
Donating a safety basket to KCFB Annual Meeting in January.
FFA Acquaintance program will be Tuesday, January 19th.
IFB State Young Leader Conference, January 22 & 23, 2016 – Embassy Suites, Peoria.
Hosting a trap shoot in the spring.
Working with Knoxville High School Drivers Education to host a farm safety lesson.
MEMBER RELATIONS TASK FORCE – Grant Strom
The Membership report was reviewed.
GOVERNMENT & POLICY TASK FORCE – Jim DeSutter
The Legislative Roundtable Column, featuring local legislators, will begin Nov. 2015. The following legislators have been invited to participate: Representative

Moffitt, Senator Sullivan, Representative Ford, Senator LaHood, & Representative Hammond. Each legislator has been asked to write 2 columns per year on rotation.
FARM BUSINESS TASK FORCE – Todd West
2016 Knox Co. Plat Book is in the works and will be published by Mapping Solutions. Please reach out to local businesses for advertising support.
Marketing Club is hosting Steve Johnson marketing seminar on Monday, November 23rd at 7 PM in the KAC.
Sponsoring a Business After Hours through the Chamber is a possibility.
EDUCATION – Monica Stevens
AITC reports from Teresa and Mary Beth were reviewed.
Contact has been made with the Galesburg Running Club, and equipment and volunteers will be provided for the potential 5K. The 5K is intended to be hosted at Lake Storey in August 2016.
The TF hosted a screening of Farmland at the Orpheum Theatre on Sunday, November 22 at 3:00 PM. 2 PM, commodity groups set up to mingle with attendees and conduct door prize registration. 3 PM, film began - kicked off by Joe Webel. 4:17 PM, panelist of local farmers addressed audience questions. Panelists: Dr. Kim Stevens, Tara Yoder, Dan Erickson, Drew DeSutter, Jared Kunkle. Moderator: Joe Webel.
PRIMETIMERS – Caitlin Chrzanowski
The November Holiday Party was catered by Lonnie Sheldon at the KAC on November 17th. The KCFB paid for the Holiday Luncheon.
The next meeting is on January 19th in the KAC for programming planning.
FOUNDATION – Caitlin Chrzanowski

The Foundation has created a PayPal account to receive online donations and has created a fundraising schedule throughout the year using multiple platforms: direct mail, post cards, online, and events.
The Foundation has discussed hosting a golf outing and a “buy a barn” gas station campaign.
The Foundation is looking into auditing prices and options for the 2014-2015 year.
There is currently a vacant seat on the Foundation Board.
AGRI CENTER – Grant Strom
Pricing is being researched on replacing the door handles throughout the building to be ADA compliant.
Pricing is being researched to update the flag pole light with a “photo eye” light sensor.
Repairs are being scheduled for the wallpaper in the meeting room and removal/ paint in the Extension.
The hall phone booth is being removed during the spring work day and further arrangements will be made once it has been removed.
Bids are being taken to make the south entrance handicap accessible.
ILLINOIS FARM FAMILIES – Lori Engel
They teamed up with the Knox, Warren-Henderson Farm Families, the Knox Co. Pork Producers, the Midwest Dairy Association, the Knox Co. Corn Growers, and the Knox Co. Cattleman’s Association to show the film Farmland at the Orpheum Theatre on Sunday, November 22.
OLD BUSINESS
Dan Butler presented options for investments.
NEW BUSINESS
The 2015/2016 proposed budget was

provided by the finance committee. Further discussion regarding the 2015/2016 budget will be discussed at the December Meeting.
The IAA Annual Meeting is taking place December 5-8, 2015 at the Palmer House in Chicago. The Knox County Farm Bureau is donating a Men’s Gift Basket to the IAA Foundation’s Silent Auction.
The Knox County Farm Bureau’s Annual Meeting is January 16, 2015 at Lake Storey Pavilion. Joe Webel is talking with a potential keynote speaker.
Discussion took place regarding the Ag Roundtable. Program restructuring is taking place.

Board Meeting Attendance			
NAME	September	October	November
Bewley, Beau	C	P	P
Boydston, Terry	C	A	P
Cain, Jarid	C	P	P
DeSutter, Jim	C	P	A
Engel, Lori	C	P	P
Erickson, David S	C	P	P
Hennenfent, Matt	C	P	P
Hoben, Tom	C	A	P
King, Becky	C	A	P
Link, Jeff	C	P	P
Link, Nathan	C	P	P
Main, Tim	C	P	P
O’Connor, Tom	C	P	P
Serven, Sam	C	P	P
Seiboldt, Pat	C	A	A
Stevens, Monica	C	P	P
Strom, Grant	C	P	P
Swanson, Brett	C	P	P
Webel, Joe	C	P	A
West, Todd	C	P	P
Yoder, Tara	C	P	P
C - Cancelled			

IAA Foundation Offers Scholarships to Support Agriculture, Illinois Farm Bureau Families

BLOOMINGTON - Agriculture students and Illinois Farm Bureau® (IFB) members and their children may apply for college scholarships offered by the IAA Foundation, Illinois Farm Bureau's charitable arm. Sixty six scholarships, ranging from \$1,000 to \$7,500 per year, will be awarded in total of \$118,500 for the 2016-2017 school year.

"We are pleased to help students through our growing scholarship program, which offers a wide variety of support to farm families, and to those pursuing careers in agriculture," said Susan Moore, director, IAA Foundation. "It is a great privilege to support our next generation of leaders, and encourage continuing education in agricultural fields."

Students may apply for a variety of scholarships, including three IAA Foundation Top Scholarships, where winners will each receive \$5,000 awards. Another \$7,500 award goes to the Illinois Farm Bureau Legacy of Leadership scholarship winner.

New this year, the Dwain Ford Memorial Soybean Scholarship was established by colleagues, friends and family to honor the memory of this long time leader of the soybean industry, and offers a \$1,000 award to an ag student active in 4-H and FFA.

Students studying crop science and pursuing a masters degree related to research are eligible for the Illinois Soybean Association Crop Science Scholarships. Five \$4,000 scholarship will be awarded to junior level majors. Recipients are then eligible for an additional \$4,000 in this renewable program, providing a total of \$8,000 for his or her junior and senior year of college.

Twenty five \$1,200 scholarships are available to students from specific southern Illinois counties as part of the Dorothy and Wilhelmine Ratermann Memorial Scholarships.

Twelve Prairie Farms Dairy scholarships each worth \$2,000 are available to patrons and employees of the company. An additional two \$1,000 scholarships are available to producers affiliated with the St. Louis District Dairy Council.

Additional scholarships, ranging from \$1,000 to \$1,500, are available to students that meet certain criteria, including area of study, place of residence, previous 4-H experience and college or university attended.

All applicants must be high school seniors accepted for enrollment or students already enrolled at an accredited college, university or community college. Scholarships are awarded for exceptional academic ability, leadership and financial need. Previous winners of an IAA Foundation scholarship are eligible to apply again.

A full listing of available scholarships, eligibility guidelines, and application documents are available at the Foundation website, www.iaafoundation.org, starting Dec. 1, 2015. Completed applications must be submitted online by Feb. 1, 2016.

For more information, contact your county Farm Bureau, the IAA Foundation at 309-557-2230, or e-mail smoore@iflb.org. The Mission of the IAA Foundation, Illinois Farm Bureau's charitable arm, is to fund education, research, and charitable activities that benefit Illinois farm families and agriculture.

Knox County Pork Producers Donate more than 4,000 Pounds of Pork

"Pork Power" donation to provide more than 16,000 servings to those in need

GALESBURG, Ill. – Knox County pork producers and several local businesses teamed up in 2015 to donate over 4,000 pounds of pork to local food banks through River Bend Food Bank.

"Pork producers are committed to helping people in our community who are having difficulty feeding their families," said Brenda Schubbe, from Altona and President of the Knox County Pork Producers. "It is important that families have access to protein not just during the holiday season, but throughout the year as well. Illinois pig farmers are dedicated to producing safe, wholesome and affordable food and are proud to support the pork

donation program. I'd like to thank all the pork producers who donated hogs and cash to the Pork Power program."

Twenty-eight local farmers and businesses donated a total of 4,034 pounds of ground pork. Those donating include: Wild Rose Farm Inc., Compton Accounting, Mr. & Mrs. Rodney Nelson, Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Holt, Big River Resources, Dean R. Nelson, Goss Pork, Inc., Citizens for Moffitt, Mr. & Mrs. Carl Erickson, Porcine Farms, LLC, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Hopkins Jr., Lyle Nelson, Gary Lincoln, Mr. & Mrs. Gary Main, Mr. & Mrs. Dale Carlson, 4 Nelson Farms, Inc., Appell's Pork Farms, Inc., Mr. & Mrs. Gary Holt, Don Reeder D.V.M., Hawkinson Farms LLC, Kingsdale Farms Inc., John Saline, Brenda Schubbe, Erickson Brothers, Knox County Farm Bureau, David & Connie Flack, John & Rhonda Flack, and Triple E Farms.

The donation was part of the "Pork Power Initiative" through the Illinois Pork Producers Association (IPPA). Pork Power was launched in 2008 with the goal of helping fight hunger in Illinois. Since its inception, more than 1.75 million servings (437,000 lbs) of pork have been donated to food banks throughout Illinois. Participating meat processors have agreed to reduce their processing fees for pork producers donating pigs. Thank you to Thrushwood Farms Quality Meats Inc. from Galesburg who processed the pork for this donation, and to pork, corn and soybean producers who have donated funds from their respective checkoff programs to reimburse participating meat processors.



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!
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The KCFB Young Farmers November meeting was a cookout at Adrienne and Drew DeSutter's. The committee held a meeting and welcomed new members to the committee.



The PrimeTimers committee enjoyed a Holiday Lunch on November 17th at the Knox Agri Center. 17 committee members, KCFB Assistant Jackie Reedy, and KCFB Manager Caitlin Chrzanowski shared special memories and exciting happenings during an around the table session.

KCFB Foundation Sponsors Summer Internship Program

The Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation is offering an internship with the Knox County Farm Bureau for the summer of 2016. The intern will receive a \$1,500 scholarship and is encouraged to explore the possibility of using the internship to fulfill academic requirements for his/her major.

This is the 24th year for the program, which continues to be very successful. The internship is open to Knox County residents who will be a sophomore, junior, senior, or full-time graduate student at a college or university during the fall 2016 semester. Preference is given to applicants who have a farm background and/or are studying an agricultural-related field. An applicant's summer schedule should allow them the flexibility to work half or full days, and attend evening meetings when

necessary. The intern's responsibilities will include: coverage of Farm Bureau activities, media relations, marketing, public relations, program planning and coordination.

The internship will begin in the middle of May and go until the first part of August. The individual will be required to work between 20-25 hours per week, and this includes several night meetings and attendance at activities. However, the schedule will be flexible to suit the intern's availability.

For more information and/or an application, please contact the Knox County Farm Bureau office at 309/342-2036; e-mail: knoxcfb@knoxcfb.org; or visit our website: www.knoxcfb.org. Applications are due February 15, 2016.

Thomas Lincoln Scholarship Applications Available

The Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation is currently accepting applications for the Thomas Lincoln Scholarship, awarded annually in memory of Thomas Lincoln, a Knox County Farm Bureau Young Farmer who died in a tragic car accident.

A \$500 scholarship will be given in the spring of 2016 to a graduating high school senior who is a Knox County resident and has been accepted into an agricultural or agricultural-related curriculum at any college or university in the fall of 2016. Selection is based on a combination of

academic achievement, ag-related youth activities, as well as community and civic activities and a 250-500 word essay.

Applications are available on the Knox County Farm Bureau website at www.knoxcfb.org or at the Knox County Farm Bureau office located at 180 S. Soangetaha Road, Galesburg. The deadline to apply is February 15, 2016. For more information, please contact Knox County Farm Bureau Manager Caitlin Chrzanowski at 309/342-2036; or e-mail at: knoxcfb@knoxcfb.org.

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Health on the Farm

By the Knox County Health Department



Simple tips for staying healthy during holidays

The holidays are a time to celebrate. It's almost an unspoken rule that when the holidays arrive, you are allowed to eat unlimited amounts of food and stop your exercise routine, and consequently spend the new year regretting the extra pounds.

However, celebrating doesn't have to mean over-indulgence – you can enjoy the festivities while choosing to stay healthy.

It's tempting to ditch your workouts as your days fill up with holiday preparations, parties and errands, but you still need to stay active.

Exercise will help you deal with added stress and give you energy for everything you need to accomplish. It will also help you manage your weight through the maze of parties and gatherings you'll be attending. If you have trouble sticking with your usual routine this time of the year, come up with a new one. Simple holiday exercising tips can include:

- Shorten your cardio – Pare down your cardio routine to whatever time you have, even if it's only 5 or 10 minutes. Choose activities that are easy to do at a moment's notice: walking, running, jump roping or cycling.
- Exercise whenever you can- You may already know that taking the stairs and parking further away helps burn calories.

This holiday season, wear a pedometer as you're running around, and see how many steps you can accumulate.

- Make it a family affair- As you gather with your family, plan active things to do together. Walk around the neighborhood to look at holiday decorations.

With ALL the delicious food available, eating too much may see inevitable during the holidays. Below are a few reminders for keeping the calories in check:

- Eat before you go – Rules to live by: never go grocery shopping while hungry, and never attend a holiday party on an empty stomach.
- Choose one treat – Once at the party, choose one thing to eat and don't sample too many dishes Also pick something you only eat during the holidays.
- Don't skip meals – It's tempting to skip meals to make room for food you'll eat later, but just like the empty-stomach rule, if you're starving you may not make the wisest food choices.

However you deal with the holidays, make this the year that you don't gain extra weight. Make a decision to do everything you can to stay active and eat healthy while not depriving yourself of all the fun.

Remember it is all about moderation. Happy Holidays!



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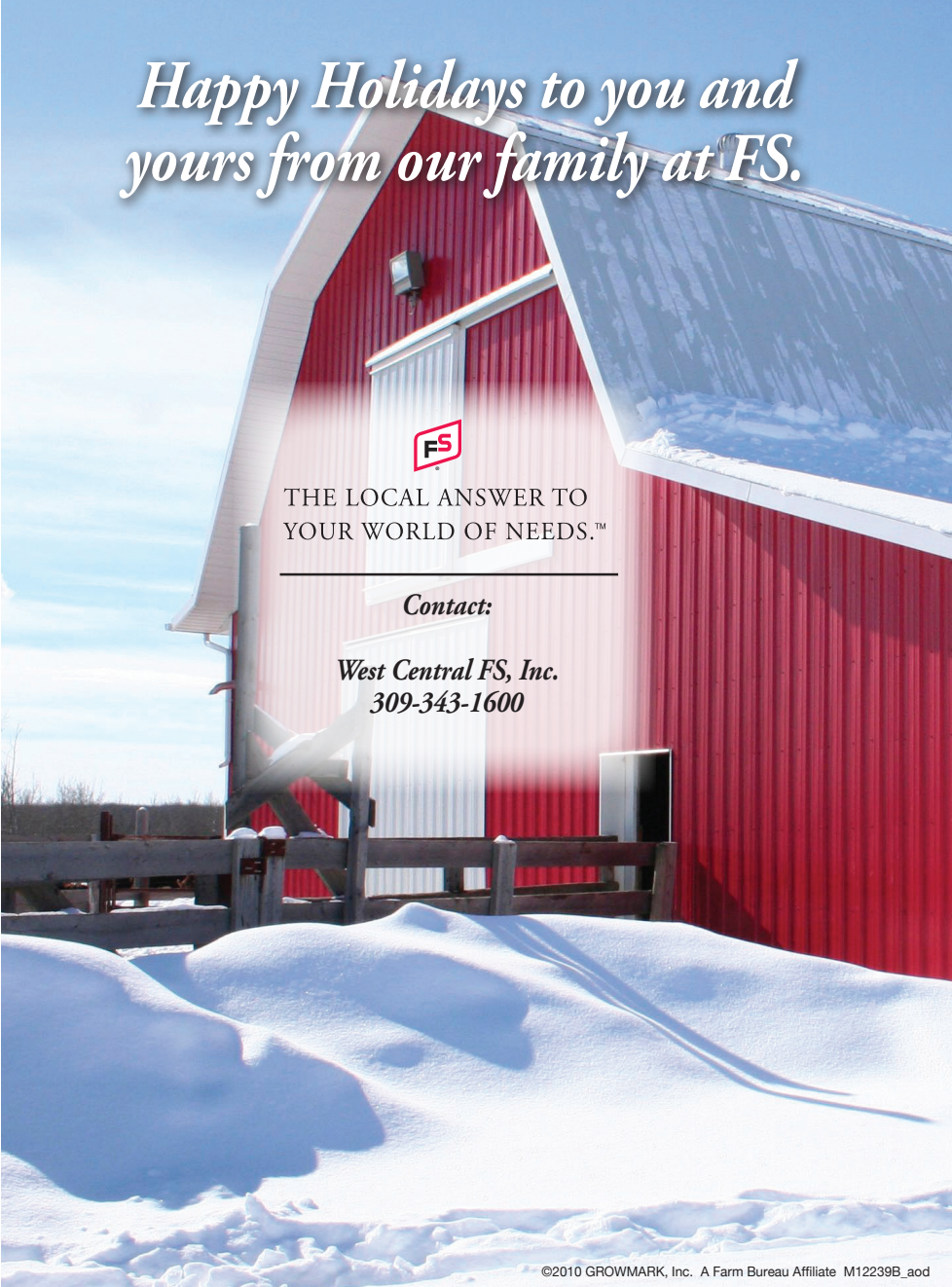
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Jason Lumberry

The Knox County Farm Bureau would like to recognize COUNTRY Financial Representative Jason Lumberry as top membership recruiter. Jason signed 4 new associate members in November.

Call your COUNTRY Representative for all of your insurance and financial needs.

PRIMETIMERS NEWS

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around the table session. The next meeting will be the 2016 program planning meeting at the Knox Agri Center on January 19th. Lunch will be catered and will start at 12 PM. The PrimeTimers invite members 55+ to attend.

CLASSIFIEDS

To place ads in the Bulletin or on the website, you must be a Knox County Farm Bureau member. Call 309-342-2036 or e-mail us at jreedy@knoxcfb.org by the last Friday of each month to place the ad.

FOR SALE: DMI Cushion hitch bumper, very good condition, \$250 OBO. Call 309-368-7723 12/15

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If you sell your items, please contact the Knox County Farm Bureau office at 309-342-2036 or email jreedy@knoxcfb.org, so we can provide our readers with up-to-date information.

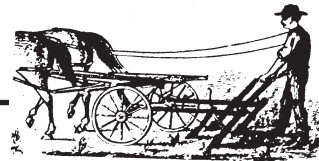
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FOR SALE: 2002 Ford F150, 4x4, one owner, \$3800 OBO Call 309-875-3056. 10/15

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Looking Back



TAKEN FROM THE DECEMBER 1942 BULLETIN

Paid membership in the American Farm Bureau Federation in 1942 rose to 591,230 – an all time high in Federation history, Secretary R.W. Blackburn announced at the recent convention. Since these are all family memberships, the total number of farm people represented by the organization is probably at least 2,500,000. All regions contributed to the increase, and total was an increase of 14.13 per cent over 1941.

TAKEN FROM THE DECEMBER 1978 BULLETIN

Roger Holmes (Knox County) Oneida has been named to a two year term as a new member of the Illinois Farm Bureau Young Farmers Committee. Holmes will represent District 8. Roger and his wife, Diane, reside near Oneida, Illinois. Roger is 26 years old, and works in the farming operation with his family. They are engaged in the production of corn, soybeans and hogs.

TAKEN FROM THE DECEMBER 2005 BULLETIN

Knox County Farm Bureau members Jeff and Joanie Stiers are recipients of the 2005 Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leader Ag Excellence Award. The Williamsfield couple received the award which recognizes Young Leader committee members who may not be full-time farmers for their efforts in agriculture and leadership achievement.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

For the pancake bars:

2 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt, or slightly less table salt
3 tablespoons sugar
2 large eggs, lightly beaten
2 3/4 cups buttermilk (whole milk can be substituted without any problems)
3 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
1 small apple, diced into 1/2-inch pieces
2 cups granola (use your favorite!)

For the streusel topping:

1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1/4 cup brown sugar, firmly packed
3 tablespoons butter, melted
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg

Directions

Line two 8x8-inch square pans or one 9x13-inch pan with parchment and coat with nonstick cooking spray. Whisk the flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, and sugar together in a large bowl. Add the eggs, buttermilk, and melted butter, and stir until just barely combined. Add in the diced apples and granola, stirring just until coated. The batter will be lumpy and without any dry spots.

Divide the batter between the prepared pans. Preheat the oven to 400°F. Allow batter to rest in pans while oven is coming to temperature, and

Baked Apple Streusel Pancake Bars



prepare the streusel.

Combine all of the ingredients for the streusel topping in a small bowl, and mix until well combined, then scatter over the pancake batter in the pans.

Bake for 12 to 15 minutes, or until the top of the bars springs back gently when touched. Cool for a few minutes on a wire rack, then use the parchment to lift the bars from the pan and onto a cutting board. Cut into bars. If you wish, brush tops with 2 more tablespoons of melted butter.

Adapted from Martha Stewart.

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