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Intern's Closing Update

Wow, and just like that school is getting ready to start, summer is winding down, and my internship at the Knox County Farm Bureau has come to an end. The ending came up much quicker than I expected, but I am so grateful for my experience.

Over the second half of my internship, everything just picked up and got faster. I was in charge of planning the games for the 4H Ag Olympics for the Young Farmers Committee. I was responsible for planning every rule and instruction for each game for the three different age groups, presenting my ideas and getting them approved with the Young Farmers, making a list of supplies and getting them, and eventually running my first Ag Olympics! It was incredibly exciting and worthwhile to see how much fun the kids were having. And, lucky for us, a storm rolled through right after we finished.

I was also incredibly pleased that at my internship I was able to apply and sharpen some skills I had newly learned while in college, like graphic design. I used programs I had used at my university to create eye-catching, colorful, and creative posters to highlight the upcoming events and to be used at events for the Knox County Farm Bureau. It was so exciting to know that my work was being used firsthand for an organization in a professional way.

Additionally, it was incredibly interesting to learn about the numerous benefits of becoming a Farm Bureau member in any of the counties across Illinois. Each county offers local benefits in addition to ones statewide. I had no clue there was a program like this, especially in my home county, so it became incredibly rewarding to then be able to talk to members and people considering membership about these member benefits. I also immensely improved at recording segments for the farm bureau update at the radio station. I was able to become comfortable, have a lot of fun with it, and learn a new skill over the course of a few weeks! Most of all though, I really enjoyed meeting with the various farmers and people involved in agriculture in Knox County. From going to potlucks with the PrimeTimers to night meetings with various boards, I was able to see how everything here works so well together. The KCFB offers numerous groups, like committees and task forces, for members to get involved in that allows members to find their place in our farm bureau and county.

So as my first internship experience comes to a close, I am so grateful for my summer here at the Knox County Farm Bureau as the 2016 Summer Intern. Don't get me wrong, I am incredibly excited to go back to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to continue my education in Agricultural Communications, watch some amazing Husker football, reunite with even more amazing friends, and grow myself even more in agriculture through my classwork and club activities. But, Knox County, this is not the last you will hear from me. As a proud ROWVA alumna and with a hometown in this dear county, I will definitely visit from time to time. I hope to make you proud as I dedicate my future profession to advocating for agriculture. —Rylie Kalb

Stewardship in Action

Farming is a tough job. On top of dipping commodity prices and rising input costs, farmers have the added responsibility of producing more crops on less land while also ensuring the land is preserved for generations to come.

Knox County farmers Charles and Audrey Shaw took that responsibility seriously, becoming the first farmers in the county to build a wetlands habitat on their farm under the Conservation Reserve Program.

Charles Shaw had always wanted to turn a waterway on unproductive land into a wildlife preserve. After speaking with Ron Hall from the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Natural Resource Conservation Service in Knox County, a Shallow Water Area for Wildlife seemed to be a perfect fit.

In 1993, the Shaws began construction on the project, which included installing around 19 acres of filter strips and an 11-acre marsh, naturally filled by tile from 600 acres of surrounding croplands. The result was a 30-acre wildlife habitat.

Over the years, Charles and Audrey's son, Willard, has expanded on the farm's conservation practices. A retired Industrial Arts In-

structor from ROWVA High School, Willard has incorporated his expertise and thirst for learning into successful, sustainable projects on the farm.

After attending a biodiesel conference, Willard began researching the possibility of creating biodiesel from sunflowers.

"The first year, the sunflowers did not pollinate well, so I immediately began looking into solutions to address the issue," Willard said. "With honey bees on a growing list of pollinator species in jeopardy of extinction, tending bee hives could be a way to assist with the sunflower pollination issue, while providing a safe habitat for the honey bees."

In 2015, Shaw Farms participated in the Conservation Stewardship Program offered through the USDA, which expanded their stewardship efforts to include seven bee hives, two natural wildflower areas referred to as 'pollinator patches' that are registered through the USDA, no-till practices, side dressing of nitrogen, and early application of fertilizer.

"The wildlife sanctuary has provided personal pleasure in the form of education, meeting new people with conservation experiences, and providing a beautiful escape for



our family, friends, and other wildlife enthusiasts," said Audrey. "It was definitely worth it."

But the Shaws aren't the only ones who have had the opportunity to enjoy the fruits of their labor.

"What a pleasure it has been witnessing the joy the Shaws have had enjoying the successful installation of this project," said Hall. "They've watched it grow and mature into a true oasis of wildlife habitat."

The Shaws are an excellent example of environmental stewardship practices in Knox County that benefit the Illinois Nutrient Loss



Reduction Strategy, but they're just one example. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of local farming families, conservation and stewardship practices that will protect our valuable resources for generations to come are alive and well.

For more information on common conservation practices or best management practices as outlined in the Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy, please visit the Knox County Soil and Water Conservation District, or visit www.illinois-cbmp.org.

Young Farmers host Ag Olympics

Each year, the KCFB Young Farmers Committee hosts the Ag Olympics as a way to cap off a successful 4-H Fair. The balloon scramble kicks off the event and is a way for children 7 and under to participate. The Ag Olympics event is split into two divisions and 4-Hers combine into teams to participate as either a junior or senior team. Teams go head to



Knox County Farm Bureau Directors (L-R) Tim Main, Tom Hoben, David Erickson, Pat Seiboldt, and Beau Bewley helped serve free ice cream after the rocket launch at the 2016 4-H Fair. A special thank you to Prairie Farms for donating the ice cream!

Welcome New Members

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

Janet Andrade
Wesley Bjorling
CeaAnne Brown
Martin Carrillo
Caitlyn & Steven Clark
Stephanie & Kevin Fogerty
Michelle & Roger Grose
Oscar Hernandez-Ruiz
Trisha Blake-Millar & JR Millar
Kolton Munson
Jennifer & Brett Peterson
Travis Platt
Lisa & Byron Schafer
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Linda Wexell

head in ag themed relays and the winning teams are awarded with cash for their 4-H clubs.

The Junior Division relays consisted of a water balloon toss, sack races, and a go to work re-



The winning senior team consisted of Hunter Herschelman, Shelby Bailey, Kelsey Lindquist, Emma Hawkinson, and Arleta Bromn.



The winning junior team consisted of Nathan Welch, Jack Link, Chase Davis, and Trevor Bird.

4-H Tractor & Lawn Mower Driving Contest

The Young Farmers Committee sponsored the Tractor and Lawn Mower Driving Contest. In order to participate in the driving contest, the kids must have completed the safety class held earlier in the year. Drivers split into groups to complete the written exam for the lawn mower or tractor. After the exam, the participants drove through the courses for the lawn mower, tractor with a two wheeled trailer, or tractor with a four wheeled trailer divisions. Each were judged on how safely and accurately they completed

the course.

Winners of the events were 1st place lawn mower- Luke Nelson, 2nd place lawn mower- Allie Hopkins, 1st place junior tractor driving- Kyle Engel, 2nd place junior tractor driving- Dylan West, 1st place senior tractor driving- Lukas Young

The Young Farmers would like to say thank you to all who participated and a special thanks to A.C. McCartney for the use of the equipment and COUNTRY Financial® for the trophies.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August

- 16 Ag Day Illinois State Fair, Springfield
- 17 Marketing Club, 12:30 PM, E Main St Pizza Hut
- 18 KCFB Board Meeting, 7 PM, Knox Agri Center
- 23 KCFB Foundation Meeting, 6:30 PM, Knox Agri Center
- 23 Knox Agri Center Meeting, 7:30 PM, Knox Agri Center
- 29 Saturated Buffer Field Demonstration, 11 AM, TBA
- 29 District 8 Meeting, 6:30 PM, Kickapoo Creek Winery

September

- 5 KCFB Office Closed, Labor Day
- 15 KCFB Board Meeting, 7 PM, Knox Agri Center
- 20 PrimeTimers Outing, 11 AM, Thistle Creek Orchard, Avon

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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Kids, farm, service keep boredom out of the summer story

Our kids' sound slumber the morning after a late night at fireworks ended abruptly with morning chores, then a brief community service commitment, a light lunch ahead of a pool outing with cousins and later a softball game at the most distant location in the summer ball schedule. The evening's ballpark roadtrip offered a chance to scout crop conditions in another county while ingesting a ham sandwich that avoided

concession stand calories. After all that, we still returned home to the kids' plea to "stay up longer" and our son's nightly request to catch lightning bugs. They completely forgot how tired that morning had started. By now, the sun cast long shadows. The day needed to wrap up with summer's nightly "business baths," my friend's term for bathing only long enough to remove the day's sweat, sunscreen, dirt and/or bug spray. Get down to business; no bubbles or relaxing soaks.

Somewhere between my daughter and I scrubbing the rear hock of her 4-H pig Spots and re-sudsing the loofah for Bacon, I realize my kids don't have time for boredom, nor summer's lazy days. This is the summer that I hoped would rank less hectic than the last. Yet, with June teetering on drought status, we experienced only one rained-out ball game this summer. Something like a snow day, a good soaker to break a pattern of four nights a week at the ballpark would offer the "gift of time." In such an event, we may eat meatloaf, fresh green beans and homemade rolls, and afterward lounge on the porch to take in the growing garden, an evolving work of family art and savory produce.

Soon, the start of school will bring those first-day writing assignments about summer's activities. I wonder what our kids will scribe: For the first time, we harnessed and leashed a farm cat for the 4-H Show, only to learn he falls to his side and acts paralyzed with the contraption. Our daughter decorated with roadside flowers in splendor for a cousin's bridal shower in the farm shop. A family reunion prompted a classic game of wiffle ball in the farm yard, with all four generations either playing or spectating the routine foul balls into Granny's muskmelon vines. Our farm's roaming rooster earned the nickname Noodles for an ornery, aggressive episode that resulted in an empty threat as a chicken noodle supper.

We continue to write summer's story. Chapters in the garden, at the 4-H poultry show, ball games and farm play dates collectively reveal the heart of our summer days, which end with a prayer and start with morning's light.

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

Getting to Know Your Farm Bureau Policy

How well do you know Farm Bureau policy? In order to better understand it, KCFB will run monthly excerpts from the 2016 policy book. Interested in learning more about how our policy system works? It all starts with you! For more info contact the office!

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1. We support:

1.1. Adequate funding at the local, state

and federal levels for research, organization and administration of regulatory and pest control programs in each of the infested states, including all land in the affected area;

1.2. Continuation by USDA of its fire ant program;

1.3. Cost sharing by the Natural Resources Conservation Service on farms for chemical, predator or biological control of fire ants;

1.4. Expanded research by Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service to provide safe, effective and practical treatments



Adding Income and Stability

Trade and TPP will benefit farmers across Illinois

In the middle of the third straight year of slumping commodity prices and decreased net farm income, farmers are looking for new markets in which to sell their crops.

Luckily, the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) can accomplish just that. It's a pact with 11 other countries that would open markets for farmers across Illinois and across the

country.

Essentially, TPP would help level the playing field for American farmers by requiring trading partners to reduce tariffs on U.S. agricultural and other exports. Additionally, it will boost demand for U.S. agri-food products among the 500 million consumers in the 11 Asian-Pacific partner nations in the agreement.

And leveling the playing field is especially important for Illinois farmers when you consider that 33 percent of Illinois farm income is attributable to agricultural exports. These exports help support rural communities and support job growth across the state.

In Illinois alone, the fully-implemented trade agreement will add \$300 million per year to agricultural cash receipts and \$127 million per year in net agricultural exports from Illinois.

But with all of the benefits of TPP, the agreement still faces an uphill battle in the U.S. Congress and in the court of public opinion.

With the remaining presidential candidates openly opposed to TPP – and

for multi-year certification of field and container-grown nursery stock;

1.5. Relaxation of United States quarantine requirements to allow the importation of the Phorid fly for the sole purpose of controlling Imported Fire Ants; and 134

1.6. The special approval of Section 18 chemical usage for the control of fire ants, crazy ants and Argentine ants. We encourage the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to make special considerations to control these invasive ant species.

certain to abandon the deal once elected – supporters of the trade agreement remain hopeful that a vote on the legislation may happen before 2017 while the pro-trade president, majority leader and speaker are still in office.

That's why Illinois Farm Bureau will spend the next several months engaged in an important campaign to win passage of TPP.

The campaign will be driven by farmer stories – your stories – about the importance of trade. With a TPP vote anticipated in Congress' lame-duck session, Illinois Farm Bureau's campaign will target members of Congress from Illinois.

You can help by shooting a short video – just 20 to 60 seconds – that tells Congress your name, where you farm, what you grow or raise, and why trade matters to you and your farm.

For more information, and to submit your video, visit www.ilfb.org/trade.

Trade is important to Illinois farmers, especially when commodity prices and net farm income are depressed. But passage of TPP can help change that, and you can help pass TPP.

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Start the School Year Off Right By Putting Safety First

Summer days grow shorter and communities across America prepare for an annual ritual: the first day of school. It's a time when parents breathe a sigh of relief, students anticipate new challenges, and when all of us need to put safety first.

The start of school is among the most dangerous times of the year for children. This is when our children are at an increased risk of injuries from pedestrian, bicycle, school bus and motor vehicle crashes.

At the beginning of the school year more children are on the road each morning and afternoon and many drivers' patterns change. Shorter daylight hours make it especially difficult to see young pedestrians and bicyclists.

The following tips can help make this a safe and happy school year for the whole community.

Motorists: Be Alert

Slow down and obey traffic laws and speed limits, especially around schools.

Stop for school buses that have stopped to load or unload passengers. It's the law.

Watch for children walking in the street, playing and gathering near bus stops and

those arriving late for the bus.

Watch for young people who may be in a hurry to get to school and may not be watching out for cars.

Parents: Teach Safety

Help children learn the safety rules for walking, bicycling, or riding in a passenger car, school bus or transit bus.

Supervise children while they walk or bike to school or as they wait at the bus stop.

Buckle up when you're riding in a car and ensure all children and passengers are buckled up also.

Place children in the back seat when riding in the car. It's the safest place.

Be a good role model. Practice the safety rules you teach to children.

Students: Be Smart

Wear a helmet and follow traffic safety rules when riding your bike.

Use available sidewalks or stay to the far left of the street when walking to school, or to the bus stop.

Cross at the crosswalks when walking to school or to the bus stop, obey all traffic signs, stop lights and safety patrol instructions.

Find a safe place to wait for the bus, away from traffic and the street.

Stand at least five giant steps away from the curb and wait your turn to get on the bus

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For more information on school safety, visit the Keeping Your Family Safe at www.countryfinancial.com under the Tools and Resources tab.

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Knox County Farm Bureau was held on Thursday, July 21, 2016

WOMENS COMMITTEE

Lori Engel

The women's committee served pizza for lunch at the Farm Safety Camp on June 25th and they also provided the ice cream afternoon snack.

The women's committee met on May 31st and there will be a family picnic scheduled on a week night in August, and future social events are being discussed.

YOUNG FARMERS

Caitlin Chrzanowski

The Young Farmers sold 145 pouches of Dippin' Dots at the County Fair on Friday, July 8th, Saturday, July 9th, and Thursday, July 14th as a fundraiser.

The Young Famers committee is hosting a trap shoot fundraiser on Saturday, June 30th at the Knox Co. Sportsman's Club. Registration is at 8 AM, with the shoot beginning at 9 AM. Team trap competition - \$100 per team for participants 14 and older. The 8-13 competition will be \$40 per team. If a youth would like to shoot on an adult team, their registration fee will still only be \$10. Lunch will be available for purchase. Top team in each category will win a prize. A gun raffle will take place as well for a Remington 870 and a flag flown over the capital by Rep. Donald Moffitt.

The YF Committee is looking into a summer social.

MEMBER RELATIONS TASK FORCE

Brett Swanson

The Membership report was reviewed. The Knox County Farm Bureau has made Total Quota of 156 new

members! Voting Quota - +1 M = 856 Total MM Members - (6/30-40 short)

GOVERNMENT & POLICY TASK FORCE

Jim DeSutter

Thank you to those that have been actively participating in action requests! Your names have been placed into a drawing for each participation. The prize has not yet been determined.

The Legislative Roundtable should begin again in September with Senator Chuck Weaver.

FARM BUSINESS TASK FORCE

Todd West

2016 Knox Co. Plat Books are available.

The Farm Business Task Force is looking into hosting a financial meeting in November to help educate our members on how to efficiently meet with your lender.

EDUCATION

Lori Engel

The Stampede 5K fundraiser for the KCFB Foundation has been scheduled for Saturday, August 6, 2016 at Lake Storey. Please let us know if you are interested in volunteering for the 5K. Online registration is available and watch out on Facebook you may get challenged by another member!

PRIMETIMERS

Caitlin Chrzanowski

On April 19th the PrimeTimers heard from Julie King, Executive Director of the National Railroad Hall of Fame. Julie discussed their involvement in

Railroad Days and also describe the layout of the new visitors center "Engines of Freedom." The visitors center is going to be a part of a downtown transformation that includes a \$30 million budget, \$15 million for inside the building and \$15 million for the structure itself.

FOUNDATION

Caitlin Chrzanowski

Bill Hennenfent filled the vacant director seat.

The 2016 Summer Intern is Rylie Kalb and she has been doing a wonderful job providing insight and using her creativity to help promote the Farm Bureau.

AGRI CENTER

Terry Boydston

An efficiency audit conducted by the IFB, Ameren, and Ruyle Mechanical Services took place on July 13th and energy suggestions will be provided to the KAC Board.

Door handles are in the works, and will all be installed by August 30th.

ILLINOIS FARM FAMILIES

Lori Engel

Like the Knox Warren-Henderson Illinois Farm Families page on Facebook!

OLD BUSINESS

The KCFB Board meeting time will be 7 pm each month of the year.

NEW BUSINESS

Caitlin Chrzanowski's manager's contract was discussed. Brian Peutz has notes for a new contract.

The Farm to Fork Gala will be submitted in the County Activities of Excellence category.

Knox County Farm Bureau's financial study, provided by the IAA, was reviewed.

The new office furniture is scheduled to be installed on August 10, 2016.

Directors can contact Caitlin if interested in attending the Extending the Prairie Table Fundraising Dinner on August 27, 2016.

Board Meeting Attendance				
NAME	May	June	July	
Bewley, Beau	C	P	P	
Boydston, Terry	C	P	P	
Cain, Jarid	C	P	P	
DeSutter, Jim	C	P	P	
Engel, Lori	C	P	A	
Erickson, David S	C	P	P	
Goedeke, Phil	C	P	P	
Hennenfent, Matt	C	A	P	
Hoben, Tom	C	P	A	
King, Becky	C	P	A	
Link, Jeff	C	P	P	
Link, Nathan	C	P	A	
Main, Tim	C	P	P	
O'Connor, Tom	C	P	P	
Serven, Sam	C	P	P	
Seiboldt, Pat	C	P	P	
Stevens, Monica	C	A	A	
Strom, Grant	C	P	P	
Swanson, Brett	C	A	P	
Webel, Joe	C	A	P	
West, Todd	C	P	P	
Bohnert-Yoder, Tara	C	A	P	
C-Canceled				

Op-Ed: Many ways farmers protect soil and water

By Ted Mottaz

Peoria County farmer George Roberts grows corn and cover crops near Trivoli. The latter crops — ryegrass, oats, triticale, radish — go into the ground while the main crop is still in the field. They continue to grow after the corn and soybeans are harvested.

Cover crops help build organic matter and reduce soil erosion. Most importantly, they hold nutrients (fertilizer) in place for the next year's crop. Without them, nutrients not used by corn and soybean plants can leave farm fields and enter streams, lakes and rivers, where they might harm water quality.

Roberts also participates in an education and outreach program to other farmers that has had water monitoring equipment installed on his farm. Samples are collected and analyzed to determine which of Roberts' practices are most effective at keeping nutrients in place.

Roberts' story is one of 50 in a new online resource, the Conservation Story Map. It includes videos and photos of the many ways farmers protect soil and water. Users can search the Map by stewardship method, locale, type of project, or by farm, conservation and other groups that provide funding and support.

The land and water benefit when nutrients stay where they belong. Farmers

also gain. Roberts gets the most out of the fertilizer he buys each year. He gets the best crop yield, ensures that his crops take up the maximum amount of nutrients possible and has fewer weeds to control.

Illinois farmers join cities, towns and others in working to improve water health. The state's Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy outlines the methods detailed on the Map. Released a year ago, it aims to reduce by 45 percent the phosphorous and nitrate loads in the state's waters from wastewater treatment plants and from urban and farm runoff. It also speaks to the bigger picture: hundreds of square miles in the Gulf of Mexico impacted by excess nutrients that flow from upstream.

Farmers get help from the Illinois Council on Best Management Practices (CBMP) in doing their part. CBMP is made up of farm groups and of businesses where farmers buy fertilizer. It identifies stewardship practices that work, are good for the environment and make economic sense for farmers.

The best and latest science supports cover crops and these other techniques. How are other farmers in your area working to keep the land and water healthy? See and hear George Roberts' story and others at www.illinoiscbmp.org.

Ted Mottaz is with the Illinois Corn Growers Association, based in Bloomington.

Saturated Buffer Field Demonstration

Join the Knox County Soil & Water Conservation District and the Knox County Farm Bureau on August 29th to learn more about Saturated Buffers. The event will begin at 11 AM, with presentations from Steve Baker of Springfield Plastics and the Illinois Farm Bureau. Lunch will be provided. Please bring tile, stream,

or surface water samples to be tested for nitrate concentration, for best results, please determine the flow rate in seconds and the number of acres drained. Please RSVP for the Saturated Buffer Field Demonstration by calling the Knox County Farm Bureau at (309) 342-2036.

District 8 Meeting

Join the Illinois Farm Bureau District 8 on Monday, August 29th at Kickapoo Creek Winery. The meal will begin at 6:30 p.m. There will be an optional tour of the Winery's vineyard at 5:30 p.m. David Serven, District 8 Director, will conduct the meeting. After the District 8 reports, there will be a presentation from Steve

Meyers. Steve is the Farm Manager for Busey Ag Resources in LeRoy, IL. He is also one of the four authors for Profit Planners published in the Prairie Farmer Magazine. Please RSVP by calling (309) 342-2036 or online at www.knoxcfb.org.

1,000 Caps and Counting!

The Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation thanks our members for collecting Prairie Farms milk caps and supporting our cause! Prairie Farms Dairy donated \$50 to the Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation through the Our Caps Your Cause program. Members collected 1,000 caps to earn the \$50 donation and more caps have been redeemed toward our next 1,000 goal.

To participate, collect Prairie Farms caps from white or flavored milk in

gallon or half gallon sizes. Reveal the unique, redeemable code by peeling off the sticker and redeem the code by following the link on www.knoxcfb.org. When prompted with the choice of which organization to give to, please choose Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation, Galesburg, IL. Members may also bring milk caps to the Knox County Farm Bureau office and staff will enter the codes for you!

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Health on the Farm

By the Knox County Health Department



KNOX COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WELCOMES 2 NURSE PRACTITIONERS

The Knox Community Health Center is proud to welcome Nurse Practitioner, Kelly Mixon, MSN, APN, FNP-C and Nurse Practitioner, Hillary Searles, MSN, APN, FNP-BC to our staff. Ms. Mixon comes to the Health Center with Master's from St. Francis Medical Center College of Nursing, and a Bachelor's degree from the same institution. Ms. Searles comes to us with a Masters from Walden University, and a Bachelor's degree from Clarke College.

Public Health Administrator, Michele Fishburn speaks highly of Kelly and Hillary, expressing high regard for her enthusiasm and excitement. "They will bring a lot of positive energy to the Health Center," states Fishburn, "They will be a great asset in the Health Center." Ms. Mixon and Ms. Searles are currently **accepting new patients ages birth and up** at the Community Health Center. Please call 309-344-2225 Monday thru Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm to set up an appointment at our medical home

What are Health Centers, also known as Federally-Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)? The KCHC is a comprehensive and convenient medical, dental, and behavioral health care facility that is open to all residents, regardless of where their home is located and their insurance status. Fees are based on the patient's ability to pay. Additionally health centers serve Medicaid and Medicare recipients

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How do health centers make a difference? The key is patient involvement in service delivery. Health centers must have governing boards – the majority of which must be patients according to grant requirements they help manage health center operations. Board members serve as community representatives and make decisions on services provided. Active patient management of health centers assures responsiveness to local needs, and helps guarantee that health centers improve the quality of life of patients.

The Knox Community Health Center does not turn away any patient due to an inability to pay. Payment options include Medicare, Medicaid, and most private insurance. For those who are uninsured, payment is on a sliding fee scale based on income. For more information or to make an appointment, please contact the Knox Community Health Center at 309-344-2225, Monday thru Friday 8:00am-4:30pm. The center is located at 1361 W. Fremont Street, Galesburg, IL. **We want to be your medical home!**



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MEMBERSHIP RECRUITERS OF THE MONTH



Jason Lumberry

The Knox County Farm Bureau would like to recognize COUNTRY Financial Representatives Jason Lumberry and Ed Johnson as top membership recruiters. Jason signed 6 new associate members in July. COUNTRY Financial Representative Ed Johnson signed 2 associate members and 1 voting member.

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



Ed Johnson

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Ground Beef Jerky

Ingredients

3 pounds ground beef or venison
5 teaspoons garlic powder
4 teaspoons sea salt
4 teaspoons fresh ground pepper
1 tablespoon liquid smoke

Instructions

1. Combine all ingredients in a large mixing bowl.
2. Using a jerky gun, press thin strips onto dehydrator racks. Or, roll thin between parchment paper, cut into

If you would like to submit a family-favorite recipe, please provide the recipe with a picture to the KCFB office.



strips and place on racks.

3. Dehydrate for 7-12 hours until dry and crisp.

4. Store up to 7 days in refrigerator or freeze for longer storage.

Nutrition per serving (2 strips) 186 calories, 12.8g fat, 640mg sodium, .6g carb, .1g fiber, .5g net carb, 16g protein

Recipe from LowCarbYum.com

PRIMETIMERS NEWS

On Tuesday, July 19th the PrimeTimers committee members met in the Knox Agri Center for their monthly meeting and potluck. 19 members and KCFB Summer Intern Rylie Kalb were in attendance and listened to a program given by

Chris Gray, supervisor of Knox County Assessments. The committee will not meet in August. The next program will begin at 11 AM on September 23rd at Thistle Creek Orchard. PrimeTimers invite members 55+ to attend.

Well Sealing Demonstration

Time: 9 a.m.

Date: Thursday, August 25, 2016

**Location: Fredrickson Farm,
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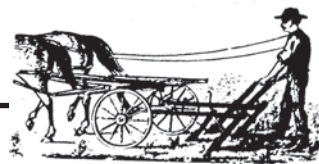
- * Knox County Health Department—Sarah Willett
- * Knox County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) - Kara Downin
- * Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) - Ron Hall
- * Landowner's experience—Dennis Fredrickson

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Looking Back



TAKEN FROM THE JULY 1948 BULLETIN

We wish to recognize and thank road officials, farmers, our woman's committee, and everyone who has assisted in clearing brush, weeds, etc., from rural intersections in Knox County. Some townships have done an excellent job, others may do nothing in an organized way, however, we urge all farmers to accept the responsibility of clearing their own corners where it is possible.

TAKEN FROM THE JULY 1966 BULLETIN

Mrs. Lester Lundberg called attention to National Farm Safety Week by assisting her director Lawrence Cook, with the installation of a slow-moving vehicle emblem on his tractor. The emblem is designed to be seen either during the day-time or the night-time in an attempt to lessen the highway hazard of farm machinery and other slow moving equipment.

TAKEN FROM THE JULY 2013 BULLETIN

The Knox County Farm Bureau held its annual ice cream social at the Knox County 4-H Fair on Saturday, July 13th. Members of the Board of Directors helped scoop ice cream to 4-H members and their families. There were over fourteen gallons of ice cream served. The event was sponsored by the Knox County Farm Bureau and Prairie Farms Dairy.

~ CLASSIFIED ADS ~

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: 2005 Chevy Silverado, nice, clean truck, V6, 90,000 miles. Call 309-335-0612. 8/16

FOR SALE: 1953 Ford Jubilee tractor. Good running condition, new paint, ready for show. Also for sale is mower deck. \$4500 for both. Call 309-337-0564. 8/16

FOR SALE: A lot with four spaces at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Galesburg. The spaces are in the Garden of the Good Shepherd. For more information, please call 309-484-5102. 8/16

FOR SALE: 1995 Ford F-250 XLT Diesel truck. Has 5th wheel hitch rails and gooseneck ball. New batteries, two new tires and two nearly new tires, trailer brake controller and other work done recently. Please call 309-368-0581 (Tim). 8/16

SERVICE: Mayfield's Backhoe Service offering field tile repair, grading, trucking and stump grinding. Please call Eric at 309-351-9520. 8/16

FOR SALE: 2005 JD 8520, ILS Front Duals, Active Seat, Climatrak, Rear Duals, 7050 Hours, Galesburg, IL, \$87,500 O.B.O. Please leave message 309-337-1600 7/16

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.

Believing in the Well-Being of Farmers Provides Motivation for COUNTRY Financial® Crop Specialist

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make sure there are no changes and to eliminate mistakes. Dixon serves areas in Knox, Henderson, Warren, Henry, Mercer and Rock Island counties.

He and his wife, Karen, have three children, Jennifer, Erica and Jacob. He has been a part of ROWVA Public Schools Foundation and has served on the Oneida Telephone Exchange Board. In his spare time he enjoys baseball, football, and being with his family.

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