



Bulletin

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

Knox County Farm Bureau 97th Annual Meeting



2014 KCFB Board Directors (L to R) front row: Tim Main, Lori Engel, Terry Boydston, Jim DeSutter, Todd West, Monica Stevens, Beau Bewley, Bill Hennenfent, Pat Sieboldt. Back row: David Bliss, Grant Strom, Jeff Link, Nathan Link, Joe Webel, David Erickson, Sam Serven. Not pictured: Becky King, Tom Hoben, Jarid Cain, & Drew DeSutter.

On Saturday, January 17th, over 100 members and guests of the Knox County Farm Bureau gathered at the Lake Storey Pavilion, in Galesburg for the 97th Annual Meeting of the Knox County Farm Bureau. The morning began with attendees getting the opportunity to bid on over 40 silent auction items.

The business meeting began at 10:00 a.m. with introductions of guests and members of the Board of Directors and their spouses. Representative Don Moffitt, Representative Norine Hammond and Senator Darin LaHood were recognized and addressed the crowd.

Each year, a COUNTRY Financial Representative is recognized for Membership Recruiter of the Year. Recognition was given to Jeremy Kleine this year as the top recruiter. Jeremy signed 21 new associate members during 2014. We thank all the COUNTRY Financial Representatives, staff, and Agency Manager, Mike Weber, for their support and hard work throughout the year.

Knox County Farm Bureau also recognized members who joined the organization 50 years ago. This year, there were seven members who joined in 1965 and each received a certificate of appreciation.

The Knox County Farm Bureau Board of Directors recognized David Bliss and Bill Hennenfent for their tenure on the Board. David Bliss started his second tenure on the Board representing District 3 in 2005. During his time on the Board he has been the agriculture repre-

sentative for GREDA and represented Knox County numerous times at the IAA and IAAA annual meetings as a delegate. David has been a voice for agriculture and the Farm Bureau throughout the community and in many other organizations as well. We would like to thank you, David, for your devotion to the Knox County Farm Bureau.

Bill Hennenfent has served the county organization for ten years, representing district 4 since 2005. Bill has been very active on the Board, serving as Secretary from 2009-2012, as well as serving on the Farm Business Task Force. He has also been active with the Knox County 4-H Livestock Judging. Under his leadership the Knox County team placed second at the state competition and most recently, the team placed 14th at the Denver competition. Thank you Bill for the time you have devoted to Knox County Farm Bureau. We will truly miss your leadership.

KCFB Manager Kate Lansaw gave comments from the past year and KCFB President Tim Main addressed the crowd with the President's report.

Our keynote speaker for the morning was Mark Gebhards, Illinois Farm Bureau Executive Director of Governmental Affairs and Commodities. In this position, Gebhards supervises a staff that handles all lobbying and political action functions of the IFB at state, and national levels, and assists county Farm Bu-

reaus in local governmental activities. He administers programs for all commodity activities of the IFB, including matters related to farm bill implementation, biotechnology, trade, and other commodity issues. He also serves on President Guebert's management team.

Gebhards also coordinates IFB activities with closely related commodity groups, including Illinois Corn Growers Association, Illinois Soybean Association, and Illinois Milk Producers Association.

The Young Farmers Committee held a county township fundraiser and earned \$400. The money will be donated to area food banks in Knox County.

Following the business meeting, the live auction was conducted by Auctioneer Jim Folger. Over \$5,200 was raised from the live and silent auction and the money will directly benefit the Ag in the Classroom program through the Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation. Thank you to everyone who donated and purchased items. It was a huge success again this year thanks to everyone who contributed to the great cause.

The morning concluded with a lunch buffet and a final opportunity to bid on silent auction items. Thank you to everyone in attendance at the meeting and who helped make the day a success.

Bliss Honored at Annual Meeting

The 2014 Meritorious Service to Agriculture Award was awarded to David Bliss of Maquon on January 17, 2015 at the Knox County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting.

The Meritorious Service to Agricultural Award began in 1980. The award is given to a person or persons who have made an outstanding contribution to the agricultural industry in Knox County. A total of 18 recipients have been awarded to date.

Bliss joined the Knox County Farm Bureau in 1957 and began farming in 1959. His operation has included hogs and cattle and he currently raises corn and soybeans. He was a Knox County Corn Growers founding member and is a member of the Knox County Pork Producers, where he served a term as President.

In 1973, he was named the Knox County Outstanding Farmer and was awarded third place in the Illinois Outstanding Farmer Competition. He served on the Riverland FS, now West Central FS, Board of Directors and as President from 1997 until 2003, when he retired from the Board. In 2007, he received his 50 year Farm Bureau member plaque.

He has served on the Galesburg Regional Economic Development



Knox Agri Center's 2014 Meritorious Service to Agriculture Award was presented to David Bliss at the 2015 KCFB Annual Meeting at which he was also honored for retiring from the KCFB Board of Directors.

Association, or GREDA, as an agriculture representative. During his time with GREDA he served on the Executive Committee as both Secretary and Treasurer. He was named Illinois Master Farmer in 2011.

He has served two tenures, for a total of 20 years, on the Knox County Farm Bureau Board of Directors.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following Knox County Farm Bureau members who were recognized at the Knox County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting for their 50 year membership of the organization. We thank you for your loyalty and support over the past 50 years.

Robert Boyer
Donald Cain
Roy Carlson

Dale Carlson
Michael Gehring
Carroll Tomson

Robert Tracy



KCFB President Tim Main presented Roy Carlson with his 50 year member certificate.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 3 Knox Ag Roundtable, KAC, 12:00 PM
- 4 Marketing Club, E. Main St. Pizza Hut, 12:30 PM
- 12 Young Farmers Meeting, KAC, 6:00 PM
- 16 Foundation Scholarship/Intern Applications Due
- 16 Food Check-Out Day, Henderson St. Hy-Vee, 8:30 AM
- 17 Prime Timers Meeting, KAC, 12:00 PM
- 18 Marketing Club, E. Main St. Pizza Hut, 12:30 PM
- 19 KCFB Board Meeting, KAC, 7:00 PM
- 20 Ag Day for Kids, Carl Sandburg College
- 24 KCFB Foundation Meeting, KAC, 6:30 PM
- 24 Knox Agri Center Meeting, KAC, 7:30 PM
- 25-26 GALC, Crowne Plaza, Springfield

MARCH

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- 18 Marketing Club, E. Main St. Pizza Hut, 12:30 PM
- 19 KCFB Board Meeting, KAC, 7:00 PM
- 20 Women in Ag Conference
- 27 Knox Ag Roundtable, KAC, 12:00 PM
- 30-31 Youth Conference, Springfield

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- Knox County Pork Producers
- KCFB Young Farmers
- KCFB Women's Committee
- Kohl's Diamond Gallery
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- Yemm Chevrolet
- Mary Beth & Gary Bowman
- 1st Farm Credit Services
- Anderson State Bank
- Rebecca & Mike Weber
- T. Main Family

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

Derick Dykeman, Victoria
Aaron & Robyn Feltmeyer, Oneida

Mark Glowacki, Galesburg
Skyler Mossage, Moline

Allen & Julie Pickrel, Galesburg
Edward Weaver, Galesburg

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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Illinois Farms Share Global Connection

Once upon a time, a few decades ago, our family fed nearly all of our farm-grown grain and hay crops to our own hogs and cattle. China's food import needs in that era proved as distant a thought as the country itself.
This winter, while our family meets farm bill deadlines and digs out of snow storms, we learn the status and condition of the

South American corn and soybean harvests at farm meetings, on the internet and in farm publications. Routine market reports we read will share news about China's latest soybean demand or what products the European Union may begin to accept. Even exports of Russian wheat or Irish beef impact us. And talk of Cuban trade sparks agricultural interest.
The farm marketplace proves as much global as local and domestic for our family grain and livestock farm in rural Illinois. The word global in itself lends another reason to forgo the storybook farmer stereotype, which seems as hard to separate from farms as "future farmers" from FFA. Those of us in the soybean fields know that customers and competitors in China and South America influence our profitability, even out here where life appears simple, private and generally detached from the hubbub of the world.
In fact, we live 180 miles from an airport with non-stop flights abroad. I personally enjoy the distance from high-population areas. As a self-claimed homebody, I seldom travel and express limited interest in foreign tours. Yet I'm aware of the global impacts on our crops in terms of demand and value even

from the depths of rural Illinois farm country.
The feeling seems globally mutual. Farmers and agriculturalists from China and Brazil have toured local farms and agribusinesses. Likewise, local farmers, including relatives and friends, have toured several countries, such as Cuba, China, Egypt and Argentina. The Illinois Farm Bureau makes some of these trips possible with recent market study tours to the European Union, Cuba, Panama-Colombia and last year, the port infrastructure in the Southern United States.
Illinois' amazing river system, an artery to the world, expands market opportunities for our corn and soybean crops. Yet, each agricultural sector has found its global niche. I once interviewed a Utah alfalfa farm that sells hay to the Pacific Rim. Another time, a Michigan dairy plant shared how it markets milk powder to Algeria. And an Alabama lumber company told its history of pine lumber shipments to Caribbean countries.
Food and fiber speaks many languages.
About the Author: Joanie Stiers, a wife, mother and farm woman, writes from rural West-Central Illinois.

Young Farmers Elect New Chair



I am Tara Bohnert Yoder, the new Young Farmer committee chair. I grew up in Rock Island County on my family's grain, hog and Jersey dairy farm. The dairy started as a 4-H project for my two older brothers and myself. Today they farm 1,500 acres and milk 450 registered Jersey cows.
I attended the University of Illinois and earned a B.S. degree in Animal Sciences with a focus in Business, Industry & Management. The family farm was not big enough for me to return to full time so I entered the business side of the industry. I am the Jersey Marketing Manager for Alta Genetics where I have been employed for twelve years. This position includes consulting with sales staff and clients around the globe to create genetic plans and offering product guidance to maximize profitability. In addition, I manage our Jersey production, inventory, allocations and product lineup.
Since coming to Knox County, I have been involved with Young Farmers and the Women's Committee. It has been exciting to work on educating Moms with the Warren-Henderson Knox County Farm Moms. I also work with Rock Island County by representing the dairy industry for their AgXperience program for elementary students. Educating others about Agriculture is a passion of mine.
My husband Eric and I have been married for ten years. He is the Business Manager at LG Seeds. We have two beautiful daughters Abigail age 3 and Kaitlyn age 1.

Celebrate Food Check-Out Week!

Knox County Farm Bureau's Food Check-Out Day is February 16, 2015. This year, we are focusing on helping Americans learn how to stretch their grocery dollars with healthy, nutritious food. America's farmers and ranchers are committed to producing safe, healthy and abundant food. And they share a common concern with consumers when it comes to putting nutritious meals on the table while sticking to a tight budget.
Food Check-Out Week highlights America's safe, abundant and affordable food supply, made possible largely by America's productive farmers and ranchers. According to the most recent (2009) information from the USDA's Economic Research Service, American families and individuals spend, on average, less than 10 percent of their disposable personal income for food.
As part of Food Check-Out Week, Knox County Farm Bureau is sponsoring their annual Grocery Race at the Henderson Street HyVee store in Galesburg. The event will be held Monday, February 16th with the race beginning at 8:30 a.m. Galesburg Radio FM 95 will be broadcasting the race.
Ted and Eric from FM95's morning show

will be the two Knox County celebrities that will race against each other, along with two lucky listeners from FM 95. Each team will be given a grocery list and race against each other to collect as many items as they can within a few minutes. The food collected will be donated to FISH of Galesburg. The event is sponsored by the

Knox County Corn Growers Association, and Knox County Farm Bureau Women's Committee and Young Farmers.
So join us on February 16th at Henderson Street HyVee! Come learn how to stretch your grocery dollars with healthy, nutritious food, all while having fun watching the grocery race!

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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Knox County Farm Bureau was held on Thursday, January 15, 2015

WOMENS COMMITTEE - Lori Engel

The Committee discussed new ideas to implement in 2015. The Plan of Work (POW) will be discussed during the next meeting.

YOUNG FARMERS - Kate Lansaw

The 2015 officers were elected. Tara Yoder, Chair; David Larson, Vice-Chair; Jennifer Delpierre, Secretary; Andrew Johnson, Treasurer; Social/Recruitment Chair, Drew DeSutter.

Drew DeSutter, Tyler Main and Kate will be attending the Young Leader Conference on January 23-24 in Bloomington.

MEMBER RELATIONS TASK FORCE - Tom Hoben

The Membership report was reviewed. The list of 50 year recipients was reviewed.

GOVERNMENT & POLICY TASK FORCE - Beau Bewley

Viewpoint Survey questions were discussed.

Tim Main, Terry Boydston and Kate Lansaw attended the Illinois House Inauguration at the Capital on the January 14th.

Lauren Lurkins will discuss Nutrient

Loss Reduction on Tuesday, February 3rd at Knox Agri Center.

FARM BUSINESS TASK FORCE - David S. Erickson

There will be a Farm Bill Meeting on January 26 at 8 a.m. at the Lake Storey Pavilion. Doug Yoder and Jonathan Coppess will be presenting.

EDUCATION TASK FORCE - Jarid Cain

We will be starting the monthly updates to the 5th grade classroom in January. Kate has a schedule of who will be assigned to which month.

PRIMETIMERS - Kate Lansaw

The next meeting will be on January 20 to plan their POW.

FOUNDATION - Kate Lansaw

Met on November 25. Raised the Internship Scholarship from \$1,000 to \$1,500.

Applications for the internship and the scholarship are due on February 16, 2015.

KNOX AGRI-CENTER - Grant Strom

The Meritorious Service to Agriculture Award recipient was chosen and will be announced at the KCFB Annual Meeting on January 17.

KAC donated the wooden folding tables to the fairgrounds and replaced them with new plastic folding tables.

ILLINOIS FARM FAMILIES - Lori Engel

We will be planning a DISH session at HyVee in January where moms can join us to prepare freezer meals to take home. While there, the committee will engage in conversation about where the food comes from and address any concerns brought up.

OLD BUSINESS

The Auditor Jennifer Coombs was present to discuss the 2014 Audit.

NEW BUSINESS

St. Louis Science Center Agriculture Display was discussed. Illinois Farm Bureau will match county donation if \$1,000 or more.

The KCFB Annual Meeting is January 17, 2015. Bill Hennenfent and David Bliss will be retiring from the Board. There will be four open seats on KCFB Board but three will be filled with the elections at the Annual Meeting. Mark Gebhards, IFB Governmental Affairs and Commodities, is the keynote speaker.

Kate reviewed the changes to be made to the KCFB Bylaws. There was a short discussion about the changes.

These changes will be brought before the membership at the KCFB Annual Meeting.

The Governmental Affairs Leadership Conference is February 25-26, 2015.

Board Meeting Attendance 2014-2015

NAME	November	December	January
Bewley, Beau	P	P	P
Bliss, David	P	P	P
Boydston, Terry	P	P	P
Cain, Jarid	A	P	P
DeSutter, Jim	A	P	P
Engel, Lori	P	P	P
Erickson, David S	P	P	P
Hennenfent, Bill	P	P	P
Hoben, Tom	P	P	P
King, Becky	P	P	P
Link, Jeff	P	P	P
Link, Nathan	A	P	P
Main, Tim	P	P	P
Serven, Sam	P	P	P
Seiboldt, Pat	P	A	P
Stevens, Monica	P	P	P
Strom, Grant	P	P	P
Webel, Joe	A	P	A
West, Todd	P	P	P
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Statement From The Illinois Farm Bureau Regarding President Obama’s State Of The Union Address

The following is a statement from Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) President Richard Guebert, Jr., regarding President Obama’s State of the Union address.

Statement on Obama tax plan

“Illinois Farm Bureau opposes President’s Obama’s plan to increase the capital gains tax. Good tax policy sets capital gains tax rates at a lower level to encourage business investments that grow the economy and create jobs.

“Unfortunately, the President’s proposal would dramatically increase the tax bill for any farmer who sells land, buildings or breeding livestock. Farmers usually pay the top rate of 20 percent plus the 3.8 percent Medicare surtax because their capital gains are realized in a single year, for example, when a farm is sold.

“The impact of capital gains taxes on farming is significant because production agriculture requires large investments

in land and buildings that are held for decades during which land values can more than triple. The higher the capital gains rate, the greater disincentive there is for owners to sell. And that would make it more difficult for new farmers to get started and prevent established farmers from expanding their operations to include the next generation. In general, high capital gains rates hinder a farmer’s ability to react quickly to market signals and change their business model by selling assets and reinvesting.

“IFB also is concerned that President Obama proposes repeal of the ‘stepped up’ basis which protects farmers and small business owners from enormous tax bills when they inherit the family business. Farming in Illinois is generational. Removing the ‘step-up’ will result in a new tax on farmers, possibly at the death of a parent.

“The Obama tax plan states that any new tax would not be due on inherited small family-owned and operated businesses until the business is sold. But no definitions of ‘small’ or ‘family-owned’ are provided, so it is uncertain how many farmers would be protected from paying capital gains taxes when a family member dies, not to mention the complexity this adds to an already complex and confusing federal tax code.

“IFB hopes Congress will consider the president’s proposals to increase the capital gains tax and repeal ‘stepped up basis’ to be dead on arrival.”

Statement on Trade Promotion Authority

“As an association that represents farmers who export billions of dollars’ worth of production each year, IFB strongly supports President Obama’s call for Congress to pass trade promotion authority

and will work with our congressional delegation to build support to expand export opportunities for Illinois farmers with the ratification of new multi-lateral trade agreements. We encourage the Administration to wrap up talks this year on the Trans Pacific Partnership.”

Statement on Cuba

“Illinois Farm Bureau supports President Obama’s historic efforts to normalize the U.S. relationship with Cuba. Our members believe that Cuba should be buying corn, soybeans, wheat, rice and poultry from American producers, not from South America, Europe or Asia. We also believe that a new policy toward Cuba is needed, that Americans should be able to freely travel to Cuba and purchase their goods, and that the 53-year embargo has failed to foster democracy and human rights in Cuba.”

IFB Governmental Affairs Leadership Conference Set For Feb. 25-26, 2015

“Know Your Environment: Legislative, Regulatory & Political” is the theme for the 2015 Illinois Farm Bureau Governmental Affairs Leadership Conference (GALC) scheduled for February 25-26, 2015 at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield. With two days of general sessions and workshops, you will know your environment and how politics, regulators, and legislation affect your farm, along with timely information and tools you need to help advance the agenda of farmers and agriculture to protect your bottom line.

GALC workshop sessions will focus on a number of issues including farm bill, local government, transportation, environment, and legislative issue updates. Also, included this year will be a “Political Track” highlighting the challenges and opportunities in today’s political environment.

One of the keynote sessions will discuss the ever growing role of the EPA

and regulators on agriculture. Gary Baise is a principal attorney at OFW law firm in Washington, D.C. specializing on the Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, National Environmental Policy Act, and many other areas. Gary has worked on the inside of the EPA as its first Chief of Staff to the Administrator and numerous roles for other Federal Agencies. He also contributes to the weekly “Defending Agriculture” blog.

Again this year, you’ll see firsthand what happens when hundreds of farmers, just like you, partner together on issues during the Statewide Legislative Reception on Wednesday evening.

The cost of the conference is \$50 for Wednesday only, \$30 for Thursday only, or \$70 for both days (a savings of \$10).

To register for the conference or to obtain additional information, contact the Knox County Farm Bureau at 309-342-2036 or knoxcfb@knoxcfb.org.

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Fortunately, there are simple ways to keep teeth strong and healthy from childhood to old age. Here's how:

1. Start children early. Dental care should begin as soon as a child's first tooth appears, usually around six months. Teeth can be wiped with a clean, damp cloth or a very soft brush. At about age 2, you can let kids try brushing for themselves.

2. Seal off trouble. Permanent molars come in around age 6. Thin protective coatings applied to the chewing surfaces of the back teeth can prevent decay in the pits and fissures. Talk to your dental professional.

3. Use enough—but not too much fluoride. Fluoride strengthens enamel, making it less likely to decay. Three out of four Americans drink water that has fluoride in it. Many toothpastes and mouth rinses also contain fluoride. It should be used sparingly in young children, no more than a pea-sized dab on the toothbrush.

4. Brush twice a day and floss daily. Gum disease and tooth decay remain big problems, and not just for older people.

a. Brush for 2 minutes

b. Toothbrushes should be changed 3 to 4 times a year.

c. People with arthritis or other problems may have trouble holding a toothbrush or using floss. Some people find it easier to use an electric toothbrush. Others put a foam tube over the handle of the toothbrush to make it easier to hold.

5. Block blows to teeth. Sports and recreational activities build healthy bodies, but they can pose a threat to teeth. Most school teams now require children to wear mouth guards. But remember; unsupervised recreational activities like skate-boarding can also result in injuries. Use mouth guards to help protect your mouth

6. Don't smoke or use smokeless tobacco. Tobacco stains teeth and significantly increases the risk of gum disease and oral cancer. If you smoke or use chewing tobacco, consider quitting.

7. Eat smart. A healthy diet is essential to healthy teeth and gums. A well balanced diet of grains, nuts, fruits, and vegetables, and dairy products will provide the nutrients you need.

8. Avoid sugary foods. When bacteria in the mouth breaks down simple sugars, they produce acids that can erode tooth enamel. Sugary drinks, including soft drinks and fruit drinks, pose special threat because people tend to sip them, raising acid levels over a long time.

9. Make an appointment. Recommended to get a dental check-up every 6 months

Teaching good brushing and flossing habits, combined with eating nutritiously, will help establish a pattern of good dental health for your children and you. For more information about the Knox Community Health Center and our medial and dental staff please call 309-344-2225 or check out our website at www.knoxcountyhealth.org



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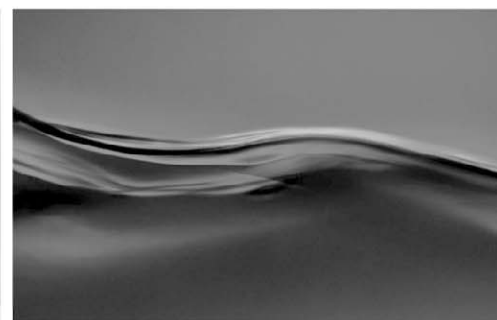


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Patrick Young



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The Knox County Farm Bureau would like to recognize COUNTRY Financial Representatives Patrick Young, John Ryner, Ed Johnson, & Jeremy Kleine as top membership recruiters. Patrick, John, Ed & Jeremy each signed one new associate member in January.

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

PRIMETIMERS NEWS

The PrimeTimers Committee met on January 20th and enjoyed a catered lunch. Twelve committee members discussed and set their plan of work for 2015. The next

meeting will be on February 17th at 12 PM at the Knox Agri Center. The PrimeTimers invite those 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: Large, round grass hay bales, net wrapped, \$40 each. Call 309-344-2077 or 309-351-6792. 2/15

LOOKING FOR: Farm Shop Manager. Galesburg area farm seeks a full time person with a large amount of mechanical experience for daily/seasonal repair and maintenance of entire John Deere fleet, trucks and other equipment. We will hire a detail oriented, well organized person, pay package commensurate to level of experience and ability. Please leave a message at 309-341-1600. 2/15

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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.

Scholarship

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 2015 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 2015. 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.

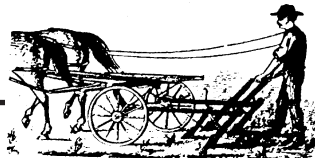
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Knox County Cattlemen's Association
Scholarship Opportunity for graduating seniors
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Looking Back



TAKEN FROM THE FEBRUARY 1930 BULLETIN

Figures compiled by the University of Illinois through the Department of Farm Organization and Management and Dairy Husbandry show that the average cost of keeping a cow for one year was \$150.74. Feed and bedding was the large item - \$84.81. Man labor accounted for \$28.99.

TAKEN FROM THE FEBRUARY 1953 BULLETIN

How can we grow 100 bushels of corn per acre in Knox County is one of the questions that will be answered by A.L. Lang of the Soil Department at the University of Illinois at a special soils and fertilizer meeting being held in the Farm Bureau building.

TAKEN FROM THE FEBRUARY 1975 BULLETIN

The Knox County Young Farmers Committee will host a good old fashioned square dance, intended for the entire Farm Bureau membership.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Brownie Hearts

Ingredients

• 1 package fudge brownie mix (13-inch x 9-inch pan size)

Directions

1. Prepare brownie mix according to package directions. Transfer to a greased 13-in. x 9-in. baking pan, with waxed paper fit to the bottom. Bake at 325° for 25-30 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool completely on a wire rack.



• Confectioners' sugar, granulated sugar, cocoa powder, for coating bites

2. Run a knife around the edge of the pan. Turn out onto baking sheet, and flip over onto work surface. Use 2 1/2 inch heart-shaped cookie cutter. Form scraps into 1 in balls, and roll them in a coating of your choice.

Knox County Soil & Water Conservation District Max and Frances Sanford Memorial Scholarship

Scholarship deadline is April 1, 2015.

The scholarship is offered to a Knox County resident who is pursuing a career in Agriculture or an Environmental related field. Applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher, submit an application with current transcripts and ACT score (both REQUIRED) and write an essay on "What Conservation means to you and how do you plan to incorporate Conservation into your Future Plans?"

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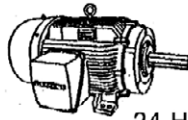
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