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Farm Safety Camp a Success

Nearly 100 kids from across Knox County gathered on Saturday, June 25th at the Knox County Fairgrounds to attend the Kids Farm Safety Camp which happens every other year and has been going on since 1995.

Upon arrival, the campers registered and received their ball cap that was colored to match their group. Gold, green, blue, red, black, white, khaki, and orange hats flocked to the 1st Farm Credit Building to watch a live-line demonstration to kick off the camp. Sparks flew, and the kids learned the science and reasoning behind electricity and also electrocution.



Steve Hancock from Cornbelt Energy uses the Live Line Demo to educate campers how to stay safe around electricity.

After that, everyone broke into groups to attend the various stations across the campgrounds but not without a quick fruit cup snack first. The stations across the campgrounds included animal safety, train safety, machine/PTO safety, grain safety, first aid, fire safety, emergency preparedness, and sun and sound. At animal, machine, and grain safety stations, the campers were able to hear first-hand stories about accidents that had happened to various presenters. Train safety featured a video with a question and answer session, while in fire safety kids got to operate a fire extinguisher. First aid featured lots of information and a demonstration of a new type of backboard, and emergency preparedness had demonstrations of realistic accidents. Sun and Sound gave the kids sun bracelets while educating them on how to be safe with loud noises and lots of exposure to the sun. The kids were then treated to a lunch of Pizza Hut pizza and an ice cream cup snack.



Bill Stone teaches a camper how to correctly shoot a fire extinguisher.

At the conclusion of camp, kids filled out surveys regarding the various aspects of camp and received a goody bag full of a fire alarm, CPR kit, safety pamphlets, and more donated by the various sponsors and presenters. Parents started to arrive, and everyone migrated to the area where the "Mock Accident Scene" would take place. Right before the scene started, Katelyn Engel, of De-long Livestock 4-H group, was announced for having the winning t-shirt design for Kids Farm Safety Camp in which a check was awarded to her 4-H club. Then the accident scene started. This year's accident featured a young man trapped under a bean head. Another young man frantically and recklessly rushed on an ATV to get help but crashed into a pole doing so and experienced severe head trauma. The police, ambulance service, and local fire departments all rushed to the fairgrounds to help these young men. The coroner, Mark

Thomas, arrived to pronounce the young man in the ATV accident "deceased", while the other young man was rescued by the first responders, firefighters, and police. The "Mock Accident Scene" is designed not to frighten kids but to show them how to avoid the accidents in the scene and also to provide training for the area emergency personnel.



Johanna & Phil Hennenfent strap a volunteer camper into a vacuum spine board on a stretcher.

Kyle & Kevin Engel use a stuffed dummy to demonstrate the danger of getting too close to the power take off shaft.



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The Kids Farm Safety Camp ended with many thank you's to all the presenters, group leaders, volunteers, sponsors, the Knox County Farm Bureau, the Farm Safety Camp committee, parents, and campers that help make this camp possible. We look forward to continuing this camp for many years to come. We cannot wait for the next Kids Farm Safety Camp! RK

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Lake Storey Pavilion

AUGUST 6, 2016
10 AM - Start
8:30 AM - Check-In

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WHEN
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Registration - 8:30 am
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JULY 30TH 2016

Schedule

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9 AM- Shoot

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Deadline

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Rain Date - July 31st

1 PM- Check-In
2 PM- Shoot

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Calendar of Events

JULY

8	Knox Ag Roundtable, 12:00 PM, Knox County Fairgrounds
11	Young Farmers Practice Discussion Meet, GROWMARK, Alpha
13	Marketing Club, 12:30 PM, EMain Pizza Hut
14	Young Farmers Meeting, 7 PM, Knox Agri Center
16	Ice Cream Social, after 4-H rocket launch, Knox County Fairgrounds
18	Tractor & Lawn Mower Driving Contest, 6 PM, Knox County Fairgrounds
19	PrimeTimers Potluck Meeting, 12 PM, Knox Agri Center
19	Ag Olympics, 3 PM, Knox County Fairgrounds
21	KCFB Board Meeting, 8 PM, Knox Agri Center
27	Marketing Club, 12:30 PM, EMain Pizza Hut
27	Farm Income & Innovations Conference, Normal, IL
29	Celebrate Ag Night, 7 PM, QC River Bandits Baseball Game
30	Trap Shoot, 8 AM check-in, Knox Co Sportsman's Club-St. Augustine
31	Rain Date for Trap Shoot, 1 PM check-in

AUGUST

6	Stampede 5K, 10 AM, Lake Storey, Galesburg
6	Ag Safety Training, 8 AM, Knox County Fairgrounds
11	Young Farmers Meeting, 7 PM, Knox Agri Center
18	KCFB Board Meeting, 8 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

Welcome New Members

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

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**Vacation anticipation
Families take break from
farm's daybreak demands**

A couple days ahead of a childhood family vacation, our tame and loving farm cat bit me multiple times down the length of my shin. "Bear" reacted in panic as he momentarily hung upside down by a back paw, which caught in the chain of the swing where I had cradled him. Bear scurried lose uninjured. After some doctoring and the validation of a rabies-free cat, I stood determined to go on vacation. Mom packed a wound care kit for the Smoky Mountains road trip that our family had

eagerly scheduled between the farm's high-priority demands.
Our kids' ongoing "countdown to the Dells" sparks a rush of cherished and sometimes unique memories from my own childhood family vacations. As a kid, the anticipation of vacation rivaled only the nights before Christmas and 4-H Fair. In fact, trips to county and state fairs are considered vacation for some of today's most devoted livestock showing families. Regardless of the location, farm families resemble any other family in their desire to unwind, except the venue never will include New England fall foliage during our corn harvest obligations.
As a kid, we traveled only by family car, frequently in the summer and sometimes the winter in conjunction with a farm show. Dad even drove the car to the top of Pike's Peak, one of the highest summits of the Rocky Mountains, where Mom lost her cool from her passenger's side view of a steep, rocky descent. In that moment, Mom preferred our unofficial crop tours. By instinct, we monitored crop conditions at a 60 mph drive-by throughout the Midwest.
In the case of traffic jams, Dad used our Chevrolet Celebrity's dash-mounted, farm CB radio to tune into semi-tractor trailer drivers, our trusted traffic reporters. My

brother and I passed the miles with screenless activities, football quizzes and license plate games. Still, somewhere between the irrigated crop circles of Nebraska and lifeless desert of Arizona, I vowed never to take road transportation to California again.
The nation's largest roller coasters tempted us and claimed a couple of Dad's farm caps. We cooled off in lots of caves. Above ground, we sported shorts, the only time the public saw Dad's legs. Hours of fun at the hotel pool showcased the guys' genuine farmer tans, and by evening, we found the best putt-putt courses with windmills and waterfalls.
My parents worked ahead on the farm as best they could and successfully left the farm's concerns behind for a few days. Still, they appreciated long-distance rainfall reports from relatives who covered farm chores. Smartphones and weather data apps provide that information instantly now. As an adult, I look forward to our upcoming vacation's carefree fun, and I remind our kids to keep their cuddly cats away from the swing and hammock.
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.

Bustos Receives Friend of Farm Credit Award

AgriBank District Farm Credit Council honors congresswoman during annual gathering in Washington
WASHINGTON, D.C., June 21, 2016 – The AgriBank District Farm Credit Council (ADFCC) presented its 2016 Friend of Farm Credit Award to U.S. Rep. Cheri Bustos of Illinois.

Bustos received the award for her important work on behalf of rural communities, agriculture and the Farm Credit System. ADFCC members were in Washington to talk to members of Congress about issues important to farmers and ranchers in the AgriBank District, and to observe the Farm Credit centennial.
"The leadership Representative Bustos provides through her service on the House Agriculture Committee is critical to the well-being of rural communities and agricultural producers across the country," said John Schmitt, a farmer from Quincy, Illinois, a director of AgriBank and a member of the AgriBank District Farm Credit Council. "We especially appreciate her efforts

to ensure the crop insurance program remains an effective risk management tool to help producers navigate through the uncertainties of the markets and Mother Nature. Her willingness to step out front in support of crop insurance last fall was true leadership."
"Last night it was an honor to receive the 2016 Friend of Farm Credit award," Congresswoman Bustos said. "Coming from a long line of farmers, I know how important it is to fight for our agriculture economy, and as a member of the House Committee on Agriculture, I know that when our farmers succeed, America succeeds. I will continue to protect important programs like crop insurance that are vital to America's economic and food security."
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U.S. Rep. Cheri Bustos receives the Friend of Farm Credit Award. Pictured (from left to right): Dale Crawford, John Schmitt, Cheri Bustos, Roger Newell, Terry Hinds and Roger Schrodt.
their businesses successful and by financing vital infrastructure and communication services. For more information about Farm Credit please visit www.farmcredit.com.
The AgriBank District Farm Credit Council represents Farm Credit farmers and ranchers in a 15-state area from Wyoming to Ohio and Minnesota to Arkansas. About half the nation's cropland is located within the AgriBank District.

Internship Update One

Man, how time flies! It has been a month now since I started working at the Farm Bureau as the new intern. During this past month, I have begun to meet some of the members here and attend the various events that are planned in this office.
I attended the PrimeTimers potluck in May. At their meeting, all the members brought delicious food to share. When all the plates and forks had been cleared of their food, the speaker of the event, Karlie Elliott Bowman, began her presentation on the Illinois Agricultural Leadership Foundation. It was interesting to learn about the progress of American agriculture but also learn where it needs to grow. I was thrilled to be able to contribute to conversation that ensued about the new generation's role in the future of agriculture. Karlie mentioned how agriculture needs advocating in this age of technology, and I am excited for my role in it in the future with my degree in Agricultural Communications.
During this month, I have also attended the meeting of the Knox Agri Center and Board of Directors. It was interesting to hear about the Knox County Farm Bureau firsthand from the people who run it from day-to-day and year-to-year and everything inbetween.
On June 8, I attended the Illinois Farm Bureau's New Staff and Intern Seminar in Bloomington, Illinois. This seminar featured a tour of the IAA Building, presentations from various staff within the Illinois Farm Bureau, and information regarding the role the county farm bureaus play in the state's office as a whole. I was able to connect with other interns from across the state and even make connections with some of the staff there.
There has been a lot of planning and preparation for Kids Farm Safety Camp

this month! I attended a few meetings that organized the details of the event. These details ranged from where the ice for the coolers is coming from to what snack will be served in the afternoon to what brand of pizza will be eaten. It was interesting to sit in on these meetings and contribute where needed. I have been assisting Jackie in putting the children's information into the computer. It is exciting to see that children from across the area are going to come together to learn about safety, especially on the farm!
In my first month, I am working to increase our social media presence. I have created an Instagram that intends to reach our teenage, young adult, and middle-aged audiences. The next step will be to increase followers to all of the Knox County Farm Bureau's social media accounts. Online, I have created a website called "What's That Farmer Doing?" that will educate the community about agriculture through roadside signs. I have made videos and organized content to be on these pages. Caitlin is assisting me in the content creation, editing, and finalizing process so it can then be open to the public.
Day to day at the Farm Bureau is never the same. Sometimes I am helping with jobs like stuffing envelopes to be mailed to different groups of members, writing pieces for the Bulletin, designing logos and flyers for upcoming events, and writing and recording snippets for the radio station. I love doing the radio spots with Mandy, especially because I am learning a new skill outside of my comfort zone. I have thoroughly enjoyed applying my voice to the Knox County Farm Bureau, and I am looking forward to meeting more members, assisting in the planning of events, and aiding in improving the agricultural knowledge in Knox County. -RK

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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Summertime Activities: Are You Covered?

As summer approaches, take a minute to make sure you have sufficient insurance coverage in case an accident happens.

Did you know that if your vehicle is insured under an auto policy and you pull your trailer or camper to a campsite for temporary vacation use, your vehicle liability insurance may provide liability coverage?

However, if you plan to leave your trailer or camper at a campsite, you should see your financial representative to make sure you have the additional coverage needed for ample protection.

Before you hit the water, you may want to check to see if your boat has the right coverage. For example, boats with inboard motors require a different coverage than boats with an outboard motor.

You will need additional coverage if your boat has an inboard or inboard-outboard



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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Knox County Farm Bureau was held on Thursday, June 16, 2016

WOMENS COMMITTEE

Lori Engel
The Women's Committee is discussing the new committee name.

YOUNG FARMERS

Caitlin Chrzanowski
The hunter's safety course held on June 10th & 11th was a big success with 49 participants.

The YF Trap Shoot Fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, June 30th at the Knox Co. Sportsman's Club. Raffle tickets for a Remington 870 and a flag flown over the capital are available for purchase \$5/ticket or \$20/5 tickets. Representative Donald Moffitt donated the Remington 870 and the flag. The Remington 870 was purchased from The Great Outdoors in Knoxville.

The committee is planning the annual Ag Olympics and Tractor Driving contests at the 4-H fair.

The committee is selling Dippin' Dots at the County Fair on Friday and Saturday evenings.

The committee is assisting with the Ag Safety Training on Saturday, August 6th from 9am to 12pm at the Knox County Fairgrounds. This event is sponsored by The Knox County Farm Bureau and Alexis Fire Equipment. Event is free and registration can be made by calling the Farm Bureau.

MEMBER RELATIONS TASK FORCE

Brett Swanson
The Membership report was reviewed.

GOVERNMENT & POLICY TASK FORCE

Jim DeSutter
Will be hosting a candidates forum

closer to the elections and continues encouraging everyone to participate in IFB Action Requests. To be added to the FB ACT, please call the Farm Bureau.

FARM BUSINESS TASK FORCE

Todd West
Steve Johnson Marketing Seminar is June 21st.

EDUCATION

Lori Engel
The Stampede 5K fundraiser for the KCFB Foundation has been scheduled for Saturday, August 6, 2016 at Lake Storey online registration is available at www.getmeregistered.com/KCFBStampede.

PRIMETIMERS

Caitlin Chrzanowski
At the May meeting, Karlie Elliott Bowman, Director of Communications at the Galesburg Community Foundation, spoke to the group about her farming operation Pilot Knob Comforts and her experiences with the Illinois Ag Leadership Foundation talked about her trips to Japan and Panama.

FOUNDATION

Caitlin Chrzanowski
Bill Hennenfent filled the vacant director seat.

AGRI CENTER

Grant Strom
The Agri Center Annual Meeting is June 21st.

The water heater issue has been resolved and will be re-evaluated in August.

Caitlin is still working on replacing the door handles throughout the building.

ILLINOIS FARM FAMILIES

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

OLD BUSINESS

There was good attendance at the WGIL Ethanol Promotion at the Henderson Street Hy-Vee gas station.

An agent appreciation Golf Outing is scheduled at Oak Run for August 5th. The agents are being celebrated for their hard work throughout the year while. To attend the golf outing for free, each agent is being challenged to sign 3 new members.

The Future of the Organization Final Draft was reviewed and a business member classification was discussed.

A letter will be drafted for the ACTIVATOR mailing fundraiser. IFB will pay for the mailing in its entirety.

The KCFB is looking to fill the K-2 Ag in the Classroom coordinator position and taking resumes until June 30th.

NEW BUSINESS

No policy resolutions were brought to the table at this time.

A membership appreciation outing will be planned for late July or early August.

The Corn Growers Annual Meeting is June 23rd.

Grant Strom was appointed as a delegate to the Association of Illinois Agricultural Associations & Farm Bureaus in Illinois Annual Meeting.

Caitlin is creating a 1-page, double-sided document that will be included in the new IFB Time Capsule to be opened in 2066. The current IFB Time Capsule

will be opened at 5pm on July 26th.

The IFB Farm Income & Innovations Conference (Commodities Conference) is July 27th at the Marriott Hotel & Conference Center in Normal, IL. Main, Boydstun, Strom, and King are planning on attending.

The Education, Farm Business, Government & Policy and Member Relations' programs of work were reviewed.

The KCFB Board is ordering new KCFB polos.

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

Teachers grow agricultural knowledge through ‘Ag in a Day’ Teacher Workshops

The Knox County Farm Bureau along with the Henry, Mrecer, Stark, and Warren-Henderson County Farm Bureaus hosted “Ag in a Day” teacher workshops. The workshops were held on June 14th in Moline and June 15th in Monmouth. The teachers could either come to one day or both days depending on their interest and availability. The teachers received lots of door prizes and free resources to make incorporating agriculture curriculum in their classroom a little easier.

The first workshop was held in Moline at



The teachers did an activity regarding the various careers related to agriculture at the Ag in a Day teacher workshop on June 14th in Moline.

the Western Illinois Quad Cities campus. The day began with Illinois Ag in the Classroom Specialist, Laura Vollmer, talking to the teachers about the various resources that Illinois Ag in the Classroom has to offer as well as the different lessons and activities that the teachers can do with the students regarding agriculture. Next, the teachers toured John Deere Harvester Works Factory. The teachers then came back to WIU where they heard from Living Lands & Waters and about the Augustana Local Foods program. The day



Mike Coyne-Logan, Living Lands & Waters Educational Facilitator, gave a presentation to the teachers on Living Lands & Waters’ mission as well as the educational opportunities that they offer for students.

Looking Around the Corner

Nearly 85 Farm Bureau members attended Dr. Steve Johnson’s presentation titled “Looking Around the Corner” at the Knox Agri Center on Tuesday, June 21st.

Mark your calendars to attend the second program as Dr. Steve Johnson will conclude the 2016 marketing series on November 21st at the Knox

Illinois Farm Bureau To Host Farm Income And Innovations Conference

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — Illinois Farm Bureau members, staff and agri-business professionals are invited to attend the 2016 Farm Income and Innovation Conference, held July 27, 2016 at the Bloomington-Normal Marriott Hotel and Conference Center.

The conference, formerly known as the Illinois Farm Bureau Commodities Conference, will feature two general sessions and multiple breakouts that focus on topics traditionally included in the Commodities Conference, but will also include new topics which focus on technology and emphasize farm innovation.

“We’re excited about the shift in emphasis and focus for this conference,” said Mike Doherty, senior economist, Illinois Farm Bureau. “Today’s farms rely heavily on technology and farmers’ abilities to develop new and innovative strategies, and the Farm Income and Innovation Conference supports that trend for farmers.”

First general session speaker, David Fikes, vice president, Consumer/Community Affairs and Communications for the Food Marketing Institute, will address food marketing trends and second general session speaker, Chad Colby, general manager, Central Illinois Ag, will present an update about drones and precision agriculture.

The conference also will feature breakout sessions regarding farm management, trade, managing costs and farm income under stress, cover crops, transportation infrastructure, and weather and

grain market outlook. The conference will conclude with a panel of young farmers sharing their strategies to improve their farms and their view of future of farming.

“Farming is ever-changing and ever-challenging,” Doherty said. “We hope this new conference will give our members additional ideas when it comes to what has worked and will work in the future, and how technology and strategic thinking can play into that.”

Those wishing to attend the conference may pre-register online now through July 15 at www.ilfb.org/fiic16, or by contacting their local county Farm Bureau. Registration is \$35 per person and includes lunch. Registration the day of the event will begin at 7:30 a.m. at the Marriott. New this year, the first 30 Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leader members to register for the conference will receive a free registration.

For more information or questions about the conference please visit www.ilfb.org/fiic16 or contact Nicole Moore at nmoore@ilfb.org.

The Illinois Farm Bureau is a member of the American Farm Bureau Federation, a national organization of farmers and ranchers. Founded in 1916, IFB is a non-profit, membership organization directed by farmers who join through their county Farm Bureau. IFB has a total membership of more than 400,000 and a voting membership of more than 82,000. IFB represents three out of four Illinois farmers.

ended with a tour of Bent River Brewery in Rock Island.

The second workshop was held in Monmouth. The day began at the Monsanto Learning Center where Troy Coziahr gave a tour of different plots at the Learning Center. He covered GMO’s, pollinators, and gave GPS demonstration. Next, the Ag in the Classroom coordinators presented lessons on pollinators with hands-on activities that the teachers can do in the classrooms. The day ended with a tour of Shike Beef Cattle Farm in Alexis.

The Ag in a Day teacher workshops reached over 25 teachers and gave the teachers resources, ideas, and lessons about



Troy Coziahr, Monsanto, shows the progression of corn from its ancestral teosinte through Reid’s Yellow Dent into today’s modern hybrids.

agriculture that they can easily incorporate into their classroom curriculum.

New Location for Agronomy Day

Discover the latest research, technology, and industry data from University of Illinois faculty and staff in the College of ACES on Thursday, August 18, 2016 beginning at 7 am and ending at 2 pm. The event will be hosted in a new location this year: Crop Sciences Research and Education Center South First Street Facility, 4202 South First Street in Savoy, Illinois. Many improvements have been made for participants including: disabled parking, shorter walking distances between tours, new faculty speakers,

and a tour of SoyFACE.

Field tours begin at 7 am with presentations from researchers covering nutrient management, drone demonstrations, farm economics, weed management, plant diseases, and more! New Illinois Athletic Director Josh Whitman will speak during the noontime program. Lunch tickets are available for purchase (\$8.00). Visit www.agronomyday.cropsci.illinois.edu or for more information and driving directions or find it on Facebook at Illinois Crop Sciences.

2016 Farm Bureau 4-H Fair Events

Ice Cream Social – July 16th

The Knox County Farm Bureau will be serving ice cream under the Grandstand at the 4-H Fair on Saturday, July 16th following the rocket launch. The rocket launch begins at 4:00 pm, so be sure to stick around to enjoy some delicious Prairie Farms ice cream!

Tractor and Lawnmower Driving Contest – July 18th

The Knox County Farm Bureau Young Farmers and COUNTRY Financial® are sponsoring the Tractor and Lawn Mower Driving Contest on Monday, July 18th at the 4-H Fair. Participants who attended the Tractor and Lawn Mower Safety School held in March are invited to enter the contest. The contest will begin at 6:00 pm. Those who participate in

either the Tractor or Lawn Mower Driving Contest will drive a course and take a written exam.

If you were not able to attend the Tractor and Lawn Mower Safety School and would like to participate in the contest, please write a one-page essay on tractor or lawn mower safety and submit it to the KCFB office before July 14th.

Ag Olympics – July 19th

The Knox County Farm Bureau Young Farmers are sponsoring the Annual Ag Olympics at 3:00 pm on Tuesday, July 19th. Youth 7 and under can compete in the balloon scramble. 4-H Clubs are invited to form teams of five to compete in various activities for cash prizes to be given to 4-H Clubs. Sign up the afternoon of July 19th at the food stand.

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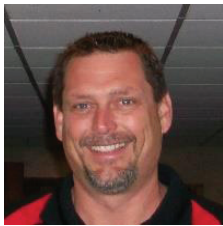
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By the Knox County Health Department



Put Immunization on Your Back-to-School Checklist

The school year is almost here, but will your child be ready? Besides shopping for supplies, your back-to-school checklist should include making sure your child has an up-to-date health record.

Did you know that immunizations are one of the most important public health resources that are cost-effective and help children fight vaccine preventable diseases?

As the new school year approaches, the Knox County Health Department wants to remind you about these important school immunizations. Most immunizations are administered before a child is two years old; however, between ages four and six, before entering kindergarten; children are due for several booster shots. Children between 11 and 15 years of age might be due for booster shots, too. Most students will also need a complete physical exam, especially students who participate in school sports. College freshman that will be living in a dorm should consider the Meningococcal vaccination: this vaccine is available at the Knox County Health Department.

"We want to help make it easier for parents to know which vaccines are required for enrollment in schools" Tammy Nelson, LPN Communicable Disease. The following immunizations are required of children as a prerequisite to admission to schools:

- Diphtheria
- Pertussis (whooping cough)
- Tetanus (lockjaw)
- Polio
- Measles

- Mumps
- Rubella (German measles)
- Varicella (chicken pox)
- Haemophilus influenzae type B
- Hepatitis B
- Prevnar
- Meningitis

One may obtain access to different vaccines at your healthcare providers office, whether it is public or private, or through the Knox County Health Department. Most private health insurance programs cover the cost of vaccinations, and the state-funded Vaccine for Children Program supplies vaccines to those with no insurance coverage and underinsured. Physician offices are very busy at this time of year scheduling these physicals, call early for an appointment. "We want to help parents become aware that immunizations are important and not just school requirements, states Tammy Nelson, LPN, Communicable Disease." Continual governmental research indicates that vaccines play a pivotal role in a child's overall health and protects from preventable diseases that could be extremely harmful.

Encourage friends, family and others in the community to check their medical records and remind them of the importance of being up-to-date on their immunizations. Please contact the Knox County Health Department at 309-344-2224 to schedule an appointment or visit www.knoxcountyhealth.org for information about immunizations and available vaccines.



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Mike White

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FOR SALE: IHC #37 Disc, 13.5 ft-7" spacing, \$1000. Call 309-342-1463. 7/16

FOR SALE: Very cute 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bathroom ranch located on dead-end street with an acre land in Galesburg. 2 1/2 car attached garage with work area and lots of storage, also attached carport. Vinyl siding, central air, enclosed back porch area, three storage sheds and many extras to this lovely home. Priced to sell at \$74,500. Please call 309-343-5003 after 3:00 PM or 309-368-7724 anytime. 7/16

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FOR SALE: Old Treadle sewing machine \$375. Old wooden sewing rocking chair \$20. Old sewing cabinet \$250. Very old wooden clothes hamper \$50. Laminate & wood coffee table \$50. Old electric train set with tacks; train still in original box \$450. Call 309-342-5690 6/16

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FOR SALE: Hardrock Maple oval coffee table with glass top \$100. Antique rocker newly upholstered \$100. Newly upholstered arm chair \$75. Call 309-299-5520. 5/16

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Honoring the Past, Planning for the Future

As the Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) closes the book on its first 100 years, the organization is looking to its next 100 years. At the direction of IFB's voting delegates, the organization has taken on the Future of the Organization project to reflect on how IFB can remain relevant for the next century and better understand members' needs and expectations in the future. "As we're winding down to the end of the project, we're looking at what kind of recommendations we can make to our voting delegate body about what lies ahead for the future of our organization," said David Erickson, vice president, IFB. "We're looking at how we meet the needs of the future, how we remain successful and also how we conduct ourselves internally." The organization has put together listening sessions and a planning team to move the Future of the Organization project forward. Their recommendations include:

- Be more inclusive
- Develop leaders
- Use members' and leaders' time efficiently
- Invest in technology
- Market Illinois Farm Bureau

While the recommendations are a result of the committee's meetings and planning, many counties have already fit these recommendations into their day-to-day work.

Warren-Henderson County Farm Bureau added a professional member to its board to bring a unique point of view; Franklin County Farm Bureau works to engage associate members with the Farm Bureau by inviting them to events within the county; Lee County Farm Bureau has changed the way it selects members for the board to gain greater diversity in members; and Madison County Farm Bureau added a TV in its board room so the board can Skype with their IAA Director when they have questions. The innovation and inclusion doesn't stop there, either. In McHenry County, members may choose how they renew their membership with the possibility of signing up online. And in Bureau County, seminars have been added that cater specifically to lady landowners. The final report from the Future of the Organization project will be presented to county Farm Bureau presidents at their conference in July. "Some of the recommendations may fit better in one county than others," Erickson said. "I think it's a menu of recommendations that might work for county Farm Bureaus and what we're asking members to do is fully review those recommendations and give them the chance to be discussed and see how they might be applied."

Theme Park Tickets Available To Illinois Farm Bureau Members

Knox County Farm Bureau is pleased to announce that for a limited time Knox County Farm Bureau members are eligible for discount tickets to the following theme parks: Six Flags St. Louis, Six Flags Great America, Holiday World, Silver Dollar City, Raging Rivers and Adventureland. "With Summer approaching, Illinois Farm Bureau is thrilled to make these tickets

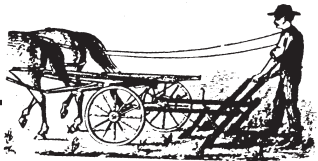
available to our members," says Grant Strom president of Knox County Farm Bureau. "I know many members enjoy an outing to local theme parks and we are glad to offer savings for the entire family." To take advantage of these great ticket discounts, members should visit our website www.knoxcfb.org or www.ilfb.org or call our county Farm Bureau office at 309-342-2036.



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Looking Back



TAKEN FROM THE JULY 1948 BULLETIN

Dr. George C. Decker, entomologist of the Illinois Natural History Survey and the Agricultural Experiment Station, reports the grasshopper situation is the worst since 1936.

TAKEN FROM THE JULY 1989 BULLETIN

Congratulations!!! Roy Sanders of Galesburg recently was the winner of \$100 worth of ethanol-blended gasoline coupons given away by the Knox County Farm Bureau Woman's Committee. Roy is shown here being presented the coupons by Fran Moore, Knox County Farm Bureau Woman's Committee member.

TAKEN FROM THE JULY 1998 BULLETIN

On Father's Day, 800-900 people walked through the doors of the Grand Avenue Dairy Queen Location to get on of the 384 milkshakes that were given away!! The Women's Committee, American Dairy Association of Illinois, and Dairy Queen sponsored the buy one, get one free milk shake offer on Father's Day in promotion of dairy month. A BIG thank you goes out to Fran and Linda Klavohn, Grand Avenue Dairy Queen owners, and all of the Dairy Queen employees to help make this possible.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Radish Watermelon, and Bulgar Wheat Salad

Ingredients

- 1 cup bulgar wheat
- 7-8 radishes
- 3 spring onion/scallions
- 1 small stick of celery
- ¼ cup pumpkin seeds
- 1 cup chopped and deseeded watermelon
- Zest of 1 lemon or lime
- Juice of 1 lemon or lime
- ¼ cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon cider vinegar
- Salt and pepper

Preparation

1. Place bulgar wheat in a bowl and cover with 1 cup of freshly boiled water. Cover the bowl with a plate and allow to stand for at least ten minutes or until all the water has been absorbed. Fluff with a fork. Allow to



- cool uncovered.
2. Finely slice the radishes and spring onions. Cut the celery into tiny pieces. Set aside.
 3. De-seed the melon and cut into small pieces.
 4. Zest and juice the lemon.
 5. Heat a dry frying pan/skillet and lightly toast the pumpkin seeds until crunchy and paler in color. Cool completely.
 6. When the bulgar wheat has cooled sufficiently, add all the ingredients including the lemon/lime juice. Season generously, pour over the oil and the vinegar.
 7. Toss in toasted pumpkin seeds and serve.

An Aine Carlin recipe

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



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