

Bulletin

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Dr. Johnson to present "2016 Crop Outlook: Looking Around the Corner"



Dr. Steve Johnson

Dr. Steve Johnson, Farm & Ag Business Management Specialist from Iowa State University Extension, will be at the Knox Agri Center on Tuesday, June 21st at 7:00 p.m. to present "2016 Crop Outlook: Looking Around the Corner". Topics include Supply/Demand & Price Outlook, Planted Acreage & Weather Update, Old & New Crop Marketing Strategies & Tools and Storage, Basis & Cash Flow Issues. Visit knoxcfb.org to reserve your seat or call the KCFB office: 309-342-2036.

Steve has served as the Farm & Ag Business Management Specialist in Central Iowa for Iowa State University Extension and Outreach since 1999.

He specializes in topics related

to government farm programs, crop insurance, crop marketing, grain contracts, farmland leasing and other crop risk management strategies. In the past year, he has conducted more than 120 meetings, workshops, seminars and conferences across the Corn Belt with nearly 15,000 in attendance.

Steve uses web sites such as ISU Ag Decision Maker and Polk County Extension Farm Management along with various print and electronic media. Annually he reaches more than 200,000 producers, landowners and other agribusiness professionals.

Visit knoxcfb.org to reserve your seat or call the KCFB office at 309-342-2036.

Kalb Summer Intern



My name is Rylie Kalb, and I am the summer intern for 2016. I am from Wataga and graduated from ROWVA High School. Currently, I attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and am majoring in Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Communications with an

emphasis in Strategic Communications. During my first year at Nebraska, I was involved in swim club, hall government, and Ad Club. Next year, I will be a residence assistant and intend to join the National Agri-Marketing Association. While in college, I have learned that I love interacting with people and advocating agriculture, so I plan to pursue a career after graduation that will allow me to do so. This summer, I look forward to being the head swim coach at Lake Bracken Country Club and helping my swimmers grow in and out of the water. At the farm bureau, I will be writing articles, doing radio spots, and attending numerous Knox County Farm Bureau events. I am thrilled to begin the summer as the new intern and meet all of the members. Go Big Red!

Stampede 5K

WALK/RUN

Pre-Register
\$15 Members
\$20 Non-Members

Lake Storey Pavilion

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

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to support
Agriculture Education

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Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation

Agricultural Education Coordinator Position Available

The Knox County Farm Bureau is seeking to fill its part-time Agricultural Education Coordinator position.

The Agricultural Education Coordinator will be responsible for providing and creating science-based curriculum material, presentations, and training opportunities to audience's ages Pre-K through adult. The coordinator will be responsible for monthly classroom lessons in Kindergarten through Second Grade classes throughout Knox County. The coordinator will

be responsible for agricultural, environmental, natural resource programs and other curriculum. To see the full position description, visit knoxcfb.org.

Qualifications of this position include strong leadership and organizational skills, excellent verbal and written communication skills, and strong public speaking abilities. Physical requirements include the ability to drive to and from classrooms, coordinate lessons, and some light lifting of materials. A Bachelor's of Science degree in teaching or agriculture

is preferred. Classroom management experience is preferred but not required.

Qualified candidates can submit a resume to Caitlin Chrzanowski, knoxcfb@knoxcfb.org by 4:30 pm on June 30, 2016.

Selected candidates will be contacted for an interview by Caitlin Chrzanowski.

Inquiries about the position may be made to: Caitlin Chrzanowski, Manager, Knox County Farm Bureau (309) 342-2036.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

- 14-15 Ag in a Day Teacher Workshop
- 16 KCFB Long Term Planning, 5 PM, Knox Agri Center
- 16 KCFB Board Meeting, 8 PM, Knox Agri Center
- 21 PrimeTimers Potluck Meeting, 12 PM, Knox Agri Center
- 21 KAC Annual Meeting, 5:30 PM, Knox Agri Center
- 21 Dr. Steve Johnson Marketing Seminar, 7 PM, Knox Agri Center
- 23 Knox County Corn Growers Annual Meeting, 6 PM Dinner, Lake Bracken
- 25 Farm Safety Camp, 8:45 AM, Knox County Fairgrounds
- 29 Marketing Club, 12:30 PM, EMain Pizza Hut

JULY

- 4 Office Closed, Independence Day
- 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 & Lawnmower 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 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

Welcome New Members

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

Julie Baker, London Mills
Denise & Jason Bell, Dahinda
Alana & Joey Brown, Galesburg
Janet Bullman, Galesburg
Jonathan Cowser, Elmwood
David Dowdall, Monmouth
Mary & Donald Fahlund, Knoxville
Grant Gullstrand, Monmouth
Phyllis & Richard Johnson, Maquon
Brady Johnston, Victoria
Michael Knuth, Galesburg
James Maher, Brimfield
Randi & Terry Mitchell, Galesburg
Temisan Oki-Oduntan, Galesburg
Ben Olson, Galesburg
Lori & Tim Self, Victoria

TRAP SHOOT

Knox Co. Sportsman's Club
504 State Route 116 St. Augustine, IL

JULY 30TH 2016

Schedule
8 AM- Check-In
9 AM- Shoot

Register
Teams of Four
\$100/Team (14 & Up)
\$40/Team (13 & Under)
Individuals may register and will be assigned a team.

Deadline
Due July 20th
Cash or Check To:
Knox County Farm Bureau

Rain Date - July 31st
1 PM- Check-In
2 PM- Shoot

Info & Online Registration
(309) 342-2036
www.knoxcfb.org

1st Place Team Prizes

Food Available for Purchase

Bring Your Own Shells

Knox County YOUNG FARMERS SINCE 1961

Kids Farm Safety Camp - Sat., June 25, 2016 Knox County Fairgrounds

Topics that will be covered include:
Electricity safety, grain safety, fire safety, train safety, first aid, PTO safety, sun/sound

protection, emergency preparedness, and animal safety.
Kids ages 8-13 are invited to attend... IT'S FREE!

Each participant will receive lunch, a T-shirt, and a goody bag. Find more information and registration forms at www.knoxcfb.org

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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Thank You
KNOX COUNTY FARM BUREAU



Paying homage to the tidy 'home farm'

I departed from my first-ever trip to a working Clydesdale farm as impressed by the manicured farmstead as the majestic horses. I mutually recognized the breed's massive size, the individual nutrition plans and the family's endless commitment to grounds care: Neat fence posts trimmed at each base, the landscaped circle drive, park-like grass, and the tidy flower beds that awaited summer's annual flowers. Agriculture more often today shares its

stories about stewardship of the land and animals, but we hear less often about the equivalent desire to keep the "home farm" in shape. Farm families may groom and weed gravel in driveways and barnyards, pressure wash the front porch, and mow ballpark stripes into acres of farmyard grass. The motivated and capable paint fences and barns, remove weeds in the garden, and plant flowers, sometimes with transplanted histories. The aspiration and commitment to heartily tend the property under your care resonates with most farmers across the country. Without doubt, summertime puts that attentive touch and a farm's personality in its peak season.

I enjoy driving by the nearby farm that maintains a clean line of young shade trees, tidy house and machine shed, and well-managed perennial flower beds, first sown by the family's late mother. A centennial farm to the east retains orderly outbuildings and a sizable, productive vegetable garden within sight of the highway. A farmer neighbor a mile south successfully incorporates old sow farrowing crates into her lovely flower bed designs. And I've yet to find neater grassy edges along gravel driveways and landscaping than at the farmstead along the sway in the

road.

Our Sunday School director created a perennial bed at the end of her quarter-mile farm driveway to mark the space where an old rural church once stood. Granny paints her garden soils with her signature cannas and bushels of vegetables and fruits, with unwavering attention to weeding detail. Likewise, Gramps tends acres of gravel in the barnyard and driveway with a similar weed-free mantra. He also annually waterproofs the old horse-drawn wagon, a long-time landmark in the front yard.

A passerby may catch families washing farm equipment, cleaning dingy siding on the farmhouse, or painting barns and fences. Near and far from the home place, farmers commit tractor time to mow road ditches along fields, evident on a drive anywhere. On my way to town, I appreciate the series of U.S. flags that fly from roadside fence posts at a local hill-top farm for patriotic holidays. Symbolically, a well-kept farm seems as American as apple pie, preferably homemade from Grandma's farmyard fruit trees.

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

GROW Exhibit

Dear County Farm Bureaus:

I'm pleased to announce the Saint Louis Science Center has announced a grand opening date of Saturday, June 18th for the new GROW Exhibit.

All our county Farm Bureaus and their families are invited to attend this exciting event. We encourage you to visit the exhibit and see the Illinois and Missouri Farm Bureau map display that 78 of our counties supported so generously. In the display, you'll see photos and videos of farm families from various counties that were recorded by our very own county Farm Bureau managers.

Your financial support for this projects means we will be delivering a message about the importance and value of modern agriculture in the Midwest to millions of people over the next two decades. As I said before, when we



work together, we are truly a force for good, in the name of agriculture.

Thank you again and I hope you will join us for the big celebration on Saturday, June 18th. You can learn more about the exhibit here: <http://slscgrow.squarespace.com/>

Sincerely,
ILLINOIS FARM BUREAU®
Richard L. Guebert, Jr.
President

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. Farm Safety

1.1. We support:

1.1.1. Farm safety training at the local level that includes both classroom and hands-on experiences for parents and youth to enhance their understanding of safe and age-appropriate tasks on the farm or ranch;

1.1.2. The concept that safety begins with each individual employer and that employees have a responsibility to observe safe working rules and conditions;

1.1.3. Clarification of statistical categories used by federal governmental agencies in determining rate of incidents, hazardous exposures and fatalities in production agricultural occupations;

1.1.4. Efforts to reduce farm incidents, injuries and fatalities on the farm with an emphasis on education and voluntary programs;

1.1.5. Funding of the AgrAbility Project and cooperative Extension farm safety programs;

1.1.6. The Farm Bureau Safety and Health

Network and others in their efforts to promote agricultural safety programs; and

1.1.7. Farmers and ranchers to install and maintain safety equipment.

2. Public Safety

2.1. We support:

2.1.1. Continued efforts for uniform state vehicle codes, traffic guides and the furtherance of safety practices on highways and farms;

2.1.2. The proper and lawful use of the slow moving vehicle (SMV) signs and equipment lighting;

2.1.3. The strict enforcement of drinking and driving and habitual offender laws;

2.1.4. The use of additional automobile safety devices;

2.1.5. Collaboration among vehicle and child safety seat manufacturers to develop universal child safety seats that are compatible with all vehicles;

2.1.6. Regular inspection of all railroad crossings and signals, especially multi-track crossings and the addition of lighting and rumble strips; and

2.1.7. The use of fire racks and guards on fire trucks as an appropriate and effective method of rangeland firefighting.

Miss Aggie visits Nielsen Elementary



Nielson 2nd grader Serenity McClendon Bigger dressed as a bee during Ms. Aggie's lesson about bees in Ms. Cavanna's classroom.

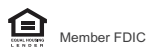


Ms. Aggie coordinates animal visits at the end of each school year to many of the classrooms she has visited throughout the year. The students pictured are learning about the visiting alpaca.



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AGENT SPOTLIGHT



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Sharing the Road with Bicycle Riders

Each year countless accidents could be avoided if motorists had a clear understanding that bicyclists share the same rights and responsibilities on Illinois roadways as drivers of other vehicles. In the state of Illinois, bicyclists are legally entitled to use the road. Bicycles must ride on paved shoulders, where they exist or as far right in the right hand lane as possible when the lane can be safely shared with a car. Bicycles are allowed to use the full lane under the following conditions:

- The bicycle is passing another vehicle moving in the same direction, or is preparing to make a left hand turn.
- The condition of the roadway is unsafe. Moving objects, parked or moving vehicles, pedestrians, potholes and debris can all contribute to an unsafe roadway.
- The lane is too narrow for the vehicle and bicycle to share the road side by side.

Understanding lane use is only the first step in safely sharing the road with bicycles. Here are some additional tips for motorists to follow when sharing the roadway:

- Merge with bicycle traffic when preparing for a right hand turn. Avoid turning directly across the path of bicycle traffic.
- Yield to oncoming bicyclists when turning left into an intersection, just as you would for a motorist.
- Do not blast your horn when approaching a bicyclist. Cyclists can typically hear vehicles approaching.
- Look for cyclists when opening your car doors.
- Give cyclists more trailing and passing room in poor weather conditions.
- Pass cyclists by reducing speed and moving into the adjacent or oncoming lane. If there is oncoming traffic, slow down and follow the bicycle until it is safe to pass.

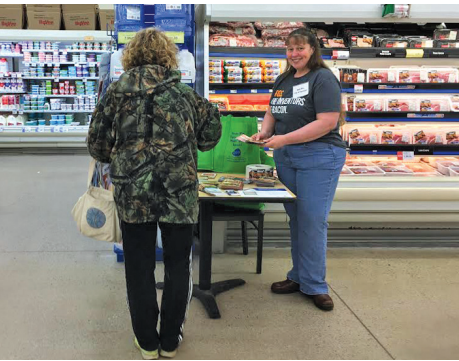
Safely sharing the road merely requires extra care and patience. Take time to protect both yourself and others from vehicle-bike crashes and share the road safely by following these roadway rules.

IS YOUR FOOD SAFE?

When shopping, do you see phrases such as "All Natural," "Non-GMO," or "Antibiotic Free" and wonder if your food is safe? Don't judge a book by its cover, as many of these labels are used as marketing tools to sell products. For example, the phrase "All Natural" is not regulated by the USDA. To educate local shoppers, the Knox County Farm Bureau teamed up with the Knox County Corn Growers Association and the Knox County Pork Producers Association to host "Aisles of Smiles" at the East Main Street HyVee in Galesburg. Local, family farmers from Knox County bagged groceries and answered shoppers' questions and concerns regarding the agricultural industry and the food in their carts. To ensure all shoppers left with research-proved messages about agriculture and an explanation of the relationship between grain and livestock farmers, 300 consumers received the brochure "From the Field to the Fork" that used statistics from Knox County agriculture. The brochure addresses many concerns that



shoppers may have regarding organic vs. non-organic foods, antibiotics, and Genetically Modified Organisms. Fun fact: There are only 9 GMO crops available in the U.S.: soybeans, corn, papaya, potato, canola, cotton, alfalfa, sugar beets, and summer squash. Other foods may have the marketing label "Non-GMO" when in fact, a genetically modified version does not exist. Our local Knox County farmers work hard to produce safe and abundant food for their families and yours. If you would like more information about the food you eat and Knox County agriculture, stop by the Farm Bureau to pick up the brochure "From the Field to the Fork." Thanks to the generous grant provided by the Illinois Corn Marketing Board and the Illinois Farm Bureau, the Women's Committee was able to end the event by purchasing 37 pounds of pork chops and 41 pounds of ground beef. The meat was donated to the ROWVA Community Food Pantry and each recipient received a special copy of the brochure "From the Field to the Fork."



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Miss Aggie spends time at St. Symphorosa and rides in Galesburg's Memorial Day parade



KCFB Ag in the Classroom coordinator Ms. Aggie, Teresa Sanford-Shippelt, visited the adopted kindergarten class in Chicago.



Kindergarten students at St. Symphorosa Elementary, KCFB's adopted classroom in Chicago, took turns milking the cow.



Ms. Aggie, Teresa Sanford-Shippelt and friends enjoyed a wagon ride during the 2016 Galesburg Memorial Day Parade.

Board Meeting Attendance

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

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The May meeting of the Knox County Farm Bureau Board of Directors was cancelled.

Litchfield IFB Intern

Kelsey Litchfield of Rio in Knox County returns to IFB this summer as an intern to gain more professional experience assisting with the RFD Radio Network, FarmWeekNow.com and FarmWeek. Litchfield is a senior at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign majoring in agricultural communications. She received the Orion Samuelson Scholarship late last year from the National Association of Farm Broadcasting.



Campbell and Hennenfent Receive 1st Farm Credit Services Ag Scholarship

MONMOUTH – John Campbell of Little York and Blake Hennenfent of Gilson are recipients of the 2016 First Choice Agriculture Scholarship from 1st Farm Credit Services.

Campbell, a graduate of United High School, is the son of Russ and Shari Campbell. He has been active in 4-H, FFA and his local church.

Hennenfent, a graduate of Knoxville High School, is the son of William and Rebecca Hennenfent. He has been active in 4-H, FFA and livestock judging.

1st Farm Credit Services recently announced the 24 recipients of the \$1,500 scholarship, which supports students who are pursuing a higher education in an agriculture field or a degree that will contribute to the quality of rural life.

2016 marks the 23rd year of a high school scholarship program being offered by 1st Farm Credit Services. Since 1994, the association has funded more than \$420,000 in scholarships.

“These students have the potential to be the next great researchers, teachers, advocates and farmers in agriculture,” said 1st Farm Credit Services President/CEO Gary J. Ash. “Many of these scholars have roots in 4-H and FFA and show a strong commitment to serving agriculture in the future. Our scholarship recipients have gone on to do great things, and we are happy to make an impact on their journey.”

Recipients were selected from a pool of more than 145 applicants based on their future commitment to rural America, academic achievement, community activities and agriculture involvement. An independent panel of leaders in farming, agribusiness, youth and education selected the scholarship recipients.

In the fall, Campbell plans to attend the

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to study agricultural technical systems management. He hopes to conduct product testing at Deere & Co.

and work on the latest agricultural technology.

Hennenfent plans to attend Black Hawk East Community College to study agricultural education and agribusiness. He hopes to teach agriculture, return to the family farm and coach a 4-H livestock judging team.

A banquet and formal presentation of the scholarships will be hosted by 1st Farm Credit Services for the students and their parents in July.

1st Farm Credit Services supports rural communities and agriculture with reliable, consistent credit and financial services today and tomorrow. The association serves 42 counties in the northern half of Illinois, through its 16 local offices, with agricultural loans, risk management products and various services such as crop insurance, loan and lease options, as well as agricultural real estate appraisals. It is a proud member of the nationwide Farm Credit System, which celebrates its 100-year commitment to rural communities and agriculture in 2016.



John Campbell



Blake Hennenfent

Farm Bureau Rural Entrepreneurship Challenge

The American Farm Bureau Federation is taking applications for the Rural Entrepreneurship Challenge through June 30th. Entrepreneurs can compete for \$145,000 in startup funds.

The challenge, now in its second year, provides an opportunity for individuals to showcase ideas and business innovations being cultivated in rural regions of the United States. New this year, competitors must have an idea for a business that is related directly or indirectly to food and agriculture.

Businesses directly related to food and agriculture include farms or ranches, value-added food processing, food hubs, community-supported agriculture programs (CSAs), farm-to-table restaurants, and farmers’ markets. Businesses indirectly related to food and agriculture include support services such as crop scouting, agritourism, ag advertising agencies, and ag tech companies that develop apps. Also new, Farm Bureau will endeavor to connect top scoring teams with resources for crowdfunding loans to help them jumpstart their businesses.

Again this year, competitors must be based in a rural community as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau. Competitors’ primary residences or businesses must be located in a county with less than 50,000 residents or a town with less than 2,500 residents.

All applications, which include a business plan, video pitch, and photo, must be submitted by the deadline date.

The top 10 teams will be announced on Oct. 15. This includes six teams who will win \$10,000 in startup funds and four finalist teams who will win \$15,000 in startup funds



and compete in a live competition at AFBF’s 97th Annual Convention in Orlando, Florida, in January 2017.

Finalists will compete for the grand prize title of Farm Bureau Rural Entrepreneur of the Year and \$15,000 in additional startup funds to implement their ideas. One of the finalists also will be honored with the People’s Choice Award and \$10,000 in additional startup funding.

The competition timeline, detailed eligibility guidelines, a preview of the online application and profiles of the 2015 finalist teams are available at www.strongruralamerica.com/challenge.

Farm Bureau staff at the county, state, and national level or one of Farm Bureau’s affiliate companies may not serve as judges or enter the competition.

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With summer upon us, this means camping trips, baseball/softball games, fairs and mosquitoes. During the hot, summer weather biting mosquitoes emerge, while most mosquitoes are merely a nuisance, some can transmit serious disease such as West Nile Virus, encephalitis and malaria in humans and heartworm in dogs.

West Nile virus is transmitted through the bite of a *Culex pipiens* mosquito, commonly called a house mosquito that has picked up the virus by feeding on an infected bird. Common symptoms include fever, nausea, headache and muscle aches. Symptoms may last from a few days to a few weeks. However, four out of five people infected with West Nile virus will not show any symptoms. In rare cases, severe illness including meningitis or encephalitis, or even death, can occur. People older than 50 and immunocompromised individuals are a higher risk for severe illness from West Nile virus.

Vector mosquitoes carry diseases and can lay their eggs in stagnant ditches, sewage treatment ponds, water in tree holes, old tires, clogged gutters, old cans and bottles, and anything else that will hold water. Preventing mosquitoes is fairly easy when you keep in mind that mosquitoes require water to deposit and lay eggs. By eliminating stagnant water and removing the objects that hold water the number of mosquito breeding sites will be reduced. The best way to prevent West Nile disease or any other mosquito-borne illness is to reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home and to take personal precautions to avoid mosquito bites.

While Zika virus is also primarily transmitted through the bite of a mosquito, the main type of mosquito that carries Zika virus, *Aedes aegypti*, is different and is rarely found in Illinois. However, taking some simple precautions can help you

avoid mosquito bites, regardless of the type of mosquito or the diseases they carry.

Precautions include practicing the three "R's" – reduce, repel and report.

- REDUCE** exposure - avoid being outdoors when mosquitoes are most active, especially between dusk and dawn.

- Make sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or other openings. Try to keep doors and windows shut, especially at night.

- Avoid places and times when mosquitoes bite. Before and after sunset and again just before dawn.

- Wear long sleeves and pants when in wooded areas. Keep pant legs tucked into boots or socks.

- Eliminate all sources of standing water where mosquitoes can breed, including water in bird baths, ponds, flowerpots, wading pools, pet's water bowl, old tires and any other receptacles.

- REPEL** - when outdoors, wear shoes and socks, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt, and apply insect repellent that contains DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR 3535, according to label instructions. Consult a physician before using repellents on infants.

- REPORT** – report locations where you see water sitting stagnant for more than a week such as roadside ditches, flooded yards, and similar locations that may produce mosquitoes. The Knox County Health Department conducts active surveillance for West Nile Virus through mosquito trapping through the months of June and July. Contact us at 309-344-2224 Monday through Friday 8:00am – 4:00pm with any questions regarding trapping.

For more information contact the Knox County Health Department at 309-344-2224 or visit our website at www.knoxcountyhealth.org.

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Jason Lumberry

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Knox County Pork Producers will be cooking out at Railroad Days Friday & Saturday, June 24 & 25 by the Amtrak Depot Pavilion



~ 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: 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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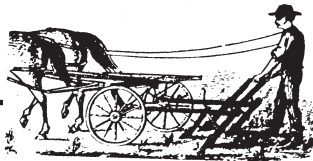
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Looking Back



TAKEN FROM THE JUNE 1936 BULLETIN

One hundred new members in June for Knox County Farm Bureau is the goal set by your board of directors. There are already more than 50 farmers who have become members since the first of the year. More united strength of farmers is needed to maintain the gains that have been made by organized farmers.

TAKEN FROM THE JUNE 1992 BULLETIN

The Knox County Farm Bureau has arranged through the Rock Island Farm Bureau for discounted general admission tickets to the River Bandit-Clinton Giants Baseball game.

TAKEN FROM THE JUNE 2001 BULLETIN

Knox County Farm Bureau President David Serven Departed June 20 on a tour of China to assess that country's agricultural need to give Illinois farmers and food processors a jump on trade with the world's most populous nation. Serven joined 22 Illinois representatives of the Illinois Pork Producers Association and University of Illinois on the Illinois Farm Bureau's China Market Study Tour. The ten-day tour took the group to Beijing, Shanghai, and Yichang, China's agricultural heartland.

PRIMETIMERS NEWS

On May 17th, 19 members met at the Knox Agri Center at noon for their monthly meeting. All enjoyed a potluck followed by a speaker, Karlie Elliott Bowman. Bowman spoke on her experience with the Illinois Agriculture Leadership Foundation, and members asked questions regarding her

time in the program. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 21st in the Knox Agri Center. Julie King will provide a program about the National Railroad Hall of Fame. Bring your own table service and dish to pass to this potluck meeting. PrimeTimers invite members 55+ to attend.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Grilled Chicken Tacos

Ingredients

- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 4 teaspoons Montreal chicken seasoning
- 1 1/2 pounds chicken breast tenders
- 1 (8-oz) container refrigerated fresh salsa
- 1 large mango, peeled and chopped
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 2 teaspoons chipotle hot sauce
- 6 (6-inch) fajita-size flour tortillas, warmed
- Toppings: crumbled queso fresco (fresh Mexican cheese), and shredded romaine lettuce

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

Preparation

1. Preheat grill to 300-350 degrees (medium) heat. Combine olive oil, lime juice, and seasoning in zip-top plastic bag; add chicken, turning to coat. Seal and chill 10 minutes, turning once.
2. Meanwhile, combine salsa and mango, cilantro, and hot sauce. Cover and chill until ready to serve.
3. Remove chicken from marinade, discarding marinade. Grill chicken, covered with grill lid, 6 minutes on each side or until done. Serve in flour tortillas with mango salsa and desired toppings.

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