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Rickard Wins Poster Contest

Lauren Rickard, a student in class at Mable Woolsey Elemen-Miss Pomazal's fourth grade tary in Knoxville, was declared



Miss Pomazal's students participated in a hands on activity during the pizza lesson.

the winner of the "Agriculture is Amazing" poster contest sponsored by the Knox County Farm Bureau Women's Committee. After attending the Annual Ag Day for Kids held at Carl Sandburg College, Lauren created a poster that encompassed what she learned. Lauren's poster was chosen as the winner because it did a great job of showing a variety of areas of the agriculture industry, and truly depicted how amazing agriculture is to her.

Lauren and her classmates were treated to a pizza party courtesy of the Knox County Farm Bureau Women's Committee on April 21st. In conjunction with the pizza party, Ms. Farmer- Mary Beth Bowman, provided a lesson on the relationship between agriculture and pizza.



Lauren Rickard's winning poster from the 2016 Ag Day for Kids poster contest sponsored by the KCFB Women's Committee.

Welcome New <u>Members</u> The Knox County Farm Bureau would like to welcome the following to our organization:

Stuart Betts, Galesburg Beth Blumershine, Galesburg Brenda Bridson, Williamsfield Stephanie & Sam Cain, Altona Emily Emerick & Mark Chandlee, Dahinda

Ashley Coensgen, Abingdon Baylee & Ryan Derham, Knoxville Amy & Eric Fleming, Galesburg Joyce & Dave Goff, Galesburg Mary & Donald Gummerson,

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John Neal, Galesburg Bryon & Kathryn Palmer, , Galesburg

Dana & Jerrod Sammons, Galesburg

Clay Skinner, Galesburg Roderick Standard, Galesburg

Hunter Safety Course Scheduled for June 10th & 11th

Area residents, 8 years old and above, will have an opportunity to learn basic principles of safe hunting at a Department of Natural Resources hunter safety course sponsored by the Knox County Farm Bureau Young Farmers. This course will be held at the Knox Agri Center, 180 S. Soangetaha Rd, Ğalesburg, on Friday, June 10th from 5:30-9:00 pm and Saturday, June 11th from 8:00 am-3:00 pm. A snack will be provided on Friday evening and lunch provided on Saturday.

Participants must be 8 years old and above. A 1996 state law requires that all hunters born on or after January 1, 1980 must successfully complete the hunter education course before they can receive their first hunting license. Participants completing the hunter education course will receive a Hunter Education Certification card verifying that they have passed the course of instruction.

The minimum ten hour course includes instruction in wildlife management, firearms safety, hunter ethics, game identification, first aid, survival techniques and regulations. You must pre-register by visiting knoxcfb.org or by calling the Knox County Farm Bureau office at 309-342-2036. This course is limited to 50 participants and will be filled on a first come first served basis.

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

Join area educators and the Dr. Steve Johnson, Farm & Ag Business Management Specialist from Iowa State University Extension, will be at the Knox Ágri Center on Tues-day, June 21st at 7:00 p.m to present "2016 Crop Outlook: Looking Around the Corner". Visit knoxcfb. org to reserve your seat or call the KČFB office: 309-342-2036.

Steve serves as the Farm & Ag Business Management Specialist in Central Iowa tor Iowa State University Extension. He presents annually at nearly 100 meetings, workshops,

seminars and conferences across the Corn Belt and interacts with more than 10,000 producers.

He holds BS and MS degrees from lowa State University and his Ph.D. from Colorado State University. Steve specializes in topics related to grain marketing, government farm programs, crop insurance, farmland leasing and other risk management strategies. Steve posts monthly free newsletters, webcasts and updates on both ISU Extension Ag Decision

"Ag in a Day" **Teacher Workshops Scheduled**

Join area educators and the Mercer County Farm Bureau at the "Ag in a Day" teacher workshops for hands-on activities, farm tours, and free resources for your classroom. The workshops will be held on June 14th and 15th. The workshops are only \$10 per day to attend and include lunch and refreshments both days.

The "Ag in a Day" workshops are open to all teachers and educators. The days will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. and will conclude at 4:30 p.m. Teachers will have the choice to attend workshops at two different locations:

June 14: The day will begin at the WIU – Quad Cities Campus located at 3300 River Drive in Moline. Tours will include John Deere Harvester Works, Bent River Brewery along with hands on workshops and great presenters.

June 15: They day will begin at the Monsanto Research Farm located at 1677 80th St. in Mon-mouth. Tours will include Monsanto's research station, Shike Cattle Farm with additional topics such as pollinators and a GPS demonhands-on activities, view Ag in the Classroom educational kits, and take field trips to areas of interest in order to learn more about agriculture. It only costs \$10/day to attend and there will be ample opportunities for teachers to win prizes and resources for their classrooms.

No. 5

The workshops are designed for Preschool - High School educators who wish to expand their curriculum to include topics related to agriculture - the world's food and fiber system. The workshops will focus on how to integrate available resources and hands-on activities about agriculture into an existing classroom curriculum.

The deadline to register is May 18, 2016. You may register by contacting the Knox County Farm Bureau. A registration form is available online at http://aginaday.weebly.com/. You can also register by calling 309-342-2036 or e-mailing knoxcfb@knoxcfb. org, but hurry because space is limited.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact the Knox County Farm Bureau office at 309-342-2036. The workshops are sponsored by the Henry, Knox, Mercer, Stark, and Warren-Henderson County Farm Bureaus.

Virginia & Stephen Wilkinson, Galesburg

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



12 Young Farmers Meeting, 7 PM, Knox Agri Center 13 Ethanol Promotion, 6 AM-9 AM, N. Henderson St. Hy-Vee PrimeTimers Potluck Meeting, 12 PM, Knox Agri Center 17

- 19 KCFB Board Meeting, 8 PM, Knox Agri Center
- KCFB Foundation Meeting, 6:30 PM, Knox Agri Center 24
- 24 Knox Agri Center Meeting, 7:30 PM, Knox Agri Center
- 30 KCFB Office Closed, Memorial Day

JUNE

Young Farmers Meeting, 7 PM, Knox Agri Center 9 10 Hunter Safety Course, 5:30-9 PM, Knox Agri Center 11 Hunter Safety Course, 8 AM-3 PM, Knox Agri Center 14-15 Ag in a Day Teacher Workshop 16 KCFB Board Meeting, 8 PM, Knox Agri Center PrimeTimers Potluck Meeting, 12 PM, Knox Agri Center 21 Dr. Steve Johnson Marketing Seminar, 7 PM, Knox Agri Center 21 25 Farm Safety Camp, 8:45 AM, Knox County Fairgrounds

Maker and the Polk County Extension Farm Management web sites. Visit knoxcfb.org to reserve your seat or call the KCFB office at 309-342-2036. TY FAR The Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation would like to fill a vacant director position. Please contact Caitlin Chrzanowski, Knox County Farm Bureau Manager, if you are interested at 309-342-2036 or knoxcfb@knoxcfb.org.

Teachers are invited to attend either course, or whatever date and location is most convenient. Educators will receive free teaching materials, participate in



June 14 & 15, 2016 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Cost: \$10/day

You can come for one day or two, you pick the day(s) and location!

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

June 14th - Includes workshop at WIU-QC, John Deere Harvester Works, Bent River Brewery plus great presentations!

June 15th - beginning day at Monsanto Learning Center in Monmouth and ending it at Shike Cattle Company near Monmouth.



Register by May 18th at http://aginaday.weebly.com or mail to: Knox County Farm Bureau 180 S. Soagetaha Rd. #101 Galesburg, IL 61401 (309) 342-2036

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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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Farm moms bond family, farm, community

Moms may represent the glue that holds the family together. Yet, their adhering nature equally bonds the family farm and rural communities, too.

Farm women make farms more productive, conscience and safe. They mold communities into better places to live. And for generations, they have toiled to raise good citizens as much as good corn. Families own 97 percent of Illinois farms, where wives, moms and daughters likely play substantial roles. This

Legislative Update

Greetings:

The most critical issue facing the State of Illinois is to pass a balanced budget! We will soon be in our 11th month of FY 16 without a budget, and now it is time to be preparing a FY 17 budget. But there is very little progress.

In the spring of 2015, the majority party passed an appropriation to spend approximately \$36 billion for FY 16, in spite of the fact that revenue was estimated to be \$32 billion. If that had become law, it would have created an additional deficit of \$4 billion. However, without a budget, we are on track to spend between \$37 and \$38 billion in FY 16 because of the continuing appropriation and court ordered spending. This would cause and increase deficit of \$5 to \$6 billion instead of \$4 billion. In addition, the payment cycle on bills that do not have priority for payment may be extended out to as much as a 16 month payment cycle. In a March 31st, 2016 article in the State Journal Register, Doug Finke reported that over the last 6 years, Illinois has paid in excess of \$900 million for interest on late payments.

Stop the finger pointing, stop the blame game and have up or down votes on the issues that are blocking the passage of a budget. We need to have votes on several items including a budget for \$32 billion, a budget for \$36 billion with revenue and key items from Governor Rauner's "Turn Around Agenda". Without voting we do not know what can or cannot pass. That Mother's Day, those farm women deserve a hearty hug from agriculture. Narratives float the internet about the "ninth

Narratives float the internet about the "ninth day," when God made a farm wife to help the farmer He created on the eighth one. The poems praise farm women who live for "we" not "me," with service to farm, family and community, like my farm mom. She makes marketing decisions, keeps the books, pays the bills and retrieves machinery repair parts. Yet, she takes time to host a sleepover with the grandkids and guarantees a hot meal to the field every harvest night. She reminds the guys to quit in time to clean up for a family party and commits to co-chair the kitchen for a church turkey supper that serves half the town.

My farm mom can talk crop insurance strategy as well as she bakes a batch of signature cookies for a funeral luncheon. She manages the farm's finances, keeps up on agriculture news and transports aging parents to appointments. She accepts Jillof-all-trades duties with nothing more selfish than a secret sigh on a hectic day. By the end of it, she stays awake late near the cell phone when one of her guys – husband, son or employees – work the fields into the night. Even with the uniqueness of Illinois' farms

and women themselves, most farm women

understand what it means to go with the farm flow. They may tolerate mud at the back door, mow acres of grass between rains and shuttle kids. They often exhibit the strength to heave bales and scoop out bins, as well as manage family conflict and deal with loss, whether barn fire or newborn calf. Many manage an off-farm job, too, and those with young kids realize that the busy seasons bring extra parenting responsibilities, their contributions to the cause.

Still, some farm women may pilot the combine, operate the auger cart and manage calving. Many can read rainy satellite radars with more accuracy than Weather.com's hourly forecast. They often know their wrenches and how to use them, budget for farm needs before home luxuries, and routinely preach "safety first" for the love of it all.

The farm women in my life measure their success on the happiness of home, the health of the farm and the spirit of community around them. Mother's Day or not, take today to recognize the farm women in your life. Then, thank God for His ninth day.

thank God for His ninth day. About the author: Joanie Stiers, a wife and mother of two farm kids, writes from home and works on her family's multi-generational farm in West-Central Illinois.

Getting to Know Your Farm Bureau Policy

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

309 / Livestock Information Reporting

1. We support mandatory price reporting for the livestock industry.

2. We support accurate and timely reporting of wholesale and retail meat prices.

3. Price reporting programs should be administered by the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) of USDA.

4. We support:

4.1. Price reporting information being provided to the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration to enhance enforcement of the Packers and Stockyards Act;

4.2. State and federal market reporting activities involving auction barns, special and seasonal feeder animal sales and beef, swine, poultry, dairy, lamb and goat breeding animals being continued;

4.3. USDA-AMS developing protocols and rules to allow auctions to self-report results and price information when conditions or funding prevent official reporters from attending individual auctions or sales;

4.4. USDA including in its monthly livestock reports, information indicating the number and origin of imported and destination of exported livestock;

4.5. USDA implementing publication rules that maintain confidentiality of individual and private business information; and

4.6. USDA developing better reporting mechanisms for sheep, lamb and goat market information.



Representative Don Moffitt

is what legislators are paid to do- to vote on issues. The governor can sign, veto, or line item veto the legislations. Then the legislature can sustain the vetoes or override the vetoes, and we would have a spending plan in place. This plan should include a line item for ag education funding, soil and water conservation programs, and other essential agricultural programs.

You can agree, you can disagree, but it is clear that the current situation without a budget is not working.

Kids ages 8-13 are invited to

Each participant will receive lunch, a T-shirt,

and a goody bag. Find more information and

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registration forms at www.knoxcfb.org

Don Moffitt

attend...it's free!

74th Dist. State Representative

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

Topics that will be covered include: Electricity Safety, Grain Safety, Fire Safety, Train Safety, First Aid, PTO Safety, Emergency Preparedness, and Animal Safety.



Caitlin Chrzanowski - Reg. Agent, Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation Mike Weber - Agency Mgr. Country Financial Jim McNelly - West Central FS

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Don't Let Your Financial Security Get Washed Away

Before floodwaters lap at your front door, make sure your financial security isn't in danger of being washed away.

Floodwaters can be a nasty cocktail of water, mud, sewage, animal waste and chemicals. A flood can ruin your home and belongings. Without flood insurance, you're likely to be on your own to pay for damage caused by flooding.

Many homeowners have a false sense of security because they believe that their homeowner's insurance covers flooding. Homeowner policies typically do not cover flood damage.

Other people believe that federal disaster assistance will provide them with full compensation in the event of a flood. This assistance often comes in the form of a low-interest loan to help rebuild after flood damage. This is often insufficient compensation for the losses of flood victims.

Plus, federal disaster assistance loans are only available if the federal government formally declares a disaster. Few flood events are declared federal disasters, according to National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) officials. That's not a gamble you want to take!

There's only one way to rest easy during wet months – purchase flood insurance through

the NFIP. You must live in a community that participates in the NFIP to qualify for National Flood Insurance. Visit http://www. fema.gov/fema/csb.shtm to find out if your community participates in the program.

You may be eligible to buy federal flood insurance through your local COUNTRY® Financial representative. You might be surprised how inexpensive it is. Rates depend on whether you live in a low-tomoderate or a high-risk flood zone as well as the amount of coverage you need.

You may believe you don't need flood insurance because you live in a low-risk area. Almost a quarter of all flood insurance claims come from areas with low-to-moderate flood risk. Those living in low-risk areas may qualify for the lower cost Preferred Risk Policy, which provides contents coverage beginning at \$49 per year and building plus contents coverage starting at \$129 a year.

Don't wait to shore up your financial security until it's too late. There is a 30-day waiting period for federal flood insurance to take effect.

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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

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

WOMENS COMMITTEE Lori Engel

The Women's Committee created 100 Spring Safety Bags that are being distributed to local farmers to promote safety & health during planting season.

The Women's Committee selected the winning Ag Day for Kids poster artist and the winner's class enjoyed a pizza party/pizza lesson.

YOUNG FARMERS Tara Bohnert-Yoder

The Drivers Education Farm Safety Lesson at Knoxville High School were hosted on March 9th & March 11th – 50 participants. Knoxville High School invited the committee back next year.

Tractor & Lawnmower Safety School was March 14th at Martin Sullivan's – About 50 participants.

MEMBER RELATIONS TASK FORCE

Brett Swanson

The Membership report was reviewed.

GOVERNMENT & POLICY TASK FORCE

Jim DeSutter

The Legislative Luncheon with Mercer County was on Tuesday, March 22nd at Noon at the Packinghouse. Norine Hammond, Don Moffitt, and Chuck Weaver attended along with 22 members.

A drawing has been created and each time a KCFB member participates in an Action Request, his or her name is entered into the drawing. Prize has not yet been determined. There was a recent Call to Action about utilities right of way.

Lauerman about hummingbirds. May's guest speaker is Karlie Bowman.

FOUNDATION Caitlin Chrzanowski

There is currently a vacant seat on the Foundation Board.

The 2016 Summer Intern is Rylie Kalb, she begins May 16th and will be attending the May KCFB Board Meeting.

Blake Hennenfent received the Thomas Lincoln Memorial Scholarship.

AGRI CENTER Terry Boydstun

Spring Clean Up Day was April 1st. Door handles in Extension have been replaced to accommodate ADA requirements. Once Extensions have been completed, then COUNTRY door handles will be updated. The wall where the hall phone booth hung will be prepared. Landscape work is ongoing and more mulch will be applied at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS

Ag in the Classroom coordinator Teresa Sanford-Shipplett will only teach preschool classes starting the fall of 2016.

The IFB Time Capsule will be opened July 26th and IFB is taking new items for the next capsule.

WGIL is having a drawing for St. Louis Cardinal tickets and in cooperation, the Knox County Corn Growers and the Knox County Farm Bureau will pair up to host an ethanol promotion.

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

Farmington FFA Farmer Family Day was March 14th – 650, K-8 students were impacted.

Hunter Safety Course is scheduled for June 10th & 11th, KAC.

The YF Trap Shoot Fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, June 30th at the Knox Co. Sportsman's Club. Registration is at 8 AM, with the shoot beginning at 9 AM. Team shoot competition - \$100 per team for the Adult and 14-18 competitions. The 8-13 competition will be \$40 per team. Lunch will be available for purchase. Top team in each category will win a prize. A gun raffle will take place as well.

FARM BUSINESS TASK FORCE Todd West

The Business After Hours event at 156 East with co-sponsor COUNTRY Financial was a success. About 75 attended.

EDUCATION Lori Engel

The Stampede 5K fundraiser for the KCFB Foundation has been scheduled for Saturday, August 6, 2016 at Lake Storey. Shelter #4 has been rented for the event.

PRIMETIMERS Caitlin Chrzanowski

The committee heard from Bruce for the KCFB office update.

ILLINOIS FARM FAMILIES Lori Engel

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

OLD BUSINESS

The audit was reviewed in the final form.

Future of the Organization points 9-19 will be discussed next meeting.

Office Specialists submitted a quote

Hennenfent Awarded Thomas Lincoln Scholarship

Blake Hennenfent of Gilson has been chosen by the Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation Board of Directors as the 2016 recipient of the Thomas Lincoln Scholarship. Blake is the son of Becky and Bill Hennenfent.

Blake will graduate from Knoxville High School May 15th and plans to attend Black Hawk East Junior College in Kewanee, IL to pursue his college education in Ag Education and Ag Business. He will also be a member of the Black Hawk East Livestock Judging Team. After Black Hawk East he plans to further his education at Western Illinois College in Macomb, IL.

As a nine year member of the Union 4-H Club, Blake held the offices of Secretary, Treasurer, and President. Currently, he is the president of the Knoxville High School FFA Chapter and president of the Knox County 4-H Livestock Judging Team. Blake placed 11th overall in the 4-H Division at the 2015 National Western Stock Show-Livestock Judging Roundup in Colorado. He is a member of National Honor Society and captain of both the KHS football and baseball teams. Furthermore, he is a member of the Knox County Sheriff's Department Snowmobile Search and Rescue Team and



KCFB Foundation Director Rob Link presented Blake Hennenfent with the 2016 Thomas Lincoln Scholarship.

the Knox County Cattleman's Association. The Thomas Lincoln Memorial Scholarship of \$500 is given annually by the Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation to a college bound student from Knox County that plans to major in an agricultural related field. The scholarship began in 1980 in honor of Thomas Lincoln, a Young Farmer

who died in a tragic automobile accident. The Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation is a not-for-profit organization founded in 1985 for the purpose of research, education, conservation, and leadership.

Knox County SWCD Spring Sales

environmental stewardship Promote and support your local Soil and Water Conservation District at the same time! All proceeds benefit educational programs offered by the District.

New in 2016, the District is partnering with Pleasant Prairie Nursery out of Williamsfield to offer 15 varieties of native prairie plant plugs and a selection of 5 grass plugs. All are sold for \$2 per plug. Pre-orders are due by Tuesday, May 31, 2016. Orders will be ready for pick-up on Thursday, June 16, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the office.

Back by popular demand.... The District is again offering rain barrels. Two sizes are available; 50 gallons or 60 gallons,

with various side attachments. Orders will be submitted as received year-round and direct shipped to your address.

Also new in 2016, the District is partnering with flythefarm to provide Custom Aerial Photos' by appointment. Four sizes of portraits are available, along with a choice to purchase the digital file. Three finishes of oak frames are also available.

All order forms are available

 in the January SWCD newsletter, • at the District office 233 S. Soangetaha

Rd. Galesburg, IL or online at http://knoxcountyswcd.tripod.

com For more information, please call (309) 342-5138 ext. 3

IFB Youth Conference

Illinois Farm Bureau and Affiliates Youth Conference provides an opportunity for FFA Students in their junior year of high school to gather and develop themselves further as leaders. This two-day conference focuses on leadership, personal development,

and networking with other FFA members. In order to qualify for this conference, Knox County FFA members attended the Acquaintance Bowling Night sponsored by the Young Farmers Committee and West Central FS.



Front row (L-R) Madelyn Main, Jacob Crisman, Bethany Petentler, Bailey Howard, Back row (L-R) 2015-2016 Illinois FFÁ State President Kade Hill, Andréw Glas, Cheyanne Dierickx, Trenton Emerick.

We feel the results that matter most are yours.

While we are always happy when our hybrids perform well in trials, what's really important to us is how well our seed, and our people, perform where it matters most - on your farm. I'd love to discuss what seed will give you the results you want.

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 includé 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, 2016.

Finalists will compete for the grand prize title 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.

competition timeline, detailed The eligibility guidelines, a preview of the online application and profiles of the 2015 finalist teams are available at http://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.

2016 Governmental Affairs Leadership Conference

The 2016 Illinois Farm Bureau Governmental Affairs Leadership Conference was held in Springfield in April. Those who attended discussed the changes, face the challenges and create opportunities that impact Illinois farms, as well as access timely information



and tools need to help advance the agenda of farmers and agriculture. Speakers discussed current state and federal agriculture issues as well.

Local Teachers Granted Books

Mable Woolsey Elementary School third grade teachers Aubrey McGee, Stephanie Nixon, Lindsey Peterson and Jodi Keever were granted agriculture related books which



can be integrated into a variety of curriculum areas. After fulfilling grant requirements, the teachers were able to select books from four categories: Feed a Hungry Planet, Founding Fathers, How Things Grow, or Literature Circles. Each teacher was awarded \$200 worth of books from the Illinois Ag in the Classroom program, Illinois Agricultural Association Foundation and Illinois Farm Bureau.

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CELEBRATING WOMEN

National Women's Health Week (May 8th-14th) is an observance led by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office on Women's Health. The goal is to empower women to make their health a priority. This also serves as a time to help women understand what steps they can take to improve their health.

We at the Knox County Health Department and Knox Community Health Center are encouraging women in our lives- our mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, cousins, friends, and colleagues – to take steps to live healthier, happier lives.

We know that women are often the ones who make sure everyone else in our families are cared for. But too often, we put our own health last. But the reality is unless you take care of yourself, you cannot really take care of your family. That means eating right, exercising, quitting smoking, and getting the care necessary to stay healthy. In fact, you can now use websites, apps, and mobile devices to help you track and manage your health.

What are some steps you can take for better health?

To improve your physical and mental health, you can:

• Visit a doctor for a well-woman visit checkup

• Get active, eat healthy

 Pay attention to mental health, including getting enough sleep and managing stress

 Avoid unhealthy behaviors such as smoking, texting while driving, and not wearing a seatbelt or bicycle helmet.

Need a refresher course on your recommended screenings?

• Once a month breast self-exam: check for unusual lumps or bumps monthly so you

can stay on top of any changes. The best time to do it is a few days after your period ends.

• Every six months dental check-up: Make sure you hit up the dentist's chair twice a year for cleanings and other preventative maintenance.

• Once a year full physical exam: This annual check-up should include a height and weight check, a blood pressure screening, a clinical breast exam, and any blood tests your doctor deems necessary. This may include tests for blood sugar, blood count, hormone levels, and other crucial markers.

 Pap smear: Most doctors suggest women see their gynecologist once a year and get a pap smear while they're there. Your pap tests for any changes or abnormalities in the cells in your cervix, which is a way to screen for cervical cancer. If you don't have insurance or can't afford a screening the Knox County Health Department offers the Western Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (WIBCCP). This program provides FREE mammograms, clinical breast exams, and pap tests to women who qualify. If you live in Henderson, Knox, or Warren Counties, are between the ages of 35-64 please call the Health Department at 344-2224 to see if the WIBCCP can be of assistance to you.

• Mammograms: At 40, women want to start scheduling annual mammograms, though your doctor may recommend screening earlier if you have a family history.

• Colonoscopy: This test should come right around your 50th birthday, unless your family history warrants an earlier screening.

For more information contact the Knox County Health Department at 309-344-2224.

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There are no income guidelines for this program. You may be eligible for this program if:

- You are a woman.
- You live in Knox, Warren or Henderson County.
- You are between the ages of 35 and 64.
- You have no Medicaid or Medicare Part B.
- You have no health insurance or your health insurance will not cover these services.

Routine mammograms, breast exams and pap tests can detect cancer early and provide women with better treatment options and results.

For more information about the program, or to make an appointment, call the Knox County Health Department (309) 344-2224



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MEMBERSHIP RECRUITER OF THE MONTH



The Knox County Farm Bureau would like to recognize COUNTRY Financial Representative Jason Lumberry as top membership recruiter. Jason signed 6 new associate members in April.

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

Jason Lumberry

DON TEEL SCHOLARSHIP

The Don Teel Scholarship is a product of many who were privileged to experience the contribution Don made to agriculture. Members of Knox County agricultural organization and individuals have joined together in hopes of helping provide an opportunity for young people to purse higher education in an agricultural or related field.

Each year applicants will be considered for one \$500 scholarship. Applicants must have a home address within Knox County and be a past or present 4-H member. They must be enrolled as a full time student in a university or community college with a declared agriculture or related course of study.

Applications are available at the Knox County Farm Bureau. Completed applications must be submitted no later than June 1, 2016 to the Knox County Farm Bureau.

Illinois Farm Bureau Members Save More with New Grainger Agreement

Illinois Farm Bureau and Grainger announce an updated agreement that allows Illinois Farm Bureau members to enjoy more money-saving opportunities when they shop at Grainger. Farm Bureau members can save up to 30 percent on products purchased through Grainger, and they also receive free standard ground shipping on all standard Grainger products, including orders placed in-store, by phone or online.

"Grainger is proud to support Illinois Farm Bureau members—the ones who get it done," said Scott Harte, Senior Corporate Sales Manager for Grainger. "These new money-saving opportunities help take the cost out of purchasing supplies, managing inventory and operating safely and sustainably.'

The Farm Bureau Grainger Program now includes discounts on 12 product categories. The discount ranges from 10 to 30 percent off the catalog prices on more than one million different products.

30% off Motors and Electrical

• 25% off Cleaning Consumables and Janitorial; Plumbing Pipe, Valves and Fittings and Other Plumbing; People Safety; Hand Tools and Welding

- 20% off Outdoor Equipment, Power Tools and Facility Safety
- At least 10% off all other products found in Grainger catalogs

"Everyone at the Knox County Farm Bureau is excited about this updated Member Benefits program," said Grant Strom president of Knox County Farm Bureau. "Grainger has been a big supporter of Knox County Farm Bureau and our continued partnership will make it easier for our members to save more money."

All Knox County Farm Bureau members are eligible for Grainger benefits. Discounts cannot be applied to past purchases. Knox County registration details can be found at www.ilfb.org/ member.

~ 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: 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

FOR SALE: 2 year old registered Angus Connealy Impression son. Good disposition and EPDs available. Have a few of his calves on the ground. Call 309-368-6641. 5/16

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WANTED: 3 point hitch rear tiller for a small tractor 4-5 feet. Call Chuck 309-337-0564. 5/16

FOR SALE: Harley Davidson 1996 Custom Softail Motorcycle. Extra chrome. 12,800 miles, good condition. Asking \$7,000. Call 309-371-2766 leave message. 4/16

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WANTED: Housekeeper available to clean in the afternoons. \$12 per hour. Galva area. Call 309-932-3042 after noon for more information. 3/16

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Looking Back



TAKEN FROM THE MAY 1945 BULLETIN

Special Union services observing Rural Life Sunday,

will be held in the Methodist Church. Special numbers in the program music by Marjorie and Audrey John- will be vocal solos by Frances Cox, son and a special number by the Victory Bell 4-H Club. Guy C. Fuller, district soil conservationist, will be the speaker of the evening.

TAKEN FROM THE MAY 1995 BULLETIN

Brad Johnson of Abingdon, Illinois was recently selected as the winner of the Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation's Thomas Lincoln Memorial Scholarship. Brad, the son of Eileen Johnson, is a 1994 Abingdon High School graduate where he was a member of the National Honor Society, the Spanish Club and a 4-H member.

TAKEN FROM THE MAY 2003 BULLETIN

Four Knox County FFAers attended the IFB and Affiliates Youth Conference in April. More than 425 FFA students and guests from 77 Illinois counties attended the 2003 Illinois Farm Bureau and Affiliates Youth Conference, April 7-8 at the Decatur Holiday Inn.

PRIMETIMERS NEWS

The PrimeTimers committee met in April and Bruce Lauerman provided a program about hummingbirds. 16 members and KCFB Manager Caitlin Chrzanowski attended the potluck meeting and program. The next meeting is scheduled for May 17th

at 12 PM with Karlie Bowman sharing her Illinois Ag Leadership Experience. Bring your own table service and a dish to pass to this potluck meeting. PrimeTimers invite members 55+ to attend.



Grilled Lamb Chops

Ingredients

- 2 large garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 tablespoon fresh rosemary leaves
- 1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves Pinch cayenne pepper
- Coarse sea salt
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil 6 lamb chops, about ³/₄ inch thick

Directions

In a food processor fitted with a metal blade add the garlic, rosemary, thyme, cayenne, and salt. Pulse until



combined. Pour in olive oil and pulse into a paste. Rub paste on both sides of chops and let marinate for at least 1 hour in refrigerator. Remove chops and allow to come to room temperature; about 20 minutes. Heat grill pan over high until almost smoking, add chops and sear for 2 minutes then flip and cook for another 3 to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ minutes.

Recipe from Giada De Laurentiis and foodnetwork.com

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

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.

Part-Time Position Available

The Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation is hiring to fill a parttime Ag in the Classroom Coordinator position. This person will visit classrooms throughout Knox County teaching students agriculture based lessons. Visit knoxcfb.org to learn more about this position.





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