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► **Avanti's Holiday Food Order Form on page 5. Forms and payment due November 18th.** ◀

Photo Contest!

The winning photos will be displayed on the walls of the Knox County Farm Bureau office.

Knox County Farm Bureau members can submit .jpeg image(s) via email to knoxcfb@knoxcfb.org or jreedy@knoxcfb.org by 4:30 pm on October 31st. Entries are unlimited.

The image(s) must be taken by a farm bureau member, spouse, child, or dependent. The image(s) must also be taken in Knox County and 100% original (no editing or photo shopping allowed).

Winning photos will be voted on by the Board of Directors.

Welcome New Members

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

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Shane Aldrich
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Dee Dee & David Boyer
Sarah Gilfillan-Brown & Robert Brown
Steve Gerstenberger
Joseph Gibson
Kyle Goodin
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Deanna Smith
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Shannon Tapscott
Chad Terwilliger
Karen & John Trotter
Joshua Webber

Calendar of Events

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- 24-25 KCFB Office closed, Thanksgiving

November

- 5 Holiday food delivery, 11 AM – 4:30 PM, KAC

Farm To Fork Gala Highlights Knox County Farmers and Agriculture

A diverse group of Knox County residents gathered at Swanson Farms in Oneida to kick off the 2016 harvest with the inaugural Farm to Fork Gala. Hosted by the Swanson family and the Knox County Farm Bureau, the event brought farmers and non-farmers together to highlight Illinois agriculture and facilitate conversations.

"We invited leaders from local communities and organizations to introduce them to their neighbors: local farmers who work hard every day to produce food," said Krista Swanson, who served as host for the event and as a Farm to Fork Gala commit-

tee member. "We wanted to give them an opportunity to engage in conversations about food, ask questions, and build relationships that will extend long after the meal concluded."

Landmark Café & Creperie owner, Phil Dickinson, catered the dinner and created the menu to feature local items, and staples of Illinois agriculture, such as apple-horseradish slaw, sweet corn sautéed with bacon and pickled jalapeno, and brown sugar-maple pumpkin gelato. The meal was served on china, provided by the Farm to Fork Gala committee members.

"We presented a positive im-

age of agriculture and farmers, and showed that we are open to answer any questions our neighbors might have," said Dan Erickson, local pork producer.

The conversations were the main focus of the evening, and guests did just that, talking well-after dessert was served.

"I got to have dinner with the only people in Knox County more passionate about food than I am, because they grow it," said Jason Crouch, executive Chef, Knox College.

Event sponsors included,



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The Saturated Buffer - A Nutrient Runoff Solution

ONEIDA, Ill. – Are you looking to reduce nitrogen runoff on your agricultural fields? Join the Knox County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Knox County Farm Bureau on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at Burke Farm in Oneida at 11:00 a.m. to see a newly installed saturated buffer.

A saturated buffer is a conservation drainage practice, approved by the Illinois Council on Best Management Practices, which removed nitrates from subsurface drainage water without affecting farm field drainage. The saturated buffer was installed using

the first-ever Nutrient Stewardship Grant provided by the Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB). The grant program – totaling more than \$100,000 – was created to help promote local nutrient stewardship, soil health, and water quality projects.

Instead of the water flowing through the tile straight out to an outflow point, the saturated buffer directs water to a lateral tile which runs parallel to a ditch. A grass buffer (or filter strip) is created at the edge of the field above this lateral tile, which takes up the water and nutrients in the water, before it leaves the field.

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

Dr. Steve Johnson, Farm & Ag Business Management Specialist from Iowa State University Extension, will be at the Knox Agri Center on Monday, November 21st at 7:00 p.m. to present the second program this year titled Merchandising Your 2016 Grain. Topics include Crop Supply/Demand & Price Outlook, Basis Trends, Futures Carry & the Cost of Grain Ownership, Marketing Strategies & Tools and Working with Your Grain Merchandiser. Visit knoxcfb.org to reserve your seat or call the KCFB office at 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.

This program is sponsored by Abingdon Banking Center, DEKALB Asgrow, North-And Co., Tompkins State Bank, Walt Dagen Construction, West Central FS, Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau & Knox County Farm Bureau.

To educate farmers and landowners about the water quality benefits associated with saturated buffers, a program will be provided and the newly installed saturated buffer will be available for viewing. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from Lyndsey Ramsey, Associate Director of Natural and Environmental Resources of the Illinois Farm Bureau, about the Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy (NIRS), Steve Baker, Designer of the Saturated Buffer and Owner of Springfield Plastics, Inc., about his experiences working with saturated buffers, and a representative from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to describe available cost-share assistance through the

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

The saturated buffer site demonstration is taking place on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at Burke Farm, located approximately at 750 Knox Road 2800 N, Oneida, IL 61467. Lunch will be provided immediately following the program. Water testing will be available for attendees, to register online and learn more about collecting a water sample, please visit www.knoxcfb.org/events. Walk-up registration is available, and a weather date of Thursday, October 13, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. has been set. For more information, please contact the Knox County Farm Bureau at (309) 342-2036.

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Farm life may require backing into a corner

I remember watching the neighbor boy at 8 years old carefully back a pedal tractor and wagon into a tight spot on our front walk, simply to turn around. I would have dismounted the pedal tractor and drug the whole conglomeration to a new position. But he treated his pedal power like the real deal, and today the young teen backs a trailer like a man, as defined in my book.

It's a bit exaggerated to say that my husband's ability to reverse a trailer won my heart more than 15 years ago. But I

cannot imagine marrying a man without the skills to handily reverse an implement into the depths of the shed or back the fishing boat into the lake, with or without my eyes to help. Outside of me, lots of farm women perform the reversing role just as well.

Out here in farm country, you could say the art of reversal represents part of our culture. Farm folk back trailers, planters and sharp tillage tools within the confines of penetrable metal-walled sheds. From fair to fair, livestock show families reverse trailers to barn entrances. As a youngster, I watched members of our 4-H club win trophies after they skillfully maneuvered tractors through a course with two- and four-wheeled attachments, the latter with the added challenge of an articulating axle. Without assistance, they backed the wagons between posts topped with golf balls that fell if bumped.

Such imaginary golf balls stand a better chance for some of us with the aid of hand signals from a person at the rear, barring no miscommunication. One of my farming cousins said her husband uses a two-armed wave that closely represents both

"stop" and "come on back," depending on which direction his arms slice the air. In a failed backing attempt, she signals similarly in surrender. Another cousin says the only difference between her dad's hand signals for "keep coming" and "roll the loader bucket" lies within the speed of his curling fingers.

Such scenes lack laughter in the moment, so I await my husband's voice to indicate whether my release of the brake while in the park position helps or hinders the hitch-up. Once hitched, I avoid any public display of my reversing skills with an attachment and rather plan ahead for spaces to circle a public turnaround. In fact, when 4-H project enrollment time arrives, I volunteer to guide our kids through 100 percent of the 4-H pig chores if my husband could just lovingly back the trailer up to the swine barn at fair time, where I help signal the way.

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

Legislative Update ~ Representative Norine Hammond

Over the past couple months, I have greatly enjoyed visiting County Fairs, 4-H Fairs, and, of course, the State Fair in Springfield. Each of these visits, whether at one of my local 4-H fairs or at the State Fair, have impressed me as I've had a front row seat in witnessing some of the top agricultural operations and rising stars in Illinois and our Nation.

To see the spark in a young person's eye when they get the opportunity to share the fruits of their hard labor has been truly awe inspiring. It was the honor of a lifetime to be awarded the 2016 Celebrity Showmanship Champion Showman by the Illinois Beef Association at the Illinois State Fair. The credit goes to an up and coming Young Leader, Kalie Rumbold and her Angus heifer, Ursula. The heritage and heart that accompany these young agricultural leaders' showmanship and efforts give me strong faith that our Nation will continue to be left in competent hands long after our generation has passed.

I also applaud many of our agribusinesses in Illinois who have stepped up to the plate this summer to form the Illinois Fairgrounds Foundation, which were rolled out on Agriculture Day at the Illinois State Fair. Leaders in the agribusiness community

established the Foundation to promote, support, assist, and sustain the Springfield and Du Quoin State Fairgrounds. The foundation will be led by a volunteer board representing a diverse cross section of the agriculture industry to develop strategies to raise private funding, coordinate with the Illinois Department of Agriculture to plan projects and determine the Fairgrounds' needs, and serve as ambassadors for the revitalization and improvement of the Fairgrounds and their agricultural heritage. This is a desperate need they are filling and their work is to be applauded and supported.

I was recently awarded the Illinois Farm Bureau ACTIVATOR Award as well as the Association of Illinois Electrical Cooperatives Public Service Award. This is an honor to be recognized by those who stand up for our family farmers, domestic energy and rural living in Illinois. As a member of the Budget Working Group, I was adamant that funding for FFA and Agriculture Education programs be included in our funding for K-12 education.

My work continues in representing the State of Illinois on the Council of State Governments Agriculture Committee as a member of the Board of the State Agriculture

and Rural Leaders (SARL) program, a group of legislators from throughout the United States and 8 Canadian provinces focusing on agriculture issues. While many challenges are ahead in advocating for a State Budget resolution to continue funding to Illinois' agricultural education programs, soil and water conservation districts, and others effected by the current impasse, I look forward to continuing to advocating for a resolution that will right the ship of state and bring innovative new ideas from across North America to bear fruit right here in Illinois.

The Illinois legislature can learn a great deal from the rising stars in Illinois agriculture I have witnessed over these past few months. Grace under pressure; the value of hard work and labor; standing up for what's good and right even when it's difficult. Illinois' elected officials have a great deal they can learn from these young agricultural leaders. I'm honored to help bring their efforts to the forefront.



Representative Norine Hammond

Getting to Know Your Farm Bureau Policy

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Parents: Take Precautions to Keep Your Trick-or-Treaters Safe

For many children, Halloween is a time to dress up in a favorite costume, go to classroom parties and trick-or-treat at neighbors' houses. These happy thoughts of jack-o-lanterns, costumes and candy may cause parents and kids alike to forget the potential dangers of Halloween. I have assembled the following Halloween safety topics for adults in order to keep this autumn holiday safe and fun.

Costume

- Whether you buy or make your child's costume, make sure the material is flame retardant.
- If the costume is not already a bright color, add reflective tape so motorists and other trick-or-treaters can better see your child.
- Consider using face paint instead of a mask, so your child's vision will not be restricted.
- Make sure the costume is not too long so that your child doesn't trip and fall.
- If your child is carrying a prop, such as a plastic sword, make sure the tips are smooth and flexible to prevent injury.

Route

- Older children: Plan older children's routes ahead of time, so you know where they will be. Also, set a time for them to return home. If possible, send a cell phone with them to use in

case of emergency.

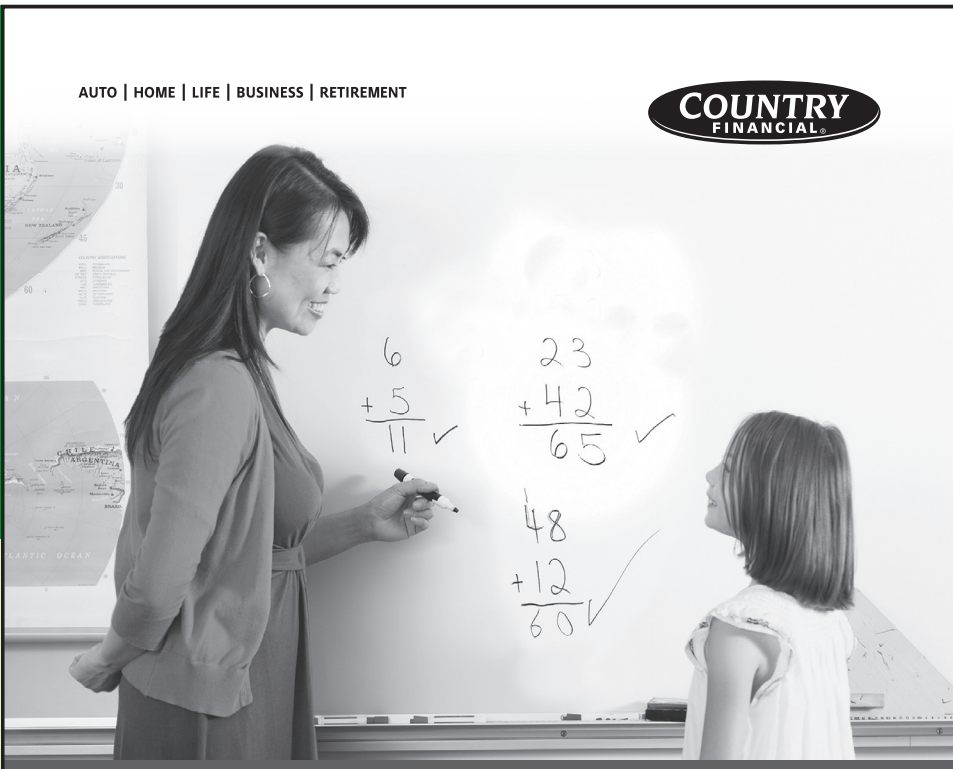
- Younger children: Never let small children trick-or-treat alone. While walking your pre-planned route, remind them to stay on sidewalks and cross at corners or crosswalks.

- Only go to houses where the lights are on.
- Make sure either you or your child carries a flashlight if trick-or-treating after daylight hours.

Candy

- Provide your children with a healthy meal before they go trick-or-treating. This way, they won't be hungry and will be less tempted to sample their candy en-route.
- Do not allow children to eat collected candy while they are trick-or-treating. Always check candy before they eat it, and dispose of any candy with an open wrapper or other suspicious appearances.

In addition to the above suggestions, I encourage you to teach your children basic safety knowledge. Common sense tells adults to look both ways before crossing the street, but eager kids on Halloween night may forget this basic safety rule. Also, it is good to remind children that although Halloween is a fun, exciting holiday, they still need to remember their manners and always say "thank you" when accepting candy.



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Classroom studies cover leadership, communication & professional skills, political process, agricultural economics, and global issues, and are taught by experts in a variety of fields. Classes are conducted over a nine week period in a different region of the state each year, so there's sure to be one near you.

Knox County Young Farmer Matthew DeSutter is an ALOT alumnus and stated "ALOT was the first leadership program I had an opportunity to participate in, following my graduation from college. It is a great program that I would happily recommend to any young person involved with agriculture. There are still people today that I will run into from across the state, whom I possibly would have never known without having participated in ALOT together."

In 2016, the nine weekly sessions will be held at one of the following locations: Timber Creek Inn & Suites, Sandwich; Kane County Farm Bureau, St. Charles; President Abraham Lincoln a Double Tree by Hilton, Springfield; Grundy County Farm Bureau, Morris; Kendall County Farm Bureau, Yorkville; and IAA Building, Bloomington. Three overnight sessions will be held in Sandwich, Springfield, and Bloomington.

The ALOT program is limited to 25 participants, who are chosen following interviews conducted on December 15th by the ALOT advisory committee. There is a \$700 tuition fee, which includes meals, lodging, and instructional materials.

Applications are available online at www.ilfb.org/get-involved/grow-as-a-leader or for more information about the



program, contact the Knox County Farm Bureau, visit the Illinois Farm Bureau® website at www.ilfb.org under the "Get Involved", or contact the IFB Training and Development Department at 309-557-2140.

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Knox County Farm Bureau was cancelled in September.

BOARD MEETING ATTENDANCE

NAME	July	August	Sept.	NAME	July	August	Sept.
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Boydston, Terry	P	P	C	O'Connor, Tom	P	P	C
Cain, Jarid	P	P	C	Serven, Sam	P	P	C
DeSutter, Jim	P	P	C	Seiboldt, Pat	P	A	C
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Hennenfent, Matt	P	P	C	Webel, Joe	P	P	C
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Knox County Drivers Ed Students Learn About The Hazards Of Farming

National Farm Safety and Health Week was September 18-24, 2016, and to promote the importance of farm safety throughout Knox County, the Knox County Farm Bureau teamed up with Knoxville High School to educate students and the community about the slogan, Use Caution, Slow Down, and Share the Road. Promoting safe, defensive driving is key for safe roadways during harvest where farmers are constantly moving from field to field using rural roads. A mock accident scene was created in the Knoxville High School's parking lot to display the importance of slowing down when sharing

the road with Slow Moving Vehicles (SMV's). The mock accident that displayed an SUV rear-ending a tractor was created with the help of Bolin's Towing and Repair and the Engel Family Farm. As a way to educate new drivers about sharing the road with SMV's, the Knoxville High School Driver Education classes and a Knoxville Junior High School Agriculture class participated in a blind spot demonstration. Each student had the chance to climb inside a tractor pulling an auger wagon, provided by Birkey's Farm Store, Inc. and a semi-trailer tanker truck, provided by Crop Production Services in

Yates City, to observe what it is like to sit in the driver's seat. "This demonstration provided the students an opportunity to experience first-hand what the farmer sees," stated Clint Terwilliger, Knoxville High School Drivers Education Teacher. In the Blink of an Eye was the theme for the demonstration as driving situations can change quickly. To stress the importance of slowing down around farm equipment, vehicles were strategically parked behind and to the side of the tractor and the tanker truck. When sitting in the driver's seat, the students realized just how difficult it is to see vehicles directly following the farm equipment and vehicles trying to pass on the right side.



"Despite this area being deemed a rural community, very few drivers on the road have ever operated farm equipment," stated Tara Yoder, Chair of the Knox County Young Farmers Committee. "Tractors and other farm machinery were not primarily designed for driving on roadways. Drivers need to be aware of the many blind spots farm operators have and should always use caution and slow down when sharing the road with farm equipment," stressed Yoder.



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Sharp Cheddar	3 1/2 lb	\$19.00		\$	Cheese Spread	1 lb	\$8.00		\$
Longhorn	1 lb	\$6.00		\$	Beef Stick	12 oz	\$6.00		\$
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Swiss	1 lb	\$7.00		\$	Blueberry Cheddar	1 lb	\$8.00		\$
Swiss	2 lb	\$13.00		\$	Cherry Cheddar	1 lb	\$8.00		\$
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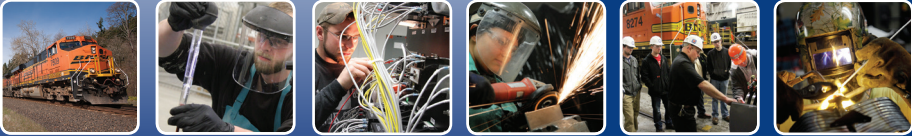
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Being More than Pink Means Taking Action...

For many years the pink ribbons has symbolized breast cancer awareness but as October quickly approaches and the sea of pink appears it is important that we look at Breast Cancer Awareness month as more than just being "aware" but as a time to take action, a time to be more than pink. Here are 4 action steps every woman can take...

Know your breast cancer risk by learning your family health history and talking to your doctor about your personal risk of breast cancer.

Get Screened- In consultation with your doctor discuss which screening test are right for you and when to begin screening based on age and risk factors

Make healthy lifestyle choices like maintaining a healthy weight, adding exercise to your day, and limiting alcohol.

Know what is normal for you. For many years breast health consisted of monthly breast self exams looking particularly for a lump or bump, however the signs of breast cancer are not the same for all women. It is important to know how your breasts normally look and feel. If you notice any

change, see your health care provider as soon as possible. Here are 8 breast changes that should be reported to your doctor...

1. Lump, hard knot or thickening inside the breast or underarm area
2. Swelling, warmth redness or darkening of the breast
3. Change in the shape or size of the breast
4. Dimpling or puckering of breast skin
5. Itchy, scaly sore or rash on the nipple
6. Pulling in of the nipple or other parts of the breast
7. Nipple discharge that starts suddenly
8. New pain in one spot that does not go away

So as the pink ribbons become so visible during the month of October let's not just loose site of the true reason for this awareness month; to save lives. Take action to make your breast health a priority. Do it not only for yourself but do it for the ones you love! This year "Be More than Pink"

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Breast Health A Priority All Year Long

The month of October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. During this time and throughout the year, all women are highly encouraged to think about breast health and get a mammogram. Breast Cancer is the most common cancer (other than skin cancer) among women in the United States. Breast cancer also affects men, but it is much rarer. The American Cancer Society estimates that in 2016 about 2,600 new male cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed and about 246,660 women will be diagnosed. .

More and more women are getting mammograms to detect breast cancer in its earliest stages. As a result, breast cancer deaths are on the decline. Encourage the women in your life to get mammograms on a regular basis. Did you know there are still women who do not take advantage of early detection at all and others who do not get screening mammograms and clinical breast exams at regular intervals?

Did you know?

- Women age 65 and older are less likely to get mammograms than younger women, even though breast cancer risk increases with age.
- Hispanic women have fewer mammograms than Caucasian women and African American women.
- Women below poverty level are less likely than women at higher incomes to have had a mammogram within the past two years.

Do you know about the availability of breast and cervical exams to all women whether or not they have health insurance? The Illinois Breast & Cervical Cancer Program provides FREE mammograms, clinical breast exams, and pap tests, with the provider of YOUR choice, to women who qualify! 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
- If you have a high deductible on your health insurance for these services we may be able to help.

"The key to mammography screening is that it be done routinely – once is not enough," states Erin Olson, Director of Wellness and Health Promotion.

For more information on breast health, programs available at the Health Department, or to schedule a presentation for a group or organization you belong to, please contact the Knox County Health Department at 309-344-2224 or visit the Department website at www.knoxcountyhealth.org.

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

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Jason Lumberry

The Knox County Farm Bureau would like to recognize COUNTRY Financial Representative Jason Lumberry as top membership recruiter. Jason signed 3 new associate members and one voting member in September.

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

RECIPE OF THE MONTH



Spicy-Sweet Pork Stir Fry

Ingredients

- 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 lbs. boneless pork sirloin roast, cut into 1/2 inch cubes
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. black pepper
- 2 Tsp. bacon drippings or vegetable oil, divided
- 2 cups frozen corn
- 1 tsp. garlic, minced (about 1 small clove)
- 2 1/2 cups fresh turnip greens or kale, rinsed and drained, cut into 1/2 inch strips
- 1 1/2 cups matchstick cut carrots
- 1/2 medium red onion, cut into wedges (about 1 cup sliced wedges)
- 1/2 cup sweet chili sauce
- 1/4 cup rice wine vinegar

Instructions

In large bowl, sprinkle pork sirloin cubes with salt, pepper; mix lightly.

Heat 1 tablespoon of drippings or oil in 10 to 12-inch skillet, until hot. Add corn and garlic; cook over medium-high heat stirring occasionally, 5 to 7 minutes or until kernels begin to brown. Remove corn from skillet and set aside.

Reduce heat. Add remaining tablespoon of drippings or oil to skillet. Add pork cubes, cook and stir over medium-high heat, 3 to 5 minutes until cubes are lightly browned. Add prepared corn, carrots, greens and onions to skillet, cook and stir 5 to 7 minutes or until vegetables are crisp-tender. Reduce heat to low. Stir in combined sweet chill sauce and vinegar, heat 2 to 3 minutes or until thoroughly heated.

Serve with brown rice or white rice.

Serves 4 to 6 Note: Ready-to-use matchstick cut carrots can be found in the produce section of the supermarket.

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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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.

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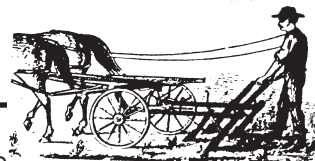
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TAKEN FROM THE OCTOBER 2009 BULLETIN

All of the hard work and dedication by the young farmers proved to be very successful as their cardboard boat competed in the 16th Annual Great Cardboard Boat Regatta at the Lake Storey Pavilion in Galesburg. The Young Farmers spent countless hours constructing their cardboard boat for the race and the Young Farmers headed to the water for the competition. After a very close race, the team finished first in the heat!

PRIMETIMERS NEWS

The PrimeTimers committee enjoyed an outing to Thistle Creek Orchard in Avon. Eight members and KCFB Manager Caitlin Chrzanowski toured the orchard learning about chestnuts and aronia berries. Lunch and fellowship at Main Street Café followed.

The next meeting will take place at 12:30 pm at Tanner's Orchard in Speer, IL on October 18th. Caravan leaves from Agri Center at 11:30 am. The PrimeTimers invite members 55+ to attend.

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