

Bulletin

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

Knox County Farm Bureau Recognized at IFB Annual Meeting

CHICAGO – The Knox County Farm Bureau was recognized for its achievements during the 101st annual meeting of the Illinois Farm Bureau held in Chicago December 5-9, 2015. A member of Membership Group III, Knox County received the following program awards:

Gold	
Membership Quota	
Communication & Promotion	
Member Relations	
Silver	Bronze
Commodities	Ag Literacy
& Marketing	Health & Safety
Policy Development	Legislative/Political Process
	Local Affairs

County Farm Bureaus in Membership Group III are those with 2,071-2,955 members. As part of its Annual Meeting, Illinois Farm Bureau presents program and committee awards in recognition of outstanding county Farm Bureau volunteer efforts throughout the year. The Illinois Farm Bureau is a member of the American Farm Bureau Federation, a national organization of farmers and ranchers. Founded in 1916, IFB is a non-profit, membership organization controlled by farmers who join through their county Farm Bureau. IFB represents three out of four Illinois farmers.



Knox County Farm Bureau President Tim Main accepts a recognition plaque awarded to the Knox County Farm Bureau for its achievements during 2015. The award was presented during the Illinois Farm Bureau Annual Meeting and calls attention to the comprehensive nature of county Farm Bureau programs.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS JANUARY

- 13 Farm Safety Camp Mtg, 12 PM, KAC
- 14 Women’s Committee Dinner, 6 PM, Iron Spike
- 14 Young Farmers Mtg, 7:30 PM, KAC
- 16 KCFB Annual Mtg, 10 AM, Lake Storey Pavilion
- 19 PrimeTimers Mtg, 12 PM, KAC
- 19 FFA Acquaintance Program, 6 PM, Northgate Lanes
- 20 Marketing Club, 12:30 PM, E. Main St. Pizza Hut
- 21 KCFB Board Mtg, 7 PM, KAC
- 22-23 IFB Young Leader Conference, Embassy Suites, East Peoria
- 22 Knox County Pork Producers Annual Mtg, 6:30 PM, Lake Storey Pavilion

- ### FEBRUARY
- 6 Knox County Cattlemen’s Annual Mtg, 5 PM, Lake Storey Pavilion
 - 9 COUNTRY Farm Talk, 3:30 PM, Peoria Embassy Suites
 - 11 Ladies Night Out Paint Party, 6-8 PM, SideTrax, Galesburg
 - 16 PrimeTimers, Mtg, 12 PM, KAC
 - 18 KCFB Board Mtg, 7 PM, KAC
 - 19 Ag Day for Kids, Carl Sandburg College
 - 23 KCFB Foundation Mtg, 6:30 PM, KAC
 - 23 Knox Agri Center Mtg, 7:30 PM, KAC
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Knox County Pork Producers Association
59th Annual Meeting ~ Friday, January 22, 2016
6:30 PM – Lake Storey Pavilion

Welcome New Members

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

Teresa Chandlee & Larry Gillam, Sr., Williamsfield	Derric Littlefield, Galesburg
Darrell & Sandra Corbin, Galesburg	Kenneth Malcolm, Galesburg
Kirk & Savannah Franzen, Maquon	Luke Sakalosky, Galesburg
Cody Jenkins & Taylor Rice, Victoria	L.B. & Teresa Shunick, Rio
Robert & Nikki Koepp, Wataga	Ron & Karla Ward, Wataga

Yoder Named Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leader Discussion Meet Winner

CHICAGO — Tara Yoder of Knox County was named the Young Leader discussion meet winner at the annual meeting of the Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) in Chicago, Dec. 5-8. In addition to receiving a trophy, Yoder will receive two months of use or 100 hours of use of a Massey-Ferguson tractor, compliments of AGCO, and \$2,500 cash from the IFB. She also will receive expense-paid trips to the 2016 American Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting, 2016 GROWMARK Annual Meeting, courtesy of GROWMARK, Inc., the 2016 American Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmer and Rancher Conference and the 2016 IFB state Young Leader Conference. Yoder, who is in her final year of eligibility for the IFB Young Leader discussion meet, encouraged other young farmers to get involved early so they get a taste of the activities and how the discussion meet works. “The discussion meet was one of the things I always wanted to do, but didn’t know if I would be competitive,” Yoder said. “But, I’ve been involved in consumer advocacy and legislative outreach and the discussion meet ties it all together.” Yoder said she enjoyed meeting all the contestants and having the opportunity to discuss today’s most important agricultural issues with farmers from different backgrounds. “I really enjoyed the different perspectives everyone brought to the table,” Yoder said. “Being able to collaborate, discuss and come up with different solutions for different problems was a great experience because, being involved in the dairy industry, I don’t always get to discuss a lot of these topics.” The IFB discussion meet judges

contestants’ ability to manage a small group discussion. Each contestant gives an opening statement. Participants exchange facts and insights on a pre-determined topic. Judges award points based on how well participants work with one another, how well they express themselves, and on their knowledge of the topic. Topics for the 2015 discussion meet included a discussion on how Farm Bureau should protect and encourage producers’ ability to use new technology and how the organization can work with government and the public to ensure public acceptance while encouraging innovations; whether Farm Bureau should draft policy to protect livestock producers from false accusations regarding animal welfare; how to balance agriculture’s water needs with maintaining vibrant communities and how historical water rights influence the discussion; how Farm Bureau could get the public to support right-to-farm laws and if those laws should be determined on the state or federal level; and how young farmers can influence state and local policy that more effectively balances the social and economic interests of farmers and ranchers versus burdensome federal regulation. Twenty-four district winners vied for the title of state winner during the IFB annual meeting. Yoder said she’s looking forward to representing Illinois in the national Young Farmer and Rancher Discussion Meet at the AFBF annual meeting in January. “It’s still very surreal — I really didn’t expect to make it past the first round,” Yoder said. “But I’m very excited to go to the national level. I like the fact that the questions are the same because different parts or topics of the questions



Congratulations to Tara Yoder for winning the Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leaders State Discussion Meet! Tara will be representing Illinois Farm Bureau at the American Farm Bureau Federation’s Annual Meeting in Orlando! Tara is joined in the photo by her husband Eric and their children Kaitlyn and Abigail.

weren’t brought up here and I can bring those up at the national level to create a really good discussion.” IFB promotes and sponsors the discussion meet with the goals of developing young peoples’ leadership and communication skills on behalf of agriculture and of working together and reaching consensus on how to deal with current issues in agriculture. The Illinois Farm Bureau is a member of the American Farm Bureau Federation, a national organization of farmers and ranchers. Founded in 1916, IFB is a non-profit, membership organization directed by farmers who join through their county Farm Bureau. IFB has a total membership of more than 400,000 and a voting membership of more than 82,000. IFB represents three out of four Illinois farmers.

Illinois Farm Bureau members set policy, elect new officers during annual meeting

As the Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) looks toward 2016 to celebrate its 100th anniversary, delegates to the 101st IFB Annual Meeting celebrated one of its longest-lasting traditions: grassroots, member-driven decision making to set the organization’s policy for the coming year. One of the most important actions the delegate body took was to pass their sense of the delegate body resolutions, one of which dealt with the importance of the Illinois General Assembly, governor and legislative leaders to get a state budget completed for fiscal year 2016. “Many agricultural entities have been negatively impacted by the lack of a state budget,” said Mark Gebhards, director, Governmental Affairs and Commodities, IFB. “We know that Soil and Water Conservation Districts, University of Illinois Extension Service, and county fairs have all felt the negative impacts of not having a budget in place. The delegate body simply wanted to send a message — a strong message — to get this budget done

as soon as possible and that certainly was conveyed through that sense of the delegate body resolution.” Delegates also focused their energy on several important resolutions, including property rights, renewable fuels, local government, transportation and nutrient management. “Property rights have been one of the core principles that the IFB has included in the policy book for many, many years,” Gebhards said. “And it’s important now because of the multitude of utility projects either underway or proposed in the state of Illinois. The resolution focused on making sure that the Illinois Department of Agriculture has the enforcing ability that it needs to enforce the ag mitigation agreements that the companies would enter into and the Illinois Department of Agriculture would enforce on behalf of the landowners.” Delegates also discussed the need to ensure markets for their products, especially given the current commodity prices. “There was some emphasis placed on the renewable fuels industry,” Gebhards

said. “The delegates were interested in making sure that IFB looks for all opportunities to use renewable fuels, whether that means flex fuel vehicles, or various state agencies and federal agencies using that renewable fuel as part of their day-to-day operation.” Delegates also debated the need for a reduction in units of local government, funding for transportation and infrastructure, and the need to follow the Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy. To finish the delegate business, the delegates reelected President Richard Guebert, Jr., of Ellis Grove, and Vice President David Erickson, of Altona. Delegates also confirmed the election of four new members of the IFB Board of Directors. Michele Aavang of McHenry County was elected to a two-year term to represent District 1, Jeff Kirwan of Mercer County was elected to a two-year term to represent District 3, Tamara D. Halterman of Grundy County was elected to a two-year term to represent District 5, and Troy Uphoff of Shelby County was elected to a two-year term to represent District 11.



Farm Bureau Digs the Decades was the theme for this year’s trivia night. Knox County participated with two teams: Peace, Love, & KCFB and Monty Hall’s Let’s Make a Deal!

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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Filing farm office memories

I remember my delight when Granny let me pencil in feed, fuel and a few other farm expenses on the large paper spreadsheet on her desk. Good thing for the No. 2 lead with Granny's signature pencil top eraser – in case she found a mistake upon review of her young granddaughter's work. But boy, I felt important seated in Granny's rolling chair at her steel-framed desk in her farmhouse office.

As much as picking corn, baling straw and checking cattle threaded through my childhood memories, so did encounters with bookwork and office tasks. This exposure ranks one of the advantages of

self-employment: The kids see their parents at work and even work alongside them at appropriate tasks. In fact, we frequently honor the "Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day," otherwise recognized in April.

The youngest generation on the farm gains exposure to a mass of paperwork and electronic record-keeping that has evolved in intensity for each generation of our farm family. They witness the concentration of this month's 1099s, the necessity of government documents and the significance of thorough harvest records for insurance reporting. They learn work ethic, yet realize how to incorporate family time when work perpetually surrounds us. In fact, their day typically starts with a beeline to my home office to greet me and cuddle in my office chair.

Just ahead of Thanksgiving, my kids hopped off the bus at the farm and entered our new family farm office to find several desks installed that day. To my surprise, they acted more thrilled than a kid with a pedal tractor on a wide-open shop floor. They pretended to type on the computers and gather paper from the printer. Our daughter made imaginary copies with the copy machine, and our son used post-it notepads to record fake phone numbers.

"It's cool to play office," he says.

Not on days of splitting out shares of our farm's self-applied crop protection products. Other than that, I like it, too.

As a kid, I probably put a few office supplies on my Christmas list. Tape dispensers were neat. A stapler in my stocking would have rated just fine. Now, I can't do without electronic spreadsheets, my smartphone and constant internet access for farm bookwork. I have always enjoyed desks, office gadgets, desk-type duties and the potential organization that accompanied them. I inherited some of that intrigue. I remember Mom's excitement when she received a roll-top oak desk for her 30th birthday. Unfortunately, its size now proves too small for the magnitude of farm books and impractical for the mandatory computer access.

Meanwhile, the kids find unique fun in this work environment, too, including at Granny's farmhouse office of my childhood. With a nickel from Great Gramps' center desk drawer, the kids can buy enough M&Ms from her retail-style candy dispenser to fill an old Altoids tin. Likewise, they fill their hearts with memories to file away and revisit another day.

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

Thomas Lincoln Scholarship Applications Available

The Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation is currently accepting applications for the Thomas Lincoln Scholarship, awarded annually in memory of Thomas Lincoln, a Knox County Farm Bureau Young Farmer who died in a tragic car accident.

A \$500 scholarship will be given in the spring of 2016 to a graduating high school senior who is a Knox County resident and

has been accepted into an agricultural or agricultural-related curriculum at any college or university in the fall of 2016. Selection is based on a combination of academic achievement, ag-related youth activities, as well as community and civic activities and a 250-500 word essay.

Applications are available on the Knox County Farm Bureau website at www.knoxcfb.org.

KCFB Foundation Sponsors Summer Internship Program

The Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation is offering an internship with the Knox County Farm Bureau for the summer of 2016. The intern will receive a \$1,500 scholarship and is encouraged to explore the possibility of using the internship to fulfill academic requirements for his/her major.

This is the 24th year for the program, which continues to be very successful. The internship is open to Knox County residents who will be a sophomore, junior, senior, or full-time graduate student at a college or university during the fall 2016 semester. Preference is given to applicants who have a farm background and/or are studying an agricultural-related field. An applicant's summer schedule should allow them the flexibility to work half or full days, and attend evening

meetings when necessary. The intern's responsibilities will include: coverage of Farm Bureau activities, media relations, marketing, public relations, program planning and coordination.

The internship will begin in the middle of May and go until the first part of August. The individual will be required to work between 20-25 hours per week, and this includes several night meetings and attendance at activities. However, the schedule will be flexible to suit the intern's availability.

For more information and/or an application, please contact the Knox County Farm Bureau office at 309/342-2036; e-mail: knoxcfb@knoxcfb.org; or visit our website: www.knoxcfb.org. Applications are due February 15, 2016.

Illinois Conservation Foundation Scholarship Applications Open

SPRINGFIELD, IL – The Illinois Conservation Foundation (ICF) today announced that applications are being accepted for the 2016 Conservation Achievement Scholarship program. This prestigious award is given to outstanding high school seniors in Illinois who demonstrate effective, voluntary, long-term dedications to the preservation, protection or enhancement of the state's natural resources. Up to three scholarships of \$2,000 each are available for the 2016-17 school year.

"The ICF's Conservation Achievement Scholarship program has awarded \$92,000 to help further the education of our future conservation leaders," said Wayne Rosenthal, chairman of the Illinois Conservation Foundation Board of Directors and Director of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. "We're thrilled to

reward some of the outstanding natural resources stewardship efforts being conducted by young people in our state and help them make a positive impact in the future."

The ICF's Conservation Achievement Scholarships have been awarded since 2005. Applicants must be Illinois residents and a senior in an Illinois high school. Applications must be received by the ICF by January 15, 2016.

"Thanks to our generous donors to the Illinois Conservation Foundation, we're able to make this scholarship fund available to student leaders," said Eric Schmidt, ICF Executive Director. "Numerous outdoors enthusiasts, including organizations and individuals, help encourage the youth of our state to make a difference in the world around them and turn screen time into green time."

IAA Foundation Offers Scholarships to Support Agriculture, Illinois Farm Bureau Families

BLOOMINGTON - Agriculture students and Illinois Farm Bureau® (IFB) members and their children may apply for college scholarships offered by the IAA Foundation, Illinois Farm Bureau's charitable arm. Sixty six scholarships, ranging from \$1,000 to \$7,500 per year, will be awarded in total of \$118,500 for the 2016-2017 school year.

"We are pleased to help students through our growing scholarship program, which offers a wide variety of support to farm families, and to those pursuing careers in agriculture," said Susan Moore, director, IAA Foundation. "It is a great privilege to support our next generation of leaders, and encourage continuing education in agricultural fields."

Students may apply for a variety of scholarships, including three IAA Foundation Top Scholarships, where winners will each receive \$5,000 awards. Another \$7,500 award goes to the Illinois Farm Bureau Legacy of Leadership scholarship winner.

New this year, the Dwain Ford Memorial Soybean Scholarship was established by colleagues, friends and family to honor

the memory of this long time leader of the soybean industry, and offers a \$1,000 award to an ag student active in 4-H and FFA.

Students studying crop science and pursuing a masters degree related to research are eligible for the Illinois Soybean Association Crop Science Scholarships. Five \$4,000 scholarship will be awarded to junior level majors. Recipients are then eligible for an additional \$4,000 in this renewable program, providing a total of \$8,000 for his or her junior and senior year of college.

Twenty five \$1,200 scholarships are available to students from specific southern Illinois counties as part of the Dorothy and Wilhelmine Ratermann Memorial Scholarships.

Twelve Prairie Farms Dairy scholarships each worth \$2,000 are available to patrons and employees of the company. An additional two \$1,000 scholarships are available to producers affiliated with the St. Louis District Dairy Council.

Additional scholarships, ranging from \$1,000 to \$1,500, are available to students

that meet certain criteria, including area of study, place of residence, previous 4-H experience and college or university attended.

All applicants must be high school seniors accepted for enrollment or students already enrolled at an accredited college, university or community college. Scholarships are awarded for exceptional academic ability, leadership and financial need. Previous winners of an IAA Foundation scholarship are eligible to apply again.

A full listing of available scholarships, eligibility guidelines, and application documents are available at the Foundation website, www.iaafoundation.org, starting Dec. 1, 2015. Completed applications must be submitted online by Feb. 1, 2016.

For more information, contact your county Farm Bureau, the IAA Foundation at 309-557-2230, or e-mail smoore@ilfb.org. The Mission of the IAA Foundation, Illinois Farm Bureau's charitable arm, is to fund education, research, and charitable activities that benefit Illinois farm families and agriculture.

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Doug Yoder, Country Financial Crop Agency Manager, about upcoming changes to the

federal crop insurance program and ARC/PLC performance and forecast.

Tom Hegna, best-selling author & retirement expert, will speak about Farm Continuation and Legacy Planning, keys to a successful retirement.

A reservation is required, and can be made by calling (309) 686-7050.

Use Caution This Winter When Using Space Heaters

With home heating costs on the rise this winter, many people are turning to alternate heating sources to keep costs down. If you plan to use space heaters this winter, use extreme caution.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), portable and fixed space heaters caused a disproportionate share of home heating fire deaths in 2007. Space heaters were involved in 32 percent of home heating fires, but 79 percent of the deaths. In addition, heating equipment was responsible for \$608 million in property damage.

How To Choose The Right Space Heater

Select a space heater with a guard around the flame area or heating element to protect children and clothing.

Choose a heater that has been certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL).

Buy a heater that is the correct size for the area you want to heat. The wrong size heater could produce more pollutants and may not be an efficient use of energy.

Read and follow the manufacturer's operating instructions, and make sure all members of the household understand how to operate the heater safely.

Make sure the heater has an automatic "tip-switch," a cutoff device that turns off electric or kerosene heaters if they tip over.

How To Prevent Space Heater Fires

Place the heater on a level, hard, noncombustible surface.

Keep the heater at least 3 feet from bedding, drapes, furniture or other combustible items.

Turn off the space heater when you leave the area, and never leave a space heater on while sleeping or if you leave home.

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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Knox County Farm Bureau was held on Thursday, December 17, 2015

WOMENS COMMITTEE – Lori Engel

The Women's Committee hosted a blood drive/bone marrow donor registration event on Dec. 16, 2015 and 20 donated and 13 registered to be bone marrow donors.

The Women's Committee coat drive was a success, thank you to all who donated. The winter wear was donated to ROWVA, Knoxville, and Galesburg Schools.

A Children's Themed Ag Gift Basket was donated to the Discovery Depot's Festival of Trees and raised \$130.

YOUNG FARMERS – Grant Strom

Tara won the 2015 Illinois Farm Bureau's Young Leader Committee Discussion Meet. Tara advances to the American Farm Bureau Federation's Annual Convention in Orlando, FL January 8-13, 2016.

Donating a safety basket to KCFB Annual Meeting in January.

FFA Acquaintance program will be Tuesday, January 19th at Northgate Lanes.

IFB State Young Leader Conference, January 22 & 23, 2016 – Embassy Suites, Peoria.

Hosting a trap shoot in the spring.

Working with Knoxville High School Drivers Education to host a farm safety lesson.

MEMBER RELATIONS TASK FORCE – Grant Strom

The Membership report was reviewed.

GOVERNMENT & POLICY TASK FORCE – Jim DeSutter

The Legislative Roundtable Column, featuring local legislators, will begin March 2016. The following legislators have been invited to participate: Representative

Moffitt, Senator Sullivan, Representative Ford, Senator LaHood, & Representative Hammond. Each legislator has been asked to write 2 columns per year on rotation.

A new viewpoint survey will be available at the 2016 KCFB Annual Meeting.

FARM BUSINESS TASK FORCE – Todd West

2016 Knox Co. Plat Book is in the works and will be published by Mapping Solutions. Please reach out to local businesses for advertising support.

Sponsoring a Business After Hours through the Chamber is a possibility.

EDUCATION – Monica Stevens

AITC reports from Teresa and Mary Beth were reviewed.

Contact has been made with the Galesburg Running Club, and equipment and volunteers will be provided for the potential 5K. The 5K is intended to be hosted at Lake Storey in August 2016.

Farmland Documentary Screening was a success with over 100 in attendance. Thank you to the Knox Co. Cattlemen's Association, the Knox County Corn Growers Association, the Knox County Pork Producers, the Knox, Warren-Henderson Farm Families, the Midwest Dairy Association, the Illinois Soybean Association, Pilot Knob Comforts, Munson Hybrids, Prairie Farms, the panelists: Dr. Kim Stevens, Tara Yoder, Dan Erickson, Drew DeSutter, Jared Kunkle and our moderator: Joe Weibel for helping create such a wonderful event!

PRIMETIMERS – Caitlin Chrzanowski

The next meeting is on January 19th in the KAC for programming planning.

FOUNDATION – Caitlin Chrzanowski

The Foundation has conducted a direct mail campaign. Since it was sent the week of the 7th we have received \$3,560.

The Foundation has created an amazon smile account, so when shopping online, please select the KCFB Foundation as your charitable donation and we will receive a portion of the online sale proceeds.

The Foundation is in the works for hosting a golf outing and a "buy a barn" gas station campaign with Casey's.

There is currently a vacant seat on the Foundation Board.

AGRI CENTER – Grant Strom

Pricing is being researched on replacing the door handles throughout the building to be ADA compliant.

The flag pole light and the parking lot light has been fixed.

Repairs are being scheduled for the wallpaper in the meeting room and removal/paint in the Extension.

The hall phone booth is being removed during the spring work day and further arrangements will be made once it has been removed.

Bids are being taken to make the south entrance handicap accessible.

ILLINOIS FARM FAMILIES – Lori Engel

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

OLD BUSINESS

49 Knox County members attended the 2015 IAA Annual Meeting.

The 2015-2016 KCFB budget was reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

The KCFB Annual Meeting is January 16, 2016 at the Lake Storey Pavilion. Chad Colby will not be the guest speaker as previously planned. Instead, Mike Hennenfent will be providing a 10-15 minute presentation titled "Three Miracles" regarding his time with the Farm Bureau. Mike is being recognized as a 50-year member at the Annual Meeting.

The Young Leader Conference is January 22-23, 2016 at the East Peoria Embassy Suites.

There will be openings on the Knox County Board soon.

Board Meeting Attendance

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



Mary and Dale Carlson recently invited friends to enjoy the Ag In The Classroom Gourmet Dinner the Carlson's purchased during the 2015 KCFB Foundation live auction. AITC coordinator Ms. Aggie and Bob Shipplett prepare and serve the meal. Another Gourmet Dinner will be awarded to the highest bidder at the 2016 KCFB Foundation live auction.

Adopted Classroom Visit

In December while attending the IAA Annual Meeting in Chicago, Teresa Sanford-Shipplett, or better known as "Ms. Aggie," visited to Knox County Farm Bureau's adopted pre-school and kindergarten classrooms at St. Symphorosa.

She was accompanied by KCFB Directors, Lori Engel, Sam Serven, Todd West, and Beau Bewley as well as KCFB Manager Caitlin Chrzanowski. Ms. Aggie put them to work cutting, gluing, answering questions and just a little bit of everything involved in classroom hands on work.

It was a new experience for some but everyone had a great time and the students learned you can't go a day without agriculture!

CRP SIGNUP

Attention Farmers and Landowners: In addition to an ongoing Continuous CRP Signup, there is a General Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Signup in the USDA office from Dec. 1-Feb. 26th. Pheasants Forever and the USDA are holding informational workshops about both CRP Signups in January. Workshop topics include financial and conservation benefits of CRP, practices in CRP, the application process, and how to establish and manage CRP.

Why? To reduce soil loss, improve wildlife habitat, and improve water quality while sustaining income on your farm! Refreshments will be provided.

When and where?

- Tues. 12/22, 2pm at the Geneseo Park District Senior Center Room
- Tues. 12/29, 2pm at the Monmouth Farm Bureau Building
- Tues. 1/12, 10am at the IL Dept. of Agriculture's Lab in Galesburg
- Thur. 1/14, 9am at the Reynolds American Legion
- Thur. 1/14, 1pm at the Cordova Civic Center

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Health on the Farm

By the Knox County Health Department



January is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month

Approximately 11,000 American women will learn they have cervical cancer this year. This January, during Cervical Cancer Awareness Month. The Knox County Health Department is focused on educating women about how important it is to receive a Pap test as a screening tool for cervical cancer/human papillomavirus and about vaccines that can further reduce the burden of this devastating disease.

It's the start of a new year – a time many women reflect on their health. To start the year right, we encourage women to contact the Knox County Health Department or their health care provider to schedule a Pap test to check for cervical cancer. This screening is a crucial part of a woman's health care regimen, yet one that many overlook. It's important to remember that cervical cancer is a preventable disease – as long as it's caught early enough.

While routine Pap tests are the best means of detecting cervical cancer at an early stage, vaccines have the potential to protect women from the disease, be targeting cancer-causing types of the HPV. In girls and young women ages 9 to 26, Gardasil helps protect against 2 types of HPV that cause about 75% of cervical cancer cases, and 2 more types that cause 90% of genital warts cases. However, the vaccine is not recommended for all women, and KCHD officials stress that it does not prevent all strains of HPV or eliminate the need for annual Pap tests, gynecological exams that screen for cervical cancer.

"A Pap test is one of the most important health tools for women to prevent cervical cancer," said Director of Family

Health, Heather Kusler. "To maintain good health throughout the course of our lives, we must practice prevention. Doing things like avoiding tobacco, following a healthy diet and getting regular exercise are important, but it's also important to stay up-to-date on vaccines and get regular health screenings that detect disease."

The Pap test, also called a Pap smear, screens for abnormal cells in the cervix that may lead to cancer if not treated. The screening is done in a doctor's office or clinic and only takes a few minutes. Results of the test are usually ready within a few days. If the results of the Pap test show abnormal cells that could become cancerous, numerous treatment options are available to remove the abnormal cells. In most cases, the treatment prevents cervical cancer from developing.

"Cervical cancer remains a serious threat to women's health despite the development of the HPV vaccine and early detection tools," Kusler states. "Fortunately, the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program can provide breast and cervical cancer screenings to eligible women between the ages of 35-64 that reside in Knox, Warren or Henderson Counties. This program can assist women who do not have insurance or may have limited insurance to access these services. Please contact us at the Knox County Health Department at 309-344-2224 or visit www.knoxcountyhealth.org, to see if the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (IBCCP) can be of assistance. If more women have access to care, we can reduce the rates of cervical cancer."

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Am I eligible?



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
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MEMBERSHIP RECRUITER OF THE MONTH



Jason Lumberly

The Knox County Farm Bureau would like to recognize COUNTRY Financial Representative Jason Lumberly as top membership recruiter. Jason signed 5 new associate members in December.

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

Two Day Trip to the National Farm Machinery Show

The Peoria County Farm Bureau is sponsoring a two day trip to the National Farm Machinery Show in Louisville, Kentucky on Friday, Feb. 12 and Saturday, Feb. 13. Cost to Farm Bureau members is \$150 a person which includes transportation, one night's stay at the Best Western Lodge in Shelbyville, Kentucky (based on 2 people per room). Cost for non-members is \$200 a person.

The charter coach will depart the Farm Bureau building in Peoria at 6 a.m. on Feb. 12 and stop at the Golden Corral (buffet included in registration) in Indianapolis enroute to the machinery show. At 5:30 p.m., the group will depart the show site and travel 20 miles to

the Best Western Lodge in Shelbyville, KY. On Saturday, Feb. 13, the group will arrive at the machinery show at 9 a.m. and stay until 4 p.m. There will be a dinner stop at the Beef House Restaurant in Covington, IN.

The National Farm Machinery Show is in its 51st year. It is the country's largest indoor agriculture event featuring over 800 exhibits. Nearly every major line of farm equipment will be on display allowing attendees to compare products side by side.

Please contact the Peoria County Farm Bureau at 309-686-7070 or by email at peoriacfb@sbcglobal.net. Reservations and payment are required by Wednesday, January 20.

Ladies Night Out!

Join the Knox County Farm Bureau & Art Defined for an evening of fun on Thursday, February 11th from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. at Sidetrax, Galesburg. There is no better way to spring into the season then painting your own spring scene!

Don't worry if you're "not artistic"! Art Defined makes it easy with step-by-step instructions and plenty of assistance.

The fee is \$25 per person and \$5 of your

registration fee is going to the Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation! Registration can be done through the Art Defined website at www.artdefined.net or you can call the Farm Bureau Office at (309) 342-2036.

All supplies are provided, just bring yourself and maybe a friend or two. You can order food and drinks while you're painting, if you'd like! Help raise money for the Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation while having good, relaxed, creative fun and you just might find your inner Picasso!

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Ingredients

- 1 pound ground sirloin
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1 1/2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 cup fat-free, lower-sodium beef broth
- 1 tablespoon 40%-less-sodium taco seasoning
- 1 (8-ounce) can no-salt-added tomato sauce
- 4 (8-inch) whole-wheat flour tortillas
- 1/3 cup (1 1/2 ounces) shredded Monterey Jack cheese with jalapeno peppers

Directions

1. Heat a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add beef and onion to pan; cook 6 minutes, stirring to crumble.
2. Preheat oven to 400°.
3. Melt butter in a medium saucepan over medium-high heat. Add garlic; sauté 1 minute. Sprinkle with flour; cook 30 seconds, stirring constantly. Add broth, taco seasoning, and tomato sauce to pan. Bring to a boil; cook 2 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add

Enchilada Casserole

Serves 4 (serving size: 1 wedge)

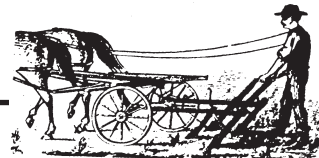


- 1 1/2 cups tomato mixture to beef mixture; reserve 1/2 cup tomato mixture.
4. Place 1 tortilla in a 9-inch pie plate. Top with 1 cup beef mixture. Repeat layers, ending with tortilla. Spread reserved tomato mixture over tortilla. Top with cheese. Bake at 400° for 10 minutes or until cheese melts. Cool slightly. Cut into 4 wedges.

Recipe from myrecipes.com

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

Looking Back



TAKEN FROM THE JANUARY 1931 BULLETIN

Mr. Larry Williams, manager of the County Life Insurance Company, has been secured as the principle speaker at the Annual Meeting of the Knox County Oil Company, January 21. Mr. Williams has proven himself one of the most effective farm organization speakers in Illinois, and those of you who have heard can easily understand why. He talks right down on the ground about facts that actually exist, not way up in air about something that never was. Those who have heard Larry will be there to hear him again. Everyone who has not heard him should be there. He will give you good information in an interesting way and will keep you well entertained as well. Remember the date—January 21—at the Knox County court house.

TAKEN FROM THE JANUARY 1952 BULLETIN

We are getting reports that many of the oats went into the bins in only fair condition and as a result there has been some musty oats, lots of weevil which may affect the germination. We suggest that you make a germination test of your oats before planning to use them for seed or sell them. Be sure and get germination test before having your oats cleaned. Last year one farmer had 200 bushels of oats cleaned and later found out that they had only a 30% germination. It looks now like good seed oats might be a scarce. With farm costs raising faster than farm income, your best chance to earn a profit, your best chance to earn a profit in 1952 is still efficient production.

TAKEN FROM THE JANUARY 1996 BULLETIN

Mike DeSutter of Woodhull was named American Farm Bureau Federation's outstanding Young Farmer at the AFBF Annual Meeting in Reno, Nevada. DeSutter, named Illinois Farm Bureau's Outstanding Young Farmer in December, was selected from among five finalists for the national award. He will receive a 1996 Dodge truck along with the honor. The award was bases on candidates' progress in farm operations, financial stability, and outside ag and community activities. "I talked to several couples from around the country, and we agreed that the award competition is a great self evaluation for us," said DeSutter. "There are an awful lot of things you don't realize that you've done. Though we're young farmers, and may have been farming for only five or 10 years, it's amazing the amount of changes that your farm has gone through on that short amount of time." "By doing the award application form, you find out what some of your strengths are, and some of your weaknesses."

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FOR SALE: DMI Cushion hitch bumper, very good condition, \$250 OBO. Call 309-368-7723 12/15

FOR SALE: Claw foot, antique table. Call after 3 pm. 309-464-0177 12/15

FOR SALE: MF 4-14 Plow. 3 pt Bale Spear. 3 pt Platform with Sprayer. Call 309-289-4506. 11/15

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PRIMETIMERS NEWS

The PrimeTimers committee did not meet in December. The next meeting will be the 2016 program planning meeting at the Knox Agri Center. Lunch will be catered and will start at 12 PM on Tuesday, January 19. The PrimeTimers invite members 55+ to attend.

Dues Notice

Associate Members did your paid thru date change? Call the KCFB office at 342-2036 to get your updated membership card.

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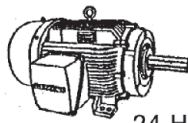
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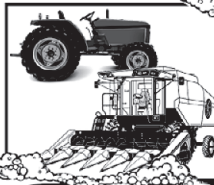
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