

Bulletin

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Teacher Workshops Hosted by KCFB

On June 9 and 10, the Knox County Farm Bureau, along with the Henry, Mercer, Stark and Warren-Henderson Farm Bureaus, hosted workshops for area teachers. These workshops aimed to showcase agriculture, it's influence on students' lives and how it can be integrated into school curriculum. The theme for the 2015 summer agriculture institute was "Agriculture Discovery: Farm to Table." Food and fiber production was shown from origination to final product throughout the two day institute.

On June 9, the teachers gathered in Galesburg at the Knox Agri-Center. Over 25 teachers gathered to hear about Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom, their programs and resources

available for classroom use. Later in the day, the group toured the Animal Disease Lab at Carl Sandburg College. While there, they learned about the processes and tests used to identify diseases once animals are brought to the lab. They also learned about the careers available and educational backgrounds needed to work in the science and agriculture industries. To end the day, the group visited Stevens Shorthorns, a beef cow farm near Altona. Stevens raises Shorthorn cattle and shared her career opportunities and obligations with the group.

On June 10, the group began their day with a tour of HyVee in Silvis. The grocery store tour showcased how HyVee selects their products, everything from

produce to seafood. From there, the group ventured to Bohnert's, a dairy farm located in East Moline, where the life of a dairy cow was followed from birth to mature milking cow. Lunch was served at TPC Deere Run, where Todd VerHeecke conversed with the group about the implement industry and the technological advances being made in agriculture. While there, the local Ag in the Classroom Coordinators also shared some of their favorite lesson plans. To finish up the workshop, a tour of Whitey's was given and samples were enjoyed. Some of the group even enjoyed treats from the ice cream shop!

With over 40 teachers in attendance, the workshops were greatly appreciated by all!

Nutrient Loss Meeting Draws Over 100 in Attendance

On June 8, the Knox County Farm Bureau hosted the Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy Meeting. Lauren Lurkins, IFB Director of Natural and Environmental Resources, presented information and details about the strategy and the effects it will have on agriculture and farming. Over 100 farmers and business professionals were in attendance to hear about the nutrient loss strategy. Jennifer Tirey, Illinois Council on Best Management Practices, also presented information involving the strategy.

The Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy focuses on BMPs, or Best Management Practices, and how to build on current successes. Scheduled for release in July, the strategy pro-

vides a framework for reducing nutrient losses, improving local water quality and improving the quality of water leaving the state and entering the Gulf of Mexico. Faced with raising more food while protecting natural resources, the Illinois agricultural community is taking on that challenge. Illinois farmers have the support of CBMP and of other organizations as they adopt voluntary enhanced nutrient stewardship and conservation practices.

The meeting focused on those living and farming within the Spoon River Watershed. While at the meeting, attendees were invited to bring water samples from their farms to be tested on-site during the meeting.

Women's Marketing Seminar held on June 16

The Knox County Farm Bureau along with several other area county Farm Bureaus sponsored a Women's Marketing Seminar with Stewart-Peterson's Naomi Blohm. The event was held on June 16 at Alpha FS Distribution Center located at 1695 US 150 in Alpha. The program will run from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Topics Naomi covered include:

- Overview of current market fundamentals,
- Review of Futures and Options (with today's market for use in examples)
- Then, introduced advanced option strategies to take home and use for today's market, (to cover unpriced bushels, OR for re-ownership of grain sold

for cash in case of summer drought).

Naomi Blohm is an expert at advising farmers how to manage their cash marketing needs and properly use futures and options. Blohm is a Market Advisor at Stewart-Peterson. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with a minor in Agriculture Business at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. She also has a Master of Science in Adult Education with an emphasis in Ag Economics, University of Wisconsin-Platteville, and a Master Certificate in Global Education, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh. Blohm has been featured on Market to Market and is a contributing author to the Top Farmer Intelligence Report.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY

- 1 Marketing Club, 12:30 PM, E. Main St. Pizza Hut
- 3 KCFB Office Closed
- 9 Young Farmers Meeting, 7 PM, KAC
- 10 Knox Ag Roundtable, 12PM, KAC
- 11 Ice Cream Social, Knox County Fairgrounds
- 13 Tractor & Lawnmower Driving Contest 6PM, Knox County Fairgrounds
- 14 Ag Olympics, Knox County Fairgrounds after the Swine Show
- 15 Marketing Club, 12:30 PM, E. Main St. Pizza Hut
- 15-18 Knox County Fair
- 21 PrimeTimers Meeting, 12 PM, KAC
- 23 * KCFB Board Meeting, 8 PM, KAC
- 29 Marketing Club, 12:30 PM, E. Main St. Pizza Hut
- *moved to avoid County Fair conflicts

AUGUST

- 7 Knox Ag Roundtable, 12PM, KAC
- 12 Marketing Club, 12:30 PM, E. Main St. Pizza Hut
- 13 Young Farmers Meeting, 7 PM, KAC
- 20 KCFB Board Meeting, 8 PM, KAC
- 26 Marketing Club, 12:30 PM, E. Main St. Pizza Hut

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

Jan Carpenter, Galesburg
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Fishing reels in memories

It seems ironic that fishing recharges my batteries, considering that it represents the only activity to have sent me to an emergency room.

I was nearly 10 years old at the time, casting for bass in a strip mine lake of Grandpa's cattle pasture. I insisted that a cast attempt snagged the back of my head. Mom thought that surely my favorite silver minnow lure had intertwined with my hair. Nope. It hooked and set at the base of my skull. I rode with a lure in my

head to the barnyard, where no farm tools could safely dislodge the treble hook. A trip to the ER ensued.

Regardless of this event, I love the act of fishing. It represents my reprieve and "sucks the poisons of civilization" out of me. It heals bad days and renews energy, just the way a bayou-loving gentleman noted in an article years ago.

My attempt to pinpoint the intrigue of fishing rather generates many reasons to enjoy the activity beyond the fish themselves. Like the slow pace and serene view of remote waters, almost entirely free of man-made structures and the hum of road traffic. The warm glow of a westward sun on the lake, grasses and trees reflects wall-worthy images in the water's mirror. Our kids remain content, at one with the outdoors and their fishing poles.

Frogs sing, geese honk and cat tails stand in their rigid beauty. We dine out on sandwiches, chips and a home-baked sweet. I'm simply okay with the inconveniences of dew worm gunk and bug spray. And we keep it casual – absolutely no competition or lofty expectations, a must for anyone willing to fish with two kids in a metal-bottomed jon boat.

In fact, neither the size nor quantity of catfish, bass or bluegill matter, unless we need fillets for a fish fry. Sure, successful casts improve the enjoyment, particularly for the kids and those of us watching them. But we realize fishing means more than catching fish. Fishing temporarily casts away life's worries and reels in new memories.

I met my husband on a fishing trip with college friends; you could call him the "catch of my life." I once fished with just the guys, only to confirm they really do talk about nothing. (And it seemed surprisingly okay.) You observe personalities: Our daughter patiently waits on a bobber. Our son prefers to continuously cast a rubber frog with hooks in its belly.

I will always remember the first time our daughter fished with rod and reel. She held the short, pink rod while my husband attempted to hook the worm. Meanwhile, she spotted a butterfly to chase – with rod in hand. A bloody thumb and a discussion later, fishing resumed. No hospital visits necessary.

About the Author: Joanie Stiers, a wife, mother and farm woman, writes from rural West-Central Illinois.

Summer Intern Update



Bailey Austin

So I have been at the Farm Bureau for over a month now. I have met some of the members but not all yet. So far I have helped get things ready for the Summer Ag Institute June 9th and 10th.

I added lessons and directions and packed up the bags beforehand. June 8th I attended the Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy meeting here at the Agri Center. It was a very informative presentation of what farmers can do to bring down the amount of chemicals that run off into our water ways. Because of class I could not join Kate and Miss Aggie for the Summer Institute. Instead I finished up the scrapbook to help celebrate accomplishments of our Farm Bureau members. The scrapbook also needed to be finished so there is less to add when the Farm Bureau celebrates 100 years in three years. While working on the 100 year celebration, I went through and pulled out members that have served as officers on the board. June 11th I attended the Young Farmers meeting. During the meeting the Rib Cook-Off was planned. I helped set up the Board Room for the Board Meeting June 18th. I have been recording the weekly spot on WGIL. I have only done three so far and am finding them to be a lot of fun to do. To finish off the month I will be attending the Young Farmers Cook-Off and the Hunter Safety Course. I can't wait to see what I will be doing next month and to keep meeting members.–BA



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2015 Farm Bureau 4-H Fair Events

Ice Cream Social

The Knox County Farm Bureau will be serving ice cream under the Grandstand at the 4-H Fair on Saturday, July 11th following the rocket launch. The rocket launch begins at 4:00 pm, so be sure to stick around to enjoy some nice, cold ice cream!

Tractor and Lawnmower Driving Contest

The Knox County Farm Bureau Young Farmers are sponsoring the Tractor and Lawnmower Driving Contest on Monday, July 13th at the 4-H Fair. Participants who attended the Tractor and Lawnmower Safety School held in March are invited to enter the contest. The contest will begin at 6:00 pm. Those who participate in either the Tractor or Lawnmower Driving

Controlling the Controllables

Nearly 65 Farm Bureau members attended Dr. Steve Johnson's presentation titled Controlling the Crop Controllables: Strategies & Tools seminar at the Knox Agri Center on Tuesday, June 23rd. Topics included Crop Price Outlook, Marketing Strategies & Tools, and Crop Revenue Solutions.

The Knox County Farm Bureau and the Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau would

Contest will drive a course and take a written exam.

If you were not able to attend the Tractor and Lawnmower Safety School and would like to participate, please write a one-page essay on tractor or lawnmower safety and turn it into the KCFB office before July 9th.

Ag Olympics

The Knox County Farm Bureau Young Farmers are also sponsoring the Annual Ag Olympics following the swine show at 3:00 pm on Tuesday, July 14th. Youth under the age of 10 can compete in the balloon scramble for cash prizes. 4-H Clubs are invited to form teams of five to compete in various activities for cash prizes as well. Sign up the afternoon of July 14th near the grandstand.

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You're all set, the hotel reservation is made, the car's packed and the travel route is planned. But what about your car? Is it ready for the trip?

Whether you're planning a long trip or a short one, nothing ruins a vacation faster than car trouble. A quick, thorough checkup by a local automotive specialist or yourself can save you a vacation-load of trouble.

Keeping that in mind, here are 10 useful tips that should help get your vehicle ready for a vacation drive:

Check the oil and have it changed if necessary. Also check the oil filter. Fresh oil will get you better gas mileage.

Inspect the radiator and radiator hose. Don't get stalled on the side of the road with an overheated vehicle.

Check the suspension and steering. Loose suspension and uneven steering prevent a comfortable and safe ride and can even cause carsickness.

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Test all lights on the vehicle. These include headlights (bright and dim), parking lights, taillights, brake lights, back-up lights and turn signals. Don't waste your time replacing burnt out lights on the road.


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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Knox County Farm Bureau was held on Thursday, June 18, 2015

WOMENS COMMITTEE - Lori Engel

The Committee is looking to have a DISH program at HyVee in the fall.

YOUNG FARMERS - Tara Yoder

The Hunter Safety Course is on June 26 & 27. Dave Peck is teaching the course and is open to the first 50 participants to sign up.

The Rib Cook-Off is on June 28. Public tastings start at 2 PM.

MEMBER RELATIONS TASK FORCE – Brett Swanson

The Membership report was reviewed.

GOVERNMENT & POLICY TASK FORCE – Jim DeSutter

There were several Action Requests that have come up recently and Directors verified they were getting the text and email alerts.

FARM BUSINESS TASK FORCE – Todd West

There were a total of 102 in attendance at the Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy Roadshow on June 8th.

The Steve Johnson Seminar will be on June 23rd. The sponsorship list was reviewed.

The Task Force will be working with the Chamber to set up a Business After Hours during the winter months.

EDUCATION TASK FORCE – Monica Stevens

Teresa's and Mary Beth's Ag in the Classroom reports were reviewed.

The TF is currently trying to set a date for a screening of the movie Farmland at the Orpheum.

Monica has contacted the Galesburg Running Club in an attempt to start planning a running race as a fundraiser.

PRIMETIMERS – Kate Lansaw

The May meeting was a breakfast meeting at the Best Western. They also had their June meeting on the 16th and played BINGO.

FOUNDATION – Kate Lansaw

The Foundation Board would like to implement a letter writing campaign for fundraising purposes.

KNOX AGRI-CENTER – Grant Strom

We are currently taking bids to reseat and restripe the parking lot. We are also looking at prices for handicap accessible entrances.

ILLINOIS FARM FAMILIES Lori Engel

The IFF Committee now has a Facebook page. If you have Facebook make sure to like "Knox Warren-Henderson Illinois Farm Families" and please send pictures of things you are doing on the farm! You can send the pictures to Kate or Tara Yoder. You can include comments about what is going on in the pictures but it isn't necessary! We are just trying to get a database of picture to share on the page.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

IFB Future of the Organization Questions were tabled until the next meeting.

The 2016 KCFB Annual Meeting will be Saturday, January 16th at the Lake Storey Pavilion.



The 2015 Commodities Conference is July 29th and Tim Main will be a delegate and Grant Strom will be an alternate.

A media contact sheet was passed around so Directors could be contacted to discuss certain topics with the media and public.

The July KCFB Board meeting will now be July 23rd in order to avoid conflicts with the Knox County Fair.

Board Meeting Attendance June 2015

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Bewley, Beau	X	P	P
Boydston, Terry	X	P	P
Cain, Jarid	X	A	P
DeSutter, Jim	X	P	P
Engel, Lori	X	P	P
Erickson, David S	X	P	P
Hennenfent, Matt	X	P	P
Hoben, Tom	X	P	P
King, Becky	X	A	A
Link, Jeff	X	P	P
Link, Nathan	X	A	A
Main, Tim	X	A	P
O'Connor, Tom	X	P	P
Serven, Sam	X	P	P
Seiboldt, Pat	X	A	A
Stevens, Monica	X	P	P
Strom, Grant	X	P	P
Swanson, Brett	X	A	P
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West, Todd	X	P	P
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Henn House BBQ won First Place and People's Choice at the 2015 Rib Cook-Off



DJ & Son won Second Place at the 2015 Rib Cook-Off

Rib Cook-Off

The Rib Cook-Off was Sunday, June 28th at Railroad days. The Knox County Farm Bureau Young Farmers hosted the event and starting at 6 in the morning, the teams cooked in the rain. Tickets for the public to taste the ribs, at 2pm, where sold quickly. Teams sold out of

ribs in about 30 minutes. The public had the opportunity to vote on their favorite ribs. When the votes were counted it was a close race for the teams. In the end, Henn House BBQ won people's choice.

The judges for the event judged on taste,

texture, and appearance. After the judges deliberated, Henn House BBQ kept the title they had last year of 1st place. DJ & Son took 2nd place again this year.

The Rib Cook-Off was a success again this year. The Young Farmers would like

to give a big thank you to sponsors, Knox County Pork Producers, Bayer Cropscience, Four Boys Farms, Stevens Shorthorns, DeSutter Farms, and David & Nancy Erickson. –BA

Ag in the Classroom – Ms. Aggie

You may think that since in May classes for schools would be winding down but that was not true for Ms. Aggie! We still met with 120 classes and over 3,803 students of various grade levels. The numbers jumped in part due to the "Touch a Truck" program held at Lake Storey and our animal adoption program. It was a great day with lots of kids and their adult chaperons. Birkey's brought a tractor for kids to climb all over. The Soil and Water office provided their mule (not the four legged kind!) complete with a working horn for kids to honk. Scott Erickson pulled in with a semi-truck. The youngsters had a great time running around all the animals! Ms. Aggie had Daisy Mae the cow ready to be milked by each and every child who wanted an "udderly" new experience that day. Again this year there were live animals which included chicks and ducklings, rabbits, a lamb, a turkey and some geese. Many thanks to our farm helpers for providing equipment and to Ronda Brooks for supplying the animals.

Ms. Aggie also spent time in the classrooms for at least one last visit promoting spring themes focusing on bees and how important they are to us and our food. The adopt an animal focus was completed with a poultry, a lamb, an alpaca, rabbits, and goats provided by Ronda Brooks. A sweet little donkey was also in the mix courtesy of Eric Johnson!

Ms. Aggie was also a part of Conservation Day for 7 classes of 1st grade students from Nielson and Silas Elementary at Lake Storey, helping them learn the importance of water in our lives. Luckily we had a beautiful day.

For the Memorial Day Parade, we were back and the kids loved every minute.

Dale Carlson pulled the antique wagon with his antique John Deere complete with the American flag. Thanks Dale for your support! Ms Aggie was joined by several adults and some kids not to mention Jake, Ms. Aggie's dog! We will probably be waiting until Labor Day for our next run.

The May visit to the adopted classroom, St Symphorosa-Chicago, was greeted with delight as Ms. Aggie buzzed in with her friends, the bees and butterflies! The children learned about how helpful they both are to us. The first class Pre-school made butterflies and their chrysalis. The second class of kindergarten learned about bees and their importance to us and our favorite foods we love to eat. Without our bee friends we would be missing many of those favorites. This class snacked on Honey Comb cereal and made a bee puppet who busily went flying between the bee hive and a flower. Mary Beth assisted with the lessons.

Several surrounding counties are preparing for the Summer Ag Institute to be held June 9 and 10. The SAI will be meeting in Galesburg on the 9 and the Silvas Hy-Vee on the 10 to tour sites in those areas. We have over 34 teachers signed up and ready to learn more about Ag in The Classroom activities.

It has been a busy, busy school year but we are not on vacation, ALL summer! We will continue to work on projects this summer for the local library, Summer Ag Institute for teachers, and a few summer classes. Then there is the ever present grant that will need to be written for funding for next year's program. The learning continues in each and every class! – Teresa Sanford-Shipplett

Ag in the Classroom – Ms. Farmer

The March winds, April rains, and May flowers all seem to have arrived in May this year. Ms. Farmer was busy this month as well.

The fourth graders at Gale studied weather. We discussed clouds, weather patterns, tornados, hurricanes, and high and low pressure. We played "I have, Who has" with weather terms. Mrs. Green's class was especially interested in discussing hurricanes because their literature story included a hurricane.

Baseball was a popular topic with the other fourth grade classes. We discussed which commodities and animal products are used to make items for baseball games. Some other talking points we related to baseball were cow hides used to make gloves and mitts, cotton is used to manufacture hats and uniforms, trees provide wood for the bat as well as paper for tickets, and soybeans are used with the ink that is printed on tickets. Refreshments commonly found at the ballpark include soda, nachos, and popcorn which are made with corn. Students also brainstormed and discussed other ballpark foods that come from agriculture such as sunflower seeds, peanuts, cheese for pretzels and nachos, hot dogs, buns, and pretzels. This was especially timely for students in Abingdon and Avon since their field trip was to at-

tend a Chief's game in Peoria. To help students remember what agriculture items were used in baseball they constructed a "Farm Charm" that had different items representing ag products.

I then taught a lesson to 3rd grade students about importance of farmers. I read the story If it Weren't for Farmers to students and then instructed and modeled how to make a Farm Web. The students used pictures to construct the Farm Web to show where their food comes from. This Farm Web included pictures of commodities, animal products, and grocery store items. The lesson was concluded with a treat of popcorn.

Ms. Farmer accompanied Ms. Aggie to our adopt-a-classrooms to present lessons about the monarch butterfly and honey bees.

Ms. Farmer assisted the Teens for Teachers training with U of I Extension. The teens will be teaching lessons about agriculture to the youth that reside at Woodland Bend this summer. Ag In The Classroom coordinators are providing resources to help the teens implement their lessons to the kids.

June and July won't be spent in the classrooms but rather preparing for the upcoming school year that will start in August and September. – Mary Beth Bowman

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- \$25.58 national median hourly salary for a plant and system operators, with \$53,200 annual salary*



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Fight the Bite

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

• **REPORT** – The Knox County Health Department conducts active surveillance for West Nile Virus through mosquito trapping and collection of dead birds from May 20th – October 15th. Contact us at 309-344-2224 Monday through Friday 8:00am – 4:00pm to report a dead bird; health department staff will determine if the bird is suitable for testing.

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MEMBERSHIP RECRUITER OF THE MONTH



Travis Lewis

The Knox County Farm Bureau would like to recognize COUNTRY Financial Representative Travis Lewis as top membership recruiter. Travis signed five new associate members in June.

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PRIMETIMERS NEWS

The PrimeTimers Committee met on June 16th and enjoyed a potluck lunch at the Knox Agri Center. 10 committee members and Manager Kate Lansaw

attended. The next meeting will be a potluck lunch at the Knox Agri Center at 12 PM on July 21st. The PrimeTimers invite those 55+ to attend!



Students at Mable Woolsey enjoyed learning about their new "little donkey friend". Teresa Sanford-Shippelt, Ms. Aggie, coordinated a variety of farm animals to visit schools at the end of the school year as one part of her Ag in the Classroom agenda.

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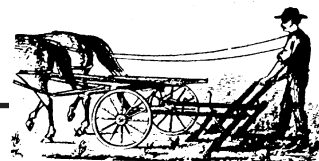
Hunter Safety Course

The Hunter Safety course was hosted by the Knox County Farm Bureau Young Farmers on June 26th and June 27th at the Knox Agri Center. Nearly thirty students signed up to participate. How to hold, use, and transport a gun or a bow safely was a big portion the classed learned. Other subjects the classed learned was wildlife management, hunter ethics, 1st aid, and survival techniques. The instructors covered the whole hunter safety book in the two day session. Along with the book, they had examples, such as hunt-

ing accidents videos, deer stand, and guns and bows, ready for each section to help the students learn all they could.

All of the students took the safety class to get their hunter safety certification. In 1996 state law requires that all hunters born on or after January 1st, 1980 must successfully complete the hunter education course before they can receive their 1st hunting license. Everybody in the class passed the test. The Young Farmers want to thank Pheasants Forever for sponsoring lunch. -BA

Looking Back



TAKEN FROM THE JULY 1935 BULLETIN

Play safe by having your soil tested before seeding alfalfa. Most of the soil in Knox County is sour but the question arises as to how much limestone is required to correct the acidity. Bring your samples of soil to the Farm Bureau office to be tested.

TAKEN FROM THE JUNE 1966 BULLETIN

For the third year in a row Williamsfield FFA Chapter from Knox County won first place in the co-operation activities contest sponsored by the Illinois Agricultural Association and affiliated companies. The winner was announced at the state FFA convention June 15 on the University of Illinois campus.

TAKEN FROM THE JUNE 1983 BULLETIN

"2% Difference – The Key," was the theme of the Illinois Farm Bureau and Affiliates Youth Conference held in Decatur April 18-19. The event was attended by about 300 Future Farmers of America, and featured workshops on cooperatives, safety, legislative involvement, leadership, soil erosion problems, and image of the farmer.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Tenderloin, Cranberry and Pear Salad with Honey Mustard Dressing

Ingredients

4 - 4 oz beef tenderloin $\frac{3}{4}$ inch thick steaks
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon black pepper
 1 - 5 oz package mixed salad greens
 1 medium cored pear cut into 16 wedges
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup dried cranberries
 Salt
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup chopped, toasted pecans
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup crumbled goat cheese

Directions

Season steaks with $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon pepper. Heat large nonstick skillet over medium heat until hot. Place steaks in skillet; cook 7 to 10 minutes for medium rare (145F) to medium (160F). Meanwhile whisk dressing ingredients



Honey Mustard Dressing Ingredients

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup honey mustard
 2-3 tablespoons water
 1-1/2 teaspoons olive oil
 1 teaspoon white wine vinegar
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon black pepper
 $\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoon salt

in small bowl and set aside. Divide greens among 4 plates. Top with pears and cranberries.

Carve steaks into thin slices, season with salt. Divide among plates. Top each salad with dressing, pecans and goat cheese.

Recipe and photo as seen in The Healthy Beef Cookbook

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